

The free silver Democrats of Chicago are going to celebrate Jackson Day—probably because Jackson is dead and cannot help himself.

It is said that General Weyler can go thirty-six hours without eating. It is also part of his record that he can go longer than that without getting into a fight.

SENATOR PEPPER once wrote about "The Way Out," and now the Kansas Populists are threatening to show it to him by electing another man to the place he occupies.

It is becoming more evident every day that the farmers were raising dollar wheat last summer while the free silverites were trying to persuade them that the gold standard would send them to the poor house.

The highest vote ever cast in Nevada was 19,001, at the Presidential election in 1876. This year the total vote of the State was but 8,507. It is an absurdly narrow basis for three Presidential electors and two United States Senators.

BOURKE COCHRAN is not disposed to be at all equivocal or qualifying about his duty as a sound money Democrat. "I am tired," he says, "of masquerading as a tariff reformer, and will never again be found before the public in that capacity." Nor is this all. "We are bound," he adds, to recognize that the Republican party has been the party of victory, and we are bound to support the Republican policy. Such talk is sound and wholesome, and all of the Palm-merites ought to look at the matter in that light.

MAJ. McDOWELL, Clerk of the House of Representatives, has issued the usual unofficial list of members of the Fifty-fifth Congress. The list shows that the House will be composed of 204 Republicans, 124 Democrats, 13 Fusionists, 12 Populists and 3 silverites, and that there is one vacancy, from the First Missouri district, caused by death. Of the total membership 205 were in the last House, and ten others had served in previous Congresses. The Republicans will have a majority of 52 over all.

We want this country protected. (Applause and cries of "good.") We want our industries protected and judicious laws enacted to protect them.—From McKinley's veranda speeches.

We commend this to the attention of those free trade editors who tried to avoid the tariff issue in the Presidential campaign, and who now pretend that it never was an issue. They should read Major McKinley's veranda speeches, and study what he said to the delegations that visited him, and what he told the thousands who voted for him.

A SECRET is seldom safe in a woman's care. A convincing demonstration of this comes from the Philippine Islands. A wealthy sympathizer with the insurgents told his wife that he was to be made President of the Philippine Republic as soon as freedom from the Spanish yoke was effected, whereupon she told her confessor, who in turn immediately informed the Spanish officials. The husband was at once deported to La Ceuta, Spain's penal colony, all his property was confiscated and the wife who would talk and tell things was turned into the street and made a beggar. A cousin of his also was beggared by the woman's incontinence of speech.

THE Protective Tariff system in America is older than the United States government. Before the Constitution was adopted individual states tried to secure protection for home industries. Voluntary associations were entered into for the same purpose, and public meetings were held in order to guide public sentiment. At such a meeting, in Boston, the merchants passed a resolution calling upon the people not to buy or use British goods imported in British ships. The mechanics of Boston were even more clear sighted and went farther. They insisted in their resolutions that such goods ought not to be bought or consumed at all. This was the spirit of the people before the adoption of the constitution; this was the spirit of the people at the time of the adoption of the constitution. This was the spirit of the first Congress of the United States, which made its first bill a bill for the protection of American industries. It was a pretty good spirit, too, and it is just as good now as it was then.

SENATOR BUTLER, National chairman of the People's party in his newspaper published at Raleigh, N. C., says: "Speaking now for the People's party of North Carolina, and we believe for the nation, we take the liberty of serving notice on Mr. Bryan that if he desires to head the reform forces of the People's party in the next fight, he must do so under some other name than that of Democrat. The name has become a stench among the people, now or hereafter. In the campaign just closed the People's party joined forces with the Democrats, and the Democrats again played the people falsely, grossly and brutally false. We are done with them now and forever, and also with any man who seeks to lead the people hereafter under a standard that may bear the name or have the smirch of the word Democrat on."

IN no recent war has there been a more striking exhibition of the fervor of patriotism than the public sees in Cuba. Not only are the natives sacrificing their lives and money in the attempt to free their island, but they are constantly destroying their own towns and villages in order that these may not fall into the hands of the Spaniards and thus become sources of strength to the enemy. This was the policy of the Russians when Napoleon marched to Moscow, and it proved one of the most effective agencies in the disastrous ending of that expedition. Where he hoped for shelter he found that the buildings had been burned; where he looked for supplies for horses and men he found that these also had been destroyed. The destruction in Cuba is, of course, upon a smaller scale, but in spirit it is the same.

The President's Message.

If for nothing else President Cleveland's last general message to Congress will always be memorable from the fact that in it the head of a national party congratulates the country on the defeat of that party. Of all the possible changes of politics who could ever have dreamed that the last important act of the man raised to power by a sweeping party victory four years ago would be to express public felicitations on the overthrow of the same party organization. Such an occurrence is without precedent in political history.

