

When the McKinley bill was pending in congress the Democrats never wearied of dilating upon the pernicious effect it would have upon our foreign commerce, says the Inter-Ocean.

The New York city men, Crocker and Flower especially, dwell pathetically upon the inevitable commercial decline and paralysis. Later its repeal was demanded in the interests of this same commerce.

Repeal came in sweeping response to Democratic control of congress, and as a consequence a flourishing foreign trade has been destroyed.

During last year it took no less than \$50,000,000 in gold to meet foreign demands. Under Republican rule, before Democratic victory had begun to cast its shadow in advance, the balance was in our favor, our exports exceeding our imports by many millions.

The bonded debt of the country has increased since Cleveland's election over \$90,000,000, and these figures, large as they are, represent only a very small per cent of the commercial, industrial, and financial loss sustained by the American people in consequence of that election.

A great many voters who supported Cleveland expected that his party would be held in leash by a Republican senate, as was the case all through it.

It is not to be doubted if Cleveland would have been elected had that break in the dike been anticipated. What has been suffered already in the north, but the desolation wrought cannot be restored until a Republican president, as well as congress, orders the control of national affairs.

In the meanwhile the party in power founders about in the floodwaters which have caused so much destruction of property, quite at a loss what to do. Poor Carlisle may well curse the day he left the senate, and Gresham the bench, to enter the cabinet in the assumption of duties for which neither had any aptitude.

Even Woodrow would find his financial genius sorely taxed by the present exigencies of the treasury, and a Beard would be perplexed by the complications of the state department. The reassembling of congress has not inspired confidence in any quarter.

For just two months more the Democracy will be in absolute control of the reins of government and can pass whatever laws the party may please. It is doubtful if any important measure gets through. The house will send some bills of special gravity to the senate, and the latter may amend and send back, but it is not expected that actual completion will be reached.

This congress and the president could not have succeeded better had they started in with the deliberate and unflinching purpose of engraving upon the tables of history, in letters so large as to be universally read, these words, Incompetency, thy name is Democracy.

ITEMS IN BRIEF

From Samuels' Daily. The wires of The Dallas Orchestra Unit will give this evening an usual at the Baldwin opera house in this city.

The lady police of Smith River, dancing school will have a grand ball on Saturday evening if they desire to attend the soiree.

News was received this morning that the ice below Bonville has passed out of the river. This will make navigation clear on the lower river.

The store sales, Collins & Co. will be closed Monday and Tuesday of next week for the purpose of making the annual inventory of stock.

Passenger trains from the east arrive on regular time. I. P. Miller is on her schedule this morning, and is immediately sent out at 10.

Tomorrow morning the steamer Regulator will leave for the locks, and will make through connection with Portland by means of the Dallas City.

At the drawing in Mr. E. Lieber's establishment number 92 west the diamond ring this afternoon, Mr. G. W. Stone was the fortunate winner of the prize.

The boats were hauling considerable freight to this section, and it is a great inconvenience to the many shippers at this point that they were compelled to stop.

The proceedings instituted by the New York banking firm to restrain the commission of interest against the government and collecting the tax upon its income will be watched with great interest.

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Frank Elliott, of Bismarck, arrived in Bismarck last Monday evening and reports that a couple of nights' snowing during the week ending last week and Sunday presented a very different picture.

E. Gilliam, stock inspector for Umattila county, has been notified that the condition of the stock within his territory he informs the Penitentiary.

There is more than \$200,000 of stored money in London, says the London Organ. There never was a large amount of money in London before.

The east bound train arrived on time last night. Sleight is better at present than it has been for a number of years.

A marriage license was granted by the county clerk to Charles S. McEwen and Ella B. Morin.

This morning was the coldest of the season, and the thermometer marked only 15 degrees above zero.

Mr. D. L. Cates, the leading merchant of the Cascade Locks, arrived in town on the mixed train this afternoon.

The roads to the interior were blocked by the recent storms, and they are now opened, and communication is available.

The dramatic season to begin this evening by the Dallas City will be a grand one.

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The public installation of the officers of the Columbia Lodge, No. 8, last night, attracted a large audience of friends.

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