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WHITNEY'S PLAN.

Whitney, who, aside from Villard exerts greater influence over Cleveland than any other man in the democratic party, opposes the idea of an extra session. Mr. Whitney insists that the democracy should go slow with the tariff. Working, impliedly with the approval of Cleveland, he is endeavoring to persuade the present republican senate to give its assent to the appointment of a tariff commission made up of business men, to take testimony in all parts of the country regarding the probable effect of the alteration of the Mc-Kinley bill. This commission would be appointed by Cleveland and would be a very convenient "anchor to windward" for the democracy. If the tariff changes based upon its report should prove unsatisfactory, Mr. Cleveland could say that he had acted upon the counsel of the business interests of the country; and on the other hand if the changes should meet with approval, the democracy could claim all the credit.

A prominent republican of New York to whom the proposition was presented, thus expresses his opinion

I don't think the republican party ought to go into the business of making peace for the democrats with the busi ness interests of the country. Every man with a dollar invested in industrial enterprise was openly denounced and at tacked as a corruptionist by democratic orators, and the democratic platform arrayed our manufacturing interests as no better. Now, having inflamed the Phird Street opposite the old Liebe Stand. masses, and thereby won the day, they are ready to face about. I propose to let them get out of the dilemma as best they can. With the southern democrats in the saddle tugging on one side and the Whitney conservatives on the other. Cleveland has no easy task. It is his business to find a way out, though, and neither the republican senate nor individual members of the party should offer bim advice. I am decidedly against the proposition.

Of course this is the only view that the republican senate should take of the proposition. The republican party has said that it considered the McKinley bill the correct, patriotic and scientific solution of the tariff. If the democracy thinks it has a better scheme let it enact it. If it does not know what it wants let it find out as best it can. A business man's tariff commission could throw no new light on the problem, and would merely consume many months of

time. The democracy talked during the campaign as if nothing could be more infamous or burdensome than the present law. It now acts as though it has a profound conviction that it has a hard task before it in finding something in the way of an inprovement.

How to get an office is now the idea in the head of many good democrats and the statesman is often asked the best way to go about it. It is something of a secret, but for the good of the boys we will tell them that they must first GUNNING & HOCKMAN, Props. No. obtain their credentials and be qualified to run the office they aspire to. They then must get the foot of a rabbit killed on the grave of a coon when the sign is in the heart in the dark of the moon in the month of August. After that place their endorsements in a burglar proof safe, and the less they bother the county and state committees until after April next, the better show they will have to get something.

The official examination into Prof. Briggs' alleged heretical utterances and beliefs is quite as much of a trial to the public as to Dr. Briggs. Why not electrocute him at once and have done with it? The charges fill up thirty-six pages of closely printed matter. The writer evidently was not a newspaper man. The charges could be edited with a blue pencil without any detriment evidently.

The east has recently been chilled to the marrow with ice and snow, while California has been the victim of a terrible mud storm, but Oregon has only been bothered with the usual winter rains-nothing to slow business in any way or to cause people to suffer from any severe cold.

Governor Pennoyer's troubles are doubled up on him of late. It now Store of I. C. Nickelsen, 2d St. The Dalles turns out that Governor Ferry of Washington, has declined to honor a requisition for an escaped criminal, which his excellency issued recently. The governor is out of luck on all sides-what

The monetary conference is almost a failure, and anticipating an outcome of it's deliberations, Senator Hill has introduced a bill for the repeal of the silver purchase act.

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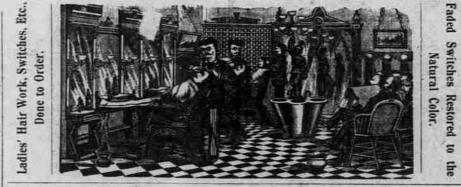
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