AFRO-AMERICAN VIEW OF A NAVAL CADETSHIP.

The New York Age, the leading Afro-American paper takes up the cause of R. C. Bundy, the colored nominee for appointment to the Naval Acadamy at Annapolis, (see the Literary Digest last week) in this vigerous fashion.

"It is disgusting at this late day to have the newspapers of the country deploring the incident, and to have the professors and cadets at Annapolis yawping about the wisdom of giving a cadetship to an Afro-American and predicting that Bundy will never graduate even if he succeeds in passing the entrance examination. The newspapers should be ashamed of themselves, and we expect to see Secretary Long sit down so hard on the professors and cadets at Annapolis that they will understand at once that it is their business to obey and not to command, not to designate who shall be cadets but to accept such as are designated by the president and members of congress.

"There is no reason why Afro-American cadets at West Point and Annapolis should not have as fair treatment as those of any other race, and as they have at Yale and Harvard and the other leading colleges and universities of the republic: indeed, they should have a larger measure of consideration and fair play, as the military and naval schools are maintained at the public expense, and every cadet is educated as a pauper, so to speak. Why should these youngsters give themselves aristocratic and dictatorial airs? Why should they be allowed to dictate to the secretary of the navy and be a law unto themselves in the matter of their associates mendicant beneficiaries? We fail to see the point. If the striplings at these schools are to dictate to their superiors, to the secretary of the navy and to congressmen, in this matter, the whole system of naval and military education should be overhauled at once by congress. The taxpayers of the country are entitled to this much.

"We admire Mr. Bundy's determination to go to Anapolis and take his chances. It is his right. We expect that the proper authorities shall give him proper protection. His only fear is that he will be violently dealt with. He should be rid of this. Let him go prepared to defend himself from the assaults of any gentlemanly blackguard who may undertake to intimidate him. He has a right to protect himself, and to be protected by those in authority at Washington and at Annapolis."

NO TIME FOR RECRIMINATION.

"While in some respects Mr. Cleveland's Reform Club speech may be heartily indorsed by all the supporters of good government and sound finance his criticism of the administration and of the republican party for giving preference to the revenue question as demanding the first place in the order of settlement was of very doubtful propriety, nor was it in keeping with facts. Ever since the failure of the income tax it has been conceded that that there must be additional legislation to supply the revenue that it failed to produce, and by placing McKinley in the presidency and the republican party in power. Those who contributed to that result knew that the needed revenue legislation would be along the lines of a protective tariff. Therefore to speak of 'wallowing in the mire of extreme protection' is, to say the least, unwarranted and in very bad taste. Cangress has been in session but six weeks, and very commendable progress has been made. It is of the first importance to the people that the tariff bill should be gotten out of the way so that free course may be given to a measure for monetary reform.

"Mr. Cleveland said in his speech and said truly, that the paramount issue of the last election was sound finance, but what form of sound finance? Simply that the gold standard as we now have, it should be maintained. Such was the declaration of the St. Louis convention and the pledges of that platform are now being carried out by the administration. But the method of reforming the currency and the establishment of a sound system of banking, which since the decision in November, we now recognize as essential to the maintenance of the gold standard, were not discussed in that campaign at all, and the general thought is still in a fluid condition in regard to them This is no time for recrimination between the two wings of the sound-money army."—The Times-Herald (McKinley Ind.) Chicago.

TO PROPERLY ADDRESS THE PRESIDENT.

"Ex-President Harrison, who details "A Day With the President at His Desk" in the March Ladies' Home Journal, relates some of the amusing solutions of the perplexing problem as to the proper way to address the President: "Sometimes he is addressed by letter-writers as plain 'Mister,' sometimes as 'His Majesty,' or His Excellency.' 'The High Government at Washington was thought to be an appropriate address by one writing from Austria; and a letter addressed to the 'White Office' was rightly assigned by the intelligent mail clerk to the White House. The official title of the head of the Executive Department is 'The President.' All propositions to add adorning but superfluous titles were rejected in Washington's time. The correct letter address is, therefore, 'To the President,' and the oral address, Mr. President.'"

EFFECT OF DEBOES' VOTE IN THE U. S. SENATE.

