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Trading stamps, it has been definitely lecided, are illegal in Washington, D. C., and it is also generally agreed that they are a condemned nulsance In Scranton, Pa.

Secretary Gage's Plan.

An examination of the detailed report of the secretary of the treasury. Mr. Gugo, discloses that earlier newsnames abstracts of his currency reform plan signally failed to do it justice. The plan in skeleton and the plan as elaborated and lucidly explained in the report appear to be widely different things. If the secretary disappointed, expectations at the Chamber of Commerce dinner he has more than fuifilled them in his first annual communication to congress.

The position assumed by Secretary Gage is a medial one which will probably fall to satisfy the radicals of either extreme but it doubtless approximates to what will be the ultimate course of legislation. Reduced to a few words, he contends that \$930,000,000 of credit currency such as we have outstanding today is a top-heavy and unstable structure to rest for its security upon only \$100,000,000 of gold reserve; and as between enlarging the gold reserve | or diminishing the volume of doating credit money he favors the latter course. Liceause the government through successive stages of legislation has thus complicated our currency system, the government, he contends, must assume the responsibility and cost of simplifying and reforming it.

His plan, then, is to permit national banks to deposit in the treasury greenbacks, silver certificates or treasury rotes to the eggregate amount of \$200,-600,000, in teturn for which they are to be permitted to issue an equal amount of bank notes, plus also an extra \$50,000;(%) secured by first Hen upon the banks' assets. Present government bonds are to be refunded to the extent of \$200,000,000 into 2% per cent, gold bonds payable after ten years at the nation's pleasure, and these are gradually to be put in place of the \$200,000,000 in greenbacks, silver certificates and treasury notes deposited by the banks as a basis of circulation, the paper tokens thus lifted to be carried into an issue and redemption department of the treasury, for destruction or reissue only in exchange for gold.

Bank notes thus issued are to be guaranteed by the government, and to secure the government against loss from this quarter, the banks will be required to pay a tax of 2 per cent, on all unsecured circulation and also keep in the treasury a 10 per cent, redemption fund. In other words, instead of the government having to struggle under the responsibility of redeeming its note issues, from which it derives no profit whatever, it is proposed so to replace these government note issues with bank notes that the banks thement of subspaces are not "opposed to this was justified, it is compelled in logic to was a subspace of subspaces and the present shows in a scheme of autonomy that has no real existence until enacted by the cortes, or in a scheme of autonomy that has no real existence until enacted by the cortes, or in a scheme of autonomy that has no real existence until enacted by the cortes, or in a scheme of autonomy that has no real existence until enacted by the cortes, or in a scheme of autonomy that has no real existence until enacted by the cortes, or in a scheme of autonomy that has no real existence until enacted by the cortes, or in a scheme of autonomy that has no real existence until enacted by the cortes, or in a scheme of autonomy that has no real existence until enacted by the cortes, or in a scheme of autonomy that has no real existence until enacted by the cortes, or in a scheme of autonomy that has no real existence until enacted by the cortes, or in a scheme of autonomy that has no real existence until enacted by the cortes, or in a scheme of autonomy that has no real existence until enacted by the cortes, or in a profit what has not existence until enacted by the cortes, or in a scheme of autonomy that has no real existence until enacted by the cortes, or in a scheme of autonomy that has no real existence until enacted by the cortes, or in a scheme of autonomy that has no real existence until enacted by the cortes, or in a scheme of autonomy that has no real existence until enacted by the cortes, or in a scheme of autonomy that has no real existence until enacted by the scheme of autonomy that has no real existence until enacted by the scheme of autonomy that has no real existence until enacted by the scheme of autonomy that has no real existence until enacted by the scheme of autonomy that has no real existence until e under the responsibility of redeeming freight." The government to the extent of \$200,000,000 will go out of the banking business only so far as to make the banks shoulder the load as well as share the benefits.

It is to be noted with gratification that Mr. Gage proposes to blte off at the beginning only as much as he thinks he can conveniently chew. His plan would retire \$200,000,000 of government credit money, substituting in lieu thereof \$250,000,000 of money resting flatly on a gold basis, but it would leave untouched about \$219,000,000 remaining government credit paper, not to mention the depreciated silver coins and silver certificates. The conversion of this could be made later in the event that the first experiment should prove successful. He wisely argues for caution and common sense in the attempted solution of this matter. rather than for the impetuous and reckless wiring of theories; and his whole tone is so different from the degmatism which has made offensive past Mugwump discussion of this subject that he will carry conviction where many currency reformers have succeeded only in exciting intense opposition:

We recommend to those of our readers who did not read the very ample summary in yesterday's Tribune of Secretary Gage's report that they take early occasion to give to it their careful consideration. The subject which it presents is one sure to become preminent in the political discussions of the next few years, and the manner of its presentation is such as to remove many of the misconceptions and misapprehensions which confuse the popular understanding.

