



There are a dozen aspirants for Poff's seat in the Senate, and it is safe to say that after March 4th next the winners crop in the Senate will be shy.

Why, just look at all that gold in the Treasury, and McKinley elected only two weeks ago. What will it be when he goes into office? The Treasury will have to be enlarged.

As he looks over the field one Thomas C. Platt, of New York, decides that he will take the United States Senatorship and disperse the New York patronage under the new administration.

There is a very general feeling that the Australian ballot laws need revision. It is not likely that we will ever return to the old system, but there is a demand for some important alterations in the present law.

Dr. Bryan feels that it is absolutely indispensable to his happiness that he should live in a free silver country, there is no reason why he should not slip across the border into Mexico, taking Jones and Algeid with him.

When the price of wheat goes up to a dollar the price of silver will keep on tumbling. And yet Bryan attempted to teach the people that wheat could not go up in price unless silver went with it. The reverse has been the case right straight along.

The honor of having obtained the largest majority ever secured by a candidate for Congress belongs to James R. Young, of the Philadelphia Evening Star, who is elected in the Fourth district of that city by a majority of no less than 95,670 votes.

Four years ago business declined more rapidly in one week after the result of the election was known than ever before. In 1893, the commercial reports show that business increased more than in any time of the same duration in the country's history.

The dead-lock in the United States Senate between the gold and silver forces promises to hold over into the next Administration. There are some changes on each side, but they are nearly balanced each other that the situation does not seem promising for getting disputed measures rapidly through the upper House.

The fifty-fifth Congress will be heavily Republican in both branches. That means an end of free coinage and the free trade policy. It means returning confidence in the honesty and stability of the Government. It means employment for the mechanics and laborers of our country, and the increased respect of sister nations.

A fine of twenty dollars was not a bit too much punishment for the blackguard who insulted and assaulted Secretary Carlisle at Covington last month. The fellow's offense was not merely against an estimable gentleman. It was against the Government of which Mr. Carlisle is a member, against the Nation whose servant he is, and against the cause of free speech and human rights.

The Republican vote in Somerset borough at the recent general election was 18 less than the vote cast in the same precinct at the late Republican primary, and still there are those who insist that no Democrats voted for Mr. Koser at the primary. The philosophical proverb of the mild-eyed Japanese is applicable to such: "There is no medicine for a fool."

The Cuban war will probably be ended this winter. Spain has 200,000 soldiers, the patriots have 75,000, all told, but that is not more difference than there was between the British and American armies at the time of our own revolution. The patriot Cubans are not well provided with clothing, but in a climate where the less clothing one wears the happier he is, that does not matter.

Senator John Sherman says that the Dingley revenue bill will pass the present Congress, and that it will not be opposed very strenuously by the Democrats and Free-Silver people. This will be good news for some of the manufacturers, for what the country wants is a tariff on wool and woolen products. That would start wheels turning that must go over a year, or until the new Congress has an opportunity to act.

This opinion, from Hon. J. Sterling Morton, Secretary of Agriculture, is worth noting: "What we want is a non-partisan commission, composed of business men and scholars, to go over the whole question of currency, and to report a plan for our use that would take the questions of currency and tariff out of politics, and the country would be much better off." It would indeed be a good thing. But who will furnish the plan?

The Herald last week inquired whether Mr. Koser, lately a Republican Congressional candidate from this County, wanted to elect a Free-Silverite to Congress from this district, and laid before its readers some of the few reasons which impelled it to ask the question. For answer a town contemporary, owned by several of Mr. Koser's personal friends, and which he occasionally assists in editing, publishes a lengthy and malevolent diatribe, in which the editors of the Herald are assailed and maligned as liars, cowards, traitors to the party, and sowers of discord. Well, let us see to whom these epithets properly apply.

"By their fruits ye shall know them." We have had frequent occasion to refer to the farcical proceedings of the late Congressional Conference, and with what has been written our readers are familiar, but there is much of that remarkable gathering that yet remains to be made public. While the four candidates who participated were all censurable to a degree for putting the district in such a position as to greatly endanger the success of the friends of honesty and good government, to Mr. Koser attaches by far the greatest share of blame. His County having recently had three successive terms in reality without any just or equitable claim to the nomination at this time. Despite this fact, Mr. Koser still declined to allow his conferees at any time to cast a single vote for any other candidate than himself, and stubbornly refused his assent to any proposition looking toward breaking the pro-

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After Mr. Koser's three conferees had nominated him, and the Dauphin County Court had de-nominated him, and Mr. Hicks and Mr. Thropp had both been placed on the ticket by nomination papers, a conference of the members of the State Committee and of the Chairman of the several Republican County Committees of the district, and of which Conference one of the editors of the Herald was a member by virtue of his being a member of the State Committee, was convened at Johnstown, and an earnest effort made to induce the two candidates to adjust their differences to the end that only one would remain on the ticket. Messrs. Hicks and Thropp both appeared, and together to the same end. In 1886 they openly labored to secure the election of the Democratic Congressional candidate, Mr. Tate, and in 1890 they did the same in an effort to elect Mr. Greeley. And how they acted in the last Judicial Conference, only retiring from the fight when they felt sure they had provided for the election of a Democratic Judge, is of too recent date to need mention. Yet, with this malodorous record, this chosen band of political quillers, midnight conspirators, writers and dispensers of anonymous circulars pliantly vail through their personal organ that the Herald, when engaged in exposing them in all their political deformity, "is sowing party discord," and is preventing "Republicans from rejoicing in common over the splendid victory in State, District and County." On the night of the election, when all lovers of country and national honor and integrity were rejoicing over the victory their party had achieved, where were these gentlemen?

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cover them over with one of their own productions. In this they were no doubt prompted by motives of the highest patriotism, and the Herald in telling of it "maliciously cast a firebrand into his party to read it and set member against member in enmity." Sohal!

From the outset this member of political pirates worked with but one aim in view. To nominate and elect Mr. Koser if possible, and in the event of failure in this to prevent the election of a Republican. The scheme was conceived in sin and brought forth in iniquity. It had its origin in a malicious conspiracy against the honor and integrity of the district. Nor is this the first time that some conspirators have worked together to the same end. In 1886 they openly labored to secure the election of the Democratic Congressional candidate, Mr. Tate, and in 1890 they did the same in an effort to elect Mr. Greeley. And how they acted in the last Judicial Conference, only retiring from the fight when they felt sure they had provided for the election of a Democratic Judge, is of too recent date to need mention. Yet, with this malodorous record, this chosen band of political quillers, midnight conspirators, writers and dispensers of anonymous circulars pliantly vail through their personal organ that the Herald, when engaged in exposing them in all their political deformity, "is sowing party discord," and is preventing "Republicans from rejoicing in common over the splendid victory in State, District and County." On the night of the election, when all lovers of country and national honor and integrity were rejoicing over the victory their party had achieved, where were these gentlemen?

Were they at any of the different headquarters of their party, "rejoicing with those who do rejoice?" Not a word. They were sitting around like so many crows on the dead limb of a tree, solemnly croaking to one another. Their conspiracy had been defeated, and they knew it would be revealed and denounced in all its hideous deformity.

The editors of the Herald take no special credit to themselves for the election of Mr. Hicks. They simply do their duty as they see it. They knew neither Mr. Hicks nor Mr. Th