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The spring elections are proving that the Republican landslide of last fall came to stay.

A Republican majority of 40,000 in Chicago covers a multitude of sins for that much-offending town.

The new silver party seems to have exhausted its energy in the act of getting itself ready to begin business.

RHODE ISLAND, too, breaks her record. That Republican majority of 5,000 in 1894 is exceeded by 4,000 in 1895.

During the month of March the public debt was increased eighteen millions of dollars, another evidence of the beauty of Democratic financing and "tariff reform."

MAJOR JAMES R. BARNETT, of Washington, son of Gen. John M. Barnett, of Marquette, has been appointed Deputy Secretary of the Commonwealth. The Herald extends its congratulations.

The Supreme Court should complete the job by knocking out the Wilson tariff law, and the clause regarding the McKinley law. That would restore not only the revenues of the government, but what is better and more important, the revenues of the people.

There is talk of a cut in the appropriation for the schools of the State of \$1,000,000 a year. Nothing could be more regretted, and nothing that will be more decidedly opposed by the industrial and trade interests of the country. Even what it did in the interest of the people it did so grudgingly, so discretely and so imperfectly that it cannot be regarded as a precedent for the future.

The bill to abolish Bible taking as a condition for holding an office in the State of New York is a very little comfort to the Democrats. They cannot even hold the "stay-at-home" vote.

SPANISH must consider the instruction in Cuba a pretty serious affair, when she dispatches 10,000 troops under command of one of her ablest generals to suppress it. Uncle Sam will have to keep a sharp lookout to prevent being embroiled in the matter by the restless adventures, foreign and domestic, who are spilling for a fight.

At a public meeting of Cubans in Philadelphia last week one of the orators said to the Americans present: "If the people of Cuba seem enthusiastic for liberty, do not think them. The desire for freedom is the progress of this country." Talk like this in the neighborhood of Independence Hall is not inappropriate.

BACKUSMAN, WILLIAM L. WATSON, was a Virginia, who is the father of the present trade and dieler tariff law, entered upon his duties as Postmaster General on Thursday last. Mr. Watson is a gentleman, a scholar and a far traveled man. It is a decided wrong on the question of protecting our home industries.

FOUR HUNDRED Irish girls came over in one ship last week to take places in New York as domestic servants. Here is one industry in America not crowded and with working schools in every city. We still continue to import nearly all our coals and domestic servants, while American girls crowd the stores as clerks to starve on small salaries.

FRANCE is now associated to the annexation of Madagascar by France, which probably means the next of France to the seizure of the mouth of the Orinoco by England. If some of the Englishmen who are trying to rob Venezuela of its great river should meet the fate of Maximilian no one will grieve about it in this country.

A CHRYSLERMAN in California prayed publicly for a woman holding a city office, and she sued him for slander and secured a verdict. The court ruled that public petitions of this character are not to be treated as libelous, but that they are to be treated as such when they contain statements that are not true and that discretion was as necessary in praying as in other affairs of life.

The Republicans of Rhode Island made pretty nearly a clean sweep at the State election last week. They elected their candidates for Governor and all the other State officers by pluralities exceeding 10,000. The Senate stands 84 Republicans to 5 Democrats, and the House 87 Republicans to 10 Democrats. Evidently there is no reaction in "Little Rhode." In 1892 Harrison's majority was only 2,000.

This State and municipal elections, both east and west, that were held last week resulted in sweeping Republican victories. Rhode Island, that a few years ago was a doubtful state, with a Democratic delegation in Congress, last week elected a Republican Governor by a plurality of 11,000, and a Legislature by an overwhelming majority. In Michigan the spring elections have been carried by the old Republican majorities ranging between 40,000 and 50,000 plurality. The Democratic city of Chicago elected a Republican Mayor by a plurality of 45,000. St. Louis is heavily Republican and in many places in Missouri there are astonishing Republican majorities. The Republican tide that swept the country last year not only shows no symptoms of receding but is increasing in volume and sweeping everything before it. The public everywhere are resounding Democratic betrayals of their interests and Democratic treachery, imbecility and bad faith.

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HARRISBURG LETTER.

HARRISBURG, Pa., April 8, 1895. The House met on Monday evening last, and for an hour wrestled with business. A long evening session is to be expected from members who have been on the rails for the past few days.

By a recent accident, it is believed, the proviso to the Donnell bill, relating to the inspection and sale of fuel oil, had been omitted from the bill as introduced from committee and placed upon the calendar for first reading. It was restored, and the bill maintained its position on the calendar. The omitted clause reads: "That no oil shall be sold or used in any State until it has been inspected and found to be of standard quality."

The announcement of the decision of the Supreme Court of the United States in the income tax case to-day was made in the presence of a crowded court room, the spectators being not only those of its own country, but also those of other countries. Public interest in the case has drawn an attendance every day since the case was argued. The decision today has excited the power and ingenuity of the other side of the street. Among the most prominent persons within the hall to-day were Attorney General Olney, ex-Attorney General Garland, ex-Attorney General Cass, and ex-Attorney General Blair. David B. Hill, who so prominently fought the introduction of the tax provision in the tariff law, and Senators Mitchell and Hunter.

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