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The rush of gold into the United States treasury is the surest indication of the return of good times.

Lord Salisbury fired hot shot on the Venezuelan question yesterday at the lord mayor's installation in London.

The Oregon Short Line is finally to be separated from the Union Pacific and the headquarters transferred to Salt Lake.

The further advances in wheat yesterday indicate that the farmers may yet see the dollar mark on his bushel of grain.

That another good British ship has gone ashore on the Pacific, near Gray's Harbor, illustrates the uncertainties of the seaman's life. As in the case of the Glenmorag, the ship stranded high and dry, but, in this case, no lives were lost.

The Astoria Chamber of Commerce deserves the congratulation of all citizens for the faithfulness with which that organization has been maintained through all the hard times. It is thought by the members that now there is an era of prosperity before the chamber which will not only benefit the members of that body but the entire city as well.

SETTLED FOR ALL TIME.

Senator Daniel's pronouncement that Bryan's defeat will not end the agitation for free silver was all well enough as a pre-election piece of bravado—a sort of whistling to keep the courage up—but when a national issue has once been settled by the American people, has in effect been stamped with their disapproval, no demagogue or agitator, no matter who he is, can resurrect it.

No party leaders like to acknowledge defeat or are willing to admit that they have stood for issues that the people condemned, but history shows that in the end they must bow to the inexorable will of the people.

Particularly will this be so with such an issue as that just determined, involving as it did not only the safety and stability of our monetary system, but the national honor itself.

In truth it has been tolerated much longer than it should have been, but this has been due to the influence of cringing politicians in both parties and not to the disposition of the people. For twenty years the question has been a disturbing element in our politics, and at last the people have had a full chance at it. Does anyone suppose that after such a campaign as we have just witnessed another attack on the life's blood of business and upon the industrial welfare and prosperity of all citizens will be permitted?

THAT RUSSIAN TREATY.

The revelation of Prince Bismarck, to the effect that the triple alliance at the time of its greatest powers was but a running accompaniment to a secret treaty between Germany and Russia, has agitated Europe to an extent which is, on the whole, surprising, when we consider how thoroughly Russia has usurped the foreground in European politics and is the factor upon which all nations are counting, either for or against their own plans. The motives of Bismarck in making the startling disclosure have been variously interpreted, but they have little to do with the essentials of the case, since he is no longer a leading figure in the diplomatic relations of Germany. The fact that the greatest of European diplomats, at a time when the fortunes of his country were openly bound up with those of two others, for the maintenance of peace in Europe, found it politic to maintain another but secret

entente with a fourth power, indicates that he saw in that fourth power the coming dominator of Europe, at least in matters diplomatic. The results of the disclosure may be to anger Austria, Hungary and Italy that the dreadnought may be dissolved, although, to be strictly just, the present government of Germany had no hand in the secret Russian alliance. The dreadnought has just been renewed for a period of years, but this notion that any member of the alliance may feel at liberty to form another and secret alliance with a power towards which the remaining two entertain a distrust might, conceivably, operate to make the much vaunted dreadnought appear as a mere pretense to the powers that compose it.

The thing that is most clear and distinct, however, out of the shifting relations that has been taking place in Europe for some years, is the decay of England's supremacy as a controlling factor. No power, it is true, probably even Russia, would engage in open conflict with England if it could be avoided. But she no longer lifts her finger and sways the ultimate action of a reluctant Europe. It is Russia, whose gray and formidable shadow has been creeping across Europe, to whom each nation turns a conciliatory eye today. England recognizes this herself, but regards it as a transmutation rather than an abridgement of her powers.

A writer in the Fortnightly refers to the "changed order of things in Europe for which British blundering is largely responsible." The change is not a wholly satisfactory one from the American standpoint. England's preoccupation with colonial duties may be, in the long run, a greater thing for humanity than a picturesque and unsuccessful attempt to rescue Armenia. But England, with all her faults, stands considerably more for civilization than Russia, and to see her superseded by the latter in the manipulation of the more delicate problems of modern Europe impresses the enlightened beholder as a backward step. The disclosure of the Russo-German treaty, although it has lasted some years, is significant in this respect as well as in others.

THE REVIVAL OF BUSINESS CONFIDENCE.

The telegraph wires which told the story of the magnificent triumph of McKinley and sound money, also flashed the good news of the revival of business confidence. The telegraph keys that ticked off the majorities that have been registered for the defense of the national credit also carried the message of weakened commercial and industrial activity.

The time for campaign promises has passed. Ante-election prognostications have been wiped off the bulletin boards to give place to market quotations. The people have declared emphatically against dangerous experiments with the currency question. They have repudiated the repudiationists. They have signally rebuked the false economists who clamored for the debasement of our measure of values. Now for business.

When it is remembered to what extent the business of the country depends upon the confidence that exists between man and man and upon the faith of the people in the financial stability of the government, it will be seen that the belief in an immediate revival of business is based on natural conditions and on rational conclusions. The message to capital involved in a threat to change the standard of value and the financial disturbance caused by the free silver controversy could have no other result upon business than a general destruction of public confidence, followed by diminished sales and purchases in all lines of mercantile activity and decreased production in all manufacturing enterprises. Thousands of merchants refused to give orders for goods until the financial question was definitely settled, while thousands more orders conditioned only upon McKinley's election.

The extent to which money has been hoarded, pending the final arbitrament of the currency question, would be a startling revelation to the people if exact conditions could be accurately tabulated for their information. The election of McKinley will attract this money from its hiding places. It will flow into channels of activity because of the fact that business men now have a solid basis upon which to plan the investments that have been waiting. The currency and tariff policy of the government is practically settled for the next four years. Merchants can buy with a feeling of certainty that existing values will not be disturbed. Manufacturers can invest in raw material with the assurance that there is to be no upheaval in the markets.

President Cleveland will protect the gold reserve until Major McKinley is inaugurated four months hence, and if necessary to take immediate measures to replenish the exchequer after his inauguration President McKinley will call congress in special session to frame a tariff law that will at once yield adequate revenues to run the government. Millions of dollars have been waiting for McKinley. The people have declared for him by overwhelming majorities. The restoration of public confidence is complete. The business revival will not be spasmodic; it will be gradual, steady and permanent until the second or third year of McKinley's administration will find us once more at the high-water mark of national prosperity.

Confidence has been restored and everyone feels that better times are coming.

While the politicians are growing more troublesome every day, we should not overlook the fact that the mosquitoes are quitting the country.—Commercial Advertiser.

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Protection, sound money, reciprocity, internal improvements and the upbuilding of the American merchant marine are things we may expect in the near future, and they cannot come too soon.

THE DISCOVERY SAVED HIS LIFE.

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Before Willie Hearst started a newspaper in New York the state was democratic by a large majority, but now it has become almost solidly republican.

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There will be lots of new blood in the next senate, and it ought to be good blood and young blood with vigor in it.

Mrs. L. R. Patton, Rockford, Ill., writes: "From personal experience I can recommend Dr. Witt's Sarsaparilla, a cure for impure blood and general debility." Charles Rogers.

Cleveland is great on phrase-making, but he cannot invent one to express his feelings on this occasion.

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VESSELS ON THE WAY TO OREGON.

Table with columns: PORT SAILED FROM AND NAME, CAPTAIN, TON. RATE, CONSIGNEE, DATE OUT. Lists ships and their routes.

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