The feature of the message which will probably elicit the greatest interest is that relating to the war in Cuba. The policy of our government, as here set forth, is sensible and judicious. He points out that while Spain has been unable to suppress the insurrection, neither have the insurgents been able to set up a government. Event the form of a civil government has been abandoned and the cause of Cuban independence is at present represented purely by military authority disconnected with which other nations may enter into relations. The situation is such as to suggest the necessity of intervention to end a struggle which is continually growing more harmful, and the government has taken a step in that direction. It has proposed to Spain that the island be granted complete autonomy of government, and, since the insurgents could not be expected to lay down their arms on a mere pledge from Spain, the fulfillment of which they would have no means of securing, our government will guarantee the execution of the agreement. No answer has yet been received from Spain in reply to this proposal, and whether or not it would be acceptable to the insurgents is yet to be ascertained. If this overture is rejected, intervention may be compelled to take another form, but that the present posture of affairs cannot be allowed to continue is quite certain.

As regards the financial situation President Cleveland has nothing new to offer. He declares his belief that the present tariff law, if allowed a fair opportunity, will yield sufficient revenue to provide for the expenses of the government if due economy is practiced. He reiterates his previous recommendation that the greenbacks should be retired and that the national banks should be compelled to redeem their own notes. He recommends the reduction of the tax on circulation to one-quarter per cent. It is now 1 per cent.

The message closes with a representation of the uneasiness in the public mind over the aggregation of capital in the form of trusts, and calls attention to the fact that existing legislation against trusts is inadequate to deal with the subject. On this point he does not make any distinct recommendation, and the sum of what he says is that something ought to be done.—Pitts. Chron. Telegraph.

—Any person desiring first-class dental work done will do well to bear in mind that I will be in Tionesta for the week commencing on the first Monday of each month.

R. H. STILLSON.

Press Opinions on the Message.

Chicago Times Herald, Ind.: "Only the most urgent friends of Cuba can complain of the tone of the part of the President's message devoted to the relations of the United States with Spain. Those who are familiar with the obstinate and inflexible character of the President's temperament did not expect that his message would disclose any evidence of a change of sentiment on the revenue question."

Chicago Record, Ind.: "That part of the President's message which treats of the Cuban rebellion outlines a policy which the subsequent administration may have to recognize and adopt as providing the only just and dignified way out of the difficulty. His threat to Spain—for the conditions on which it is based do not make it any the less a threat—will present to the European power a very clear view of the nation's attitude."

St. Louis Globe Democrat, Rep.: "The message is a wise and temperate document, and deserves the intelligent attention of Congress and the country. His suggestions upon green-back retirement and enlarging the issues of national bank notes are reform measures that should be easy of accomplishment."

The Richmond, Va., Dispatch, Dem.: "The message ought to allay the widespread alarm of business men lest we should be plunged into a war with Spain on behalf of Cuba. If Spain knows what is good for herself she will accept this government's offer of mediation."

Atlanta Constitution, Dem.: "The Cuban feature of the message is a gratifying step toward the recognition to which free Cuba is entitled from this country."

Chicago Tribune, Rep.: "Regarding the Cuban question the message is in the nature of a time server and a makeshift. It tries to throw off all responsibility from the shoulders of the present administration and load it upon the back of the incoming administration. The president has not the nerve to do his duty and leaves it for his successor to perform. The tariff act of 1894, which President Cleveland refused to sign because of its 'inconsistencies and crudities' seems to suit him perfectly now."

A War of Extermination.

It is not difficult to believe the reports of distasteful atrocities on the part of the Spaniards when Havana newspapers advise a war of extermination as the only method of suppressing the insurrection. La Lucha suggests this blood thirsty expedient without a qualification, and other journals of the Cuban capital speak in the same tone, although they do not go to the same length.

Previous uprisings of the people in Cuba have been crushed out in this merciless fashion, and therefore it comes natural to the Spaniard to recommend a return to the barbarity which marked former military operations of Spanish commanders.

It may be that the advice of La Lucha was inspired by the captain general himself. At all events, his press censors allowed it to appear. They would have crossed it out of the sheets submitted for their inspection if they had supposed it had been unwelcome to Weyler. Desolation now reigns in many portions of Cuba. Ruined towns, burnt sugar plantations, destruction of homes, murders of men, women and children have marked the path of Weyler's forces. It remains to be seen whether he will be able to extend his merciless campaign in the country now held by the revolutionists, to depopulate the island, to make a solitude and call it peace.

COMMISSIONERS' LAND SALE.

By virtue of various Acts of Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania made and provided, we, the undersigned Commissioners of the County of Forest, will expose to sale by public vendue or outcry at the Court House, in Tionesta Borough, on the

9TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 1896,

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