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The semi-official announcement that the president favors the annexation of Hawaii and will soon submit to the senate a treaty carrying this purpose into effect will be welcome intelligence to all persons who look ahead.

The Common Sense Way.

The proposition of an increased state tax on the gross premiums of foreign insurance companies does not meet with favor among insurance men, for the reason that its imposition would be likely to provoke retaliatory taxation by other states on premiums underwritten in those states by Pennsylvania companies.

It is not clear yet that any extraordinary expedients of new taxation will have to be resorted to at Harrisburg this session, notwithstanding the hue and cry which has gone abroad to this effect.

The fact is deemed worthy of cabling from Havana that Weyler has pardoned a Cuban prisoner. We fear that Weyler is in danger of straining himself.

It is evident that Secretary Long has gained wisdom from his connection with the now celebrated case of Ensign Stone.

The inquiry has resulted in the ensign's complete exoneration; and Secretary Long, whose readiness to accept the unsupported charge of an interested accuser as ground for the humiliation of a subordinate in his department drew the episode into the broadest possible publicity, has been compelled, in justice to Ensign Stone and to himself, to make a public acknowledgment of his mistake.

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An excellent impression appears to have been made by the president at Nashville, and in fact all through the South. Sectional reconciliation, once a beautiful dream, is fast becoming an accomplished fact.

The Duty on Coal. In the Dingley bill as it passed the house the McKinley duty of 75 cents per ton was restored on bituminous coal, in place of the 40-cent duty imposed by the Wilson bill.

Announcement is made that the senators from West Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania and Ohio, whose states are largely interested in bituminous coal, will resist this reciprocity exemption clause of the finance committee, for the reason that it would in all probability be taken advantage of by the Canadian coal interests to flood the New England and Atlantic seaboard markets with Nova Scotia coal.

It is to be hoped that they will not rest their case after the bituminous interests are properly shielded. The sensible thing to do is to make the coal duty applicable to bituminous and anthracite alike.

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tioned. The starving of pacificos is not a purpose but an incident of Weyler's campaign. His aim is to devastate and depopulate the neutral territory, so as to deprive the Cuban patriots of reinforcements and shut off their source of supplies. This campaign amounts in fact to an attempted siege of the enemy's country with the added feature of enforced starvation for all who might otherwise seek the enemy's camp.

These deductions, it will be perceived, agree precisely with the intelligence heretofore communicated to the United States government through official channels. A condition of belligerency undoubtedly exists, but it is a condition calling for more or less than formal recognition.

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than those who take the easy way of becoming rich. The top of this wonderful piece of engineering. The inside of the monument contains many unique as well as historical tablets donated by the various commercial and scientific societies in the United States, and it is well worth the time and exertion spent in climbing the great iron stairway leading to the top of the highest monument in this country. Last month there were 10,887 visitors to the top of the monument, of which number 2,681 made the ascent by the elevator and 1,812 by the stairway. The total number of persons who have visited the top of the shaft since it was opened to the public on Oct. 8, 1888, until May 31, 1897, was 1,360,985. The height of the monument is 560 feet.

THE HARRISBURG SITUATION. From the Philadelphia Press. According to various information made public respecting the late conference between Senator Quay and certain members of the legislature, together with the director general and state treasurer, it was substantially determined that the state is now raising about as much revenue in taxation as it expects to get; that it is not a good time to increase taxes, and that what seems to be most necessary is a readjustment and reduction of expenditures. This really was the conclusion it is to be commended. The mistake about it is that it was not agreed to upon. It would be an exceedingly dangerous movement, from a party point of view, for the legislature at this time to increase the policy of a wholesale increase of taxation. Following upon a period of depression and business stagnation, it would be looked upon as almost a crime.

The proper course for the state at such a time is to which the individual is compelled to pursue, a reduction of expenditures to bring them within the revenue. The practically unanimous popular endorsement of Governor Hastings' ringing and admirable message of a week ago is a revelation of public sentiment on this question which must control not only the legislature, but the people. None can afford to presume upon the great party majorities of the past in a year when a state issue has become so commanding, and to force aside the exceptional national issues on which recent victories have been won.

It has been estimated by the auditor general and state treasurer that the net revenues of the commonwealth for the fiscal years of 1897 and 1898 will amount to about \$19,500,000. By net revenues is meant what will be available to the general fund after returns of a proportion of certain taxes have been made to the several counties. Comparing with the expenditures for 1896 and 1897, which were large, it will take about \$2,000,000 of the estimated \$19,500,000 to cover the expenses of the state government, including the state departments, the legislature, the insane hospital and penitentiaries, the judiciary, national guard, public printing and binding, interest on the public debt and miscellaneous items. Assuming that as much will be appropriated for the above indicated expenses for the next two years as for the last two, there would still be left \$12,500,000 to be given to the schools and to charities and out of which to get \$300,000 to erect the new legislative building.

The figures show plainly enough that it is possible, with the exercise of proper judgment and a little courage, to adjust the expenditures to the present revenues and not compel an increase of taxation. We shall hope it is true the recent conference in congress, they are greatly encouraged by the desertion from their ranks which have taken place since the tariff discussion began in the senate, and they tremble for the future of their party.

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