

There may be a pointer in the fact that most of President Cleveland's congressional callers are republicans.

Whatever may be the result of the efforts to bring about a general reorganization of parties, it ought to be clear enough for anybody to see that there isn't room for two republican parties, even though one of them should go under another name.

What important things those Canton callers do discover! One of them found out the other day that McKinley was going to be a strict party man in all his official acts. As Congressman and as Governor of Ohio McKinley was a partisan of partisans, and no one familiar with his record expected him to be any other sort of a President.

While the other republican leaders are making known their wants to McKinley Tom Reed is saying nothing and waing to see how much will be offered him for his support.

Mark Hanna's rating for wisdom would be several points higher had he kept his mouth shut since election and continued to allow money to do his talking

McKinley is asking and getting advice from the leaders of his party. Had other President's, who might be named, done as much it would have been better for their party and for the country.

The anti-McKinley republicans will talk louder after the big patronage of the coming administration has been disposed of

Mark Hanna is in Washington, allowing the republican Congressmen and office seekers to admire the fit of his crown.

It is already clear that a distinct line is to be drawn between the friends of other candidates and the original McKinley men, when the pie distribution begins.

"When such men as Standard Oil Rockefeller and Homestead Carnegie make a bluff at fighting a business war, it behooves people who buy from either to be on their guard, as the end is almost certain to be the formation of another trust and a few additional turns of the screws on the consumers.

There may be differences of opinion as to the wisdom of Senator Hill's course during the campaign, but when he said that he would neither do nor say anything during this session of Congress to widen the breach between democrats he talked sense.

Why should Hanna with his clear title as boss of the whole outfit be willing to become a member of the cabinet.

The battleship Texas has been lied about almost as extensively as its distinguished namesake the great state of Texas, but like the lone star state it is still afloat and prepared to do business.

The business men of Philadelphia were all right when they were sending their checks to Mark Hanna, but when they dared to have a Senatorial candidate without Boss Quay's consent they lost caste with the big republicans.

The democratic Senators should not allow the republicans to put the blame on them for doing nothing at this session of Congress.

The arrest of the officials of the Iowa Soldiers Home indicates that there was truth in the charges made against the management of these institutions, by members of Congress at the last session.

Senator Hoar's denial that the supreme court was packed in 1870 to make the legal tender decision was certainly a little late in getting before the public.

Still another trust! This time it is the manufacturers of wood working machinery, representing a capital of \$20,000,000.

The investigation of the charge against Newt Eddy, who was accused of passing a counterfeit gold piece at Meadows, has developed some interesting information respecting the operations of a gang that existed in that locality and engaged in the manufacture of bogus coins. The government did not succeed in making a case against Eddy, but it appears counterfeit gold pieces were put in circulation, and that they were manufactured somewhere in Washington or Idaho county.

The men engaging in this illicit business seem to have been attracted to it by the opportunity to pass the coins on the Indians. The latter do not like to carry currency. Since they received their money from the government many of them have had large sums to carry about and they became partial to gold owing to the fact that silver was bulky; hence they fell easy victims to the circulators of the "queer."

The gold pieces manufactured by these operators are very good imitations. The counterfeiters made molds of \$5, \$10 and \$20 pieces. In these they cast the bogus coins, afterward coating the same with gold. In some cases the coins were made of something like rabbit metal. In others silver was used. The plated silver pieces would deceive most any one but an expert as they apparently have sufficient weight and ring true when tested.

Owing to the sparsely settled condition of the country in which these counterfeit operations have been conducted, it has been impracticable to run them down, but it is known that a large number of coins have been put in circulation, and that they were made in that part of the state. Another man is under bond at Lewiston for having passed one of these pieces.

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