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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 retallatory taxation by other states on premiums underwritten in those states by Pennsylvania companies. The entire theory of such taxation, moreover, is bad. While a corporation of another state doing business in Pennsylvania ought naturally to submit to equal taxation on its Pennsylvania business with the domescompanies, any discrimination against it is in clear violation of the principle of free trade among the states, and therefore, in the long run,

It is not clear yet that any extraord-Inary 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 fiscal estimate reproduced on this page from the Philadelphia Press would appear to justify the expectation that taxation will remain practically unchanged, and that ends will be made to meet by heroic abridgment of non-essential expenses. This, it is needless to say, is the common sense solution, and if Senator Quay and his rational advisers in the legislature shall adopt it as their guiding principle it will be well for them and well for the party.

The fact is deemed worthy of cabling from Havana that Weyler has par- Hawaii, a sharp difference of opinion doned a Cubam prisoner. We fear that developed. Senator Nelson of Minne-Weyler is in danger of straining him- sota, so the information goes, favored

#### Taught a Lesson.

It is evident that Secretary Long has gained wisdom from his connection to his feet. The latter is reported to with the now celebrated case of Ensign Stone. It will be remembered that Ensign Stone, while on leave of absence, cate with her, he telegraphed a comthe secretary, on the strength of that telegram, ordered Stone to report at Brooklyn for an investigation, .

The inquiry has resulted in the ensign's complete exoneration; and Secthe unsupported charge of an interested accuser as ground for the humiliation of a subordinate of 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. So far as the ensign's love affair goes, that may with propriety be returned as soon as possible to the domain of things which are none of the public's business. He has the public's sympathy and its hearty good wishes: but a more important point just now is that the secretary of the navy has been taught a lesson and that he has the good sense to see it and the good judgment to profit by it.

Pike county's murderer, Schulz, comes as near deserving the death sentence as any criminal can come.

## The Misuse of College Degrees.

The refusal by Mr. Cleveland of the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws proffered to him by Harvard university was in excellent taste, but the satisfaction which this declination would otherwise impart is weakened by the intimation that he will not put aside a similar honor if it shall be proffered to him by Princeton

The impropriety of conferring upon a man like Mr. Cleveland this supreme title of scholarly distinction is very manifest; and in saying this we speak absolutely without political bias. The fact that he has twice held the highest office within the political gift of the people does not make him a fit subject for this distinction, nor would it have made him such had he been a Republican. The sole test which should govern the distribution of collegiate degrees should be eminent service in the cause of education. He whose accurate scholarship and intrepld thinking along the lines of public usefulness add to the welfare of his country and his age is indeed a benefactor to whom | do then? the higher institutions of learning may without fault offer tokens of the public's esteem, but Mr. Cleveland is not such a man. He is instead a man of tion of right-thinking men.

The practice of scattering these degrees around among men whom forundeserved prominence, while life-long | time tire out. students are ignored, is discreditable and vicious. We have honored Mr.

him by the institution near whose

An excellent impression appears to Sectional reconciliation, once 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. In the Dingley bill as amended by the finance committee of the senate the duty of 75 cents was extended over all coal, anthracite as well as bituminous, save such as is imported from countries which shall hereafter put no higher than a 60-cent duty on American coal, Coal from these countries is to have a reciprocal rate of 60 cents a ton.

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 commitee, 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. The fact that the Nova Scotian product found the 40-cent rate of the Wilson bill no barrier to entrance into this valuable American field is cited as tending to prove that a 60-cent reciprocal duty would also be insufficient as a protection for the home market. The 75-cent rate, however, would shut this foreign coal out, and therefore these senators intend to fight for the 75-cent rate.

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. Then, come what may, the coal industry in all its branches will cease to fear destructive foreign competition.

If the report is true that the sultan is pouring troops into Thessaly by the thousands with a view to forcible resistance against electment, maybe the powers will yet have reason to regret that they coddled him so long.

