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For next year! Who will want there be lots of it?

Gov. Hogg says he never wants another office. Hurrah for Hogg!

The cholera is at New York, the yellow fever in Georgia and Florida and the devil is to pay at Washington.

Does Congressman Bland's speech mean that the western states propose to secede and organize a silver republic?

Another deficiency in the school fund at Austin of a quarter of a million which will cut down the pro rata still more.

Congressman Wilson will be made chairman of the Ways and Means Committee. We may now look for a tariff bill that means something.

The president has left Washington and gone to Buzzard's Bay where Mrs. Cleveland and baby Ruth are. The president needs rest and besides is expecting, well, ah, —!

Our Weldon correspondent was probably too young for the late war. If he had been born some ten or fifteen years sooner, he could have had all the *et armis* business that he wanted.

We believe an overwhelming majority of democrats are in favor of free-coinage, but then they want a dollar what is a dollar and not one at a discount with gold or any other standard of money.

The crisis upon the country calls for the exercise of patience, forbearance and conservatism. Especially is this true of those who by their voice and votes helped to make Cleveland, president.

History bears out the assertion that those who, in times of peace, are loudest for war and do most to bring it on, when the conflict does come, are the first to hunt tall timber, dropping their tail feathers as they go.

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND in his message to congress quoted the following expression from Daniel Webster: "The very man of all others who has the deepest interest in a sound currency and who suffers most by mischievous legislation in monetary matters is the man who earns his daily bread by toil."

The banks at New Orleans, Memphis, Mobile, Savannah, Charleston and Augusta say they have ample funds and are ready to advance all money necessary to move the cotton crop. We hear the same from Galveston though Bradstreet reports Houston banks as not willing to advance on cotton and hold it.

We think we know as much about this silver business as ninety-five per cent of those who are proclaiming from the house-tops with dogmatic arrogance their schemes for relieving the distress of the country. We know so little, however, that self-respect constrains us to keep quiet. Does it ever occur to these self complacent Know-Alls and blatant Cure-Alls that a similar course was the proper thing for them to do?

The state democratic convention of Ohio which met last week and nominated Larry Neal for governor, adopted the following plank in its platform:

The financial situation is the unfortunate legacy of Republican administration. It is the natural result of the McKinley tariff, the Sherman silver law, extravagance of the revenue of the party late in power and the creation and fostering of trusts and corrupt combinations by that party, all combining to shake credit, to create distrust in the money of the country and to paralyze its business.

The death of Judge Reeves, of this district, will be heard with sincere and universal regret by the citizens of this county. He had been on the bench hardly a year but during that time gained for himself with the bar and public generally a deservedly high place as lawyer, judge and gentleman. His successor will be appointed by Governor Hogg and we presume the appointment will be made within a short time. Several names have been mentioned, among them those of Col. Greenwood, Hon. W. H. Hill and A. W. Green of Palestine and A. B.

## THE PLACE TO MAKE A KICK WAS AT THE CHICAGO CONVENTION.

More than eight years ago, before Cleveland was inaugurated, it was known that he was opposed to the free-coinage of silver. His position was defined before he took the oath of office. During his administration nothing was better known to the democrats in and out of congress than that he was not a free-silver man. When the Chicago convention met in 1892 it was known that he had not changed his views; that under no circumstances was he in favor of free-coinage as commonly understood. Notwithstanding it was well known at the Chicago convention which nominated him in 1892 that he was still unfriendly to silver, the democrats in that convention chose him on the first ballot over Hill and other candidates. The Missouri delegation, the state from which Mr. Bland hails, was unanimous in its support of him. The Texas delegation was practically a unit for him. All that happened in the face of the fact that Mr. Cleveland was unfriendly to free-coinage. He stands today right where he stood all the time. The time and the place to challenge the soundness of his views was at the Chicago convention and not after the delegates have returned home and the people placed the seal of their approval on their work and, constructively, on the position of the president himself touching this great issue. It is too late, especially for those who worked, voted and otherwise contributed to his nomination, to criticize and condemn his policy. Fortunately for us, the record shows that we opposed the nomination of Mr. Cleveland all the way through. We thought it was a mistake at the time. However, he is president, placed there by the democrats and as such we shall respect him and stand by him, regardless of what may be our views on the question of free-coinage. Now, we submit, an unprejudiced construction of the language of the above plank does not warrant the charge that Cleveland's message or position is inconsistent therewith or that the extreme advocates of silver can find therein warrant for the declaration that the party in national convention pronounced in favor of free-coinage unequivocally, unqualifiedly and unconditionally. There is a pronouncement for free-coinage of both silver and gold without discrimination. But it goes further and says: "the dollar unit of coinage of both metals must be of equal intrinsic and exchangeable value or be adjusted through international agreement or by such safe guards of legislation as shall insure the maintenance of the parity of the two metals and the equal power of every dollar at all times in the markets and in the payment of debts." So says nearly every democrat in the land.

