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Storehouse, Over Public Market, Bethlehem, Pa.

LIST OF PREMIUMS.

Checks Required.

Furniture	Glassware
Rocking Chairs..... 400-500	Vases..... 300-400
Morris Chairs..... 1200-1500	Water Sets..... 500-600
Writing Desks..... 1000-1200	Tea Sets, 4 pieces..... 400-500
Japanese Screens..... 700-1000	Rose Bowls..... 300 per pair
Birds' Eye Maple, Golden Oak, Mahogany and Marquetry Tables..... 600-800	Lemonade Sets..... 500-600
Tabarets..... 100-200	China and Crockery
Hall Racks..... 100-200	Lamps..... 300-400
Hamper..... 500-700	Jardiniere..... 100-200
Rugs..... 500-800	Tea Sets, 56 pieces..... 1000-1500
Pictures..... 500-1000	Toilet Sets, 10 pieces..... 1000-1200
Cracker Jars..... 500-600	Dinner Sets, 112 pieces..... 2000-2500
Umbrella Stands..... 800-1000	Cracker Jars..... 300-400
Musical Instruments	Sundries
Harp..... 1000	Bronze Ornaments..... 200-500
Violin..... 500	Jewelry Cabinets..... 400-500
Guitar..... 800	Revolvers..... 1000-1500
Accordions..... 400-600	Cameras..... 500-1000
Knives..... 300	Japanese Art Goods..... 200-400
Forks..... 300	Hanging Lamps..... 300-400
Spoons..... 300	And Other Beautiful and Useful Articles.
Fruit Dishes..... 400-500	
Cracker Jars..... 300-400	
Ice Pitchers..... 500-1000	
Cake Dishes..... 500-600	
Castors..... 500-600	
Clocks..... 500	
Watches..... 800-1000	

MERCHANTS OF FREELAND.

- A. OSWALD, Dry Good, Notions, Groceries, Wood and Willow-ware, Oilcloth, Hats, Caps, Shoes, Flour, Feed, etc.
- REPOWICH'S "Wear Well" Clothing House, Centre Street.
- REPOWICH'S "Wear Well" Boot and Shoe House, 53 Centre Street.
- E. J. CURRY, Choice Groceries, Butter, Eggs, etc.
- S. WENNER & SONS, General Merchandise, Shoes, Rubbers, etc. Agents for the "White Star" Floor.
- WM. KEIPER, Confectionery, Tobacco, Cigars, etc.
- JOSEPH BIRKBECK, "Sunshine" Steves, Ranges and Furnaces, Hardware, Paints, Oils and Glass. Toys of all description.
- "BLACK DIAMOND" Cash Store, J. C. Berner, Manager.
- GEO. H. HARTMAN, Meats, Green Groceries, Fish in season.
- JOHN RIPPEL, Baker and Confectioner.
- GEORGE KROMMES, Groceries and Provisions.
- WM. WILLIAMSON, Stoves, Tinware, Hardware and House Furnishing Goods.

No Checks Given With Sugar.

CURRENT COMMENT.

Notes and Comments, Political and Otherwise, on Matters of Interest.

By Andrew J. Palm.

McKinley and his jingo advisers should have the Declaration of Independence revised so as to read: "All governments derive their just powers from the consent of the governed."

Mark Hanna, John Bull and Wall Street are the triad which Mr. McKinley now swears by. Though McKinley in theory, he hasn't been practicing it to any great extent since he ascended the throne.

At the close of the fiscal year Treasurer Beacom finds \$2,000,000 more in the state treasury than was taken in last year. When the people of the state take time to think about it they will naturally ask, "What excuse had Governor Stone for cutting out a million dollars of the school appropriation?"

The last legislature passed an act providing that the appointment of county commissioners' clerk shall be for a period of three years unless he be discharged for cause. In view of this act the clerk in Crawford, Mercer and Lackawanna counties resigned recently and were reappointed, hoping thereby to hold over for three years from the time of appointment. As there are several gentlemen hungering and thirsting for these positions, many of whom were promised them before the election, if things went their way, it is almost certain that the legality of such appointments will be tested in court.

What a shock it must have been to the Republican members of the house and the Democratic allies to learn that during the very hour they were raiding the sound currency measure through a panic was occurring in New York which, according to Republican authorities, caused the loss of \$100,000,000 and the ruin of thousands of men. This law that is to establish honesty, stability, soundness, confidence and everything else necessary or desirable in our financial system! 'Twas really too bad, for it would so very like a judgment sent from Heaven to rebuke Wall Street and its representatives at Washington.

