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For Lieutenant-Governor, J. P. S. GOBIN, of Lebanon. For Secretary of Internal Affairs, JOSEPH W. LATTA, of Philadelphia.

EDITORIAL COMMENT. Spain's navy is substantially crushed. All the ships that remain could not last two hours under the fire of American marksmen.

The Spanish have reached a point where they are willing to give up Cuba, which was all that was asked at one time. But the appeal to war requires larger concessions.

The Philadelphia "Press" says: "In all probability Congressman Charles W. Stone, will be nominated and elected Governor of Pennsylvania in the near future. Until that time comes it is a just expectation that his district will keep him in Congress to its honor and distinction."

We hear of a Butler County sheep raiser who has just sold his wool clip for this year at 15 cents a pound. Two years ago this same man sold his wool for 6 cents a pound, and sold it well for that year—others had to sell for less. This advance in price amounts to \$3,000 or \$4,000 net gain over 1896 on his wool crop alone.

Brother Swallow is evidently losing heart, for the noise of his gubernatorial boom has almost ceased. An occasional rumble is all that is heard these days. The good doctor has probably come to a realization of the fact that this is a Stone year in politics, and that it will be but a waste of energy to try to keep up the din.

Private McNeil, U. S. M. Corps, who was on the U. S. S. Brooklyn, was on one of the forward 6-pounders in the fight with Cervera's ships and was standing only a few feet away when a shot from the Christobal Colon blew off the head of Chief Yeoman Ellis. McNeil says, in a letter received here, that when the fleet was discovered coming from the harbor the crew was standing with open ranks for inspection. Commodore Schley was on the bridge during all the fighting, and an orderly heard him say: "I want that ship. I have 800 tons of coal and plenty of wood-work on this vessel, and I'll have her if I chase her to Spain."

The editor of the Kittanning Republican speaking about "rings," voices the sentiment of all good Republicans in this State when he says: "I believe in one ring myself, with everybody inside—a ring big enough to take in the whole party. But there are always a lot of fellows who get out over the ropes and howl at those inside and call them corrupt ringsters. Then they form a little ring of their own and pass a resolution to the effect that their own ring, composed of the awkward squad who fell over the ropes, is all right, and that the big ring is a seething mass of corruption."

Trade, Price and Midsummer. The distinct pause which has come in business is variously explained, but of its existence there can be no question whatever. The stock market is dull in spite of much advice to buy stocks. Grain speculation has ceased. Textile weeklies publish pages of authentic interviews to explain the dull market. Boot and shoe shipments to-day only equal those of 1895. The iron and steel trade, while very large, is a tenth less than it was three months ago. With loanable capital very cheap, exports large and imports small, no activity is apparent at any point.

Yankee Opportunities. There is no doubt but a new national feeling has been aroused, and in the world of trade this will mean increased efforts to place American manufactured articles in places they have never before been seen, or to increase the number where a start has already been made. Particularly will this prove true in the Orient. Hawaii, which is rather in the Occident, will be annexed, and it is pretty certain that the grip obtained upon the Philippines by Admiral Dewey will not be loosened. With direct national interests in Asiatic waters the irrepresible Yankee may be depended upon to make much of the opportunities thus presented. There is an immense field for commerce in Asia and the surrounding islands that has been too little taken advantage of in the past. The strengthening of the navy will assist to make the merchant marine more secure in their rights, and this should result in a larger increase in that line, so that the flag of this Nation may be seen on vessels of peaceful mission in every harbor of the globe. The great increase in exports presages such a result. It is bound to come in time, until America will lead the world in foreign as in domestic commerce.

Revival of Foreign Trade. The Populists are unable to see that the unexpected rise of wheat had any connection with the triumph of the Republican party in '96, though in their dazed condition they have not satisfied their own minds why wheat did not go down, as they promised it would, to 25 cents, instead of up, as they denied it could do, to \$1 and even \$1.50. Certainly, however, if the advance of wheat was due to the war, as affirmed by some leading Populist statesmen, this wonderful expansion of American manufactures exported abroad is not. It must be explained in some other way.

The Capital would like to hear a Populist explanation of the radical change in the manufacturing industries of the country. How does it happen that instead of the paralysis of industry of two years ago, running back to 1892 when Harrison's administration was beaten and a Democratic Congress elected, exports of domestic manufactures from the United States now exceed those of any year on record? How do reformers of the Free-Trade and fiat and free silver sort connect this condition with the hard times among manufacturers during the Wilson bill, of which the Hon. Wm. J. Bryan was one of the framers in the House? And how do they account for the singular coincidence that the only years that can be compared in the last decade with the present for large exports of manufactured goods were the years of Harrison's administration and the McKinley Tariff? Has any Populist or Democrat given any reason yet for the fact that in place of destroying foreign trade, as they predicted the McKinley Tariff was bound to do, it built up foreign trade to the extent of extending every American market abroad and capturing considerable of the best trade of England? Why did Englishmen denounce the McKinley Tariff? Why did they rejoice over Bryan's and Wilson's Tariff and give Mr. Wilson a banquet at the London Board of Trade? And why do they denounce the Dingley Tariff? Do Populists think that the Wilson Tariff's destruction of American exports of manufactures, built up by the McKinley bill, and the Dingley Tariff's revival of this trade, destroyed by the Wilson bill, have anything to do with it?

On the whole, the best thing for the Populists to do in the face of dollar wheat, banner exports of manufactures and revival of prosperity on all sides, accompanied by immense imports of gold and large increase in sound currency based on the gold standard, would probably be to take to the woods. There is nothing in Populist philosophy that can account for these miracles.

Diphtheria. In Spain's army would be terrible, because in that country Armstrong's Diphtheria and Quinsy Drops have not been introduced. It has proved to be the quick sure cure for throat diseases. Sold by druggists. R.C. Dodson. 6ly

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West, where bank deposits are increased by the crops. The total advance on farm products, as compared with 1895, is put by the Orange Judd syndicate at \$1,000,000,000, and the addition to National bank resources in twelve months is \$400,000,000. In four Western States alone—Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado and Oklahoma—the addition to bank deposits in a year is \$34,063,482. With this enormous increase a great tide of prosperity is certain.—Philadelphia Press.

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Canada concerning our exports to Canada for the first eleven months of the fiscal year 1897, when the Wilson tariff law was in effect, and for the first eleven months of the fiscal year 1898, under the Dingley tariff law, are given. During the former period, we sold Canada \$37,370,825 worth of goods, and during the latter period, \$46,251,228, a difference in favor of protection of nearly a million dollars a month.

Lieut. Hobson, who is in Washington in connection with the work of trying to save some of the ships of Cervera's fleet, was most warmly received by the President, members of the Cabinet, his own personal friends, and the public at large.

The delivery of the war bonds began to-day, the denomination of \$20 and of \$500 being the first sent out. The delivery will be continued as fast as the Bureau of Engraving and Printing can get them to the Treasury. They are sent to purchasers by express.

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