

The Cubans, in their struggle against the mother country, have received no recognition or assistance from the United States government, and now, that their fight for independence is almost won, feel not inclined to become a state or province of this country.

Had this government, in the hour of Cuba's need, shown a willingness to extend that assistance it should extend to any oppressed people struggling for independence, the outcome might have been different.

Two Object Lessons. Shortly before the November election the Walkhams of this county called its two thousand employees together and showed an immense number of orders received contingent upon the election of McKinley.

Where Debt is a Blessing. The demands which the sultan will make upon Greece as the price of peace would everlastingly plunge that little country into bankruptcy were they permitted by the powers, and were it not for the fact that Greece is a debtor nation, the sultan's aversion would not doubt be satisfied.

Work of Two Meddlers. The Oregon delegation in Washington have encountered many obstructions in their endeavor to secure an order permitting stock to range on the Cascade timber reserves, there being an influence to overcome that was not apparent to the casual observer.

Elkins Tells the Truth. Senator Elkins was interviewed the other day in Cincinnati by the Enquirer. Said he: "Wages must go down."

Furkly a Local Issue. When General Hancock was candidate for the presidency in 1880, he truthfully said that the tariff was a local issue. This idea was hoisted at by his opponents, and none were louder in their protestations, that protection to all American industries was a cardinal principle of true patriotism.

Iron manufacturers demanding that iron ore be put on the free list. Their iron senator, Mr. Fenrose, has offered an amendment to the Dingley bill removing the duty on iron ore; and the explanation of this extraordinary demand coming from a Pennsylvania senator is that the iron and steel manufacturers of that state require certain ores for admixture which come from West India and Europe, while their competitors in the South and West have all the grades of ores required for close blending right at hand, therefore with iron ore on the dutiable list the Pennsylvania are placed at a disadvantage.

A few years ago the woolen manufacturers made a similar demand. They wanted free wool, but protected wools, because the Dingley bill required certain foreign wools to mix with the domestic wool. To this, however, the wool producers objected, and it will be the same with the iron miners now. So it is, the more the protective theory is investigated the more we are convinced that the statements which come from the manufacturer of iron and steel be placed upon the free list, so that the consumer can have the advantage of the markets of the world.

Notwithstanding the great statesman James G. Blaine was the father of reciprocity in the United States, and for this reason alone it was accepted by many, who never investigated its workings, as a correct theory, calculated directly to benefit producers all over the land in creating additional markets for their products, still when it is fully investigated it is found to be the most abominable system that was ever attached to our principle of protection. Under its workings, trusts are fostered and flourish, and it is only in rare instances that the producer has widened his markets. The workings of reciprocity are well shown in the following from the Oregonian, wherein its effect upon the sugar business is so plainly illustrated that anyone can understand it.

The Hawaiian treaty does not benefit consumers, because the refining of sugar is controlled by a trust. The Havemeyer refineries East and the Spreckels refineries West have divided some part of the Missouri river, and the Spreckels do not go east of it. The Havemeyers make a price in the East based upon the cost of raw sugar, which says duty. The Spreckels make the same price in the West, with a cent per pound added for transportation freight. So consumers here pay the same price for sugar as they would if it paid duty. Hereby the islands and refiners in San Francisco divide the amount of the duty between them. It is a pure bonus to the two combinations, more or less common, of a few rich men. The bonus amounts to about \$5,000,000 per year. Under the Dingley bill this will be nearly doubled.

Since consumers do not benefit by this treaty, even revenue-reformers think the treasury may as well get the duty, especially at a time when it is necessary to put a tax on consumption to prevent a revenue deficiency. It is absurd to give rich planters and refiners a bonus of \$5,000,000 to \$10,000,000 per year when it is necessary to put a tariff on tea and to increase the tax on beer to pay the expenses of running the government.

This is not the only reason for opposing the treaty. Protectionists as well as revenue-reformers desire its abrogation, except those to whom it is a source of private profit. The Dingley bill will protect the beet-sugar and beet-rot industry everywhere in this country except on this coast. Here the competition of cooler-grown cane sugar, imported from the Hawaiian islands free of duty, will blast the beet-sugar and beet-rot industry, and give the market for the Pacific coast to the Missouri river to the Hawaiian planters and San Francisco refiners, with a bounty over the profits of Cuban growers and Eastern refiners of 10 cents per pound.

The Hawaiian treaty is a private snarl. It is against public policy, against the interest of the government, contrary to the welfare of the people as both consumers and producers. It cost the government revenue to the amount of \$5,000,000 per year, and rich relatives at the cost of consumers, and closes the market to those who would diversify farming by growing sugar beets.

What is true of the Hawaiian reciprocity treaty is true of every other reciprocity treaty. It gives no money to the importer or the foreign producer. The benefit is derived of revenue, although the consumer pays the duty directly to the importer, who is the only one enriched.

