

WASHINGTON.

From our Regular Correspondent.

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How can a President who is an honest and conscientious bimetalist keep a Secretary of the Treasury in his Cabinet who is so wedded to the gold standard as to endorse the statement that bimetalism—a double standard—is an impossibility? That was the question asked in the minds of many when Secretary Gage, sitting beside the chairman of the House Committee on Banking and Currency, endorsed that statement made by ex-Senator Edmonds, president of the so-called monetary conference, and believed to be the paid attorney of the gold ring, who appeared before that committee in behalf of the gold standard bill prepared by the Commission. The question would probably not have been asked had not Senator Chandler just previously stated that he had Mr. McKinley's own word for it that he was in favor of bimetalism, and to clinch his statement added: "Mr. McKinley is as good a bimetalist as I am." If that is true, Senator Chandler can hardly be a good bimetalist, notwithstanding his constant claims to be such. Senator Chandler at the same time said that Mr. McKinley told him that the international bimetalism was not dead, and that he intended to send the commission to Europe again. A considerable number of voters were probably fooled in the Presidential campaign by that international bimetalism plank of the republican platform, but Mr. McKinley must have lost much of the political shrewdness with which he has been credited if he believes it can be used to fool them again.

So far as they can be seen, the results of the first week's consideration of the Hawaiian treaty by the Senate are not satisfactory to the advocates of annexation. Last week when notice was given that the treaty would be taken up Monday and considered daily until disposed of, its friends were very confident that votes enough were in sight to furnish the two-thirds needed for ratification, and it looked as though their confidence was justified. Presto, change: And ratification is again in doubt, owing to the defection of Senators who had been counted for it. Among those who have changed and come squarely out against ratification are Senators Thurston, of Nebr., and Gear of Iowa, both of whom claim to have been influenced by the sugar beet industry of their states; and Senators Wellington, of Md., Spooner of Wis., and Mason of Ill., are now placed in the doubtful column. Unless Mr. McKinley can whip these Senators back into line, or bribe them with patronage, into voting for annexation, there isn't much probability of the treaty being ratified.

The boss of the big boss is what they are calling Senator Joseph Foraker just now. There isn't the slightest doubt that Boss Hanna owes his election to the Senate to Foraker, nor that he would rather have owed it to any other man in the world. Foraker was in Washington waiting for Hanna, through Mr. McKinley, to get down and ask for his help and agree to his terms. Hanna thought he could buy his way through without regard to Foraker. At the last minute he got rattled and notified Mr. McKinley to get Foraker's help on the best terms he could, but to get it. It took Mr. McKinley and Senator Foraker two or three hours to come to terms, but in the end Foraker had his way and had sent the telegram to Columbus that ensured Hanna's election to the Senate. The terms upon which Mr. McKinley secured Foraker's assistance for Hanna were, of course, secret, but they probably include much that would interest Ohio republicans and were certainly advantageous personally to Foraker.

The irrepressible Jerry Simpson injected a little amusement into the close of the civil service debate in the House by telling the anti's that whether they would be allowed to consider a bill for the modification or repeal of the civil service law, later on, would depend entirely on the Speaker, of whom he added: "He is the whole thing and runs the House." Amid the laughter which followed Lemuel Eli Quigg, Boss Platt's man, tried to get funny by turning to Jerry and asking: "Have you consulted the Speaker?" Quick as a flash Jerry replied: "No; he never consults me and I never consult him."

The republican members of the Senate committee on Finance want to pigeon-hole the Stanley Matthews resolution, declaring that all the U. S. bonds are payable in silver, at the option of the government, which was offered by Senator Teller, and referred to this committee. They say that the reporting of the resolution will cause needless agitation; that it has been adopted by Congress and that its re-adoption now by the Senate, when it is known that the House would not be allowed to vote upon it, would accomplish nothing. But the

democrats have no idea of allowing the resolution to be smothered. They intend that it shall be reported and voted upon. It will put the Senators on record, as well as serve as a notice to the gold standard administration that its efforts for gold bond legislation also belong in the "needless agitation" class.

The House having let off its surplus steam in discussing the civil service question a whole week is now jogging along with routine work on the appropriations.

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Railroad Earnings Show Good Increase.

Large Orders Taken by Woolen Manufacturers at Satisfactory Prices.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade says in its issue of this week: The year has opened with a very satisfactory prospect. It is all the better that there is no wild excitement in the speculative markets, and while stocks advance a little grains yield a little.

Earnings of all railroads in the United States reporting for December, \$43,364,279, indicate substantially the same rate of increase exceeding last year's by 10.5 per cent., and the earnings for 1892 for the same roads by 1.3 per cent. Since 1892 was on the whole the most prosperous year thus far, comparisons indicate, notwithstanding the lowest prices ever known, that the volume of business is larger, and in spite of some cutting in rates, the earnings of railroads are larger than in the best year of past history.

The iron furnaces in blast January 1 report an output of 226,608 tons weekly against 226,024 weekly December 1, with an increase of 12,481 tons in the unsold stock held by furnaces. While this shows a consumption 5 1/2 per cent. larger than a year ago, there would be discouraging indications of consumption but for the fact that several furnaces were stopped for the holidays, and these, with several others, have started since January 1, while the demand for finished products does not diminish.

The Pennsylvania railroad has absorbed 100,000 tons steel rails and a new railroad in Maine 12,000 tons, and other orders for cars, railroad supplies, plates, bars and structural material are unusually large for the season.

The woolen manufacturers have been buying wool largely and for reasons not publicly explained. It is evident that large orders have been taken by the leading mills and at prices which they find satisfactory, and the rush of small mills to buy wool has made most of the market during the week, although sales have declined about forty per cent. compared with the previous week.