There are various speculations as to the strength of the republican party in the senate after Deboes election from Kentucky. There are two vacancies yet in the body, one from Florida, where an election has not yet been obtained, and the other from Oregon, where the legislature failed to elect and no action has yet been taken regarding the admission of the governor's appointee. This will make Mr. Deboe the eighty-eighth member, and forty-three of these are ranked as republicans; but this includes several, like Wolcott of Colorado, and Pritchard of North Carolina, who are really silverites, although they will support a republican tariff bill—if they can get what they demand out of it. Kyle of South Dakota, who came in as a populist six years ago, owes his recent re-election to the republicans, and if he should acknowledge the obligation would give that party control of the senate, though the vice-president's casting vote, on any question which would unite gold and silver republicans. The managers, however, place no dependence upon such a majority, and the committees are to be rearranged on the basis demanded by the democrats and populists."—The Post (Ind.), New York.

THE PRESIDENT AND THE PRESS.

"The day would not be a typical one," writes ex-President Harrison in an article on "A Day With the President at His Desk," in the March Ladies' Home Journal, "without a call for one or mor newspaper men. For routine business items, and for social news, the reporters deal with the private Secretary, but when there are rumors of important public transactions—and such rumors are perennial—some of the mire prominent of the newspaper men expect to have a few moments with the president. With some of these—gentlemen who have become known to him as men who have not placed their personal honor in the keeping of any newspaper proprietor or managing editor, but hold it in estimation and in their own custody—the president sometimes talks with a good deal of freedom. Of course, confidential things are not disclosed; he does not give an interview, and is not quoted; but erroneous impressions of what has been done or is in contemplation are often corrected. There are men of fine ability and of the highest personal character among the newspaper writers at Washington."

THE BATTLE OF VELESTINO.

The New York Journal published a cablegram from Stephen Crane, who saw the battle of Velestino, where General Smolenski hurled back Edhem Pasha. Mr. Crane says:

Velestino has proved that if Greek soldiers are well led, can cope successfully with the Turks, even though outnumbered. This battle has proved them great fighters and stayers. To be sure, the army retreated from Velestino, but it was no fault of the army. The commander bit his fingers and cursed when the order came to retreat. He was at that time perfectly confident of success. For three days he had been holding the Turks back and inflicting upon them heavy losses. Then came the order to fall back, due to reverses or something in other places. General Smolenski knew of course his retreat would be at the sacrifice of Volo, and he raged. But orders must be obeyed, hence the occupation by the Turks first of Velestiao add later of Volo. In the middle of intoxication of victory came the orders to fall back. Why?

"I arrived at noon of the second day. the roll of musketry was tremendous. For a distance it was like tearing a cloth; nearer it sounded like rain on a roof, and close up it was just a long crash after crash. It was a beautiful sound—as beautiful as any I had ever dreamed of. It was more impressive than the roar of Niagra and finer than thunder or avalanche—because it had the wonder of human tragedy in it. It was the most beautiful sound of my experience, bearing no symphony. The crash of it was ideal.

"The slaughter of the Turks was enormous. The fire of the Greeks was so fierce that the Turkish soldiers while charging shielded their eyes with their hands. Eight charges the Turkish Soldiers made on Sunday, and they were repulsed each time. The desperate Turkish cavalry even attacked their enemy on a s'e p rocky hill. The insane, wicked squadrons were practically annihilated. Scattered fragments slid slowly back, leaving the plain black with wounded and dead men and horses. From a distance it was like a game. There was no blood, no horror to be seen.

"All the assaults of the Turks this day resulted disastrously to them. The Greek troops fought with the steadiness of salaried bookkeepers, never tired, never complaining. It was a magnificent exhibition. The Greeks fought all the time with the artillery fire upon them, even in a musketry lull, but nobody minded anything. The Turks were in great numbers, and fought according to the precepts of their religion. But the Greeks were never d... sent the fol- whipped them well. ... to congress on was fighting amoung ... treats of the con- sometimes fighting ... citizens in Cuba but always the ... tion for their re- position. When ... burst in fury, ligh... By the red flashe... representatives of taken to Volo. ... little outcry ...mation from our were mostly silen... stablishes the fact

"In the grey early morning the musketry fire began again. It rattled from hill to hill; batteries awoke and the whole play was resumed. The Turkish guns were superior to those of the Greeks, who had mostly mountain howitzes.

"I watched for a long time the blue-clad Greek infantry marching into position across a small plain. While I watched the Turks changed their attack from the Greek right on the plain to Greek left on the rocky hill. The Greeks lay in trenches, snugly flattened against the dirt, firing carefully, while the Turks loomed close before them. Every ridge was fringed with smoke. I saw soldiers in the trenches ease off and take a drink from their canteens twist their cartridge belts to put the empty links behind them, or turn around to say something to a comrad. They then went at it again. I noticed one leutenant, standing in the rear of a trench rolling a cigarette, his lips wide apart. In this careless attitude, a shot went through his neck. His servant came from a trench and knelt weeping over the body, regardless of the battle. The men had to drag him in by the legs.

