

ernorship. A good many people, both triends and enemies of Mr. Hill, declined to accept their statements. Mr. Hill himself has now made a formal and official declaration on that subject, and from other cor-roborative circumstances it may be accepted as a fact that Hill cannot be relied upon to bear the brunt of another gubernatorial fight. What has this to do with the na-tional situation? I will tell you. It lessens the complication in New York. It shows that Mr. Hill is not Loing to be disposed of quite as easily as a good many people imagine. It removes one of the possibilities. He must now either take the Senator. ship or stand a declared candidate for the presidental nomination at the hands of his party. When that other possibility as to the senatorship shall have been removed the issue will, of course, be more distinct. The probabilities are that we shall learn before the end of this month just what David B. Hill intends to do with regard to the Senatorship, as we have learned in his message his disposal of the gubernatorial question. Speaking of Hill, did you notice that in his message that while he deals with the question of force bill that he has nothing to say about the tariff? Well, you read that message and draw your own interences. I presume that the message was written before the force bill was disposed of, at least that portion of it. But in my opinion the tariff question is of a great deal more importance to the general public, politically, than the force bill ever was.

eral board which is worthy of attention. This is the manipulation of the Republican State Central Committee in Indiana by the political friends of President Harrison. This ought to dispose of all the doubts, if any doubts still exist, as to Harrison's de-sire for renomination. All the denials in the world, or subterfuges, cannot remove the impression of this really first overt act in his own favor. A distinct fight was made, too, I am told, by the Indiana Republicana. The friends of Mr. Harrison were brought from the far West, and his son Russell joined them in the work of manipulating the central committee. Of course, these things are small affairs, but the political thinker must take ac-count of every one of them in coming to reasonably correct conclusions as to the future. Every move now made upon the chess board is worthy of careful consid-eration, for it is early in the game that the really astute politician gets in his fine work. There is one thing which none of us can at present foresee, but which may change the joined them in the work of manipulating present foresee, but which may change the situation materially for both parties. Should Congress pass a free coinage bill this session, will President Harrison veto it, or will be sign it? Can anybody answer me that? Hostile as a large element of his party is toward him and his aspirations for a renom-insticut, Mr. Harrison would have it within his power to make himself a formidable candidate in disposing of the question of silver when it comes before him. It seems to be the general impression that he would not sign the free coinage bill. I am in doubt myself on that point. Nevertheless, with a sufficient majority of his party in Congress in lavor of such a measure it would not be strange if he should set aside any scruples which he may entertain against silver and postribute his part toward making it become a law. If, at the same time, he could ma-

Improve His Chances as a Candidate of his party tor a renomination, 1 don't think that many people, friends or enemies, would be disposed to find serious fault with him. Such an act on his part would un-doubtedly increase his popularity with the Western people. As a Western man, per-haps I naturally feel that the importance of any issue involving the increase of the cir-ulating medium is above everything else. The financial stringency is of more im-