Failures for the week have been 345 in the United States against 455 last year, and forty-five in Canada against seventy-one last year.

DR. AGNEW'S CATARRHAL POWDER.—Rev. W. H. Main, pastor of the Baptist Emanuel Church, Buffalo, gives strong testimony for and is a firm believer in Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder. He had tried many kinds of remedies without avail. "After using Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder I was benefitted at once," are his words. It is a wonderful remedy. It relieves instantly.—70.

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Hurst Will Umpire.

No less than 300 umpires and gentlemen who believe they are blessed with base ball wisdom have applied to President Nick Young for the positions that have been created under the double umpire system, and he is having a merry time weeding out the good from the bad. Up to date he has selected two new officials, and their names are given here for the first time. They are Ed. Swartwood, a member of last year's Eastern League staff, and Tom Connolly, an umpire in the New England League. Although Tim Hurst, of Ashland, was not an applicant, he has been asked by President Young to hand in an application at an early date, with every assurance that he will be selected.

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BASEBALL MATTERS.

Meeting of the League Soon—The William-sport Demorasts.

The Demorest management have signed a complete team for the coming season, and in it there will be but two familiar faces—"Cappy" Martin and "Jimmy" Delaney. The contracts have been signed, and the players will report as soon as the season opens. The team is an aggregation of hard hitters, and five of them are college men. They are as follows: Frank Spranger, of Detroit, a catcher, who will probably captain the team, a good hitter and coacher; George B. Hayes, of Fordham college, '97 catcher, now studying law in New York city; M. Jacobs, of Pittsburg, first base, a six-footer who last year played with Albion N. Y.; "Cappy" Martin, second base; A. Courtmarsh, short stop, a crack-a-jack from Albany and Montreal; Fred Cargo, third base, a brother of "Bobby" Cargo, and a good one; Harry P. Folsom, New York city, left field, who aspires to the National League; B. E. Hamlin, Attleboro, Mass.; a Maine state college man, for centre field or short stop; Lewis W. Metz, of Cumberland, Md., who played in 1896 with the Hartford Atlantic League team, outfield, or substitute third base. The pitchers are to be Charles Gehring, a south-paw from Dennison, O., who won 19 out of 26 games in the Iron and Oil League in 1896; O. L. Kiehl, Chicago, who has a record of 22 strike-outs in a game; and "Jimmy" Delaney. The first two pitchers are college men. It is believed that none of the new men are drinkers, which will do away with the chief cause of the failure last year.

A meeting of the Central League will be held in Milton on Saturday afternoon, Feb. 5, at 2 p. m. If President Miller refuses to officially call the meeting, the managers will do so.

Roach and Cody, of Renovo, will stay at home this year, and organize a Renovo team. They may ask for admission to the league.

There will probably be no preliminary season this year, the management preferring to wait until the league season opens, and playing practice games without spectators looking on.

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Value of Vital Statistics.

The keeping of general statistics in regard to life and health has been the best sanitary measure ever adopted. If an unusual number of deaths occurred in any given locality, investigation has at once thus been directed to the cause. It has been shown that mortality is the highest in overcrowded slum districts of the cities. Immediately thereupon measures have been taken to pull down the overcrowded, unsanitary buildings, to scatter the population and to make them observe more cleanly habits. If an epidemic or contagious disease prevailed, the friendly statistics showed that, too, and immediately health authorities studied to provide remedies and take precautions against the spread of the sickness.

Nearly 60 years ago Mr. William Farr, who became associated with the English health registry office, recommended that a strict record be kept of every case of illness from any cause whatever in each small district, so that every time anybody was sick in the whole United Kingdom it might be noted down. This plan ought to be adopted everywhere. The fact that a public record would be kept of him and his case every time a person had an illness of any sort would go far toward frightening people into keeping perfectly well.

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Suicide by Rope and Bullet.

Rejected Young Suitor Made Death Doubly Sure.

Unwilling to trust to either rope or pistol singly to end his life, Christian N. Holsinger of Lancaster, last Friday used both. Having adjusted a rope about his neck and tied the other end to a rafter in his uncle's barn, at Lincoln, Holsinger leaped from a box that he had improvised as a scaffold, at the same time firing a bullet into his brain.

Holsinger, aged 19, recently passed an examination for admission to the ranks of school teachers. The cause of his suicide was love. A note was found in his pocket, which read:

"The one who loved you can see you no more, and sent this. Forget me if you can. I am in sorrow and can bear it no longer. I decided to do this deed before, but could not because I loved you too much.

"Send this to Miss Brackbill."

Miss Estelia Brackbill is the daughter of a farmer and hotel-keeper, at Brownstown, a few miles from the home of young Holsinger, and is 18 years of age. Holsinger was deeply in love with her, but his attentions were not encouraged, and recently the young woman manifested a coolness that, it is supposed, drove him to his rash act.

School Girls Buy Cigarettes.

Whole Schools Being Corrupted by the Smoking Habit.

The cigarette habit has grown to such an extent among the pupils of the Homestead public schools that Superintendent John C. Kendall proposes to resort to radical means to suppress it. The habit is not confined to the boys. Recently the male pupils here persuaded some of the girls to buy cigarettes instead of candy, and but for the timely discovery of their inclination to yield, cigarette smoking would doubtless have become general among the pupils regardless of sex.

In view of the gravity of the situation Superintendent Kendall has decided to enforce the law relating to cigarette dealers, which makes them liable to a fine of \$500 for selling cigarettes to boys under sixteen years of age.

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