

Silver Men Meet.

Conference of Leaders in the American Bimetallist Movement Opens at Washington.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—A meeting of the officers and executive committee of the American bimetallic union began here today, its purpose being to devise ways and means to continue work in behalf of the free and unlimited coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1, and incidentally to arrange for the resumption of the publication of the "National Bimetallist," the organ of the union.

It is stated however, that the paramount business of the meeting will be to arrange the details for a convention of silver leaders throughout the country with a view to the inauguration of a comprehensive organization in behalf of silver. It is the desire to call together in this convention the officers of all the silver organizations, including the Silver and Populist leaders and the ablest men generally in the white metal movement, and perfect a plan of operations to be begun in the near future and continue at least through the campaign of 1900.

It is argued that the want of organization and funds were the two causes of the defeat of silver in November last, and that the evil of disorganization can be remedied by beginning the preliminary work at once.

Whether the present meeting will decide the question of a convention cannot be stated, but the matter is being actively agitated.

The officers of the union are: A. J. Warner, of Ohio, president; and R. C. Chambers, of Utah, and Henry G. Miller, of Illinois, vice presidents. The executive committee consists of those named above and J. B. Grant, of Colorado; Joseph Battell, of Vermont; Senator Stewart, of Nevada; Senator Marion Butler, of North Carolina; Thomas G. Merrill, of Montana, and H. F. Bazine, formerly editor of the "Bimetallist."

Lumber Men Want a Tariff.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 15.—Over 150 lumbermen, representing 27 States, assembled here this morning at the national convention of lumber interests. The meeting was presided over by president C. W. Goodyear, of Buffalo; and the vice-presidents were H. Clay Tunis, of Maryland; and E. F. Skinner, of Florida. C. W. Wells, of Illinois, was secretary. Speeches were made by Silas W. Gardner, of Texas; W. B. Judson, of Chicago, and I. E. DeFebaugh, editor of the "Timberman," the tenor of which was the desirability of the restoration of duties on lumber.

Among the delegates present is John Forseman, of Pennsylvania.

At this afternoon's session a committee of 16 members was appointed to represent the association before Congress and urge a protective tariff upon lumber. Two members of this committee were A. H. Winchester, of Buckhannon, W. Va.; and Elias Deemer, of Williamsport, Pa.

Consulate Under Guard.

Havana Authorities Fear the Anti-American Feeling Will Result in an Attack by Spaniards.

HAVANA, Dec. 14.—The United States consulate in this city is under a special guard of armed policemen. This precaution is taken by the Spanish authorities owing to the fear that the indignation expressed by Spanish sympathizers against the United States would find vent in an attack upon the consulate.

There have been fresh signs of the hostile feeling against the United States in view of the news from there of the ardent sympathy felt with the insurgents over the death of Antonio Maceo, and the allegations there of the manner in which he was killed. In the absence of Consul-General Fitzhugh Lee the consulate is in charge of the vice-consul general, Joseph A. Springer.

The steamer Alicante has arrived here having on board 1,620 troops.

Private advices give assurance of the death, from dysentery, of the well known insurgent leader, General Manuel Suarez, who had been a protegee of Martinez Campos ever since the peace of Zanjon. He still had General Campos's confidence at Villa Clara previous to the general's voyage to Manzanilla.

Francis Not Yet Confirmed.

Senate Opposition to the Gold Bolter Secretary of the Interior.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—The nomination of Secretary Francis as head of the interior department to-day was referred to the finance committee in accordance with the custom of the Senate. Nominations of the President for cabinet positions are usually confirmed very promptly. The nomination of Mr. Francis was sent to the Senate a week ago, and to-day was the first meeting of the finance committee since the nomination was referred to it.

Secretary Francis will not be confirmed until after the senatorial election in Missouri. It is understood that Senator Vest, a member of the finance committee, suggested that the nomination go over until after the holidays. The opposition, if such it can be termed, can be traced to the recent election in which Secretary Francis supported the gold Democratic candidates. Considerable feeling has been engendered, but it is not believed that the opposition will be carried so far as to prevent a confirmation.

Too Mild for Ducks.

Weather Unfavorable for President Cleveland's Sport.

GEORGETOWN, S. C., Dec. 15.—President Cleveland, accompanied by his physician, Dr. O'Reilly, Captain Robley Evans and Captain Lamberton, arrived at Georgetown at 6:15 this morning, and were transferred to the United States lighthouse boat Wisteria, and taken to the hunting grounds of General E. P. Alexander, whose guest Mr. Cleveland will be while here.