The Cuisin part of the message was exactly what Sagasta played for. Why shouldn't be be satisfied?

Spain's Last Hazard.

A perusal of the leading Republican with a few exceptions the president's treatment of the Cuban problem is received with a feeling of disappointment which the majority of them do not attempt to conceat. The exceptions --journals like the New York Tribune, Chicago Timez-Heraid and Philadelphia Press-defend the presdent's position with spirit, but leave upon their readers the impression that had the message taken a more decisive stand. their defense of it would have been much more enthusiastic. The Philadelphia Press, which makes the best defense of all, adopts more nearly a tone of entreaty and apology than one of confident and uncompromising ap-

Speaking broadly, It seems fair to say that the Republican press sustains this part of the message with reluctance, and sustains it at all only in deference to the president. The difficulties of his office are recognized; his sincerity and pacific disposition win respect; but the most that public againment as thus reflected seems disposed to accord upon the main point is a reasonable demy pending the outcome of the autonomy experiment, and the word "reasonable" is interpreted as equivalent to "brief." Had Spain not for two years tolerated | pathy wants to be practically effective

Cubans, desisting from this course only when exhausted resources and lost ANTERIES AT THE POSTOTECT AT SPRATTER AT Credit compelled a new method of campaism, the president's plea for delay would have been assented to willingly

by American popular sentiment, but as the facts stand-indewl, as the president himself states them-the feeling broughout the country is very general, and we believe we may add very determined, that further grace to Spain must be limited, and that we as a nation are not now bound to stretch this limit to suit the convenience of Spansh diplomacy. In courtery to the prosident, and sole-

by in courtesy, congress will be justified in withholding action on the Morcan bellig-rency resolution until there s reasonable proof that the autonomy overture has decisively succeeded or decisively falled. This proof will in all human probability be torthooming within a few weeks. The situation in 'uin, if we may believe reputable witnesses new on the spot, is such that unless the insurrection is substantially subdued and a condition of virtual peace reached within the next three conths-which are the months most favorable to the active movement of froops-congress may without impropriety assume that Spain's last hazard in Cuba has been thrown and lest. Then or never must American spirit assert likelt, with the president's willing co-operation if possible, but without it if necessary. It is incredible the public opinion, in this country where public opinion is supposed to be savereign, will consent to be harded

beyond the bounds thus indicated. In the meanwhile, the center of new interest is transferred from Washing ion to Havana, and American journalism must recognize this fact by providing means for accurate news trans-

The unfortunate thing about it is that Hannis Taylor in his comments upon the prezident's Cuban policy has with him a large majority in public opin-

Hawaii.

The Philadelphia Ledger concludes with these words a frantic protest against Hawalian annexation: "Jingoism may delight in the thought of the addition to our territory of a partly savage, partly civilized, leprous colony far away in the Pacific, but it is a matter to make the judicious grieve. The project should be stoutly resisted, not only in congress but in the columns of the press, and the advocates of this flagrant piece of jobbery should be made to realize that their constituents are opposed to this measure, which is so repugnant to the American idea of attending to our own affairs and carefully refraining from entangling alliances.

It is an ancient trick, when arguments run low, to resort to the calling of names. Hence the Hawaiian treaty, to the Mugwump mind, is a "flagrant piece of jobbery." It might be said, also, that there is jobbery in the opposition to it; for it is well known that selves, while gaining in privilege of measure," but on the contrary favor wait the proof whether the pending re-circulation, must thereafter "pay the it by an overwhelming majority. If forms will be genuine. this makes the "judicious grieve," they will simply have to go on grieving until such time as they can offer intelligent and truthful arguments sufficient to make a change in public opinion,

> The railroads wanted five years grace in which to equip with safety appliances and they receive two. Let us hope this will be the last call.

The Tribune These Days. We feel warranted in calling the pub-

lie's attention to the superiority of The Tribune these days over the other local journals that enter into competition with it. The twelve-page issue of yesterday, for example, gave in full the currency plan which is the fruit of nine months' study on the part of the administration and eminent financiers generally, and which sems destined to become a dominant issue in the national politics of the near future. It also presented an exhaustive review of the history and purposes of the Ameri-

car Federation of Labor, now the largest and most ably managed labor organization in America. Both of these features were unique in The Tribune, which published moreover all the news of the day, local, state, national and foreign.

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With the Wilkes-Barre Republican ournals supporting him half-heartedly or else not supporting him at all; and with the Hazleton Sentinel supporting Judge Rice and the Pittston Gazette casting gubernatorial bouquets at Congressman Galusha A. Grow, Mr. Leisenring apparently has a clear case of misplaced confidence. Has he deserved this betrayat in the house of his

Never fear. Speaker Reed will exhibit discretion enough not to goad the "wild horses" of congress into a runaway.

