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So Mr. Harrison will vote the free coinage bill. Well, we could do nothing that would be more beneficial to the democratic party.

VICTIMS of the hard work and enormous responsibility of the Treasury post John Folger, Manning, Windom, all within eight years.

Is less than year from the terrible Tracy tragedy Senators Windom fell dead. Those who believe that such things always travel in threes, are asking, who will be the next victim?

Will the new Secretary of the Treasury be a gold-bug or will he be a free coinage man? If Mr. Harrison decides the matter upon his own judgment he is certain to be the former, but if he takes the advice of some of the longest headed men in his party he will be the latter. But in either event, Benjamin Harrison, the candidate, will lose votes in the next national convention of his party, and that's what's the matter with Benny at this time.

It seems a little queer that those republicans who shout the loudest for a protective tariff high enough to shut out all the world, claiming that America can exist without any commercial dealings with the rest of the world, are the very men who oppose an American system of finance—the free and unlimited coinage of silver—basing their opposition upon the ground that America cannot have free coinage without the consent of the great commercial countries of Europe. We merely give this as a specimen of republican consistency. Our readers can make their own comments.

One would suppose from reading the comments of the republican press upon the pleasant exchange of courtesies between Governor and Senator elect Hill and ex-President Cleveland, at a recent dinner at New York, that the republicans expected these two gentlemen to meet at La Fita Simmons and Demsey. This is absurd. Cleveland and Hill are good friends, and are both good democrats, and we have no hesitation in making the prophecy that when the next national campaign opens they will both be hard at work for the democrat's nominee, whether it be one of them or some other democrat.

It looks as though it would be left for the democratic House to find out which congressman speculated in silver while last years silver bill was pending. The committee of the present House doesn't seem inclined to try very hard, in fact several of its republican members have practically admitted being sorry for having found out Senator Cameron's speculation, and they never would have discovered that if Senator Vest had not voluntarily testified to the facts. Did any of the members of this committee get a share of the "pork"?

Well, well! Truly wonders will never cease. According to ex-Senator Warner Miller, president of the Nicaragua Canal company, the proposition to have the Government guarantee the bonds of the corporation did not come from the company, but from the Senate committee on foreign affairs, and was the result of an investigation of the progress made by the company in building the canal. He hastens to add that the company had promptly accepted the provisions of the bill in view of the many advantages to be derived therefrom. Well, we should think so. Is there any corporation in existence that would not promptly accept an offer of the United States Government to guarantee the payment of \$20,000,000 of its bonds, and especially a company that finds its bonds a drug on the market, even when offered at all sorts of ruinous discounts, as has been the case with the Nicaragua company. If the company did not request this legislation, some individual or individuals very heavily interested therein, must have exercised a powerful influence over the Senate committee on foreign affairs.

We are receiving an... party for desiring the election of a democratic major. We should think that such a course in a democratic election, instead of receiving condemnation from... of his own party, would receive the approval.

We have no personal objections to the republican candidate for the office of... certainly think it is laudable to have sufficient party pride to, at least, express a preference for a democratic candidate.

The Land Office is well aware of the fact that the East Oregon (Herald) took up the "cutty" in defense of the actions of the officers when the dark clouds of... and sectional prejudice were hanging over them, and we can't see why the republican party can have any kick coming because we advocate the election of as many democrats for town officers as we can get.

Parties come into our office and say, "do not run this matter into politics." "Certainly not," we answer, "but we should not be blamed for an effort to elect a part of the officers, when we believe the town to be democratic." And most undoubtedly we should not be censured by a part of our own party for standing by our colors.

At Washington City, February 7th, a conference was held at the residence of Senator Stanford, between the presidents of the Farmers' Alliance and the Senator. He (the senator) expects his silver bill to be the means of influencing that organization to "join him for the next Presidency." It seems to be confidently expected by him, that the republican party will be forced to nominate him for the next Presidency, assuming the only course to pursue to get the vote of that league. It is supposed the intention of Farmers' Alliance is to compel one or the other old parties to adopt their platform, or they will run their own candidate, independent of the two parties.

The "West Shore Tortoise" started to Chicago January 31st, to be present at the World's Fair, and present Oregon's exhibit.

When you think that the tortoise will attract as much attention, or probably more, than an appropriation by our legislators of \$250,000, for that purpose. Had the legislature appropriated the \$250,000, Oregon would have been just that much poorer, and the wisdom would have come in the way of little or no expense. "Charity begins at home." \$250,000 appropriated by the State to help irrigate the sage brush lands of Eastern Oregon, we should think more appropriate, and more beneficial to the State and its citizens.

