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A meeting of the democratic national committee to hold a convention on the 30th, and we that meeting the question of who is the most available candidate for president in 1900 will be considered.

While the party in 1898 will undoubtedly readopt the money plank of the Chicago convention, it does not necessarily follow that the money question will be the most prominent feature of the next platform. A very large majority of democrats will conscientiously believe in the free and unlimited coinage of silver, they recognize that the devotees of the gold standard have secured control of the senate, and that legislation looking toward free coinage will be almost impossible at any time during the administration of the next president.

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When I am nominated or not in 1900 is immaterial to me. Whether I shall ever again be a candidate for any office depends on circumstances. I don't want to be a candidate for president unless those who think as I do believe that I can do more for the principles of the party already adopted than any one else. I would rather help somebody else win than to be the cause of the party's defeat.

Postmaster-General Charles Emory Smith has up to the present kept pretty quiet and has apparently been attending to the business of the postal department, not having taken much part in making excuses for the president's mistakes, but like the rest of the nation's scoundrels he has been called upon to add his testimony or perhaps lose his job. And he has opened his mouth in support of his chief, but unfortunately he got his foot in it. He is reported to have said:

There is a notion that the administration should have been more energetic, and when the Philippines prolonged their warfare, should have called for and sent forward more troops. "But those who make this criticism do not know that the administration has recruited nearly 2,000 men a week right along since congress adjourned, on March 4. They do not know that with these recruits and with the enlistments a force of nearly 40,000 men have been raised within that time."

Now, where are these 40,000 men that have been recruited since the adjournment of congress? About 10,000 have been sent to the Philippines since that date, but what has become of the other 30,000? They are not to be accounted for in this country. Alger must have "embalmed" them and enlisted them in the service in the unknown time, Mr. Smith had better make another guess.

Editorial Association at Portland is perhaps not meeting, from a point, that has ever been made for several centuries, the 300 newspapers and 300,000 people in California

RELIEF FOR CUBA.

The devastation brought about by the insurrection in Cuba is hardly appreciated by Americans generally. A traveler now in the islands in connection with a movement for industrial relief writes that people who talk wisely about the reconstruction of Cuba surely confine their observations to a car window. He has himself journeyed over a large area on foot, in order to thoroughly investigate the conditions, and he says that away from the railroad Cuba is one great stretch of desolation, "the islands which the only houses are the nests of the birds in the ruins of former homes of peace and prosperity. Back from the railroad nothing has been done toward the reconstruction of Cuba. One may walk for days and see only ruins of sugar mills, the crumbling walls of plantations, the idle fields overgrown with rank weeds and worthless grasses and roads long ago given over to deer and other wild animals."

The writer states that the Cubans are most willing to work, but that they can never reconstruct the islands unless the do not get that help they will become extinct as a race. He declares that unless the American people do something for the Cubans those people will inevitably go to the wall.

It is no doubt true that the Cubans must be helped to reconstruct the island, and they will require a great deal of assistance. They are not a very prudent or practical people. They have not had much business experience. They need not only material assistance, but are in want of a knowledge of practical affairs and of correct business methods.

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A provision in the will of a deceased husband, filed for probate in New York recently, and which upon his widow's compliance with his wish that she become the wife of his brother, James, it has heretofore been supposed that the testamentary provision by which a widow is to receive the fortune of her husband on condition that she does not marry again was secure in his place at the time of his death. Timothy is the name of the man, and his widow is the name of the woman.

WASHINGTON, July 6.—The order for the enlistment of ten new regiments of infantry was issued today by the secretary of war. It is a very large agreement, and men will be special feature. Applicants for commissions, except officers of the regular army, will be required to pass satisfactory examinations, and must have had service during the Spanish-American war. Enlistments will be made for the period ending June 30th, 1901, unless sooner discharged. Except in special cases, only unmarried men will be enlisted for these regiments. Regiments will be enlisted according to the provisions of the act of March 2, 1899, which requires that each of the regiments consist of 50 officers and 1,300 men each.

Among the districts for recruiting the designated regiments are the following: Thirty-fourth regiment, Fort Logan, Colo., Colorado, Wyoming, Utah, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana, Arizona and New Mexico. Thirty-fifth regiment, Vancouver barracks, Wash. California, Nevada, Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Alaska.

LONDON, July 5.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Globe says: "The latest news from the Olympia is that the ship stopped at Colombo to enable Admiral Dewey to recuperate his health in the hill country of Ceylon. The Olympia, with Admiral Dewey aboard, will probably arrive soon at Suez, and proceed to the Dardanelles."

SOMEBODY HIT VERY HARD.

The statement blurted out by Mr. Havemeyer that the tariff is the mother of all trusts—of course, excepting the sugar trust—seems to have hit some persons in Pennsylvania very hard.

Every time the tariff has been up for revision, certain great "captives of industry" have opened sumptuous apartments in Washington and maintained expensive "lobbies" to secure the highest possible tax upon foreign products which otherwise might be imported to compete with their own.

It is said that there is to be objection to the confirmation of Herbert Putnam as librarian of congress because he appointed eight politicians without consulting the public. This would be a very good issue to bring up and the county would like to know the names of the grave sins of the politicians.

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Our party left Bryan at sunrise yesterday morning, going to Navasota bottoms, and to a point about three miles from Millican. Everything is under water from two to seventeen feet. It looked on all sides like a great lake and water was so high that for a vast area it completely submerged the telegraph and telephone poles along the line. In truth, portions of the bottoms are even now a perfect sea, extending four or five miles wide at certain points.

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rear of Joff & Neff's store at 2 o'clock and spread rapidly. As the town has no fire department, except a bucket brigade, the flames were not brought under control until they had swept the city from the Depot hotel to Smith's stable. Only two brick buildings were left standing in this district. They are owned and occupied by Young & Co., and Page & Dimick. The cause of the fire is not known.

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CHICAGO, July 5.—The Tribune prints statistics from 62 of the principal cities of the nation showing the results of patriotic fervor on July 4. The number of killed reported is 3; injured, 1074. Fire losses due to fireworks \$149,165. Of the injured 627 were hurt by cannon firecrackers; 113 by powder explosions; 59 by skyrockets; 143 by guns and revolvers and 15 by stray bullets.

CHICAGO, July 6.—A special to the Record from Independence, Kan., says: Heavy rains have fallen here for the last two days and are general over Southeastern Kansas and Indian Territory, 250 miles west of here, is under water and about 30 families have had to leave their homes on account of high water. Elk river is out of its banks and overflowed into the surrounding wheat fields.

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