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It is said that Harrison enjoys his residence in the White House so much that he is thinking about renewing the lease in 1892. But the landlord shrugs his shoulders and rather guesses he will rent the place to a Democrat next time.—*N. Y. Herald*

MAYOR FITZGERALD, of Philadelphia, gave to the people of that city a unique but welcome Christmas gift in the form of his signature to the Terminal and Belt Line ordinances. The former, which will allow the Reading Railroad to extend their line to Twelfth and Market streets, is viewed with pleasure by many in the interior of the State who have occasion to visit Pennsylvania's metropolises.

The banquet of the New York Tariff Reform Club last week, held to celebrate the grand victory of the recent election, was attended by many of the notable Democrats of the country. The speech of Mr. Cleveland was one of the most aggressive ever made by him, and the unbounded enthusiasm displayed at its close proves conclusively that the "campaign of education" and Cleveland will be the features in the battle of '92.

From all parts of the country come reports that confidence is being rapidly restored in the business centres and that the late panicky feeling will be soon forgotten. Forgotten—for the time being—only to rise again with increased strength to produce another universal "scare," and again leave in its wake thousands of bankrupt merchants and millions of toilers poorer than ever. A mighty change must come before those periodical "panics" will be forgotten, but that change is coming.

The Republican party, and especially that portion of it located in this State, is never contented unless an internal war is being waged by the different factions. It is now the Philadelphia Press that is butting its head against the stone wall in its worthy effort to defeat United States Senator Cameron for re-election. The Press is making a vigorous fight, but the battle should have been begun before Cameron paid his price and bought the majority in the Legislature. The factional quarrel and casting up indulged in by the G. O. P. organs is going some good material to the Democrats, and will be used by the latter at the proper time.

It is reported from Washington that claim agents and attorneys are re-creating Congressmen with political ruin if they should support the bill that has been introduced to reduce the fees of pension attorneys. There is a simple way of dealing with such folks. Let the threatened Congressmen make public lobbying influences set at work upon them and the names of the offenders. They need fear nothing from the people. It is an easy matter to work up false sentiment about pension bills for old soldiers, but nobody cares much about the agents and attorneys who profit by them and are the chief lobbyists for new pension legislation.

The decision of a Philadelphia Judge in declaring the oleomargarine law of this State unconstitutional is in harmony with the recent decisions of the United States Supreme Court and our own State constitution. Nothing would satisfy those interested in the sale of butter until a law was passed prohibiting the manufacture or sale of "oleo" in Pennsylvania. They would not recognize "oleo" as an article of trade, but wished to exterminate it entirely. This held good as far as Pennsylvania was concerned, but they were powerless to prevent its importation from any other State or to prevent the sale of such importations. The manufacture of oleomargarine—a legitimate industry—should not be prohibited, but its sale should be so regulated to insure speedy punishment to anyone attempting to pass it off as butter.

The Workers Hold the Balance of Power.
Never in the history of American politics have the laborers of the country held such a power as they now hold. They now hold the balancing power, and are the lever in our politics to turn it in whichever direction is best suited to their interest. So long as we are in this condition we do not need a third party. A political party is but the union of individuals for the enactment of certain laws and measures, and the laborers of this country do not care what name by which any party may be known—they only demand the enactment of just and equal laws. If either of the two old parties will heed their demands, that is the party for the people; if neither will heed their demands, then let the people form a party which will. The only reason the people are so sorely oppressed is because they have been content to confide in the wisdom and purity of the leaders of their own political faith, and not organized against the enemy of their government. Now that our eyes are opened and we

have gained possession of the political lever, we will compel our servants to serve us as faithfully as we have served them in the past.—*Kentucky State Union.*

Defective Immigration Laws.
Immigration is a question which must sooner or later become a prominent issue in this country. None of our great political parties are desirous of meeting this subject squarely at present, though the leaders of both sides view with much anxiety the danger which makes itself more apparent every day. Immigration to America is steadily increasing, but the character of the majority of the new arrivals is not what Americans desire. It is so far beneath the American standard of civilization, and the immigrants themselves are so obstinate in their refusal to become assimilated with the ideas of a free government, that their influence is already felt in many ways and the country, as a whole, will inevitably have a downward tendency if something is not done to check this impending danger.