"The reserves coming up, passed a wayside shrine. The men paused to cross themselves and pray. A shell struck the shrine and demolished it. The men in the rear of the column were oblidged to pray to the spot where the shrine had been.

"News then came that the Turks had tried to turn the flank and failed. The Turks formed on the right, and moved slowly across the plain and the battery opened on them. I saw troops moving to the rear to prevent a possibe flank attack in the direction of Volo.

"The fighting on the plain to the right began. Masses of Turkish troops, like shadows, slowly moved forward toward the Greek trenches, indicated by gray lines of smoke. Shots began to rake the trenches on the hill and to also rake the battery to the rear. I hoped the Greeks on the plain would hurry and drive the Turks from their position. They did it gallantly in a short, ferocious infantry fight.

"The bit of woods where the fight occurred seemed on fire. There was a great rattling and banging and then the Turks went out, defeated. There was general rejoicing all along the Greek lines, the officers walked proudly, the men in the trenches grinned. Then, mind you, just at this time, late in the afternoon, after another successful day, came the order to retreat.

HIDES AND WOOL.

We have never seen a comparison of the value of our imports of hides and wool put side by side, so here it is:

IMPORTS OF HIDES AND WOOL.

Fiscal year.	Hides. Value.	Wool. Value.
1890	$21,881,886	$15,264,083
1891	27,930,759	18,231,372
1892	26,658,133	19,688,108
1893	27,020,775	21,064,180
1894	15,838,888	6,107,438
1895	26,872,489	25,556,421
1896	30,520,177	32,451,242
Totals	$176,723,107	$138,362,844

The imports of hides were all under absolute free trade, the small quantities that paid duties under the reciprocity provisions of the McKinley tariff not being included. The imports of wool were all duitable until 1895.

Excluding the imports of both hide and wool during 1894, the first complete fiscal year of the present tariff law when business was practically at a standstill, we find that the average value of our imports of hides for the six years—under free trade—was $27,000,000 a year. Of wool we imported to the average extent of $18,500,000 a year, from 1890 to 1893, under protection; but free trade in wool brought the figures up to an average of $29,000,000 a year during 1895 and 1896.

Free wool has resulted in increasing the value of our imports of wool above the average value of our imports of hides under free trade. Free wool has been found so disastrous to our sheep industry that it is necessary to restore protection to wool. Protection is benefical to American wool producers, so why not to our cattle owners? It is good policy to apply protection to one of these farm products, and it is better policy to apply it to both of them.

The anti-hat craze has struck Milton Umatilla county. This is how the Eagle is affected: Ladies attending the Eastern Oregon State Normal school entertainment at opera house on tomorrow evening will very kindly wear opera hats or remove their hats upon taking their seats in the auditory. Great satisfaction was expressed by everybody at the last Hercules Dramatic Company's entertainment because of the inauguration of the anti-high-hat movement, and if the ladies will but continue the good work, as we know they will, they will have earned the everlasting gratitude of the entire male population of the city.

The Westfield (Ind.) News prints the following in regard to an old resident of that place: "Frank Mc... ...nsoloy when they sneeze.

The Greeks seem to need commanders more than anything else. They have several of those so-called divinely appointed monarchial ruling sprigs of royalty, which they have no use for. It is real efficient commanders which they need.—Albany Herald.

A LAYMAN'S WORK.

The "Independent," a Congregational paper, has the following account of the work of a layman, whose recent deth abroad has brought great sorrow to a large circle of friends in his native land.

"Some years ago a vestryman of an Episcopal church in New York, after the Sunday morning service, said to a brother vestryman across the aisle: 'Come with me this evening and see my boys!' 'Your boys! What do you mean?' the other replied. 'Come and you will see.' With some persuasion his friend went with him, and found himself on a wintry, icy night, at the Children's Aid Society rooms. There the vestyman took the desk as leader, made a most appropriate address, and then called upon his friend to speak. At the close of the service his friend asked the question: 'How long have you been doing this thing without my ever suspecting it?' 'Sixteen years,' was the reply. For sixteen years Howard Potter had been leaving his rich and beantiful home every other Sunday night to help and instruct and stimulate to a better life the poorest boys—the very waifs of New York City—and to find for them honorable homes in the West. He died suddenly of heart disease in London, where he was at the haad of the London branch of the great house of Brown Bros. & Co., of which he was the senior partner. He was a brother of Bishop Potter, and no member of the family was either an abler or a truer man than was Howard Potter.

