





Washington Letter. "Unless I am very much mistaken that man has all the symptoms of softening of the brain." The man who spoke those words was one of the administration Senators, and he was referring to Mr. Cleveland whom he had just seen. Whether the Senator was right in his diagnosis your correspondent does not pretend to say, but it is becoming evident that Mr. Cleveland's friends think there is something the matter with him. His actions have of late certainly been queer. He is impatient, cross and almost insulting to the few Senators and Representatives he condescends to see as yet, and when they afterwards get together and compare notes they find that he is changeable and inconsistent as well. Every discriminating person who has taken the trouble to compare the style of the literary work upon his annual message with that of his messages during his first administration must have discovered a great difference in them. This may, of course, be largely owing to the fact that Dan L. Rusk finds the duties of the Deputy President so exacting that he has no time left to assist in the preparation of executive documents. Be that as it may, Mr. Cleveland's friends—be seen no one else, except in a public way—are certainly showing among themselves uneasiness about his mental condition.

The democrats in the House are doing more like a lot of badly demoralized school boys than statesmen. They promised that the new tariff bill should be reported to the House on the first day of the session, and the bill has not been reported, although Mr. Wilson promises that it shall be this week. The democrats of the Ways and Means committee have already made dozens of minor changes in the tariff bill, thus acknowledging that it was not properly considered before it was made public. They are now squabbling among themselves about submitting the bill to caucus before it is reported, and democrats are openly saying that they will not vote for the bill unless certain industrial interests in their districts are protected.

The House committee on banking and currency, which has been wrestling with that plank of the Chicago platform, which promised the repeal of the tax on state bank currency, a plank, by the way, that Mr. Cleveland at absolutely ignored in his message, although in no conclusion, although its chairman—the much-sung-up-on Springer, of Illinois,—has made public a hedge-podge of absurdities that could not possibly be carried into effect, even if they were enacted, showing what all legal progress the committee has made.

"Like master like man." Secretary Carlisle has refused the request made by officials of the G. A. R. that they be allowed to send contributions in the Treasury for a Christmas dinner to the indigent soldiers of this department.

The southern war claimants will have a snap if the bill which has been favorably reported from the Judiciary committee of the House ever becomes a law. The bill provides for the repeal of all laws making personal disloyalty a bar to claims against the government for property destroyed during the rebellion, and gives all claimants whose cases were by reason of their disloyalty thrown out of the court of claims the right to revive their claims and to have the same rights and privileges in prosecuting them that would be extended to the man who was always loyal to the government. Any person could recognize the robbery in this bill, even if the Congressman, headed by ex-Congressman H. Uphill, of South Carolina, were less conspicuous in its advocacy. That "there are millions in it," it can be made a law, is apparent to all Democratic reformers who come high, but it will not last long.

Yes, the senator is presently cold, but thank heaven it is not the kind of a fever that inclines cranks to threaten to go over Niagara Falls. There was, really, no need of the Hawaiian middle congress. Tariff alone would have given the serious something to talk about.

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THE SEMI-WEEKLY PIONEER

Hard times make thieves and robbers bold and desperate in their work. Wednesday morning one of them entered the Chicago post-office and knocked over the stamp clerk and secured \$3,000 in cash. Of course he made his escape.

Something New: Santa Claus comes spoons at CURRIE.

Mrs. Peter Paerlona, of Chippewa county, recently disappeared from her home and all efforts to find her have failed. There is a mystery surrounding the case that the officers are trying to unravel. Her husband says she was in the house when he went to the barn to do the chores.

We forgot to say we will sell nice mixed and sick country corn for 12c per lb. just to tickle the Boys and Girls. You know. Come and see us.

Port Huron denies that there are 1,000 men idle there, or that many of those idle are seriously want. There is always distress in large towns during the winter, and Port Huron considers herself in pretty good shape everything considered.

The supreme court has denied the mandamus asked for against the chairman of the Dickinson county board of supervisors to compel him to sign bonds bonded ostensibly for current expenses, but in reality for the purpose of providing a relief fund to take care of the poor.

If the desire of possession and rule is stronger in any man than the sense of humanity, he may be a tyrant, a ruler or a slave, or both in one, while he in whom the sense of brotherhood is uppermost may be a sufferer and a victim, but he will be a helper to preserve civilization from destruction.

