

M. Kinley's Cabinet.

The advisory board selected by President McKinley as cabinet officers are clean cut corporationists in every sense of the word. Men that all intelligent persons know favor class legislation, men who preach the necessary qualifications to the vitality of a free and independent people, is legal and political equality but whose every day actions prove conclusively the effort on their part to concentrate wealth in the hands of a few, gradually changing our republic into an aristocracy based upon wealth alone.

Sherman at the head who started in his political career a poor man and has grown rich by doing just what the corporations wanted done. The people know him to be the special representative of the policy that contracted our currency and hold him responsible for the destruction of our paper currency. He is responsible more than any other living man, for the legislation that disturbed the relation of gold and silver until the end desired, by the gold bugs, was finally accomplished, that is, the demonetization of the latter. He is the heart of the corporation cabinet, assisted by each individual member, there is no warring element in that body of men selected by the President, they all of one accord harmonize on the questions of corporations, class legislation and concentration of wealth and power in the hands of a few.

What can the people expect? There is no shoddy goods, when it comes to party lines, in this selection they are all without an exception true blue republicans allied to all corporations, monopolies and trusts. Every single member belonging to that class are men who shove the weaker to the wall and take the spoils at the expense of the taxpayer. Opposed to an income tax, which would necessarily be largely paid by this class. Opposed to the free coinage of silver and tuff the people with that old song of a coming international agreement, which will never materialize. From the selection of the members of the cabinet it is a transparent fact that the effort, and it may be successful, will be made to fasten on the people, permanently the gold standard, all the time holding out to bimetalists the alluring bait of an international agreement. Lots of people will suck the decoy and we will probably finally find ourselves in the irretrievable meshes of despair, our government an aristocracy and the people bound in the chains now being forged for their enslavement.

Few democrats in Congress are likely to vote for a bill giving Mr. McKinley authority to appoint a packed currency commission to report in favor of a continuance of the gold standard.

Mr. McKinley got into the White House by persistently chasing the Presidential nomination of his party; who knows that Potato Pinger will not be equally successful.

At least one Washington daily gives evidence of the employment of a personal press agent by King Hanna.

The fun making capacity of the Washington circus would be materially strengthened by making "Teddy" Roosevelt a member of the administration, but it would be fun for the "other fellows" and not for the administration.

The McKinley programme of party harmony can be depended upon to last until the big offices are all given out; then some vicious rib-sticking may be confidently expected.

The sugar trust got in its work during the closing hours of the last Congress by the passage of a bill amending existing law in a manner that will prevent the imprisonment of breker Chapman, for contempt in refusing to answer questions asked by a Congressional committee, or any other witness, no matter how often they may be convicted by the lower courts, and Mr. Cleveland found time to sign the bill, too.

The silver Senators seem inclined to "get together" and run the Senatorial machine. They have got the votes; it's only a question of getting them together, but that isn't so easy as it looks.

We do not wish to be irreverent in reminding these who are lauding McKinley's intentions of the place said to be paved with good intentions. Good intentions are all right, but it will need some substantial good accomplishments to save Mr. McKinley and his party from the wrath of the people.

The votes of democratic and populist senators are being sought for the republican tariff bill in exchange for "protection" of some product of their respective states.

And now they say that it isn't to be a Dingley tariff bill, but another McKinley bill, as the measure is to be gone over and O. K.'d. by Mr. McKinley before it is reported to the House.

The appropriations of the Fifty-fourth Congress were nearly \$60,000,000 in excess of those made by its democratic predecessor.

Oh yes, prosperity is just rushing things in New York. At a meeting of garment finishers it was stated that the same people who made \$10 a week last year, working ten hours a day, were now compelled to make \$3 a week.

Representative Dockery of Mo., has published a scorching arraignment of the republicans for the large and extravagant appropriations made by the Congress just closed.

If those people who say that Czar Reed doesn't intend to allow the House to do anything at the extra session but pass the tariff bill, and perhaps a currency commission bill, know what they are talking about, all previous gag rules will have to take back seats.

King Hanna's seat in the Senate is next to that of Senator Marion Butler, Chairman of the populist National Committee, but it isn't likely that the two men will become chummy.

We trust there was no connection between the advent of the new administration and those destructive western floods.

If King Hanna succeeds in his attempt to boss the Senate, he will do what no other man has ever been able to do, although many have tried.

Somebody displayed horse sense when it was decided to abandon the idea of putting up an administration candidate for Speaker of the House against Tom Reed. Reed has many faults, but he is a hard and persistent fighter of those who fight him.

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