#### Two Senators Who Are Right.

It has become known that at the caucus of Republican senators held on Saturday to discuss the proposed abrogation of the reciprocity treaty with abrogation and intimated that those who opposed it had "a substantial for their attitude. This reason" brought his colleague, Senator Davis, have said:

"I have a substantial reason for oposing this outrage upon American recently undertook to wed the daugh- honor and upon international decency. ter of a pompous old millionaire named | I do not know what occult influences Conde, of Oswego, N. Y. The ensign have been at work to bring about the and the daughter had been regularly proposed violation of our reciprocity and the daughter had been regularly proposed violation of our reciprocity ic states have deserted the free trade betrothed; the girl was of age and will- agreement with Hawaii. The proposition of proposition of our reciprocity ic states have deserted the free trade agreement with Hawaii. The proposition of our reciprocity ic states have deserted the free trade agreement with Hawaii. The proposition of our reciprocity ic states have deserted the free trade agreement with Hawaii. The proposition of our reciprocity ic states have deserted the free trade agreement with Hawaii. The proposition of our reciprocity ic states have deserted the free trade agreement with Hawaii. ing to marry, but the purse-proud papa tion is extraordinary, unreasonable was obdurate. He put the girl under and unprecedented. It is true that lina; Baker and Clay, of Georgia; Mclock and key, and when Stone and a Hawaii is a weak government as comfriend tried by strategy to communi-pared with the United States; but Utah, have come out squarely and flatly cate with her, he telegraphed a comwhile I am chairman of the committee plaint to the secretary of the navy and on foreign relations I shall resist every attempt to violate an international convention, except according to the terms of that convention, no matter whether the nation with which we sustain relations shall be the weakest or retary Long, whose readiness to accept the strongest in the world. Moreover, neither threat, inuendo, insinuation nor direct insult shall affect my determination that justice alone shall mark our dealings with the civilized nations of the world." Following this Senator Frye said:

'No matter what influences are brought to bear to bring about the consummation of this outrage, I tell you that it cannot be perpetrated; and ertainly not in this cowardly manner. If the treaty of reciprocity with Hawaii is to be abrogated it must be approached in a manly manner. The proposition must come directly before the senate, and not as a rider to an appropriation bill or to a tariff bill or to anything of a like measure. Hawaii shall have her full twelve months' that treaty. Senators should know that if this government declines to deal justly with Hawali that government has a strong recourse. The government of Great Britain stands ready to establish a protectorate over those islands; and a protectorate would mean the maintenance of international rights of Hawaii, according to international law. Talk and bluster will accomplish nothing that is not right; and it is not right that an important matter of international law should be

dealt with in a revenue bill." Assuming these quotations to be true, it remains to be said that public centiment will support the attitude of Senators Davis and Frye in this matter. The very idea of trying to annul a treaty in a tariff bill is preposterous, and but for the pressure of interests which fear the competition of Hawaitan sugar growers it would never be auggested.

Suppose that upon the recommendation of the United States Spain should offer genuine autonomy to Cuba and afterward go back on her pledges, as she is in the habit of doing. What would the authorities at Washington

#### The Exact Situation in Cuba.

The opinion formed by Correspondent Pepper after his sojourn in Cuba narrow learning; an economist of is that the rebellion there, if continued shabby qualifications and a states- along present lines, will go on indefiman whose state craft has resulted nitely. The division of sovereignity is simply in disaster. In all probability so nearly equal that only the exhaushe could not pass a freshman's exam- tion of Spain's resources, necessitating ination, and to confer upon such a the abandonment of the island, would man the title of Doctor of Laws would given the insurgents the victory. On be to cheapen that title in the estima- the other hand, the insurgents have thrown practically their full force into the struggle and stand about 40,600 against 200,000, or one against five. tuitous circumstances have lifted into They cannot grow stronger and may in

Mr. Pepper says there is no doubt that the Spanish campaign has been Cleveland for the discretion which he characterized by great atrocity. Many has heretofore shown in declining these instances of the slaughter of wounded misconceived tributes, and we will prisoners and the putting to the sword honor him further if he shall resist of insurgents or suspects found in cap-

ticated. 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 have been made by the president at as to deprive the Cuban patriots of re-Nashville, and in fact all through the inforcements and shut off their source of supplies. This campaign amounts a beautiful dream, is fast becoming 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. On the other hand the insurgents have not been above criticism. Mr. Pepper is not able to discover any evidence that they have killed wounded prisoners or put to torture Spanlards caught in open battle, but he knows of cases wherein they inflicted summary

> punishment on fellow Cubans suspected of betraying their movements to the Spanish. These alleged informers were generally hanged as a warning, but sometimes they were also mutilated, presumably to add emphasis to the nonition 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. It calls for more if it is any concern of the government at

ther than tidewater. It is now announced that Judge Calhoun will be appointed minister to Spain. The fact that he believes in Cuban autonomy rather than outright Cuban independence ought to make him as acceptable at Madrid as any American can be at this time.

