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EDITORIAL.

WAR WITH SPAIN?

That is the topic of the day. During the past week all events have strongly pointed that way. "The Board of Inquiry" have not yet concluded their deliberations as to the cause of the destruction of the Maine. That it was blown up from an outside agency—a torpedo or mine—seems settled. Spain recently expressed a desire for Consul Lee's removal from Havana. That was refused by the President. Both nations are actively preparing their navies for an emergency. Spain has been trying to secure money and battle-ships. Congress has just voted \$50,000,000 to be placed at the disposal of the President as he may deem necessary. The greatest activity prevails throughout the country in repairing vessels for service, casting projectiles, mounting heavy ordnances for sea coast defence, recruiting sailors and artillery men.

The nation is aroused. Patriotic sentiment runs high. The President need only announce the word and the "dogs of war" will be released.

War has not been declared, but Uncle Sam is ready.

GOLD DEMOCRATS MEET.

"Aleck McClure & Co.," otherwise known as the Gold Democrats, had a conference at the Hotel Walton, on Friday of last week, and according to the very elaborate report of the proceedings in "The Times" of Saturday, these people have determined to nominate a full state ticket this fall, and also oppose the democratic candidates for congress in the several districts of the state. J. Denton Hancock, Cleveland's candidate for congressman-at-large at the special election in 1894 president and Tom Greavey, the Pennsylvania Railroad lobbyist of Altoona, acted as secretary. Ex-President Cleveland favored the conference with a letter, informing the country that he is still earnestly in favor of the financial system which he inaugurated during his last administration, and which the republican party has adopted and the McKinley administrations are attempting to continue as the policy of the party. This combination is very significant, and it will not be very difficult to see the mainspring which moved this wonderful body in its deliberations. The Standard Oil Company sent Mr. Hancock from the western part of the state. Greavey, the Pennsylvania Railroad lobbyist, represented central Pennsylvania, and Aleck McClure the eastern section. Wall Street was there in spirit through the letter of Mr. Cleveland. The peripatetic Col. Farquhar, of York, was also there, evidently on his own account, because he so far forgot himself that he denounced the republican party under the leadership of Quay and Platt. This of course was not in the order of business, and if we are to believe the report, he did not receive much applause. And why should he, as that conference was constituted. When he denounced Quay and Platt he "smote the hand that fed them." Of course this little irregularity of Col. Farquhar must be charitably overlooked, because he has so lately come out of the republican party, and may be still a little sore at some of its bosses, who had refused him, as he thought, the recognition that his superior wisdom deserved. He also indulged in some abuse of the democracy. This is easily accounted for, he did not remain in the party long enough to ascertain what democracy means. This wondering disposition is one of the Colonel's weaknesses. He is like his protegee, Aleck McClure, he is not permitted to remain long enough in any party organization to understand its principles—the reason is apparent and need not be commented upon.

We missed the names of Mr. Harry and his friend congressman Wm. McAleer. Have they forsaken the counsels of the ungodly, or did they remain away from this conference so that they may still masquerade as democrats, and thus do more effective work for Quay, McClure & Co? If these people expect to continue in their opposition to the democracy, they should openly join the Walton Conference party. That is where they have been secretly for some time, and should go there at once.

An open enemy is less dangerous, than a secret foe.



INTANGIBLE FOES.

THE SPANIARDS REPORT THAT THEY ARE UNABLE TO FIND THE ENEMY.

McCLURE UNMASKED.

For some time the so-called independent papers, and particularly the Times, have been loud and vigorous in their call upon the democrats of Pennsylvania to unite all factions, so as to take advantage of the opportunity offered to defeat the republican party in the state in November. Among a certain class of people these suggestions were very favorably considered and one poor, unsophisticated, rural democrat even sent a communication to the Times suggesting the nomination of a mixed ticket in accordance with the plan outlined by that paper. The article was pushed into an odd corner where no one would look for it, but the same day an editorial appeared in which this poor fellow was roundly abused and the democratic party was treated to a dose of Col. McClure's choicest invective. Oh no! The gold people could not for a moment think of accepting anything of the kind. The democrats must surrender unconditionally and accept what the Times and its dupes are willing to give them. They must repent in sackcloth and ashes and then their case will be considered. Of course these sound money people never had a thought to make any effort to unite the party, but they pretended to be willing to do so in order that they might be the more able to create dissensions in the regular organization. What so displeased Mr. McKinley was that he was so easily unmasked. Some good has been accomplished. No doubt this brought about the conference at the Walton hotel last week, and now we know that the Quay annex, under the leadership of the Times, will place a full state ticket in the field and will do what they can to defeat the democracy in the state and congressional districts. The democrats need not worry about this corporal's guard of malcontents. They are republicans in disguise, and long before November they will be merged in the republican party. Their places will not only be filled with republicans who are heartily tired of gold standard prosperity, but thousands more will join the ranks of the democracy in opposition to the system that is continually making the rich richer and the poor poorer — plutocracy is doomed, and a few corporation democrats cannot save it; nor will the methods, resorted to in 1896, be sufficient to again defeat the will of the people.

GROVER'S ADVICE.