Out in Kansas they also have a law against barber shops being open on Sunday. A case was tried before a jury in a justice court there this week, the barber being charged with shaving a man on Sunday. His defense was that it was a work of necessity. The jury rendered a verdict of not guilty.

Let any man ask and answer the question: Would the fires of American forges have been put out and American manufacturers closed their doors had it not been for the threats of the successful Democratic party? No. Nothing of the kind would have happened. It was the change voted for November, 1892, that "did the business."—Inter Ocean.

It is figured that the losses on metal boats during the past season amount to \$1,465,000. About \$295,000 of that amount was due to disasters which could have been averted by boats as well as steel. The remaining \$230,000 loss was primarily due to the apparent instability of steel boats for lake traffic. It is likely that when the new insurance rates are voted up for next season that the favored position of metal steamers will be lost, and that they will be put on the same plane as the best classed wooden boats or perhaps somewhat lower.

Here's a Hard Thing. An exchange propounds the following example: "A man had a certain sum of money which he gave to his children as follows: To the first he gave \$3 and one sixth of the remainder; to the second he gave \$6 and one sixth of the remainder; and so on, the last child receiving each \$3 more than the preceding one. When the last child was paid his money was all gone. How many children had he and what was the sum given to each one, all having equal shares?"

A Humane Police Club. According to the Herald, the New York police are to be supplied with the "humanitarian club" invented by a Connecticut Yankee. It is made of a steel core and covered with soft rubber, and is about the size of the day club now carried by the Broadway squad. It is said that this club will strike a very effective blow; it will put its victim "to sleep," but as the same time will not break skulls nor even abrade the skin. The policeman can bang his prisoner about with it as much as he pleases without danger of injury. The inventor is said to have experimented with a club on animals and on cadavers for a year, and the conclusion is that while a vigorous blow from it is stinging, yet in its substance it is found that the vessels and nerves of the human head are not injured, nor the normal skin fractured, nor the skin broken, nor blood brought, except at the nose.

Too Much Done For Them. A Boston paper has been getting together several opinions from persons supposedly informed in the matter upon the question, "Is the American Child Spoiled?"

They are specially interesting, because every contributor to the symposium, in one way or another, attests his idea that the children of today are much more spoiled than they were. Very many persons, young and old, express a similar opinion. Said an old man, speaking on this matter very lately: "Children are taking the journey of life these days just as they are taking their railway journey—Pullman cars. Every luxury of education is provided for them, every bit of knowledge is squandered, every dose of learning has the taste taken out, and is compressed into tablets that run or are swallowed at the gully. And the process isn't going to make the sturdy kind of men and women, in my opinion."

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report.

Double Baking Powder ABSOLUTELY PURE

America's Triumph Afloat. The latest achievements of the commercial marine—the "Cannopsis" and the "Lacania," speedy and powerful though they are—could not escape the notice of the world. That these two vessels of the Columbian line could not only keep the pace of the two new Cunarders has been related to ensure their safety from so long an England, and probably it will, so long as England remains at peace with this Republic. Nor is there a doubt that to-day the "Columbian" could not overhand. And must be remembered that, with all this steel, our new cruiser carries a battery that is very formidable, and has a coal capacity that will make her almost independent of coaling stations. Lord Brassey, months ago, publicly conceded that England had nothing to cope with the "Columbian," and now, no doubt, he would make the same concession with even better grace. Bliss and Gray.

The special qualification of Congressman Wilson, Brookfield, Me., in the House and in the country to construct a tariff bill in the interests of the great army of working men for whom the Democratic party pretends great solicitude, can be judged by the plain facts of residence in which they have had the opportunity to study the labor question. Chairman Wilson lives at Charleston, W. Va., a city with a total population of 2,287, Congressmen McMillin's home is at Charleston, W. Va., a town with a total population of 176. Congressman Henry G. Turner lives at Quitman, Ga., which has a population of 1,808; Congressman C. H. Beckwith lives at Pine Bluff, Ark., which has a population of 1,000; Congressman Montgomery lives at Elizabethtown, Ky., which has a population of 2,260. Not one of these towns is mentioned in the census bulletins devoted to manufacturers of the United States and their industries cannot therefore be very extensive. But these are the men who drafted the revenue tariff bill which is to "revive the industries of the United States."

