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SENATOR SHERMAN SATISFIED WITH MCKINLEY.
 Senator John Sherman, in a recent interview, expressed his conviction that the estimate of General Grosvener, giving McKinley 25 votes on the first ballot, was a conservative one; that a combination of other candidates against McKinley was unlikely because they would not agree among themselves; and also that McKinley would be nominated and elected, and that this outcome would be satisfactory to himself. As Senator Sherman would not have expressed himself in this explicit manner unless he had been satisfied that McKinley was sound on the money question, and that his administration would maintain the single gold standard, his utterance is invested with more than ordinary significance.
 No man has higher authority to speak upon this important question than Senator Sherman. His utterances will be accepted with more satisfaction than those of any purely political manager, who are acting from purely political motives, or the declarations of any newspaper, which was manipulated by the same managers in the interest of their candidate, and which adopted a platform intended not alone to advance his interests but to catch votes in certain doubtful sections. Whatever Senator Sherman says will carry more weight with it, so far as it relates to the financial question, than the aggregate voice of all the McKinley managers or the uncertain pliancy upon which the candidate stands.
 It is reported and believed that if McKimley is elected he will appoint John Sherman secretary of the treasury. This only can be hazarded with some probability, and that he has a sympathizer with the free silver is to be questioned. The advocates of sound currency would not be surprised if he were to take an appointment. It would satisfy them in all parts of the country. They would feel assured that the currency question would be settled upon a conservative and satisfactory basis, that the pecuniary uncertainty in business circles would disappear, and that the country would enter upon a new era of prosperity.
 The personal friends and supporters of a candidate not actively engaged in expecting his boom are better qualified to speak for that candidate, and their utterances command more confidence and respect, and are invested with more authority, than those of party managers who, as in this case, for instance, tell only half truths in order to capture votes in silver states, or even that they of the candidate himself, who would be something less than human if he did not seek to advance his political interests by cajoling, expediency and adroit trimming which are to be caught.
 As Senator Sherman is not a candidate himself, and is not a McKinley manager, his declaration is of the utmost significance. It implies not alone his belief that McKinley will be nominated upon a platform of honest money, but that he will be elected and that he will have a secretary of the treasury who will so administer the finances of the country as to give satisfaction to the business community and silence the free silver clamor. Nothing more assuring has been uttered thus far in the preliminary stage of the campaign than Senator Sherman's declaration. There is no mistaking its meaning.
 This is the way a country contemporary puts it: "Let us say that your local issues but 50 copies every week. The estimate accepted all over the country is that there are on an average five readers to every paper. This makes 250 readers weekly. It would cost you \$5 in stamps alone to send a circular to each of these 250 people at a rate to say nothing of the cost of stationery, printing and time required to get the addresses and write them. Your local paper will print your circular in its columns and run it a month, and thus send it to those 250 people four times for less than half of \$5. Thus those merchants who are using their local paper have the same advantage over those who do not, that a merchant who mails 250 circulars or price lists weekly would have over one that never prints a line or says a word."
 A year ago the Republicans elected their state ticket in Rhode Island by a plurality of 18,000 and got all the members of the general assembly but eight. This year they have elected their governor by the same plurality and have all the members of the general assembly but three. Therefore it appears that in Rhode Island, the first state to hold a general election this year, the tidal wave of 1894-95 has not spent its force, that manufacturing state there are no indications of a Democratic reaction. There is nothing to suggest that the mill-lands have become reconciled to the Wilson-Gorman tariff and its insufficient

protection. What is true of Rhode Island can be taken as true of all the manufacturing states in the East. The mass of the voters have made up their minds that the Democrats cannot legislate wisely concerning industrial affairs. The next election in a Northern state will be in Oregon in June. That will go to Rhode Island has gone, it is to be hoped, and so will Maine when it votes in September. The only other states which have elections before November are Southern ones, Louisiana landing off on the 29th of this month.
 The special Easter edition of the Daily Colonist, Victoria, B. C., is just at hand and deserves special mention. The paper is printed on book paper, contains many fine half-tones illustrations and is typographically artistic. The matter is pertinent and well handled, and the Astorian takes pleasure in commending its editors upon their most creditable production.
REEL ON WHEELS.
 The Michaux Club Go Through the Measures of a Dance on Bicycles.
 New York Herald.
 The Michaux Club, the fashionable wheeling organization of this city, had a certain ribbon on Friday evening last at its regular place of meeting, Bowman's Cycling Academy. The feature of the occasion was the dancing of the Virginia reel on bicycles.
 The club contains among its members some of the most expert riders, and the "Michaux drill," in which the wheelers go through a number of complicated evolutions, has already become famous. The reel is generally danced by eight couples, who range themselves in two lines along the ball. In this case the two end couples rode toward the center and around each other, back again to their places, the others in the dance standing alongside their bicycles ready to mount at a given signal, and then following the leading couple around the ball, until all are again in position, the head couple going to the foot.
 The figures are then repeated until all the others have gone through the same evolutions. The riding is done very rapidly, the music playing at an extremely lively rate and the wheelers keeping pace with it. No collisions ever occur, and the riders have to be exceedingly alert to preserve the proper positions.
 At certain seasons the wheelers keep much trouble. The picture as the figures of the dance are ridden is an exceedingly pretty one, and the Michaux Club is the only body of cyclists which accomplishes it so perfectly.
 The dance was led by Mr. John E. Roosevelt, with Miss Hawley, the others taking part being Misses Padlock and Wilson, Mrs. E. W. Dowling, Mrs. Dr. Miner and Messrs. Fargo, Clark, W. A. Haines and Louis Fabler.
 Among those who were especially expert in the evolutions of the "Michaux drill" may be mentioned Mrs. Arthur Roche, Mrs. Wilbur Bloodgood, Mrs. Chas. G. Miller, Mrs. G. A. Andrews, Mrs. Young, Mrs. Carpenter, the Misses Stevenson, Miss Pollock, Miss Remsen, Mrs. Wilson, Dr. Trowbridge, Messrs. Tresser, Myers, F. A. Otis, Williams and Carpenter.
 After the dance a collation was served in the club room. It is proposed to have a fancy dress ride by the club shortly after Easter.
STOPPED A BOAT.
 The Marvellous Feat of a Tarpow in the Gulf.
 New Orleans Times-Democrat.
 "A great number of people imagine that the silver fish, or tarpow, is only to be caught in the gulf," said an old fisherman the other day. "This is not so. At certain seasons it is taken in the rivers and low and the brackets waters ascend up the streams which empty into the gulf, the eddies of the stream, sometimes 20 miles from the sea are filled with the fish. I have seen them in schools of fifty, darting in and out of the swirls, feeding upon the mullet, and other small fish in the eddies, and I have witnessed a score or more of the negroes of the Atchafalaya swamps go out in their pirogues and harpoon one of the monsters and run him to death.
 "It is not of infrequent occurrence to hear of these fish leaping into small boats on the lakes and bays. I remember once to see an instance of this sort. A small tugboat was crossing an arm of a bay on the coast, when suddenly a tarpon or 'grand scalle' as the Creoles call them, leaped from the water and fell on the deck of the boat. After flopping on the deck for a minute he fell into the engine room, got tangled in the machinery, broke a small rod and rendered the boat helpless besides knocking the engineer into the coal heap. I once saw a man knocked from his skiff by a tarpon which leaped into the boat, and again saw a man captured in his pirogue by one of the fish breaching underneath. Oh, they're great fish, and no mistake."
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