Washington how humanity is abused

and valuable property destroyed near

the American mainland; and for less if

our moral obligations extend no fur-

Every decent woman in Christendom will heartily rejoice that the attempted assassination of President Faure did not succeed; and will just as heartily hope that this will be the last attempt in this generation to strike down the executive head of any government,

We all hope the effort to raise a subscription fund for the continuation of the Wilkes Barre ball club will succeed. It is such fun to defeat Wilkes-

It begins to look as if the Scranton ball club was permitting its chivalrous nature to carry it too far.

## Gossip at the Capital

Special Correspondence of The Tribune.

Washington, June 14. The marrow is being taken from the backbone of the Democratic party, in the opinion of many of the old line leaders in congress. They are greatly dis-couraged by the descritons from their ranks which have taken place since the tariff discussion began in the senate, and they tremble for the future of their party. For generations the Democratic party has stood for free trade. Within the last few days three strong Democrat-Enery, of Louisiana, and Rawlins, of significance of this move is more keenly understood by the old-time Democratic leaders than by the country at large, and they confess to a sense of discour-agement akin to hopelessness for the future of their party. Senator Vest, who, with Senator Jones, of Arkansus, leads the opposition in the senate, confessed to a Republican colleague, after one of the protection Democrats voted, that he was about ready to give up the fight. He said: "I am about ready to let you fellows have your own way and stand to one side. I do not care a continental what kind of a bill you pass, and if it were not for my sense of duty to my party I would throw up my hands and make no further opposition to your pro-gramme. A lot of our people are 'quit-ters,' and have abandoned the time-honored principles of Democracy on the tar-iff issue. They leave us nothing to fight for upon which the party can hope to be united."

As if to emphasize the view taken by senator Vest, a large number of Demceratic papers throughout the South, in districts where there is industrial de-velopment, have taken strong protection grounds of late, and are coming out unqualifiedly in favor of the American idea of protection. They see that in this shall have her full twelve months' they are volcing the popular side of the notice of our intention to terminate question, and are advancing in a material treaty. Separators should know rial way their own localities. All of this is very discouraging to the Democrats, who look beyond the settlement of the free silver issue, and plan for the perpetuation of their organization

The political play in Ohio is arousing he livelest kind of interest among politicians in the national capital. The anouncement by ex-Congressman Sorg, he millionaire tobacconist, of his candi-acy for the United States senate, is vaously construed. In some quarters it held be is merely a stalking horse for the R. McLean, but the inside construcon placed upon the move is that he repesents an irreconcilable opposition to the pretentions of theCincinnati editor, who ves in Washington. There is a eated conviction that Brice and John-son and the hard money Democratic in-luences n Ohio will combine on Sorg and lect as many members of the legislature ledged to him as they can on a platform f "anything to beat McLean." Should the Ohio legislature be Democratic and the Sorg contingent have hold of the bal-ance of power the defeat of McLean may be regarded as practically assured. It may not be possible to elect Sorg, but some man acceptable to the McLean opposition and to the Republicans will be selected. It may be remarked in this connection, however, that the probabilities are that this deep see Democratic ties are that this deep sea Democratic plotting will amount to nothing and that the Republicans will have a clear majority over the combined opposition.

A good story is told at the expense of ex-Senator Joe Blackburn, of Kentucky. The late Senator Beck, of that state, was the author of it. Several years ago a desperado was to be hanged in the dis-trict where Blackburn was running for congress, and Joe was among the spec-tators. When the sheriff asked the con-demned man if he "would like to make any remarks," the offer was sullenly

Blackburn called out: "My friend, if you don't mind, I'd like to have your time just to tell these good people hero I am a candidate for congress in this district, and I would like to give so ne why they would do well to vote for

"Who is that feller?" the prisoner "Who is that feller?" the prisoner asked of the sheriff.
"That's Blackburn—Joe Blackburn."
"Well, let him have my time; let him have all of it. But if Joe Blackburn is going to speak, hang me first and let him talk afterward."