There are in the census bulletins 123 cities named where in 1890 were only 2,437, 1879 were only 1,313, 1897 6,138. None of these industries or workers is represented by the Democrats who, as members of the House and members committee have prepared the Wilson revenue tariff bill.

The point made by Senator Hoar that the action of the president in appointing the "Bismarck" without the consent of the senate, and investing him with diplomatic functions, was un-constitutional and sufficient to subject Mr. Cleveland to impeachment, may not be necessary to the present case. Mr. Cleveland, in this Hawaiian affair, has shown the instinct of a dictator, and the people of the country are indignant and disgusted. Fortunately, no great harm has been done, but the measures pursued towards a portion of the first-class would have inevitably plunged this country into war. The president should receive a rebuke from congress that will teach him to keep his proper place hereafter.

English manufacturers and workmen are alive to the benefits that will be derived from the new tariff making, and also frank enough to admit that it will urge our manufacturers to precisely the extent of wool workers in Bradford England, this week, the chairman, Mr. Macklocks, said: "That he had heard that the new tariff was to be wool free, 35 to 40 per cent ad valorem duty and no weight duty. He himself did not wish the reduction to be too extensive at once. With a 30 per cent ad valorem duty only the English manufacturers would be put in such a position that perhaps half the mills in America would be closed."

The gist of the message lies in its utterances on the Hawaiian problem, the tariff and the civil service. Upon the reform of the civil service. Upon the tariff these points save the last. The president's language is diplomatic, rather than positive, vague rather than exact. One complete personal document with reference to the Hawaiian question, questioning whether Mr. Cleveland really advocates the imposition of an income tax of approval in view of the principles of the Wilson bill—Chicago Times.

There are many shining qualities in the mind of a man; but none so useful as discretion. It is this which gives value to all the rest, and sets them at work in their proper places, and turns them to the advantage of their possessor. Without it, learning is pedantry; wit, impertinence; virtue, hypocrisy; wit, impertinence; virtue, hypocrisy; looks like weakness, and the best parts of a man are lost. A man who has other perfections and wants discretion, he will be of no great consequence in the world, but he who has this single talent in perfection, and but a common share of others, he may do what he pleases in his station of life.—Addison.

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In a Natchell. Lower duties on foreign goods means greater imports of such goods. The larger imports of foreign made goods obviously means a diminished demand for home-made goods. Lower duties therefore means more work at home and less work in foreign lands and less wages.

It is not surprising that the London Standard says: "It will be the fault of English enterprise and industry if she declines to benefit from the most merciful tariff bill. The McKinley tariff dealt a heavy blow to English industry, and we may cordially welcome a reversion to a more honest and more reasonable policy."—Mail and Express.

Sixty-fourth Ward. People are fast discovering the merits of Sassafras for the popular tooth wash. Try it and nothing will induce you to change. Sold and warranted by City Drug store and Westside Drug store.

The postal script will soon take the place of the postal note now in use. The postal note costs three cents and carries any amount up to five dollars, while a script sheet containing amounts ranging from one cent to thirty dollars has been prepared from which, on payment of one cent, the amount of money to be sent by mail to any part of the United States may be torn off the same as an express order. There will be no writing on it of any kind by the postmaster, the sender endorsing the same as a check or draft. The government guarantees its safe transportation.—Ex.

Cataract in the Head. Is undoubtedly a disease of the blood, and as such only a reliable blood purifier can effect a perfect and permanent cure. Hood's Sarsaparilla is the best also for the cure of catarrh. Catarrh of the bladder leads to consumption. Take Hood's Sarsaparilla before it is too late.

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Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, Marshal of the Village of Manistique, Schoolcraft county, Michigan, will be at his office (Chandler's City Drug Store) in said township, on the 10th day of December, 1894, for the purpose of receiving and recouping for taxes. Remember the time and call. N. L. NEVEUX, Twp. Treas.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, Treasurer of Doyle Township, Michigan, will be at his office, near Gilliver's Lake, in said township, each Friday from the 10th day of December, 1893, to the 10th day of January, 1894, for the purpose of receiving and recouping for taxes. Remember the time and call. NORMAN McDONALD, Twp. Treas.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, Treasurer of Hiawatha Township, Schoolcraft county, Michigan, will be at his office (Chandler's City Drug Store) in said township, on the 10th day of January, 1894, for the purpose of receiving and recouping for taxes. Remember the time and call. GEO. M. DEBOIS, Twp. Treas.

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