Even under present conditions no one can show with any degree of consistency that there is not room enough here for all who wish to throw off the yoke of any foreign power and become an adopted son of the stars and stripes, and those who come here with that as the uppermost thought in their hearts will ever be welcome by the true Americans. But such is not the intention of the hordes who come trooping day after day through the gates of Castle Garden. They come with but little knowledge of civilization and without any of the elements of manhood which are so essential to make them worthy of the honor of citizenship. They steadfastly cling to the semi-barbarous customs of their native land, they care but little for their appearance and respectability is unknown to them. Morally and financially, and daily increasing in strength, this loathsome class stands continually as a menace to the country.

Let the next Congress give this question the consideration it demands, and amend the immigration laws in accordance with the best interests of the country.

Correspondence From the Capitol.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30, 1890.
The chances are decidedly against any financial legislation at this session. The reporting of the caucus bill by the Senate Finance Committee under the peculiar circumstances connected with that action cannot be accepted as an indication that legislation is expected by the committee. There is decided opposition to the measure, and the situation is no better than it was at the opening of the session. In fact, the supposed compromise agreement has gone to pieces. No particular interest in the caucus bill is taken at the Treasury Department. While there are some features that are approved the bill as a whole is not thought to be such as would greatly improve the situation. It is thought at the department that the spreading out of the 12,000,000 silver purchase over several months will destroy the effect of the purchase. The discretion should be given to the Secretary to make the purchase in such manner as the circumstances demand. The Secretary has the utmost confidence in the interconvertible bond proposition and believes if the whole plan were adopted by Congress it would relieve the situation and secure the country in the future. There is, however, a decided disposition among those who exercise the most influence over legislation in both Houses of Congress to avoid all financial legislation at this session. It is safe to say that the Senate Finance Committee do not expect that there will be any legislation. Some of the strongest men in the two Houses believe that the financial affairs of the country will right themselves in the course of a month or two if let alone. They think that there is no necessity for legislation to relieve the money market, but that, on the contrary, there is positive danger in attempting such legislation. Acting upon this theory they will do all they can to prevent anything being done. The constant agitation of some compromise plan without ever quite coming to an agreement, will probably keep the thing hanging in the air until the eagerness of action has subsided. The expectation from day to day that something will be done is relied upon to keep the radical silver men from acting for themselves. The policy of the leaders is to hold the matter off.

While the Senate caucus was determining the question for itself of a cloture rule to enable the passage in the Senate of the federal election bill, Senator Stewart was perhaps putting the finishing touches to a set speech in opposition to that measure. That speech was delivered to an attentive Senate last week. The silver Senator had attention on the occasion partly, at least, because he voiced the feelings of other Senators on the question under consideration. Nothing has been clearer to the public than the fact that the Republican party has not been united in the present attempt to correct evils in the methods of taking the suffrage in this republic. The party has been on the contrary, divided into at least three groups—those who are very much in earnest, like Mr. Hearst, or who think every thing depends upon prompt, radical and decisive action; those who feel that the time is past when anything can be done by federal law and who deprecate any disturbance of the public mind about any friction in the States concerned which may interfere with industrial movements, even temporarily; and, third, the class who are indifferent as to evils and remedies, but who prefer to do nothing rather than do any thing extreme or out of time. This subdivision is apparently favorable either to delay and defeat the bill altogether or to such emancipation of it as will make it practically harmless. If no action is taken soon the bill will be dead for lack of opportunity to enact it. If any action is had it seems probable that it will be in the line of moderation.

Next to the dignity and courtesy the most notable and amusing fact about the Senate is its unvarying habit of talking boisterously for economy and the people and voting quietly for extravagance and corporations. The Senate in a way is the sole surviving representative of the dodo family.
Senator Stewart has come down to us from a former generation, but unlike many others with a similar history, he is aware of the fact. Times have changed and he has had that good sense which is the better part of genius to change with them. He realizes that the war is over.
"No recess, no quorum," seems to be the Congressional ultimatum during the holidays.

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