THE PRESIDENT AND THE PLATFORM. It is being charged that President Cleveland is a traitor to his party and has betrayed the platform on which he was elected. It will not be denied that at the time of Cleveland's nomination it was known that he was not in favor of the free-coinage of silver as the term is generally understood. Besides a knowledge of this fact a fair and rational interpretation of the financial plank in the Chicago platform does not sustain the position of the extreme advocates of silver coinage which position is at the ratio of 16 to 1 and regardless of the consideration whether parity can be maintained or not. The plank is as follows:

"We denounce the legislation known as the Sherman act of 1890, as a cowardly makeshift, fraught with possibilities of danger in the future, which should make all of its supporters, as well as its authors, anxious for its speedy repeal."

"We hold to the use of both gold and silver, as the standard money of the country, and to the coinage of both gold and silver without discrimination against either metal, or charge of mintage, but the dollar unit of coinage of both metals must be of equal intrinsic and exchangeable value, or be adjusted through international agreement, or by such safe guards of legislation as shall insure the maintenance of the parity of the two metals, and the equal power of every dollar at all times in the market, and in payment of debt; and we demand that all paper currency shall be kept at par with and redeemable in such coin."

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## OMINOUS FOR DEMOCRACY.

Candor constrains us to admit that the outlook for the two old parties is gloomy. They seem to be going to pieces on the financial policy of the government. The star of the Third Party just now is rising in the ascendant and unless the signs are misleading, deplorable as it may be, the chances for them to sweep the country next year, especially in state and county elections, are good. The natural trend of political events has helped on this condition. There is no question that they are stronger today than they were a year ago. They have kept up a persistent and pernicious system of campaigning since November last. Their speakers have kept on as though there had been no election and as though their banner had not gone down in defeat. They are not dismayed by discomfiture and disaster seems to infuse into them renewed life and energy. Disensions among democrats have been the cause of daily accretions to their ranks. It is not possible to foresee just now where or when it will stop. They are in the saddle for a fight next year. There is going to be a bitter and tremendous struggle for supremacy. Unless the democracy halt in their mad bickering and internecine warfare, they might as well quit the field. It is not a pleasure for us to say this. Unpleasant as may be these words, they are, nevertheless, words of soberness and spoken in a spirit of admonition to the democrats of the county.

If Reagan become a candidate for governor, Culberson and others might as well withdraw.

SENATOR VEST says that there is a majority of at least eight in the senate against the unconditional repeal of the Sherman law.

The Third Party mean business and are here to stay. This is not a reassuring statement but it is a fact democrats might as well realize.

SECTIONAL issues as between the north and south seem to be buried at last. New alignments are being made and the dividing line henceforth will in all probability run north and south.

JOHN H. REAGAN is being boomed and groomed for governor. It will be Reagan and Culberson and Stewart next year. Reagan carries a long pole that he has thrashed down perambulous with for fifty years.

THERE are a great many small-bore, run-fire statesmen in congress at present. There are some of them from Texas. The measure of their ability is to say "aye" or "no" when the roll is called and to distribute turnip seed.

It is not known and can not be conjectured whom Governor Hogg will appoint judge to the vacancy created by death of Judge Reeves. He has three counties to select from and an abundance of good material. Fitness should be the test and it is to be hoped that he will be influenced by such considerations only.

We republish below the "purchasing clause" of the Sherman act about which so much is being said and written just at present:

Be it enacted by the senate and house of representatives of the United States of America, in congress assembled: That the secretary of the treasury is hereby directed to purchase, from time to time, silver bullion to the aggregate amount of \$500,000 ounces, or so much thereof as may be offered in each month, at the market price thereof, not exceeding \$1 for 371.25-100 grains of pure silver, and to issue in payment for such purchase silver bullion treasury notes of the United States to be prepared by the secretary of the treasury in such form, and of such denominations, not less than \$1 nor more than \$1000, as he may prescribe, and a sum sufficient to carry into effect the provisions of this act is hereby appropriated out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

## DOWN WITH IT.

"From forges where no fire burns. From mill where wheels no longer turn. From looms or where no shuttle leaps. From merchants' shops which shelves keep. From banks gone up, in smoke gone down. From God-made country, man-made towns. From Wall-street men, from sons of toil. From the bones of those of the East. From North, from South, from East, from West. Bidness is crying with a wail. Down with the robber tariff. — Ex."

Swallowed the Knife and Fork. When the patients at a Toronto asylum failed to finish their dinner one day, a knife, fork and spoon were found to be missing. A strict search was made, but there was no trace of them anywhere. Suddenly one of the attendants heard something rattling inside one of the patients, the son of a well-known Toronto clergyman, and an examination revealed the fact that he had swallowed the cutlery, and when he moved about it jingled in his stomach. All efforts since have failed to recover the lost articles, but their possession has not bothered the man in the least. In response to a question, one of the surgeons said:

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