The shooting to-day was unsatisfactory, the weather being entirely too mild to bring the ducks within range. Ducks are numerous in the bay, and Mr. Cleveland has hope of rare sport before he leaves.

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Recruits for Cuba.

Men Enlisting for the Cause of Freedom in Many Sections of the Country.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—There are about 500 men drilling in various secluded parts of this city, who have enlisted for service in the army of free Cuba. These men were brought here from many sections of this State, New England and some from Pennsylvania, through agents of the Cuban junta. They are now awaiting the arrival of a British steamer, which is being fitted out at some coast point near here with a full complement of arms and ammunitions of war. It is expected this steamer will be off Long Island in a few days, when the men will be shipped aboard, a few at a time and a fast run made for Cuba.

DES MOINES, Iowa, Dec. 15.—George P. Gniot, railway ticket agent at the union depot here, has organized a company for the Cuban war. He has arranged to equip 50 men, and has 28 on the list now. Gniot was for several years sergeant of the Second United States cavalry, and is chief of the engineers of the Iowa National Guards. Several other companies are being organized in Iowa.

The New York council of Cuban revolutionary clubs to-day issued an address paying a tribute to the character of the soldier and martyr, Antonio Maceo, and concluded as follows: "Let every Cuban family reaffirm their warm devotion to the cause of independence by forwarding to our brethren now struggling on the fields of battle, as a cheering voice from every home and as a new proof of our close union in the common cause, at least one rifle with which a new arm, also ready to fall in glorious death before yielding, shall respond to the supreme and final effort and to the presumptuous confidence of the Spanish people."

Cuban officials said to-night that they had been quite overwhelmed with applications, and that during the last 24 hours nearly 800 men had applied for enlistment, all of whom had been refused, owing to the law prohibiting enlistments here for service in foreign armies.

Three thousand members of the organization known as the "American Friends of Cuba" will march next Monday evening in a body to Cooper Union and participate in the demonstration to be held there in sympathy with the Cuban patriots. The organization is made up entirely of American citizens. In the parade will march a company costumed as Cuban soldiers.

President Frank Mayer, who is one of the few survivors of the Virginian expedition, will head the line.

DENVER, COLO., Dec. 15.—L. E. Dawson, a prominent physician and surgeon for many of the principal mining companies of Creede, and for the Denver & Rio Grande railroad companies, has written Colonel John McAndrew, of the Cuban volunteers here, offering his services as surgeon of the regiment.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 15.—Recruiting stations have been established here, and at several other cities by the Cuban junta, and efforts are being made to enlist 1,000 men from Indiana to fight for Cuban independence. The work is meeting with success. In this city alone over 100 men have been enrolled. The expenses of the men to Cuba, including arms, are furnished. The pay ranges from \$22 to \$27 a month,

according to which branch of service the men are in.

BOSTON, Dec. 15.—Eighty-five men, strong fellows, intelligent and well up in military drilling, left Boston last night for Cuba, where they will fight in the army of the insurgents. They were in command of Louis Marshall, of East Boston, who has seen service in actual warfare.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Dec. 15.—One thousand colored citizens held a mass meeting at the First Baptist church, at which speeches were made by prominent colored men on the Cuban question, and strong resolutions adopted, urging Congress to take immediate action in recognizing Cuba as a free and independent republic.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 15.—The physicians of St. Paul, aroused by the reports of suffering among the Cubans, have started a subscription list throughout the profession for money with which to buy medicine and bandages to send immediately, by way of Tampa, Fla., direct to the camps and towns of the patriots. If the government attempts to interfere in this movement an appeal will be had to the President from a humanitarian standpoint.

The story that comes from Cuba to the physicians of this city, through one of their number, is that there are 85,000 sick among the families of the insurgents.

ZANESVILLE, O., Dec. 15.—As a result of a secret meeting held in this city 20 men have pledged themselves to the cause of

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Outlay for the Government a Million Below Estimates.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—The house committee on appropriations to-day finished the bill for the legislative, executive and judicial expenses of the government for the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1898. The bill carries a total of \$21,667,869, \$1,099,281 less than the estimates, and \$37,899 less than the appropriations for the current year.

The principal new item is for the clerical force of the new congressional library, which will number 187 men, an increase of 144. The salary roll will aggregate \$177,900. The salary of the librarian is increased from \$4,000 to \$6,000; a chief assistant librarian at \$4,000, and nine additional employes in the catalogue department.

A slight increase is made in the number of employes at the Philadelphia mint.