Very few people who visit Washington for the first time particularly, do not go to the top of the Washington monument. Very few, however, walk up the winding staircase of this massive pile of granite. The large majority take the elevator. the temptation soon to be put before tured hospitals are abundantly authen. Those who use the staircase see far more

than those who take the easy way of ascending to the top of this wonderful piece of engineering. The inside of the monument contains many unique as well as historical tablets donated by the vasi-ous commonwealths and societies in the United States, and it is well worth the time and exertion spent in climbing the great iron stairway leading to the apex great from stairway leading to the apex of the highest monument in this coun-try. Last month there were 10,897 visit-ors to the top of the monument, of which number 9,081 made the ascent by the ele-vator and 1,816 by the stairway. The to-tal number of persons who have visited the top of the shaft since it was opened to the public on Oct. 9, 1888, until May 31, 1897, was 1,396,985. The height of the monument is 550 feet.

#### THE HARRISBURG SITUATION.

From the Philadelphia Press.

According to various information made public respecting the late conference be-tween Senator Quay and certain members of the legislature, together with the au-ditor general and state treasurer, it was substantially determined that the state s now raising about as much revenue by take about it is that it was not agreed to four or five months ago, and promptly acted upon. It would be an exceedingly dangerous movement, from a party point of view, for the legislature at this time to enter upon the policy of a next-to-wholesale increase of taxation. Follow-ing upon a period of depression and busi-ness stagnation it would be looked upon

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

It has been estimated by the auditor general and state treasurer that the not evenues 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 gen-eral fund after returns of a proportion of certain taxes have been made to the several countles. Camparing with the expenditures for 1895 and 1896, which were large, it will take about \$7,400,000 of the estimated \$19,500,00 to cover the expenses of the state government, includ ing the state departments, the legisla-ture, the ingane hospital and peniten-tiaries, the judiciary, pational guard, pub-lic printing and binding, interest on the public debt and miscellaneous items. As-suming 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 \$12,100,000 to be given to the schools and to charities and out of which to get \$350,000 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 has reached this conclusion, and that it will be demonstrated at Harrisburg this week by prompt and effective action which will end the humiliating demoralization so long existing.

#### YOU MAY BE FOOLED.

From the Philadelphia Record. If the affairs of the state were turned over to a receiver—any competent business man—he would instantly lop off unnecessary offices and unnecessary outlay and so manage with the magnificent reve nue at his disposal as to leave the sta treasury at the end of the next two years with a fine surplus. But not so the Republican managers. They have no more idea of thrift or frugality in administer ing public affairs than a cow has of dancing a Virginia reel. They will find out new subjects of taxation, and will rob the counties and raid the orporations, and rifle the estates of dead men; but they will not abolish an office nor cut down a salary. Watch them!

#### BASED ON FACTS.

From the New York Sun.

We take pleasure in adding our corrob ration to the opinion of Russell Sage There is a revival of business, not great as yet, but decided. And our opinion is not based upon hearsay or information, but upon solid facts. The weekly set-tlements of The Sun are now for the first time showing an increase in profits over the corresponding weeks of 1896; and there is no other indication of the general condition of business so positive or so un equivocal as the accounts of a great, pop-ular, eash-paying, and cash-receiving

#### SOUND ADVICE.

From the Springfield Republican. If the state's revenues are inadequate, scale down expenses. Good housekeepers cut off desserts when it is necessary to economize, but the modern statesman, whether of city, state or nation, when the income runs short, only orders the more pudding and shortcake.

#### COSTLY REAL ESTATE.

From the Chicago Record, A lot of ground at the corner of Fifth avenue and Forty-fifth street, New York, 50 feet front by 100 feet deep, was sold re-cently for \$410,000; that is \$8,200 a front, and \$82 a square foot. That is the highest price ever paid for residence prop-

#### A LONG FELT WANT.

Summer time is with us and the skies is warm an' blue, An' the flowers is a-smilin' on the hill; An' the world feels kind o' satisfied with all that comes to view 'Cause everything seems goin' on jes' as it orter do-Everything excep' the tariff bill,

The reses scatters perfume an' the honey-suckles climb An' the ivy's trailin' 'round the windowsill; The crick is sof'ly ripplin' with the ol' familiar rhyme; Everything we wished fur is arrivin' right

Everything excep' the tariff bill. The wind goes billowin' lightly through the fields of ripenin' wheat That shows the farm is good fur samethin' still;

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