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May be Mr. Gladstone isn't entitled to smile now!

A Mistaken Policy.

It will be a mistake if the Democrats in congress shall seek to make a partisan issue over the president's message asking for funds to apply to the relief of the destitute Americans in Cuba.

When the European powers deliberately play with fire they must be prepared to expect a scorching. We are beginning to think better of the Turk.

An Important Undertaking.

The convention of the National Slavonic society now in session in Wilkes-Barre is interesting by reason of the opportunity which it affords to native Americans to familiarize themselves with and extend co-operation to a most laudable work that is being performed under this society's auspices among a large alien element in our citizenship.

The National Slavonic society, as its worthy president, Mr. P. V. Rovnianek, explains, was organized six years ago in Pittsburgh, for the purpose of bringing together the scattered communities of Slavonic immigrants in the United States for their mutual aid and protection.

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American Degeneration.

When the massacres broke out in Armenia and the Christian powers of Europe permitted them to go on until thousands of lives had fallen forfeit to Islam, there was indignation throughout the length and breadth of the United States.

A condition of affairs has arisen in unhappy Cuba which differs from the Armenian massacres mainly in particular respects. The Turk butchered those whom he regarded as infidels and traitors; but Weyler is starving to death or condemning to the slow torture of wasting disease nearly two hundred thousand pacificos who worship the same God as His Christian Majesty, the King of Spain.

When the Turk started to butcher the Armenians, the powers of Europe were in a situation that each was afraid to intervene. Russia was jealous of England, France feared Germany and Austria lay between the Kaiser and the Czar.

In Scriptural days such a spectacle of man's inhumanity to man would have drawn from the heavens an avenging bolt of God's consuming wrath; but in this plighting time of stock speculation and pink teas, apparently the most that it nowadays does is to cause the good citizen to talk a little more fluently in favor of arbitration, and to inspire in the seats of the mighty an increased subservency to the spirit of profit and loss.

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A Starchless Civil Service.

The memorandum attached by Governor Black, of New York, to his signature of the "starchless" civil service bill opens up an interesting theme of discussion. The bill in substance provides for two kinds of examination for applicants to office.

When we add that the society, while in sympathy with religious teachings, is non-sectarian and open on equal terms to Protestants and Catholics, a case is made that appeals very strongly to American interest and sympathy.

Save Pearl Harbor.

A reciprocity treaty was negotiated with Hawaii during the Harrison administration under which our exports to those islands multiplied tenfold upon the strength of it \$40,000,000 of American capital has since been invested in Hawaii.

Should this action of the finance committee be sustained by congress and the president, it still will be a question in law whether the abrogation will be valid; but mischief will have been done in the contempt shown for our pledged faith, in the striking down of American trade possibilities and in the sacrifice to the sugar trust of American cane-growers and sugar shippers in Hawaii.

whatever and runs no risk. He may certify to the qualifications of his incompetent and low-bred friends without limit, and send them to the different departments. He pays no penalty for their inefficiency or misdeed, while, on the other hand, the head of every department is responsible for the conduct of its affairs.

It remains to be seen how the plan which Governor Black offers as a substitute will work in practice. It appears on its face somewhat cumbersome, but we dare say it is not more so than the old plan which it supersedes.

The way civil service "reform" worked under the Cleveland interpretation is shown in the statistics of the government printing office. Here during the last administration, two Democrats were appointed to each Republican, and one Democrat reduced to three Republicans.

The Democrats in the senate decided wisely when they determined not to frame an antagonistic tariff bill. Their record is against them.

Gossip at the Capital

Washington, May 17.

A proposition to increase the tax on beer and at the same time to reduce the tax on whiskey seems a somewhat novel one but is not unlikely to be accepted by congress before the new revenue bill becomes a law.

"Do you think, senator," was asked, "that the high rates of taxation on whiskey which have existed since the law was enacted have not done more to reduce the amount of whiskey consumed in the United States or the amount manufactured?"

"How does the increased rate encourage fraud?" was asked. "Simply because there is more profit in making and putting upon the market whiskey of alcohol upon which the tax has not been paid than when the tax under the old law. The tax under the law framed by the Republicans was \$9.50 per gallon.

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the question that more revenue can be obtained by putting the rate of taxation at about 70 cents per gallon than at any other figure, as this rate would probably reduce still further the amount of illicit distillation.

One of the most remarkable statements yet made to the committee of the senate in investigating the operation of the civil service was that of Chief Clerk Collins, who has been an employee of the government printing office for thirty years.

There does not seem to be any substantial reason for the report that has gone abroad that these disreputable distortions of the civil service acts in both spirit and letter will result in a report from congress in favor of any material modification of the law or of its execution.

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GOOD BYE TO STEAM.

From the Providence Journal. Travelling by rail will be better worth than the dirt and noise of the steam locomotive has been done away with.

"BOHEMIA."

From the New York Sun. Improvidence and self-indulgence, billings and gatlings are the "genius" of that imaginary realm (Bohemia). Its literature seems to consist of the French of shabby table and manners in the United States, and the disappearance of the locomotive before the electric motor will involve far-reaching changes in our commercial and social relations.

SOUND AND JUST.

From the Washington Star. The Dingley bill, as originally drawn, was a sound and just measure. It provided for the raising of enough revenue for the support of the government, and for a reasonable protection to American industries.

FOR REVENUE ONLY.

From the Times-Herald. Rudyard Kipling's poem on the tariff undoubtedly was written for revenue only.

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