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Spain will charge us the full amount of the customs duties on the relief supplies sent to Cuba to save Americans from starving. There is no consolation about this fact. The United States is not so bankrupt that it cannot pay it.

The Sugar Scandal.

It is not difficult to excite suspicion as to the motives actuating men in public office. An ill report, no matter how untrue, travels faster and finds more believers than a good one.

But at this time the volume of rumor connecting certain senators in a disgraceful way with the so-called sugar trust has reached such dimensions and has by eminent endorsement gained such a degree of plausibility that for one discreet opinion can coincide with Senator Tillman in demanding a thorough investigation. The men who direct attention to suspicious circumstances tending to establish an undue influence on the part of the Havana company over national legislation are not all mere habiters or sensationalists.

Spain is likely to learn that it takes more than big words to keep an army in the field.

An Effective Rebuke.

The words of Secretary Gage at Cincinnati last week constitute an effective reply to the recent complaint of Mr. Wanamaker at the administration's alleged "betrayal" of the people.

It is unjust and unfounded. In good time and in proper order the affirmative evidence of my declaration will appear. In the meantime, my friends, do your part to help those charged with legislative and administrative duties.

This is at once dignified and severe. Those acquainted with the facts do not need to be told that the Republican party throughout the last national campaign offered as its first bid for popular endorsement the pledge that it would make the government self-supporting by means of a protective revenue tariff.

Complaint is natural when times are poor, but we do not expect it to come at this time from Republicans of intelligence who know that their party, through its executive and legislative representatives at Washington, is doing its very utmost to achieve the purposes for which it last fall sought and received a vote of public confidence.

The Traction company certainly handled the multitude on Saturday in a masterly manner.

"The future is not dark with forebodings. It is illuminated with rational hope. The revival of industry is near and with establishment of a revenue law sufficient to bring into the treasury an amount adequate to meet the reasonable needs of our government, and with the establishment of our finances on a sound and enduring basis, nothing now foreseen can delay the recovery of past losses and the inauguration of a new forward movement along the lines of material advancement and social progress."

Lyman J. Gage, at Cincinnati. The worst thing yet proved against Lawyer Wintersteen, of Bloomburg, was the company he kept. Unfortunately that was bad enough to render almost any accusation credible.

Not a Comprehensive Remedy.

In view of the vast body of state legislation biennially rushed through the legislature, much of it unknown to more than a minute minority until after it has passed, a great step would be taken in the right direction of better legislation and of avoiding a great deal of crude and useless legislation.

It is not the people's lack of information as to the verbiage of proposed legislation that operates to their disadvantage as much as it is the lack of good solid confidence and character in many of the men whom they elect to represent them.

Commenting upon Judge Willson's decision relative to the right of way rights belonging to wheelmen, Consul Boyle, of Philadelphia, says: "There is no law in the statutes which will compel a lighter or unloaded vehicle to waive its right of way in favor of a heavier or loaded vehicle."

An inquiry among the registers of wills in Pennsylvania reveals that an astonishing shrinkage in bequests of personal property has been taking place in the past three years.

Those western Republicans who wish to send representatives to the Detroit convention of the National League of Republican clubs will readily see the propriety of selecting delegates in sympathy with the Republican national platform.

The proposition which is under consideration at Harrisburg to cancel the prohibition on the sale of oleomargarine and permit it to be sold in Pennsylvania upon payment of a tax of three cents a pound indicates a glimmer of light in the legislative mind, but only a glimmer.

Governor Leedy of Kansas is one of a syndicate of Populists which declares that it will build a railroad from central Nebraska through Kansas, Oklahoma, Indian Territory and Texas to the gulf.

Doesn't it, by the way, take a surprisingly large number of Spanish soldiers to keep Cuba pacified?

It is explained that the porte has not directly objected to the appointment of Dr. Angell as our minister to Turkey, but has intimated a desire to know whether Dr. Angell ever used complimentary language in relation to the Sultan.

The Senate and the Sugar Trust. From the Washington Star. The proposition that the Sugar Trust should be organized as a business trust, and be held to a policy of protection, is most absurdly untenable.

The framers of the bill originally tried to establish a uniform season for the taking of all game, but as there were many diversions of the sportsmen as to the wisdom of this it was abandoned.

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THE NEW GAME LAW.

Governor Hastings has approved the new game law. It is worth while to consider that a brush with Spain would not be a very serious affair.

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