The Sun had the following editorial the 7th inst: "We are not speaking from mere probabilities when we inform the public that a proclamation from the President may be expected probably before the 20th or 25th of this month, calling an extra session of the Senate to meet in Washington, on the 4th day of March, or immediately afterward. It may, also, be presumed that the business to be brought before this called session will be of more than ordinary importance.

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FROM THE CAPITOL

HERALD'S WASHINGTON LETTER

A Synopsis of a Week's Working at the White House.

[From our regular Correspondent]

WASHINGTON, D. C. Feb. 8, 1891.

Mr. Harrison made a last desperate attempt, through Senator Hoar, in behalf of the Force bill at a caucus of republican Senators held last night. In order to give the Senators who voted against the bill an opportunity of returning to the ranks a new bill was presented to the caucus, shorter and with some of the objectionable features of the Lodge bill. Stories differ as to the conclusion arrived at. Some say that it was decided to pass the new bill in a few days and others that no definite conclusion was reached. One republican Senator, who voted with the democrats to lay aside the paper resolution, is reported to have said that if it would be any satisfaction to the radical members of his party he would vote for the new bill, because he was satisfied that there was not enough time remaining to get it through the House.

The republicans seem to be getting the worst of the silver pool investigation, in spite of the evident intention of the committee to find out as little as possible. No democratic member of either branch of Congress has been implicated, while two prominent republicans—Senator Cameron and Representative Taylor, of Illinois—have admitted their guilt, and another—Representative Cotchen, of New York—is expected to do likewise. The greatest force of the investigation was enacted a week when Owsenby, the man who claimed to have been a member of a silver pool, was brought from Chicago under arrest and put on the stand. Almost before he began his testimony the committee decided that he must not mention the names of Senators or Representatives that he had heard named by other people as speculating in silver. That practically shut out all that portion of his evidence that might have led to finding out something, and it is believed that it was intended to have just that effect.

The free coinage bill has been the cause of some very plain talk this week, and unless all signs fail it is going to bring on a big row in the House. Senator Cookerell said that the opposition to the bill, which has suddenly sprung into life, in various sections, but principally in the east, was inspired by telegrams from the Capitol; and Representative Bland, charged Representative Walker, who is a Massachusetts banker, with trying to smother the bill in committee by granting endless hearings to all who asked for them. The vote of the committee shows that the bill will get no favor there, and all that the free coinage men can now do is to await a favorable opportunity to bring it directly before the House.

Congress has granted Mr. Harrison's request and passed a bill extending the time during which an assistant may act as the head of any executive department of the Government from ten to thirty days, and now that gentlemen is up to his ears in the recommendations of various would-be Secretaries of the Treasury. All the big republicans from Gen. Alger and Chauncey Depew down to "me too" Platt, who is himself a candidate, are flitting in and out of Washington like restless ghosts. It is stated by republicans that Mr. Harrison has promised not to give the place to a silver man. He'll have a hard time to fill the shoes of the late Secretary Windom; several of those who might do so satisfactorily to the country would under no circumstances connect themselves with the present unpopular administration.

Senator Turpie, in accordance with the resolution recently adopted by the Indiana legislature, has offered a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution of the United States, for the election of Senators by a direct vote of the people.

It looks now as if the Fifty-first Congress would come to an end before the committee which has been for to these many months making an alleged investigation of the Pension office and Commissioner Raum, makes its report. It is thought that the report is held back to keep Raum in his place as long as possible, as he is almost certain to be removed when the report goes to Mr. Harrison.

The National Legislative Council, which was provided for at the late Ocala convention of the National Farmers Alliance, is now holding its first session here. It is composed of the President's of the State organizations and the National President. Its principal duties are to prepare the bills that the Alliance will ask the next Congress to pass. There is a rumor that the council has already decided upon a material modification of the sub-treasury scheme.

Speaker Reed's action in having refused to give the House committee on Foreign Affairs a day for the consideration of measures favorably reported from that committee makes it practically impossible for us to make a single step towards the necessity now extended by the C. A. I. union government. Well, there's one consolation, Reed will be a deposed czar in a very short time.

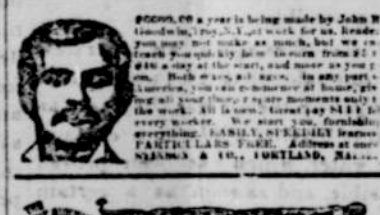
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