

THE Samoan situation, it is expected, will get a turning over in the U. S. Senate this week, and it is quite likely prompt steps will be taken whereby the differences between US and Germany will be adjusted satisfactorily all round, and no blood shed.

SECRETARY WHITNEY is right—this country should have a definite and vigorous foreign policy—but it never will have it so long as Thomas F. Bayard remains at the head of the State Department. Mr. Whitney must be patient and wait until after the 4th of March.

STATE SENATOR STEELE has presented a bill for the regulation of natural gas companies. It prohibits the consolidation of competing companies; authorizes the courts to hear complaints of citizens and to fix the rates of charges for gas; and also authorizes the taxation of gas companies, on the value of the pipes, for municipal purposes.

THE latest Cabinet talk is, Blaine, Secretary of State; Allison, for the Treasury; Wanamaker for Postmaster General. This, of course, is subject to changes between this and next week, but who hasn't a right to guess on the Cabinet these days? It is also given out on good authority that General Alger will be Secretary of the Navy. No objection can be made to the list so far.

If the present Administration had two or three months longer to live the President might add considerably to its reputation and dignity by transferring William Cole Whitney to the head of the State Department and promoting Thomas F. Bayard to a seat in the cool shades of private life. The end is so near, however, that the old thing might as well be permitted to die just where it lies.

Up to last Friday the electoral votes for twenty states had been received at Washington and found to be correct. Those of Delaware, Maryland and Texas have been found to be irregular and have been returned. It is asserted as probable that the electors in each of these three states will have to be reconvened. Nothing so far has been heard from either Nevada or Oregon. The messenger started back with the Texas vote Saturday afternoon.

EDWARD JAMES, a prominent English tin plate manufacturer, is in the city looking up a location for the Hope Iron and Tin Plate Company, of Tipton, England, which it is proposed to move here. Mr. James stated to a Dispatch reporter that over \$1,000,000 had been contributed by English tin plate manufacturers and merchants to defeat the clause in the Senate tariff bill imposing a duty on tin plate, and this sum has been judiciously placed in the hands of lobbyists for that purpose. In the event of the passage of the bill, the industry will likely be wound up in England and the business brought to this country. At present there are 203 tin plate mills in Great Britain, employing 100,000 men.

THE administration at Washington is, it seems, very much wrought up over the Samoan difficulty. Secretary Bayard is very sensitive to criticism as to his course in the matter, and says he has done all he could to uphold American honor. His friends are inclined to put the blame on the President, who, they say, should have taken more vigorous action. It is too late now to squabble about the responsibility. To do so will only belittle the administration. The one thing to do is to extricate the country from the snarl without loss of dignity. If the administration had been as anxious to defend our interests abroad as it was to force upon the country the English free trade heresy, Messrs. Cleveland and Bayard would not now be harassed with the problem that confronts them in the South Pacific.

PETITIONS are circulating in Philadelphia asking the Legislature to pass a law forbidding the sale of cigarettes and tobacco to persons under 16 years of age. It is to be hoped says the Press that both Houses at Harrisburg will take the matter into serious consideration and mature and pass a bill dealing effectually with this evil. The physiological effects of the use of tobacco on young children are known too well. The ease also with which cheap cigarettes and tobacco can be procured by young boys, and even girls, is known to every observer. School teachers protest against their use in vain, and the efforts of parents are rendered abortive by the greed of shopkeepers. A bill on this subject has already been introduced into the New York Legislature, and Pennsylvania should not be behind in dealing with this crying evil.

The bill introduced in the Pennsylvania Legislature by Representative Campbell to tax manufacturers employing foreign-born unaturalized labor 25 cents per day per laborer is a rather novel form of proposing to shut all foreigners out of the country, at least so far as the manufacturing industries are concerned. Of course it is evident that the effect of this would be to tax the laborers themselves. No manufacturer would employ labor subject to such an enactment unless he could get it at least 25 cents per day cheaper than the labor of American citizens. It is plain then that unless the unaturalized laborer could afford to pay a tax of \$60 or \$75 a year he would have to live on air during the five years required for naturalization. It is possible that those who live as the Huns and Italians do might stand that burden; but the immigration that is desirable would be excluded from labor in the factories. The effect of such an enactment would therefore be to fill our porches with the unaturalized labor that cannot find agricultural employment, and probably to exclude all future immigration except, possibly, that of the lowest class. —Pittsburgh Dispatch.

THE republican party of Pennsylvania has now fulfilled all the promises it has made with respect to prohibition. In 1886 it promised to pass a resolution submitting a constitutional prohibition amendment to a vote of the people of the state. It did so. In 1888 it promised to pass the same resolution a second time. It has now done this also, and has appointed the 18th day of June as the day when the vote by the people shall be taken. During these years, while the party has been honestly endeavoring to accomplish this result, it has received not one word of commendation or encouragement from the organization known as the prohibition party. On the contrary it has been subjected to as much abuse as if it had been working directly against the principles avowed by that party. The fact ought not to be forgotten that the amendment is to be submitted to the people without a word of encouragement or approval, and without an assisting vote from the leaders of the prohibition party. For the submission of this amendment to a vote of the people, the sole responsibility rests on the republican party. The republican party cannot as a party go further, and it must not be expected to do so. The majority of the republicans of this state are prohibitionists, but they understand that the majority can not be coerced into the support of the amendment, and therefore not wishing to attempt what they know can not be accomplished they have declined to make it a party of prohibition, and have appointed a special election to decide the question. At this time there will be no party issue before the people, and each voter will be governed solely by his duty to himself and to his fellow man. In this contest, republicans, democrats, labor reformers and every other breed of politics will be found for the amendment and against the amendment, and we may expect, what has never been known before, a comparatively neutral press. The question is the most important single question that has been before our people in a lifetime. It is a question which involves the rights of property, personal liberty and the moral welfare of the human race. It is the question of this election, which of these shall preponderate in the settlement of the question of to drink or not to drink. —Meadville Gazette.

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