The following is a correct copy of the letter of Ex-President Cleveland, read at the conference of gold democrats, held last week at the Hotel Walton in Philadelphia:
Westland, Princeton, N. J., March 1, 1898.
MY DEAR MR. FARQUHAR:
Your letter is received and I hope most sincerely that there may be a sound money movement in Pennsylvania that will be strong and useful. I cannot account for the arrogant confidence of the free silver forces except upon the theory that they are led to believe that there is very little aggressive effort to be made by their opponents. It is a very strange thing that the apparent apathy in many of our sound money states should give plausibility to such a belief. If any one believing with us supposes that free silver can be prevented from controlling the two houses of the next Congress without effective organization and hard work, the quicker he abandons that idea the more useful he will be as a sound money man.
I am so earnest in my desire to see our country blest with safe money and a suitable financial system that I am of the opinion we ought to give patriotic and consistent support to any plan which insures this result, and which has the elements that promise its successful advocacy.

Yours very truly,
GROVER CLEVELAND.
A. B. Farquhar, Esq., York, Pa.
This letter contains some significant things. In the first place it recognizes the strength of the democracy, and that the democrats will most likely control the next congress; and secondly, that he is still earnestly in favor of the system of finance which he helped to force upon the people of this country, and he advises his followers to join any party that is in favor of perpetuating it. Had he given us a history of his last administration showing the effects upon the country of his financial policy his letter would have been complete. Cleveland panics under the gold standard, and McKinley pro-

perity under the same system, have swept away many a poor man's property and converted many an honest laboring man into a tramp. Notwithstanding all this the system must be continued. So say the trusts and syndicates. Soon the people will have their say, then there will be a recovering. Then "the refuge of lies shall be swept away, and the hiding place of falsehood shall be uncovered."

WANNAMAHER ACCEPTS.

John Wannamaker has consented to be a candidate for governor, as the candidate of the independent republican movement in this state. This is a direct movement against Quay and Boss Rule. There will be some lively politics in the republican camp on this account.

BILDAD'S SLEIGHRIDE.

It is still a Synonym for Enterprise and Resourcefulness.

There once lived in Vermont a young man who was not much more than half-witted, but who, like many other people who are lacking in intelligence, always wanted to do just as other and more gifted people do. In the town where he ran his ambitious career, "Bildad's sleighride" is still a synonym for an enterprise that depends largely on the resources of others.

One winter when the sleighing was good, and all the young swains of the town were taking their young lady friends to ride, Bildad was impressed with the desirability of organizing an expedition of this sort on his own account. But he had no "rig," and no money to hire one with. Nevertheless, he came one afternoon to a worthy young lady of his neighborhood and asked her to go sleighriding that evening.
"But, Bildad," she said, "you haven't got any horse."
"John Miles, he's promised to lend me his'n."
"Why, John hasn't got any harness."
"Pete Corliss' goin' to let me take his'n."
"What are you going to do for a sleigh?"
"Mrs. Beals, she said I could take her'n."
"You can't go sleighing without a string of bells."
"Nathan Page's goin' to let me take his string."
"You've got to have a buffalo robe."
"John Currier, he said he'd jest as soon I'd have his old one; and, by gorry, I c'n cut a whip myself."
The young lady said that under the circumstances she guessed he would have to borrow some other girl. Nevertheless he persisted in his search for a partner until he actually found one, and went on the sleighride in fine style.

Some years after this occurrence Bildad came late to an engagement to do a job of work and was asked the reason for his tardiness.
"Huh!" he answered, with a smirk, "I've been gettin' married this mornin'!"
"Married! you Bildad! Why, you can't support yourself!"
"Well," said Bildad, "I c'n purty near support myself, and I think she ought to help some!"

Killed With a Potato Masher.

Davy Crockett never had a more thrilling experience with a lynx than did a young lady, a resident of Santa Barbara county, Cal., a few days since. D. Millard has a ranch near the San Marcos grant, where he and his family reside, and on the morning mentioned his little daughter went into the yard to see what was creating an unusual disturbance among the chickens and to her astonishment saw a large lynx nearby. She called to her sister, Miss Chloe Doan, who, taking a gun from the wall, went into the yard in time to see the animal walking leisurely away.
The young lady took a hasty shot at the lynx, wounding it, but not seriously. The dogs appeared upon the scene at the sound of the gun, but soon got enough of Mr. Lynx. After a desperate struggle the dogs gave up and Miss Doan took another shot, further crippling the intruder. Another fight occurred, during which Miss Doan conceived the idea of killing a lynx all by herself and accordingly, bent off the dogs, grabbed the lynx by one hind leg and dragged it into the house, where it soon revived and again showed fight.
The only weapon immediately available was a large wooden potato masher with which she brained the gamy animal, which measured three feet from tip to tip.

WASHINGTON.

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All tickets will be good to return also on regular trains until Saturday, April 2, inclusive.

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Mr. Zeigler will attend the following sales:

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DISTRICT ATTORNEY.

We are authorized to announce William G. Runkle, Esq., of Bellefonte, Pa., a candidate for the nomination for District Attorney, subject to the decision of the Democratic county convention.

We are authorized to announce N. B. Spangler, of Bellefonte, as a candidate for the nomination for Prothonotary, subject to the decision of the Democratic county convention.

PROTHONOTARY.

We are authorized to announce H. A. McKee, of Spring township, a candidate for the nomination for Prothonotary, subject to the decision of the Democratic county convention.

We are authorized to announce M. I. Gardner, of Bellefonte, a candidate for the nomination for Prothonotary, subject to the decision of the Democratic County Convention.

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