—Over 70,000 postmasters, with an aggregate cost of the service last year reaching beyond \$90,000,000, shows how the postal department grows. The great Republic is lengthening its cords and strengthening its stakes as never before in its history.

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1400 yards good quality unbleached Canton Flannel going at 12 1/2 cts. now 8c.	See the childrens mixed suits ages 4yrs to 15yrs. Made up in fine style for 87c	At the unparalleled price of 25c
2500 yards extra heavy plain Outing Flannel sold universally at 12 1/2 cts. now 8c.	A very handsome cheviot suit as good as any child wants for school wear for 1.19	Ladies cream and gray union suits full regular made laced and taped neck, you cannot buy them elsewhere at near this price 48c
2000 yards Cream Flannellette 7 1/2 cts. a yard is the price asked every where—this week 4 1/2 c.	Childrens all wool Cheviot Suits in Black and Blue only. When we say all wool we mean all wool. A Big Bargain Xmas offering, price 1.69	Boys heavy weight vests and pants in gray mixtures. This will strike you as a remarkable bargain 25c
3000 yards unbleached Muslin, yard wide good quality and a big bargain 4 1/2 c.	A nice line of Childrens overcoats other stores ask you 1.75 and 2.00 for the same goods. Globe's Price 1.18	Childrens underdrawers all sizes in both Cream and Gray down to 11c
And Chambrays, everybody buys them at 10cts. and 12cts. We now give you your choice of any color you desire for 9c.	Mens heavy overcoats. The heavy kind with wide collar and storm protector would be cheap at 7.00 our Xmas offered price 4.25	LADIES' & MISSES' CLOAKS.
1200 yards good Dress Gingham, 10cts. a yard would be cheap for them, they go at our Xmas offering sale at 5c.	Mens suits in stripes or checks nothing more or less than a plain, good serviceable, everyday business suit your choice of over 40 different styles 3.98	Here in this department you will always find plums. Our Xmas offerings here can never be equalled again. Everything you may desire can be had at prices that will astonish you.
4500 yards Standard Prints. This season's styles, best makes never bought before under 5cts. a yard. This week 4c.	BLANKETS.	125 Ladies Capes beautifully trimmed and considered a bargain elsewhere at 3.00. We offer you this week at 1.79
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2800 yards Apron Ginghams, fast colors per yard 4 1/2	Gray Blankets extra large size per pr 75c	Your choice of over 500 Ladies' Coats formerly sold from \$10 to \$15. Pick these plums while they last for 7.98
800 yds cloth cassimere for men's and boys Pants, no store in town shows them under 15 cents, at our Xmas offering per yard 9c	Heavy mixed Grey and Brown Blankets considered a snap at 1.00. Xmas offering price 89c	DRESS GOODS DEPARTMENT.
1000 yds Rustle Lining sold everywhere, at 15 cts. We sell you all you want per yard 8c	75 good serviceable Bed Comforts never before sold under 1.50 now 98c	Our Dress Goods Department is always brimful of bargains. More this week than ever before. Read carefully.
650 yds men's colored checked Shirting heavy, good quality and full width in all staple colors per yd 4 1/2 c	FEATHER BOAS.	All Wool French Serge.—In all colors and Black, a firm smooth weave and elegantly finished. Strictly all wool and a big snap for you, per yard 25c
15 full Bolts of dark Outing Cloth in checks and stripes. They say it is cheap in other stores at 7cts. Our price per yd 5c	Feather Boas, Ostrich Boas white and black, all kinds the biggest assortment in Bellefonte.	Black Mohair.—A new invoice of three pieces 46 inches wide, you will find the same fabric priced elsewhere at 90 to 1.25 per yard. Special price this week 57 1/2 c
25 Bolts Toweling heavy twilled and a big Bargain, per yard 4 1/2 c	This week we will show you a beautiful Feather Boa full length that cannot be found in Bellefonte short of 1.00 for 48c	Another Whirl at Storm Serge.—54 inches wide in all the staple shades, heavy weight and a regular 1.00 quality for 55c
KID GLOVES.	BED SPREADS.	Broad Cloth.—54 inches wide in all colors, other stores ask you 75cts for the same goods 45c
A Present that every Lady likes to Receive.	60 White crochet quilts hemmed ends, large size, woven in beautiful patterns Marseilles styles. Everybody makes this same quilt a leader at 1.25. We sell this quilt during our Xmas offering for 69c	36 Inch Wide Serge.—A special offering of 20 pieces in heavy twilled serge any color you may desire, would be cheap at 30c. Our special price 17c

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