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## EDITORIAL MENTION.

General Wood has proclaimed the anti-slavery law in the entire Moro possessions.

The Chicago Colosseum, in which the republican national convention will be held next June, will seat 12,000.

Senator Morgan's mouth dredger is at work again on the Panama canal. Oh, for a hundred earth dredgers as tireless in the breach!

Mr. Chamberlain is in his sixty-sixth year but there is every indication that he will live to see England become a champion of protection.

Tramps throughout the country are reported as very enthusiastic over the declaration of a Chicago professor that bathing is injurious to the health.

A young Frenchman who discovered that his fiancée spent 50,000 francs a year at her dressmakers, broke his engagement and married the dressmaker.

Tom Johnson regards his first defeat as merely "the first battle." He is ambitious and wants at least as many defeats as were administered to the "Peerless Leader."

Major General Wade, commanding the Division of the Philippines, who went to investigate the trouble at Jolo, reports that General Wood's attack on the Moros was necessary.

Canada has received permission from the Imperial Government to appoint a Canadian commander of the militia. According to the present law only an officer of the British army could hold such a position.

Since the New York election, Tammany has become a power in the democratic party. Consequently Senator Gorman is in constant communication with the Tammany leaders on all political questions.

Mr. Bryan who has just been received by the Pope, can console himself with the thought that if he had been elected President of the United States he would not be able to make his present trip to Europe.

Speaker Cannon was shrewd in allowing Leader Williams to name the democratic members of the House committee. Now all the disappointed democratic Congressmen blame Mr. Williams for their failure to get good committee assignments.

The American Mining Congress will have a bill introduced in the Federal Congress providing for the creation of a Department of Mines and Mining, the head of which is to be a member of the President's cabinet.

Another editorial pelican in the wilderness has lifted his voice against the nomination of President Roosevelt. Why will these solitary birds insist upon thwarting trends, avalanches and gulf streams.

## Pianos.

E. T. Wells agent for the celebrated Wegman, Steiff and Shaw pianos. Manufacturers guarantee with every instrument. Prices and terms to suit you. Twenty-two Wegman pianos in Emporium owned by some of our best citizens. Write or call, corner Allegheny Ave. and Spring St. 43-1m.

## Next Year's Campaign.

A Democratic exchange insists that the fixing of an early date for the Republican national convention assures a long campaign which will be about as disastrous to business interests as bad crops. It is strange but true that the party upon which the exchange sheds its radiance can never see anything but disaster and calamity, says Harrisburg Telegraph.

If it were unknown who would be the selection of the Republican convention for President and what its choice of policy, there might be some disturbance of business, which nevertheless would not be disastrous. Business disasters have never been caused by Republican campaigns or campaign methods. Everybody knows that Roosevelt will be nominated by that convention and that on change in tariff laws will be advocated. And knowing this, the country is going about its business undisturbed.

A different tale may be told after the Democratic convention shall have met. Leaders of that party are again talking of making the tariff their campaign issue. If this be done business will be disturbed whether the campaign be long or short, and the history of the campaign of 1892 will be repeated. Business men cannot afford to take chances, and if a Democrat should be elected on a free trade platform next year his election would be followed by an industrial and commercial depression which would foreshadow a disaster such as this country has not witnessed in thirty years.

The Republican party has always been the party of safety and security. The Democratic party is always the party of disaster and calamity; but there is no disaster and calamity except that which is of its own making.

## WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)

Washington, Dec. 21, 1903.

## Editor Press:

The Chinese Commercial Treaty was ratified by the Senate without opposition. Mr. Nelson of Minnesota criticized it for not giving the United States sufficient concessions in the way of open ports and placed the blame for this on Russia, whose attitude in Manchuria might, he said, lead to trouble with this country. Other Senators agreed with Mr. Nelson, but it was argued that the treaty was the best China could give under the circumstances. Senator Lodge urged that it be ratified immediately as such action was held by the State Department to be essential. He added that the ratification of the treaty would have a good effect in the settlement of the far Eastern question.

