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CARLISLE AND OLNEY.

placed in nomination for the presidency, he has no objection to being considered as a presidential possibility.

Carlisle and Olney are the two members of the present administration who, from the overtaking wreck and carnage, have escaped with few bruises. Olney made a good record as attorney-general, and succeeded to the state department in time to save it from utter disgrace. Carlisle is really a greater man in public estimation than when he left the senate and entered Cleveland's council.

Upon the principle that it is better to receive a nomination for the presidency, even if it means defeat, than never to have had such recognition, these two men may gather their forces. Neither would be feared by the Republicans, unless the latter should make the criminal mistake of not being perfectly honest and clear in its attitude towards silver. If Carlisle were nominated he could only be so upon a sound money platform, which, judging from the feeling displayed in Democratic gatherings, might be hard to obtain.

If the Republicans do not meet the issue squarely and declare against the 50-cent dollar craze, their correct position upon the tariff may be neutralized. The Republican party has an opportunity such as is seldom precented. If the St. Louis convention construct a platform, the foundation of which shall be protection and the superstructure a declaration for sound money-in other words, against the free coinage of silver-the Democrats need make no nominations. If the Republicans bungle the money question, and the Democrats nominate Carlisle, standing upon sound money doctrine, a difficulty may be encountered in carrying certain states which otherwise would not exist.

Protection first, and then a sound financial system, is what the Republican platform should advocate, for with the enactment of the first, the latter would follow almost as a matter of consequence.

It must not be forgotten that the Commercial Club of this city was organized for the purpose of advancing the interests of the town, as well as for social amusement. In the latter respect the club is proving a great success, and it has also done some good work in the other respect, as its agitation about the locks will witness. There are a good many citizens who put their money into the Commercial Club with the idea that the interests of The Dalles would be a constant topic of consideration in the organization. Heaven knows that there are many questions of great importance to this city which could be well considered and discussed. We suggest that regular meetings of the club be held and committees be appointed to whom certain work could be delegated. It should be remembered that the Commercial Club was organized upon broader lines than those which constitute a club for social and athletic pur-

The Jingos are out of a job just now Great Britain has practically conceded the demand of the United States for arbitration regarding the Venezuelan affair, while the students of Spain have been told to attend to their books and leave off warlike demonstrations against The declaration is made that Secretary Carlisle will be the administration of the United States to engage in a forced by the state of the United States to engage in a forced by the state of the United States to engage in a forced by the state of the United States to engage in a force of the United States to engage in a force of the United States to engage in a force of the United States to engage in a force of the United States to engage in a force of the United States to engage in a force of the United States to engage in a force of the United States to engage in a force of the United States to engage in a force of the United States to engage in a force of the United States to engage in a force of the United States to engage in a force of the United States to engage in a force of the United States of the United Stat candidate for the presidency. Since eign war seems vanishing. At the same Whitney's statement that he would not time congress should take a lesson from be a candidate and the fact made known the events of the past winter and seek to that Cleveland would not fly in the face increase our fighting strength. The subof precedent and try and be a greater ject is one not to be dismissed lightly, man than George Washington, the con- and if a tariff bill cannot be passed this test has narrowed to the two cabinet session, no other topic could better ocofficers, Carlisle and Olney. As the cupy the attention of our congressmen latter was, at a meeting of his friends, than that of coast fortification. The increase of our army and navy has grown and has never denied the soft insinua- to be a necessity and a wise provision tion, it is a reasonable conclusion that for the future demands that the government lay aside its self sufficient policy and make such military and naval advancement that are necessary for its

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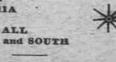
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