Cartier Harrison, the lately elected mayor of Chicago, attributes his success to the general desire of the people for a greater degree of personal liberty.

This feeling among the people for greater freedom is not confined to Chicago, but is as wide spread as the republic. Citizens everywhere in every community are growing restive under the restraints of law. Nor are those who complain of the law's interference with their personal liberties. Legislation in restraint of personal liberty has been carried to excess both in state and municipal government. Good government is not as certainly secured by tying the people up under annoying enactments, as by impressing upon them a knowledge and feeling of individual responsibility.

There are upon the statute books of every state law not in harmony with the spirit of the constitutions of either the state or general government, but have their sources in the bigotry, narrowness and prejudice of legislators.

Such laws are in contravention of the public good. They interrupt harmony between citizens, interdict the pursuit of happiness and are in conflict with the prevalent and growing idea of responsibility to society and the government.

Subjects are legislated upon either in obedience to the commands of selfishness or bigotry, narrowing the limits of personal freedom to such an extent that the body and soul are feeling themselves pursued by law making bodies as criminals and outlaws.

A PERNICIOUS SYSTEM.

The wall that went up for protection to American labor before the November election was a myth, a delusion. It was used to delude the laborer and secure his vote for a policy that exempts the wealth of the country from taxation and puts the burden of government upon the shoulders of the laborer.

At last the bimetallic commission has sailed for Europe, and it may truthfully be said that the greatest era of the age has begun its first career. The tariff bill will be before the senate next Monday for general discussion, but when it will be finally acted upon remains as an unknown date.

The case of Hon. W. H. Corbett was argued by the senate committee on the 17th and 18th inst. It will not be made by the committee until next week.

President McKinley made a mistake in recommending the removal of American citizens from Cuba. Weyler the fellow who ought to be removed, has caused a whole lot more trouble on the island than all the American citizens.

It is stated that 700 Spanish army officers had died during the last year from wounds or diseases, a majority of them in Cuba. Their deaths, however, are not nearly so much regretted as the suffering they caused others during their service in the Spanish army.

In the senate yesterday the entire time was taken up in the discussion of Morgan's resolution to recognize the belligerency of Cuba, but the opposition to the resolution succeeded in preventing a vote being taken by adjourning to next Monday.

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Greek and Turkish Armies Resting on Their Arms.

Spain Does Not Object to Armistice Feeding Her Citizens Who Arrive in Cuba.

Cuba Has Secured Three Warships That Will Be Commissioned Whenever Intelligence is Recognized by the United States.

ATHENS, May 18.—A dispatch from Lania, dated at 10 o'clock this morning, states that the white flag has been hoisted between the armies of Turkey and Greece and Prince Constantine has been ordered to suspend hostilities, with a view to concluding an armistice.

A panic prevails at Lania, owing to the report that criminals still be released from jail. The arrival of troops during the night increased the general feeling of terror.

The army of the crown prince has returned on Othry mountains, and is to be reinforced by General Smolenski's brigade and the troops dispatched to the front from Athens yesterday.

Starved Hermit to Death. BOSTON, May 20.—Miss Fannie Richardson, the famous wealthy old maid miser hermit, starved herself to death on her impenetrable estate here yesterday, while from \$50,000 to \$100,000, she was hoarded. She was 76 years of age. For half a century no human foot save her own had crossed her threshold, and she had not stepped outdoors in all that time. She lived in a miserable tenement-house in the very busiest section of the city. She owned the house, and kept it looking as if vacant all the time, all the blinds being closed and the doors locked.

A South Dakota Twister. OMAHA, Neb., May 20.—A special to the Bee from Howard, S. D., says a cyclone passed over the northern part of Miner county last night. The greatest damage was done at Carthage, Patton and Jackson's elevators. The Northwestern depot and several smaller buildings were destroyed. No lives were lost so far as known. The damage is extensive to farm property.

Historic Cannon Stolen. WEST POINT, N. Y., May 20.—The quartermaster at West Point has just advised:

Letters Advertised. The following is the list of letters remaining in The Dallas postoffice unclaimed for May 21, 1897. Persons calling for these letters will please give date on which they were advertised:

Anderson, Lewis Brown, C. D. Brown, Mrs. T. A. Bull, Irine Miss Bowen, Henry Blair, Geo. Campbell, John A. Countryman, Clara Crano, Beattie Davis, E. D. Davis, E. Fuller, August Grant, W. H. Hurlst, A. Miller, Mary Miss Montgomery, Prud Nelson, Sigurd Nelson, Ingrid Newcome, D. E. Odell, J. Roberts, Allen Robison, Bertha Stevens, Miss Loron Stutz, Mrs. Alice M. Walker, S. C. Walker, O. L. Wiseman, Minnie Wilson, Hattie Walker, Lucy J. A. Crossen, P. M.

Internal Revenue Statement. WASHINGTON, May 18.—The monthly statement of collections of internal revenue shows the total receipts for April to have been \$11,384,3