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The recent report that petitions for the annexation of Cuba to the United States have been quietly circulated, receiving the signatures of large numbers of influential Cubans throughout the island, has been followed by a corresponding political flurry in this country likely to produce a crop of congressional debates this winter. The Democratic party, with an eye to the congressional elections of next year, and regardless of its fervid pleas for Cuban independence in 1898, will probably attempt to make political capital out of the situation. The Republican policy has been to gratify the Cuban demand for independence as soon as stable government could be secured and tried, which, if successful from our point of view, would lead to the negotiation of trade relations with the new government.

It is expected that the Democrats will first demand absolute free trade with Cuba, and, secondly, annexation. But their strength is liable to split on both propositions, as it did on the Porto Rico bill, while the Republicans will be found solidly arrayed against both demands. The Louisana delegation is wholly Democratic and its attitude is well known. Its senators and representatives are already prepating to resist any movement made by any party having for its object either free trade or annexation with Cuba. The reason, of course, lies in the interests of competing productions. All of the sugar-producing interests of the United States, whether beet or cane, as well as the growers of citrus fruits, will be up in arms over each proposition, and the result is likely to be that Cuba will get neither free trade nor annexation, unless she gives evidence of abandoning independence and throwing herself upon the protection of some European power, in which case she will force herself into our arms.

It has long been conceded that the future of Cuba must be either an European protectorate, an independent republic, or a member of the American sisterhood. The first we cannot permit. The second is of doubtful possibility, and if it fails there remain sonly the final solution—that of annexation. Reciprocity we might concede, if the conditions were suitable, but free trade is out of the question, and too sweeping a change in our economical principles. Efforts for free trade with Cuba, although doomed to failure from the start, are liable to dampen the ardor of the friends of reciprocity, who are having too much trouble with the treaties already prepared. As annexation also means free trade of even a more permanent variety, the effort toward either will have a neutralizing effect on the work for reciprocity in general. As an independent state, Cuba has a hard row to hoe. We have kept faith with the island, but in such a way that she is virtually an American protectorate. No one knows whether she can make treaties, or who is to be responsible for the safeguarding of foreign interests there. In trade matters she is equally unfortunate. Concessions to her sugar will be fought by many of our States. If she favors the importation of South American cattle, Texas cattle-men will have something to say. Connecticut, Virginia, and Forida, with other States, will keep an eye on her tobacco trade. If she fails at self-government, the better it will be for her, but not for American producers.

SULLEN and indifferent, Leon Czolgasz, the assassin, went to his death, declaring with his last words that he felt no sorrow for his crime. The execution took place in the prison at Auburn at seven o'clock Tuesday morning, October 29th. Twenty-two witnesses saw the death chair prepared and watched the instantaneous effect of the electric current of seventeen hundred volts. The body was buried in quicklime in an unmarked grave in the prison cemetery.

PRESIDENT SCHWAB of the steel trust played golf for the first time at Glen Niew the other day, and took 30 strokes to make the first hole. There are other games that Schwab can play better.

Now that they have started a presidential boom for him, Schley must be sincerely pitied and sympathized with by Dewey.

Around the Court House.

Caroline Grasier has brought suit for a divorce in the Circuit Court against Julius Graiser on the ground of cruel and inhuman treatment. The plaintiff alleges that she was married to the defendant in December, 1899, and that he disregarded his duties as a husband, has for a long time past and since their marriage been guilty of cruel treatment of herself; that the defendant would frequently become angry at her and at such times would insult her and conduct himself in a rude and unkind manner and would threaten to leave plaintiff; that he neglected and refused to contribute toward her support. She also alleges that since April 1, 1901, she has been compelled to go out and do washing and housecleaning in order to support herself and family. Mrs. Grasier has four children by a former marriage, and it takes all the money she can earn to support the children and give them schooling. The defendant is employed in the woolen mills and receives $45 a month. The plaintiff prays for an order compelling the defendant to pay to the clerk of the court $75 on a date to be fixed by the court, the money to be used to pay her costs in this suit, and a decree dissolving the marriage contract. She also asks to resume her foimer name Caroline Stripling.

Mamie Jewett has filed a suit for divorce against Amos Jewett. Her attorneys are Graham and Cleeton, of Portland. The couple were married in 1881 at Jackson County, Iowa. The plaintiff alleges that her husband inflicted personal indignities upon her and in 1898 made indecent proposals to Flora, their 12-year-old daughter. She alleges cruel and inhuman treatment and non-support. She also asks to be allowed to resume her maiden name of Minnie Fay. Three children have been born to them: Clarence Jewett, 18 years; Ella Jewett Kilgore, 15 years; Guy Jewett, 13 years.

The executor in the estate of James L. Bailey, deceased, by his attorney, J. W. Loder, asks the court for an order granting permission to sell the personal property, valued at $10. The court has authorized the sale, and the proceeds will be applied in the interests of the estate.

