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SPANISH OUTRAGE—NATURALIZED
CITIZENS REVENTED FROM VISIT-
ING THEIR RELATIONS IN
THE FATHERLAND—THE
GROWTH OF THE NATI-
ONAL CAPITAL—
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The summary statement of the imports and exports of the United States for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1880, as made up by the bureau of statistics, is emphatically the record of a great business year, of the general revival of industries, and of the resumption of healthy proportions in our exchanges of commodities and merchandise with foreign countries.

This will appear plainly enough from the figures, as compared with those for 1879. These figures which are presented in detail show a positive increase in our ability to buy increased quantities, not only of articles of food, fine wear and luxury, but also of commodities for use in our manufactures in a still larger proportion. This, the increase of the importations of woolen goods, silk goods, tin plates and leather, though large, is not near so great in proportion as the increase in the imports of raw hides, crude india-rubber, block and pig tin, raw silk and raw wool. So, likewise, the comparison between the increase in imports of manufactures of wood and imports of wood to be used in our domestic manufactures shows that the latter must be increasing in a more rapid proportion than the foreign importations which are brought into competition with them.

While no doubts are entertained at the State department as to the truthfulness of the affidavits filed there, setting forth outrages committed by vessels bearing the Spanish flag upon American schooners, yet it is believed that any indignities or insults offered to American ships could be explained by the fact that sensational stories reached Madrid to the effect that privateers were being fitted out in the United States to assist the Cubans in their insurrection against Spain. These rumors naturally gave rise to extreme caution on the part of Spanish captains sent to watch suspicious looking vessels, and this perhaps is the reason no explanation has been made by Spain. Although the Secretary of State has not expressed these views, he has said "that he believes a thorough and satisfactory explanation will be rendered." His view is supported by the fact that a communication has been forwarded to the Spanish minister from his home government containing a system of commercial exchange between this country and Cuba, by which the most important products of Cuba can be shipped to this country. This proposal is regarded as an expression on the part of the Spanish Government to remain on friendly terms with the United States.

Numerous complaints are being received here in relation to the bad treatment of German naturalized citizens by the Government of their own nativity on their visits to the Fatherland. From this it appears that the German Government no longer makes any pretense of complying with the terms of the Bancroft treaty, which was made for the protection of German naturalized citizens. Many of them have been ordered to leave the country almost immediately on landing, the question first being put to them whether they are willing to serve in the German army, which of course they answer in the negative. Prof. White, of Cornell University, who is now the American Minister at Berlin, has uttered the same lament as Mr. James Russell Lowell at Madrid, that he could find nothing to do. But if he would look after the protection of these American citizens it would give him plenty of occupation.

The census shows that during the past ten years Washington has increased 38,304, Georgetown, 1,194, and Washington county 6,636, the percentage of increase being 35 per cent for Washington, 59 per cent for the county and 15 per cent for Georgetown. The whites of the District have increased 29,958 and the colored people 15,988. The males have increased 21,402 and the females 24,536. The larger proportionate increase of females is accounted for by the number of women who have come to the District to seek clerkships and other situations.

The rumored engagement of the Secretary of the Interior to Miss Anna Fish, a clerk in the Department of which the former presides is strongly confirmed. This will perhaps explain the standing conundrum among the Government clerks of how, in view of the Civil Service doctrine, the father of the bride can hold a Government position worth \$3,000 and his daughter, another worth \$1,800.

H. G.

NATIONAL PLATFORM.

ADOPTED BY THE CINCINNATI CONVENTION.

The Democratic party of the United States in convention assembled, declare:

First—We pledge ourselves anew to the constitutional doctrines and traditions of the Democratic party as illustrated by the teaching and examples of a long line of Democratic statesmen and patriots, and embodied in the last national convention of the party.

Second—Opposition to centralization and that dangerous spirit of encroachment which tends to consolidate the powers of all the departments in one, and thus to create, whatever be the forms of government, a real despotism; no summary laws; separation of church and State for the good of each; common schools to be fostered and protected.

Third—Home rule, honest money, the strict maintenance of public faith, consisting of gold, silver and paper convertible to coin on demand; the strict maintenance of the public faith, State and national, and a tariff for revenue only.

Fourth—the subordination of the military to the civil power, and a general and thorough reform of the civil service.

Fifth—Right to a free ballot as the right preservative of all rights, and must and shall be maintained in every part of the United States.

Sixth—The existing administration is representative of conspiracy only, and its claims of right to surround the ballot boxes with troops and deputy marshals, to intimidate and obstruct the elections, and by unprecedented use of the vote to maintain its corrupt and despotic power, insults the people, and imperils their institutions.

Seventh—The great fraud of 1876, by which, upon a false count of the electoral vote of two States, the candidate defeated at the polls, was declared to be President, and for the first time in American history, the will of the people was set aside under the threat of military violence, struck a deadly blow at our system of representative government. The Democratic party, to preserve the country from the horrors of a civil war, submitted for the time, in the firm and patriotic faith that the people would punish this crime in 1880. This issue precedes and dwarfs every other. It imposes more sacred duty upon the people of the Union than was ever addressed to the conscience of a nation of freemen.

Eighth—We execute the course of administration in making places for political criminals, and demand a reform by statute which shall make it forever impossible for a defeated candidate to bribe his way to the seat of a usurper by villainies upon the people.

Ninth—The resolution of Samuel J. Tilden not again to be a candidate for election, the exalted place to which he was elected by a majority of his countrymen, and from which he was excluded by the leaders of the Republican party, is received by the Democrats of the United States with sensibility, and they declare their confidence in his wisdom and patriotism and integrity, unshaken by the assault of the common enemy, and they further declare to him that he is followed into the retirement he has chosen for himself by the sympathy and respect of his fellow-citizens, who regard him as one who, by elevating the standard of public morality and adorning and purifying the public service, merits the lasting gratitude of his country and his party.

Tenth—Free ships and a living chance for American commerce on the sea and on the land, no discrimination in favor of transportation lines, corporations or monopolies.

Eleventh—Amendment of the Burlingame Treaty; no more Chinese immigration except for travel, education and foreign commerce, and therein carefully quorred.

Twelfth—Public money and public credit for public purposes solely, and public lands for actual settlers.

Thirteenth—The Democratic party is the friend of labor and the laboring man, and pledges itself to protect him alike against the corporations and the commune.

Fourteenth—We congratulate the country upon the honesty and drift of the Democratic Congress which has reduced the public expenditures to \$40,000,000 a year; upon the continuation of prosperity at home and the national honor abroad, and above all, upon the promise of such a change in the administration of this government as shall insure its genuine lasting reform in every department of the public service.

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