

The Congress that is now in session is a back number and doesn't represent the people.

No clause, no pop-gun bills, is said to be the fixed determination of the Senate.

We have a great deal of prate about Democratic principles, but know of no principle on which they are generally united.

The President is giving renewed assurance of his distinguished consideration for "civil service reform."

The Treasury Department has received returns in regard to the production of gold in the United States during the calendar year 1893.

CONGRESSMAN HICKS has been made a member of the "Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds."

We congratulate Mr. Hicks on his new appointment, but the public building bill he and the Alternates have so much at heart is not likely to become a law at this session.

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The enormous length of the Democracy's majority in the industry of the clerks who have been engaged in summarizing and paraphrasing the annual reports from the several departments. The writing is a very good specimen of what is known as the "official" style, and in marked contrast with the few paragraphs which bear the individual marks of Cleveland's well-known rhetoric. After the first three sentences, the pen does not get back into Mr. Cleveland's own fingers till we get to the discussion of the "official" style. Then the style is unmistakable. With a single exception, every important reference to international affairs is an indictment of confusion of failure and humiliation. And the statesman who started in last year with the complaint that he had a Congress on his hands concludes this unedifying and unsatisfactory message with a thoroughly characteristic remark, "I am sure that Congress, and not upon myself, 'responsible for all the legislation affecting the people of the United States.'" The solemn part of the message which was unquestionably written by Mr. Cleveland was with a pen dipped in silk. Ft. Worth, Tex., Dec. 7.—One of the most daring train robberies ever committed in Texas took place eight miles west of here this evening. As an east-bound Texas and Pacific passenger train was passing through a section of the country where there is no other bill in the surrounding country until the end of the session, unless his bill was first considered. Whereupon the Philadelphia Democrat perpetrates the following clever parody on a part of his famous song: "I don't you remember the popgun, Ben Bolt, The pop gun hills down you so brown? I dreamt that the villain who fathered these bills, Will trouble with four at the crown? In the olden days on Salt Creek, Ben Bolt, A corner obscure in the olden days, They have tried a slab of the granite so gray And your bill lies under the stone? It is pretty well settled that the popgun hills are shelved and that there will be no further tariff tinkering during the present session of Congress. The destructive policy of the Democracy has, however, cropped out on another question, and there is a determined effort maturing to revive the currency question, under the cover of which the National banks are to be crippled and eventually wiped out. The Treasury to be retired, and State banks to be given the power to issue and control the paper money of the country. To this end Secretary Carlisle has formulated a plan which is endorsed by the President and is being urged upon Congress. This plan involves fundamentally the extinction of all existing paper money and the substitution therefor of State bank bills, no bill having allowed of less denomination than \$10. This covers the whole ground, the wiping out of all small bills of less than \$10 being a sop to the silverites to gain their support. When the Democrats wanted an excuse for overthrowing the late protective tariff it was declared to be unconstitutional and now the excuse put forward for wiping out both greenbacks and National bank bills is that the Government has no right to go into the banking business, and the President formulated this characteristic dogma in his late message. The fallacy of this idiotic idea is readily perceived by reference to the Constitution of the United States, which vests in Congress alone the power to make anything but gold and silver a legal tender for debt. Under the present system of National banks the Government stands behind every note issued and is pledged to maintain it at par with all other money. No one ever looks at these notes except to ascertain its denominational value and its purchasing power is of equal value in every state throughout the Union. The present system has worked admirably for more than thirty years, in all of which time no one holder has ever lost a dollar by reason of the failure of one of these banks. We do not believe the people will let this system be destroyed, simply because the Democratic party leaders are determined, if in their power, to wipe from the statute books all legislation enacted by and through the Republican party. There is a very uncomfortable possibility of a dangerous state of affairs existing at present in the State of Alabama. Colonel Oats, the Democratic candidate for Governor, was returned as duly elected, but nearly 40,000 votes were withheld from him by a large majority. 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