John Jacob Huber has been appointed administrator of the estate of August Huber, deceased. Huber died October 25, leaving an estate in this county valued at $450. George Clark, Walter Krechern and O. D. Robbins have been appointed appraisers of the estate.

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TAMMANY LOSES IN NEW YORK

Low's Plurality Over Shepherd About 40,000.

QUAY WINS IN PENNSYLVANIA

Republicans Have Increased Pluralities In Ohio and Over 10,000 Majority in Nebraska.

Seth Low was elected Mayor of New York by from 30,000 to 40,000 plurality. Jerome, for District Attorney, has a comfortable majority, and Mayor Van Wyck, for Supreme Court Justice, was defeated. The entire fusion city ticket was successful. Republicans carried Albany, Troy, Buffalo and probably Syracuse.

Wells, Republican, and Schmitz, Union Labor, are running a close race for Mayor of San Francisco.

The Republicans carried Ohio by increased pluralities, that of Governor Nash being placed at 60,000. The reelection of Foraker is assured.

In Pennsylvania the Republican ticket was elected by smaller pluralities than in 1899. Hothermel, the Union-Anti-Quay candidate for District Attorney at Philadephia, was beaten by 43,678 plurality.

The figures from Maryland are incomplete, but indicate Democratic control of the Legislature. The vote in Baltimore is very close, and whichever party wins will not have over 2000 majority.

Democrats will have an increased majority in the Kentucky Legislature. They also elected the Mayor of Louisville.

In Rhode Island the plurality of the Republican state ticket will run over 6000.

W. Murray Crane was for the third time elected Governor of Massachusetts. The State Legislature will be strongly Republican.

In Connecticut the Republicans elected a majority of the delegates to the constitutional convention.

Arapahoe County, Colorado, is Democratic, but Republicans were successful at Pueblo, Colorado Springs, and Leadville.

Cummins, the Republican candidate for Governor of Iowa, was elected by a plurality of about 90,000.

The Republican ticket in Nebraska was elected by 10,000 majority.

South Dakota Republicans claim to have elected the eight Circuit Judges.

The entire Republican ticket was eeected in Salt Lake, and probably in most of the other Utah cities.

Republicans were generally successful in the local elections in Kansas.

In New Jersey, Murphy, Republican, is elected Governor by about 10,000 plurality. Both branches of the Legislature will be Republican.

The Democratic state ticket in Virginia was elected by at least 25,000 majority.

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Farms and Farming.

Exhibit Your Poultry.

We have been asked if we thought it possible for a poultry breeder to build up a large and remunerative business selling fancy stock, without exhibiting at poultry shows. In a general way we decidedly think it would not be possible. There have been a few rare instances in years past where breeders have built up a large trade without ever going near a poultry show, but these were mostly Eastern breeders, who live in closely settled communities in elbow touch with breeders who did exhibit, and who bought birds to exhibit when necessity demanded it. These breeders were men who by neighborhood acquaintances got in touch with the best breeders and exhibitors, and who were fortunate in both being able to produce what was wanted and who could sell their production. There are at the present time a few of the younger breeders who have been determined not to exhibit, and who have been able to build up large plants. But the chances are against the ordinary man. We would strongly advise every breeder to exhibit as extensively as possible, who expects and wants to build up a large trade. It is in the show room that acquaintances are made that ultimately result in sales. And when a man goes to a poultry exhibition unaccompanied by at least a few birds, and begins to tell of his fine stock, he is given a cold shoulder. Practical men want practical proof. The place to demonstrate the superiority of your stock is at a show in competition with other stock. In this way, and in no other, can the average poultry breeder expect to build up a large and lucrative business selling fancy fowls.

A breeder should not only exhibit at his own local show, but he should attend the larger shows where the best of the country is brought together in competition. A prize won at a state show is worth many dollars to a man who knows how to advertise, and any one who can do advertising, if they will but knuckle down and thoroughly master the situation.—Poultry Gazette.

Oregon Farmers' Congress.

The next annual Oregon Farmers' Congress will be held in Salem, January 6-9, 1902. Each branch or section of the congress will select the subjects for its part of the meeting, and all will be assembled on the general program. The congress as a body will provide the subjects for consideration on the first day. The second day and part of the third will be devoted to the dairymen's hopgrowers', stockmen's, horticultural and grange organizations. Each subject will be discussed by competent specialists, including a number of prominent workers from the East. The aim is to make this the largest and most interesting industrial meeting ever held in Oregon. The interest in all branches of agriculture is increasing, and is deemed certain to make this congress a notable one.

Notwithstanding the limited supply, Oregon secured a basketful of awards in the horticultural division of the Buffalo exposition, consisting of 14 gold, 15 silver, 45 bronze medals, and 14 diplomas of honorable mention. This is certainly a good endorsement of the fruit that captured the coveted Wilder medal.

Oregon was awarded the gold medal for hops at the Buffalo exposition.

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