

Prominent republicans have given it out that they visited McKinley upon his invitation, and now comes a statement from McKinley that he has invited nobody and will invite nobody to come.

If McKinley can be friendly with Whitelaw Reid and Boss Platt at the same time he has greater diplomatic ability than he has been credited with.

Ex-Secretary of State Foster will make the people think that he is the paid attorney of the Hawaiian annexationists, if he isn't more guarded in his talk.

The organization of the lock trust indicates that nobody is expecting trouble for the trusts from the next administration.

Because Tom Reed was on bad terms with the last republican President is no certain reason for his throwing stones at McKinley, but McKinley's friends seem very much afraid of the man from Maine.

There are times, in politics as in everything else, when a waiting policy is the very best that could be adopted.

His best friend would not claim that good looks had anything to do with the election of Congressman Black to be Governor of New York. It is said his face is ugly enough to stop a runaway bicycle.

McKinley recognizes the wisdom of keeping would-be members of his Cabinet on the anxious bench as long as possible. That's why he announced that he didn't expect the Cabinet to be completed until the day before his inauguration.

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A number of clerks in the treasury department have been summarily discharged because they violated the rules of the department by taking an active part in the campaign for the free coinage of

silver. How the president or Mr. Carlisle can justify such dismissals is not explained. If it was a violation of the rules of the department for a clerk to take an active part in the campaign for free coinage, it seems that it should also have been a violation for Secretary Carlisle to take an active part for the gold standard. If President Cleveland wants to be consistent, he should remove Mr. Carlisle along with the other "offensive partisans."

Wellington, the New Maryland republican boss and Senator, says he has seen Napoleon McKinley and their relations are to be harmonious and satisfactory. Now those republicans who had the idea that Wellington might take a notion to wipe up the floor with the Ohio Napoleon can rest in peace. All Wellington wants is the control of the Federal patronage in Maryland.

The latest republican scheme is a project for the formation of a Senate committee on Tariff in the next Congress, the idea being to separate the tariff from the silver question. Under present rules the Finance committee has charge of both.

Senator Chandler talks like a man who wouldn't require any persuasion to vote for the free and unlimited coinage of silver, if his vote would bring it about.

Senator elect Foraker talks like a man who would prefer having John Sherman in McKinley's cabinet than to having him remain in the senate.

Perhaps President Cleveland was figuring on joining the faculty of Princeton University, when he bought that residence in the Jersey college town.

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Mark Hanna is such a good friend to McKinley that he will even relieve him of the trouble and worry of selecting his cabinet.

Boss Platt will enter the senate as the high color of the New York republicans, and not as the "one too" he left it with Conkling.

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