By a bitter attack on the Administration, which reminded one of the days when he hailed Aguinaldo as a second George Washington, Senator Hoar caused a sharp party debate on the Panama question. The Senator read his speech from a carefully prepared manuscript, and this fact made his violent statements all the more remarkable. The following citation gives an idea of the character of his speech. "I want to know—and I think the American people want to know, and have a right to know—whether this mighty policeman, instructed to keep the peace on that isthmus, seeing a man about to attack another, before he had struck his blow manacled the arms of the attacked so that he could not defend himself, leaving the assailant free, and then instantly proceeded to secure from the assailant the pocket book of the victim on the ground that he was the de facto owner." This speech caused delight among the democrats, who would like to attack the Administration, but many of whom fear that opposition to the treaty would be a boomerang to the party. Mr. Bailey congratulated the Massachusetts Senator on being with the democrats on the question, and Mr. Gorman aided in the attack on the Administration by calling the President a second Napoleon. "A second Napoleon indeed. Has it come to this that the United States must have a Napoleon to shape its destinies and to distort the Presidential office from its proper function?" Senator Foraker made a serious, able and dignified reply to these oratorical attacks on the President. His remarks much annoyed Senator Hoar, who then attempted to tone down his written speech before it went into the Congressional Record. Mr. Foraker demanded of Senator Hoar what right he had to call upon the President to prove that he had spoken the truth in his message to Congress.

Congress has now adjourned until after the holidays, when further debate on the Panama question is expected. There is no doubt that the treaty will be ratified.

By reaching an agreement by

which the land of the Philippine friends can be purchased by our government, Governor Taft has solved one of the most irritating problems in the island. The terms of the agreement are that all the land of the friars shall be bought by the United States for seven million two hundred and fifty thousand. The Pope's approval of the agreement has been obtained and that of the War Department is now awaited. The friars first asked \$15,000,000. As the money for the purchase of the lands will not be paid by the people of the United States and as the purchase will meet the general approval of the natives, President Roosevelt and Secretary will no doubt ratify the action of Governor Taft.

## Senator Hoar on Panama.

Senator Hoar occupies a position in the Senate and before the country which entitles him to a respectful hearing and a personal attention given to few Americans. Men may question his judgment. He has been wrong in the past. He doubtless will be again. But no man can question the good faith with which he speaks or the high sense of public duty which guides him.

The challenge he makes in his speech in the Senate on the recognition of the Panama Republic calls for a full, careful and complete answer. We do not doubt this can be made. When all the facts are fully known it will, we believe, be seen that the end sought and the policy adopted by the Administration were justified. Whether each precise step, the time when it was taken and the instant action decided upon can be justified, is an issue which will depend in part on the facts and in part on the temperament of the critic.

But all the facts must be known, and Senator Hoar does right in asking for them. They must be furnished. His sober, temperate and high-minded challenge must not be met by attacking him and cannot be answered by asserting the need of the canal, the duty of the United States to build it or the wisdom of its early and prompt construction.

Senator Hoar accepts all this. He wants the canal built. He wants it built in his own lifetime and by "the present President of the United States." But in his speech he raises an issue and presents interrogatories which have occurred to every American citizen. Senator Hoar has a right to require not only that the United States be right in its policy at the Panama Isthmus, but that it shall seem to be right to all the world. For this purpose all the facts, all the conditions and all the law, constitutional, public and international, bearing on the case need to be known. They must all be judged without prejudice or prepossession. The fact that Columbia is "weak" or the United States' strong has nothing to do with the case.

The broad issue which must be pleaded at the bar of public opinion now and at the bar of history in the future is whether, taking the world duty presented by the claims of trade, the present and future needs of 100,000,000 in North America and 60,000,000 in South America, the rights of the Republic of Columbia under a "proclaimed" constitution and of the inhabitants of the isthmus to peace, order, self-government and prosperity, the United States was or was not justified in stopping a regime which had cursed the isthmus, across which a great public work must go, with insurrection, riot, rapine and bloodshed fifty-three times in fifty years.—Philadelphia Press.

