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The increase of dutiable goods entered at the port of New York has been so marked since the opening of the new year that Appraiser Wilbur F. Wakeman has prophesied a gain in receipts amounting to \$4,000,000, as compared with January, 1897. This is a continuation of the favorable results which helped to make a surplus of income over expenditures for the month of December last, and furnish additional proof of the actual existence of prosperity.

Throughout the country a sentiment is growing that the pension department of our government is a vastly over-worked machine. An effort made in congress to publish the pension rolls is opposed by many Grand Army men, and Commissioner Evans declares that such publication would cost \$200,000. The names, with place of residence and amount of pension, would fill 475 columns of an ordinary newspaper. The pension budget alone is upward of \$140,000,000 annually, with a perpetual vanishing of that point which we have been promised for years, the decrease in expense. There is no apparent desire to reduce pensions in deserving cases. Indeed, the feeling increases that every soldier of the union army or navy in the last war should receive a pension. But the burden increases, though the body of intended recipients grows smaller every year. And thirty-two years after the war ended the pension expense seems by no means to be as great as it is destined to be. It is certain the administration desires very generous treatment of old soldiers, but it is equally certain the burden is exceedingly troublesome.

The New York World has completed a poll of the unemployed in the metropolitan area, and finds that 33,000 more workmen have work this year than last. The greatest gain was made in the building trades, notwithstanding the fact that this is not the busy season for that branch. There were 34,475 idle building tradesmen in New York twelve months ago as compared with 16,375 now. But New York is not an index of conditions the country over. The industrial condition there is kept before the public by the newspapers at the time. Last summer, as soon as an improvement was noted, and the fact stated that the number of unemployed was largely diminished, there was a rash of unemployed from all the smaller cities of that vicinity and the towns of Connecticut and New Jersey; in fact, from the whole area within hundreds of miles. The surplus labor in New York thus largely represents the unemployed of a large and very thickly settled area of country. It is so all the time, for the first step of an unemployed man is to get to a large city, with the idea that the larger the city the more chance of employment. A year ago the New York papers were showing up the army of the unemployed there, and this checked the drift to the city. Since the revival of business, thousands of men have gone there to find work; yet the surprising showing is made of 33,000 more men employed than one year ago.

SOUND MONEY DIVISION.

Washington Star.

The friends of free coinage are anxious that the line of battle for 1898 shall be as sharply drawn on the silver issue as possible. And with this end in view they are now preparing their program. This program calls for the capture of the next congress, the passage by the next congress of a free silver coinage bill in the spring of 1898, and the lining up of both parties on the president's veto, which they do not doubt will be promptly forthcoming. On the one side will be those who sustain the veto and on the other those who oppose it. There will then be, as the silver men insist, no room for qualification or dodging. Congress by its bill will have written the free silver platform, and the president by his veto the sound money platform.

Some of the friends of sound money declare that the line of battle last year was quite as sharply drawn as this, and that they do not fear another engagement on it. But it would be well to remember that if the result in 1898 is to be the same as last year the men who stood together to achieve last year's

triumph can hardly afford the expensive luxury of division or indifference meanwhile. As the silver men are reforming for the second attack, they certainly should keep in position to receive them. They are very far from being in such position now. They are so very much divided indeed that, as between the men of Mr. Chandler's stamp, who do not want the currency touched by this congress at all, and the men of Mr. Gage's stamp, who want a very substantial currency reform bill passed, the difference appears to threaten serious consequences to the sound money cause.

There ought to be some safe middle ground within reach on this subject, and it should be the duty of the present house to find it. It will be strange indeed if the house fails to take some action. An adjournment without action would be a confession of failure and a plea for mercy, with the country in no mood to grant mercy. And if by a do-nothing policy by this house the next house is surrendered to the silverites, the first point in their program will have been gained, and their course smoothed for the presidential battle two years hence. Instead of being assisted the free coinage men should be resisted, at every stage of their game.

THE SULTAN AND OUR MISSIONARIES.

The ports has demanded the recall of two American missionaries from the province of Aleppo, on the pretext that their mission for distribution of relief is likely to cause disturbances. "The sick man of Europe," as he is derisively termed, is as unreasonable as his political health is feeble. As a bright contrast to his obstinacy and stupidity, the people of America are acknowledging far and wide the beneficence of the mission of H. C. Lett's Stomach Bitters, namely, to relieve and prevent malaria, rheumatism and kidney complaint, chronic dyspepsia, constipation and liver trouble. The nervous, the weak and the infirm derive unpeakable benefit from its use, and it greatly mitigates those infirmities especially incident to advancing years. Sleep, appetite and a sensation of comfort throughout the system, ensue from its use, which should be regular and persistent. An early resort to this fine preventive is logically suggested to those who seek its aid.

It isn't the past or the future that is bothering most of us this week but the presents, the bills for which are still unrepaid.

HOUSEHOLD GODS.

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ITCHING SKIN DISEASES. Aticura. RED ROUGH HANDS. Suffered and Restored by Aticura Soap.

The Medal Medicine Is the Model Medicine. Ayer's Sarsaparilla. The only medal awarded to sarsaparilla at the World's Fair, 1893, at Chicago, was awarded to Ayer's Sarsaparilla.

MARINE NEWS. Tide table for January, 1898. Table with columns for DATE, HIGH WATER, LOW WATER, and various tide measurements.

ASTORIA'S GRAIN FLEET. Table listing Vessel and Flag, Wheat, and other grain details.

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