No. no. Senator Allen, it will not mend the Cuban injustice any to stir up another season of inconclusive yawping about it. If American sym-

Weyler and practiced with arrogance at this crucial time, let it choke off The Scranton Tribune | Weyler and reactived with arrogance at this crucial time, let it choke on the most repocious cruelties in Cuba, the barnstormers in congress and send as well upon American citizens as upon plenty of good specie to the Cuban delegate in New York, Tomas Estrada

> That was a new method of caring for the insane discovered recently at Cline's Hollow, Westmoreland county. where for eleven years an adult maniac had been kept chained within a kennel in the back yard, with only a six-foot radius of liberty. It is doubtful whether the law provides a punishment to fit this crime.

> In the opinion of Professor Harry Thurston Peck as expressed in the December Cosmopolitan, American newspapers are good but not perfect. No one will dissent from the verdict. But the public can always have just as good journalism as it will support.

> Mr. Wilcox of the Georgia senate wants to contribute all of Georgia's criminals to the cause of Cuba libre. It was the late Artemus Ward who proposed to "end the cruet rebellion if it took all his wife's relations."

goes upon the principle that his subjects who pay big taxes to support a war equipment are entitled to have some fireworks for their money.

The emperor of Germany evidently

No one objects to reform in the civil ervice. But it must be the real thing.

TOLD BY THE STARS.

Daily Horoscope D: awn by Ajacchus, The Tribune Astrologer. dabe Cast: 1.23 a. m., for Thursday, December, 3, 1897.

14DE A child born on this day should insist upon wearing the largest size stockings until the 26th of the month. The good little boy is now underlided whether to spend his penny for Christmes undles or our H in the box to assist in

enverting the heathen. Also Dunning may not be able to see the dust that his "angels" often stir up on the streets at unreasonable bours, but he is certainly a judge of high art theatri-cal advertising.

Mayor Balley has decided not to issue unity reports of the police department

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The economical young man will pick quarrel with his best girl to lay.

THE PRESIDENT AND CUBA.

From the Pittsburg Dispatch. To the Cuban question the president de totic more space than to any other single topic. His review of the history of the struggle and of the policy which he be-lieves the United States should adopt is exhaustive. Concerning that policy it may be the best that can now be done. The past has afforded ample ground for radical action by the United States. We regard it as a blot upon both the Cleveland and McKinley administrations that neither of them responded to the demands of outraced humanity and liberty, so close to our shores. But we concede that after the United States, on account of that ill-timed conservatism, has re-mained idle in the presence of the savagery of Canovas and Weyler, it cannot well refuse a trial to the more humane and liberal professions of Sagasta and Blanco. We can hardly profess the con-fidence that the president shows in a

A COMPARISON.

From the Washington Star, Full two years ago property of Amerian missionaries to the value of one hundred thousand deliars was destroyed by a mob at Marash, in Asiatic Turkey, and the missionaries themselves were forced to flee for their lives. The outrage caused intense indignation in this country, and there was a demand that Tur-key be called instantly and sharply to ac-count. This, however, was not done. In-stead of making the matter the occasion for a warlike demonstration, this governnent proceeded by means of diplomacy oward a settlement. And the matter is still unsettled. Turkey with such bustness is notoriously foxy and slow, and Minister Angell is just now urging her a

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fittle. Patience has distinctly marked the management of the American case. Only a very short time ago the prop-erty of some German missionaries was destroyed by a mob at a point in China, and several of the missionaries were killed. Germany promptly landed marines, ran up her flag, and there she is teday. She moved so swiftly in the premises there is suspicton abroad that she was only awaiting some excuse to go ashore. At any rate, ashore she is now

and it would appear that she intends to stay. China, singlehanded, is no match for Germany, and can only hope to be heard through the interposition of foreig:

THEY NEED A PRIZE.

From the Philadelphia Press. Patriotism may be the last refreat of a scoundrel, but it is becoming plainer every day that wild horses cannot drag the Muswump coponent of Hawaiian unrexation to confess that the most remote belief in patriotism is allowable. Nothing is so offensive to their souls as a do-position on the part of any one to pre-sume that the word "America" stands for anything, historically or geographically. They really ought to get a prize for being the intensified apostles of the new Gos-pel that it is better to love every other country but sour own. country but your own.

THE CASTER ON THE SHELF.

Oh! once I shone in royal state, The cynosure of eyes; The choicest piece of hall marked plat Was not a rarer prize.

The centre of the snowy board The place reserved for me, While in my cut-glass zone was store A spiced variety.

Now banished to the topmost shelf. Of this most dingy place, With grief I recognize myself A Caster-in disgrace.

Along with Ludy Soup Turcen And Spoons de Souvenir. Decenters tall-we exiles all Are vegetating here.

For Individual upstarts now Hold condimental reign, And boullon cups have made their bo And bourgeois sway maintain.

But fashions come and fashions go, And time is on the wing; Who knows? within a year or so We may be 'just the thing." — Rose Edith Mills, in What to Eat

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