## MEATS

It will pay you to call on us before you buy your meats. We handle nothing but the best steer beef to be had.

## Our Groceries

Our Groceries are also first-class and up-to-date.

Home-Made Sausage,  
Home-Made Mince Meat,  
Ground Bone.

GOODS DELIVERED PROMPTLY.

Geo. H. Gross.

## Special Announcement

## Murry &amp; Coppersmith Co.,

EMPORIUM, PA.

## Exclusive Hardware, Stove and Plumbing House.

Having in their two large stores, erected by Walker, Howard and Co., especially to be used as a modern hardware, stove and tinware establishment, one of the best and well stocked stores in the state, comprising about \$20,000 worth of HEAVY and SHELF HARDWARE, STOVES, TINWARE, PLUMBERS' GOODS and in fact everything or anything to be found in a well regulated Hardware store, have decided to make a



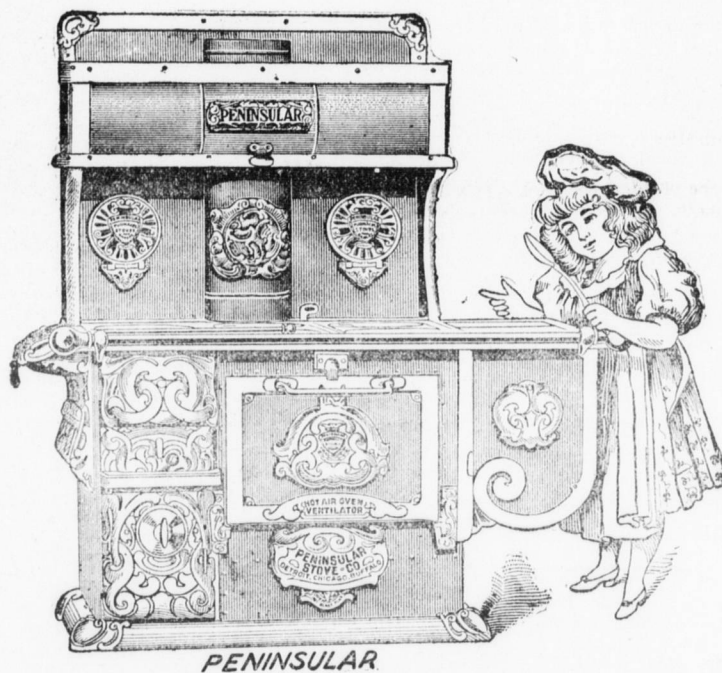
## Sweeping Reduction

Of ten per cent. to all Cash Customers During the next Thirty Days

This great cash inducement is offered in order that we may reduce our stock, thereby favoring all who may wish to save a few dollars. This offer applies to every article in our store.

## Our Great Stove Leaders

The beautiful stoves represented in this adv. we have the exclusive agency for Cameron county and invite all to call and see the beauties. They are guaranteed to us and we guarantee them to our customers. The illustrations in this advertisement are true representations.



## Not Christmas Headquarters

We are not posing as headquarters for Christmas goods, yet we have many beautiful, useful and durable articles that will surprise you, both as to price and quality. What makes a nicer present than a gas chandelier, gas table lamp, pair of skates, carving set, carpet sweeper, flour bin, coat or porcelain ware and many other articles. While we don't pose as Santa Claus, you will come here for the durable and sensible Christmas presents.



Our reduction of stock sale is no clap-trap catch scheme, but an honest deal. Come and see.

We are always ready to contract for IRON and TIN ROOFING SANITARY PLUMBING, Etc

## Horse Blankets and Robes

at greatly reduced prices to close out this line of goods. Big inducements.



Catch on to **Ten Per Cent** Reduction  
Murry & Coppersmith Co.