

**FOR BIMETALLISM.**

Republicans are Paying the Way for an International Agreement.

Washington, Dec. 11.—Senator Sherman, chairman of the republican caucus, today announced the membership committee provided for under Senator Wolcott's resolution to prepare the way for an international agreement on silver. Wolcott was made chairman and Senators Hoar, Chandler and Geer appointed as the other members.

Senator Wolcott said today he would call the committee together not later than Monday next and proceed immediately to frame a bill with the hope of securing legislation in the present session of congress that would enable McKinley to succeed with his efforts in behalf of silver immediately after the inauguration.

**A Christmas Fruit Cake.**

A delicious Christmas cake may be made by creaming together one pound of sugar and three-quarters of a pound of butter; add nine well-beaten eggs and two tablespoonful of molasses in which a teaspoonful of soda has been dissolved; a wine-glass of milk, one pound of flour, one pound each of currants and raisins, two ounces of citron, one grated nutmeg, and one teaspoonful each of cloves and cinnamon.

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**MURDERED FROM AMBUSH.**

Such Was the Fate of Maceo, the Beloved Cuban Leader.

The Jacksonville Citizen of Dec. 13 contained the following relative to the death of Antonio Maceo. Justeo Carrillo, a well known Cuban of this city, a brother of the Cuban general Carrillo, has received the following letter from a trustworthy correspondent in Havana, concerning the reports of the death of Antonio Maceo and showing that he was killed by treachery:

"Havana, Dec. 9.—Dear Friend Justeo: Our brave general, Antonio Maceo and the greater part of his staff have been murdered by the Spaniards, the Spanish major, Cirujeda, acting the part of the assassin, with Dr. Maximo Zertucha as his assistant. Weyler conceived the idea of appeasing his beastly instincts by a cold-blooded murder; making the best of the secret relations between Dr. Zertucha and Marquis Ahumada, he planned with the latter his hellish scheme.

"Weyler took the field and, in his absence, Ahumada proposed through Zertucha a conference with Maceo, to take place at a certain place in the province of Havana with a view of arranging plans for the cessation of hostilities.

"To carry on the plan the agreement was made that orders should be given to the detachment of troops stationed on the trocha on the section between Mariel and Guanajay, to allow Maceo and staff to pass the military line unmolested. Maceo crossed the trocha without being molested by the forts, but as soon as he had arrived at the place decided upon he and his party was greeted by a tremendous volley

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from the troops under Cirujeda, who lay conveniently in ambush. Most of the officers of his staff fell with Maceo. Zeracha is alive because he was aware of the scheme and remained in the rear.

"The Spaniards know where the bodies are, but are bent on feigning ignorance to blot out the vestige of their crime.

**A STANDARD WORK.—WEBSTER'S INTERNATIONAL DICTIONARY.** It cannot have missed the observation of the reader and student that there has sprung up, during the last few years, an absorbing desire upon the part of publishers of many of the leading dictionaries to see how many newly-invented words they can get between the covers of their works. They gather up the slang phrase of the street corner, or use some "cute" remark of a stage celebrity, and it finds its way into what are claimed to be standard books of authority, although the word itself may never have been heard of before and has no definite meaning—being merely a jumble of letters.

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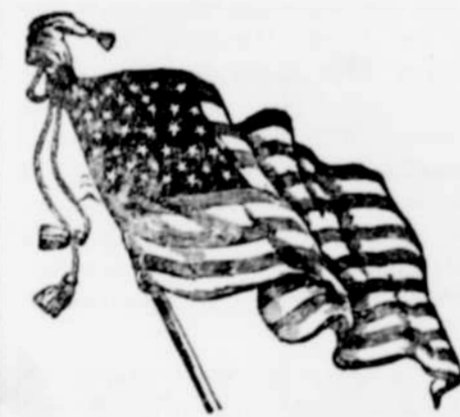
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