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It is not a good thing to manipulate foreign policy for the sake of influencing domestic politics, and the present administration, at least, has not done it. It is an infamous thing to try to embarrass the foreign policy of the government for the sake of influencing domestic politics, and that is just what a lot of the opponents of the administration are now doing.

The effort to make a scandal out of the allowance to army officers in Cuba from the Cuban revenues has fallen flat. The president, through the secretary of war, has frankly sent to the senate all the facts asked for. It appears that up to the first day of April a total of \$17,416.66 has been allowed to army officers for the extra expense they are under in their administrative work in Cuba, and these only to officers holding four positions, those of governor general of Cuba, of governor of Hawaii, of governor of Havana, and of treasurer of Cuba. The allowances were made by Secretary Alger, and are justified by the fact that similar allowances were made, with the approval of congress, to officers engaged in the civil administration of Mexico and California in 1849 and 1853, respectively. It may be argued that congressional authority is necessary for the Cuban allowances, but under Senator Platt's constitutional construction, this is not necessary, as Cuba is foreign territory under the president's military control. It would not appear, then, as if the enemies of the McKinley administration could make any capital out of this Cuban business. Other issues are too important for the people to worry about such picaresque business. Those who are always expressing fear that the president may usurp too great authority to the danger of the republic think the contention of the president's exclusive power in Cuba should be challenged, but that is all there really is in the allowance business. It may be, however, that there has not been sufficient care in auditing Cuban expenses, but that would seem to be something for which the administration must answer to the people and not to congress.

Governor Merriam, director of the census, has just issued instructions to census enumerators covering every detail of their work. It is important for the people generally to know what are the rights of enumerators, and for that purpose they may be summarized as follows: They have, under the census

act, the right to admission to every dwelling and to every manufacturing or mechanical establishment to obtain information for the census office. They may put every question contained in the census schedule and obtain answers to each and every one of them. They are cautioned not to obtrude needlessly upon any person, and it is stated by Director Merriam, that it is of the utmost importance that the enumerator's manner should, in all circumstances, be courteous and conciliatory. Should objection be made to answering any question, a note is to be made of the same and the fact reported to the supervisor for the district in which the enumerator is employed. Enumerators are instructed not to accept any statement they believe to be false and not to communicate to any person any information obtained in their official work. In canvassing a district no enumerator is to omit any dwelling establishment or residence, not to enter upon the schedule of population the name of any fictitious person or persons, and for a willful falsification of the returns a fine, not to exceed five thousand dollars and imprisonment not exceeding two years may result. No enumerator in his official work can act as canvasser for newspapers, magazines or for the sale of any articles, nor can they delegate their authority to any other person. They are to devote at least ten hours a day to their work, Sundays excluded. They are not to lose time or money in their canvass and on entering a house to transact their business quickly and leave. The work is all to be performed under the direction and control of the district supervisors, who have authority to discharge enumerators for negligence, inefficiency, incompetence or any misconduct. Interpreters are not to be used unless absolutely necessary. Enumerators get four dollars a day. Enumerators are given particular instructions as to the filling of their schedules, as to what constitute residents, mechanics, farmers, etc. Especial attention is to be given to mortality schedules, care being taken to ascertain cause of death, age and occupation of deceased. Judging from the pains that have been taken to make the census which is to be taken in a little less than a month accurate, it should be the best yet recorded in our history.

THE CASE OF GOVERNOR TAYLOR

St. Louis Globe-Democrat. Few men in political history have been subjected to as hard an ordeal as Governor Taylor, of Kentucky. Through no fault of his own he has been hounded for months by a venomous party conspiracy. A native of Kentucky, a representative citizen always, the father of a large family, an industrious man in quite moderate circumstances, he was called by his fellow republicans to head the ticket at the election last November. It was known that his opponent for governor, the champion of an unfair election law, would be the first to grasp its base advantages. In the election every county board was in the hands of Goebel, the author of that law, and the state election board was of his party. In spite of this partisan trickery, that must have added many thousands of votes to the Goebel showing, Taylor came out of the contest with a plurality. The state election board, composed of democrats, confirmed it, and Taylor was inaugurated on the day legally named for that purpose. In the Goebel law is included the procedure by the legislature "in case of contest." No definition is made of grounds to contest. The senate and house combined appoint a joint board numbering eleven members, the names to be drawn out of a box in a manner prescribed by the law. The board of contest in this case as it came out of the box consisted of ten democrats and one republican, a singular disproportion when the true ratio was not far from six to five. While this board was going through the motions of an investigation, every step of which was prearranged, and whose result, regardless of the evidence, was absolutely certain, the murder of Goebel occurred. To this day there is nothing known as to the identity of the murderer. The political associates of Goebel prevented an inquest. Their whole effort has been to charge the murder upon the republican state officials and through them upon the republican party of Kentucky. They sent out of the state for legal help of evil reputation, after providing a corruption fund of \$100,000. From this witches' cauldron they fished a witness who played the role of a fellow-conspirator against Goebel, and on the strength of whose unsupported word a state officer and other republicans are kept in prison without bail,

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and an indictment is found against Governor Taylor himself. These Goebelites, instead of searching for the murderer, are playing a game of partisan politics and personal revenge. They set out to build up the semblance of a theory that Governor Taylor conspired to kill Goebel and to have the shot fired by an assassin concealed in the official building the governor occupied. In all the annals of assassination there is no charge like this. A plotter of murder from ambush would be an idiot to arrange for its consummation from his own windows. Goebel's bitterest enemies were in his own party, and the shot, judged from personal feuds, could not, without direct testimony, be attributed to political animus. If the bullet came from the executive building, a point not proved, it is reasonable to suppose that it was fired by some one who secreted himself there to throw suspicion on the wrong track. Such is the invariable custom of stealthy murderers unless of the mentally unbalanced class. Governor Taylor has been infamously persecuted ever since last November. His life has been in danger day and night for weeks. He has been continuously racked in mind and body by the Goebel gang of wolves for the crime of getting more votes than Goebel received. This is the extent of his offense, and the American people, knowing it, give him their profound sympathy.

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REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE

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At Astoria, in the State of Oregon, at the close of business, April 26, 1900.

RESOURCES. Loans and discounts, \$243,584.77. Overdrafts, secured and unsecured, 145.48. U. S. bonds to secure circulation, 12,500.00. Stocks, securities, etc., 89,156.24. Real Estate, 9,414.63. Due from National Banks (not reserve agents), 890.07. Due from State Banks and Bankers, 26,354.40. Due from approved reserve agents, 99,891.12. Checks and other cash items, 1,160.63. Notes of other National Banks, 160.00. Nickel, 45.05. Lawful money reserve in Bank, 112,140.00. Legal-tender notes, 374.00. Redemption fund with U. S. treasurer (5 per cent of circulation), 625.00. Total, \$587,362.39.

LIABILITIES. Capital stock paid in, \$50,000.00. Surplus fund, 25,990.00. Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid, 29,640.59. National Bank notes outstanding, 5,250.00. Due to State Banks and Bankers, 1,532.47. Individual deposits subject to check, \$398,598.13. Demand certificates of deposit, 77,341.15. Total, \$587,362.39.

STATE OF OREGON, County of Clatsop, ss: J. S. Gordon, cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. S. S. GORDON, Cashier. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2nd day of May, 1900. C. R. THOMPSON, Notary Public.

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