The dividing line between the Democratic and the Republican parties is no wavering uncertain boundary, but has clear and well defined limits. The Democratic party is unalterably arrayed against trusts, against imperialism, against the single gold standard, against robbery by tariff, and favors the imposition of a graded income tax. There are other minor points of difference between the parties, but these are the essentials by which men are to be judged. The man who imagines himself a Democrat, but finds himself out of harmony with his party on any of these questions, may well begin to doubt the soundness of his Democracy, and should not ask to represent his party in any official capacity which has to do with party policies.

No antediluvian high priest ever had more reverence for his soothsayers and soothsayers than have our secretaries of the treasury held for the Morgan and other Wall Street usurers. It was announced a day or two before the late panic in New York that Mr. Gage and Mr. Morgan had a long conference. It will be remembered that this same Mr. Morgan came up the day of the panic and saved matters from utter demoralization by offering a million dollars at once for holding Cuba. This offer was made in the afternoon of the 26th of April, 1898, and was the only offer of the kind made. It was a million dollars, not a million and a half, as Mr. Morgan had long since sold his own money at 6 per cent when he might have had more for the asking, the million may be looked for speedily. Grover Cleveland had some bond business with this same Mr. Morgan which put him, president as he was, under grave suspicion.

The imperialists are anxious to provoke the Cubans into some overt act as an excuse to seize upon the island and forcibly annex it. Our government has all through the contest acted more like an overgrown bully than an honorable gentleman. The administration has steadily refused all conciliatory measures in dealing with the Filipinos. Their envoy on a mission of peace was driven from Washington without recognition, in spite of the fact that our soldiers had saluted the Filipino flag and welcomed the Filipino soldier as an ally against Spain. We provoked them into firing on our flag by first firing at them, and then like a bully strutting around with a chip on his shoulder. We take that as a reason for exterminating them or compelling them to accept us as their masters. Some flimsy pretext will sooner or later be trumped up as an excuse for holding Cuba. It will give sufficient expansion to Ford a few political spoilsman good fat places, and that is what expansion really means, and all it means, to those who are most ardent in urging it.

Republican leaders, especially those who have a brotherly feeling for trusts, do not like Hon. William J. Bryan's proposition that trusts should be dealt with by the general government. They say that the states should look after them, and they declare that Bryan is undemocratic when he would invoke the aid of congress. This is all very fine, for when a state passes a law with a view to curbing the trust evil it is easy to get a decision from the supreme court declaring that the law interferes with the interstate commerce act. There's nothing like making matters as easy as possible for the supreme court. Cases were ordered when there was no way for the court to do as it desired except to reverse itself, and of course that's humiliating and likely to cause suspicion. Courts are composed of ordinary human beings who have their full share of human weaknesses, and men who are seldom selected solely because they are the best and ablest that can be had. The average man would respect the supreme court if it would only let him, but it will take years of fair dealing to wipe out the memory of that infamous decision on the income tax. "Twas so plain.

A Promise Not Fulfilled.

McKinley shouted from the house-tops that there would be no step backward in the civil service regulations for securing competent deputies and clerks in the government employment. When the spoilsman of his party needed more plunder to capture delegates to the Ohio convention he took 9,000 places from the protection of the merit system and put them at the disposal of the heelets.

His law office and subordinates have refrained from prosecuting the Republican State Committee from Ohio for levying tribute on postmasters and clerks. In order that a clean slush fund might be raised to help out the party in the buckeye state. Yet such action is declared to be a plain and flagrant violation of the law. This promise to the people has been broken.—Helena Independent.

Making Frank Confession.

And now the administration organs declare that "the question to-day is not who began the firing in the Philippines, but who shall end it, and in what way?" This is a frank admission that it all resolves itself into a question of territorial conquest without stopping to consider the rights of the people of the archipelago and it is the equivalent of a confession that the American troops started the war under orders from Washington in the face of an official report that the Filipinos did not want war.—Kansas City Times.

Gobbled by the Trust.

The formal transfer of the plant of the Charles H. Sieg Manufacturing company, at Kenosha, Wis., to the American Bicycle Company, commonly known as the bicycle trust, has been consummated. All departments were at once shut down. The price paid for the plant is said to be \$240,000. At the time of the sale the company had orders for the manufacturing of over 20,000 wheels.

It is beginning to be believed that Admiral Sampson will go down in naval history as the commander whose fleet bombarded the forts of Santiago and killed a mule.

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