Mr. Hanna is evidently an unusually liberal man, as well as a prodigiously wealthy one. He has now, according to the democratic papers of the state, bought the populist party in Oregon, and induced it to declare against future fusion. His excessive liberality is shown in the fact that he did not buy up the smaller faction of the fusionists.—Corvallis Gazette.

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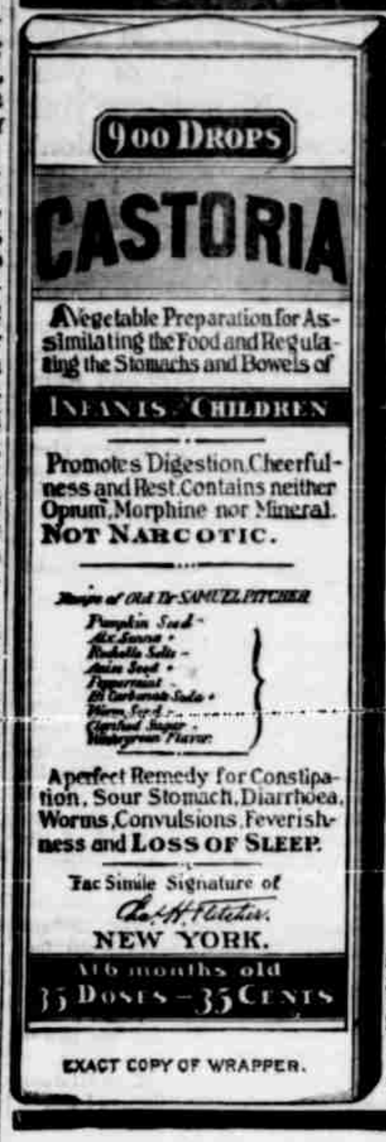

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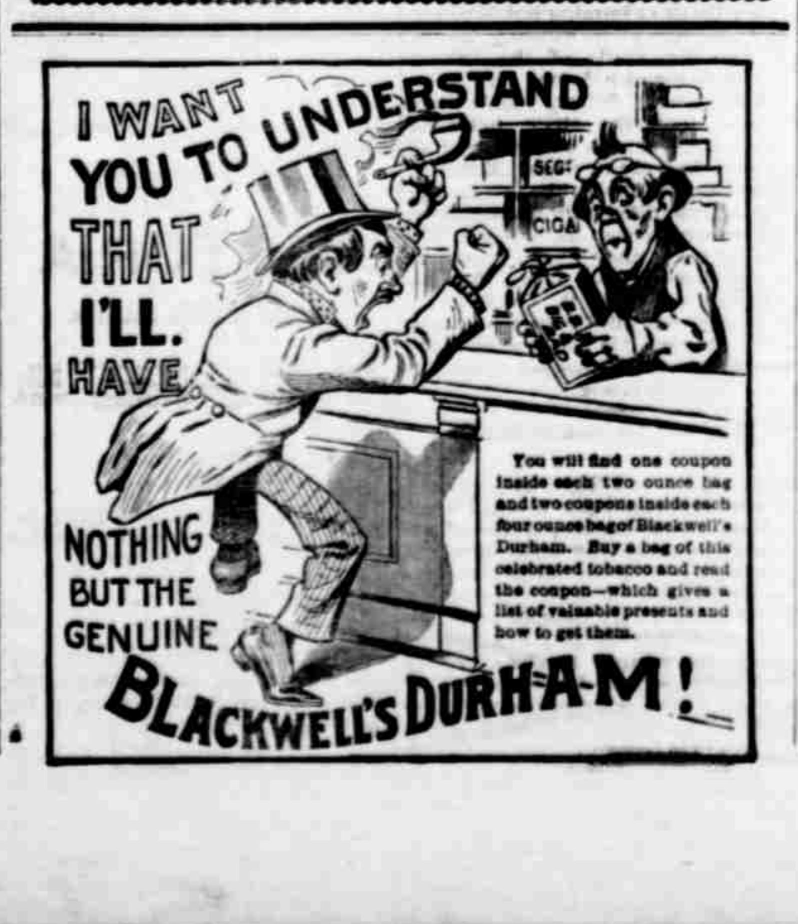

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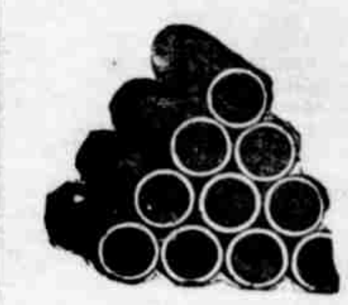

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