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Should Italy and the United States go to war it would be sort of eagle and monkey affair.

Will Senator Sherman's new barn be large enough to store the fall crop of Ohio Farmer's Alliance votes.

Ex-Senator Ingalls may cover himself with hay seed and talk about the crops, but it takes more than that to make a farmer.

Mr. Harrison is getting a taste of Southern hospitality, but that does not indicate that he will get any Southern electoral votes next year should he succeed in getting himself nominated.

Representative Belden, of New York, who was chairman of the republican Congressional Committee last year, aptly but inelegantly expressed the present condition of the republican party who he said: "We republicans are all pretty well in the dump heap now."

Senator Morgan thinks it is not war but cash that Italy wants. It will be some time before she gets either from the United States. We are not in a condition to fight and the Fifty-first Congress not only spent all the money there was in the treasury, but all that is expected to come in for a year or two. Perhaps if King Humbert knew this he would change his tactics.

Canadian reciprocity is not even to be talked about by the administration until McKinley has an opportunity to bamboozle the Ohio farmers by telling them of what they owe him for the clauses in his tariff act shutting out Canadian agricultural products. It remains to be seen whether the Ohio farmers will swallow his "taffy" to the extent of voting for McKinley for governor. We don't believe they will.

Columns have been written eulogizing the administration for having the German embargo on American meats raised, but the unpleasant fact remains that the embargo is still in existence and that no American meats can, to-day, be sold in Germany. We do not pretend to say that this injustice to American meats will not eventually be righted by the German government, but it has not done it, nor has it authorized any official statement of its intention to do it, therefore the eulogies of the administration are premature.

The newspapers seem to be a little off about the birth of a new nation being concealed in the recent federation of the Australian colonies into one commonwealth. So far as can be seen the grip of England is just as strong upon the newly federated commonwealth as it was upon the several colonies, when each held independent relations with the mother country, and we know of no good reason for believing that the Australians wish it to be otherwise. We shall be glad when all countries become republics, but we think the Australian republic is still a long ways off.

Whither are we drifting? As if the acceptance of a free special train from the railroad magnates was not a sufficient insult to the great mass of the people, who believe that the President is entitled to the privileges of a plain every day American citizen, no more, no less. The front car of the special train, on which Mr. Harrison is making his political tour, is emblazoned with big gold letters "The Presidential Train." Photographs of this royally equipped train should be distributed from one end of the country to the other, particularly among the people who have to work for a living and who buy second-class railroad tickets, or walk, when they wish to go anywhere. The train upon which Her Majesty, Queen Victoria, took her jaunt was not to be compared, for magnificence, to that upon which Mr. Harrison is now traveling. Is it any wonder that the people clamor for a return to democratic simplicity and every-man-pay-his-own-way methods?

It pays to be a humbug, P. T. Barnum left an estate worth more than \$5,000,000.

There's a heap of work for the political fool killer this year, and he can't return from his long vacation too soon.

Mr. Harrison is so afraid of Mr. Blaine that it would not be surprising if he telegraphed to Washington every morning to find out whether the foxy Secretary of State had carried the White House off during the preceding night. Never mind, Benny, don't worry; your successor will be a good democrat, and not J. G. B.

The postal law, making it a penal offense to use cancelled stamps on mail matter, we presume, is necessary, still it leaves the whole community at the mercy of the postmasters.

If we understand the law, any defacement of the stamp makes one liable to punishment, so if the postmaster desires to work a hardship on any one, all that is required on his part is to mark the stamp and report the matter to the proper authority. The individual he wishes to injure finds himself under arrest, to answer for a misdemeanor, of which, he is innocent. But how is he going to prove his innocence? If one neglects putting a stamp upon a letter it is just simply held for postage. Why not make that an offense? Or why not do letters with defaced or cancelled stamps the same as those without any stamps.

Of course it is not supposed that a postmaster will charge an individual with a criminal action unless he believes him to be guilty, neither do we suppose persons on the outside desire to get mail sent through the postoffices with canceled stamps. Postmasters are as likely to be dishonest as any other class of men, and they are in a position, if so disposed, to work a hardship any one they dislike.

The Farmer's Alliance don't take any stock in anything but fraud. They write of nothing else and talk of nothing else. One writer in speaking of the situation, remarks: "We fought hard to free the black slaves, thereby bringing slavery upon the poor whites, through the sectional intrigues of the republican party," and condemning such a course as a fraud; and further states, simply by an assertion without giving any evidence: "That the democratic party is in the same boat.—Both parties rotten to the core."

The writer must be an old radical republican, who, at one time, argued that he did not fight to free the negroes, but to preserve the glorious Union; but now he comes down with an acknowledgement of facts.

Slavery not being a paying institution in the New England States the slaves were sold to Southern men, then a war began immediately through green-eyed jealousy, because slavery was profitable in the Southern States, and the New England States could not bear the idea of the South making an extra dollar unless they were confident of getting seventy-five cents of it themselves. The enormous sin of slavery was cried, in the districts where slavery was not profitable, from the house-tops, from the pulpits, from the wayside and legislative halls, until slavery in our government was abolished by a civil war. That class of old hard-shell republicans have hung on to their party until they can no longer ignore the fact of social and financial ruin to themselves. But they find it impossible, on account of their bitter and undying selfishness, to acknowledge the fact, which is plainly apparent to the mind of every unbiased individual, that the democratic party have for years been trying to accomplish just what they claim is vital to the interest of the farmer and laboring men.

They come out in strong language with the "farmer must and shall rule." They do not seem to grasp the truth that that is monopoly itself.

The cry should be: justice and a uniform administration of government, impartially enforced and no partiality shown to any monopoly, corporation, syndicate or class. If we have an exclusively farmer's government, laws made especially beneficial to that class, we have a monopoly just as much, or more, to be dreaded than a money monopoly.

FROM THE CAPITOL.

HERALD'S WASHINGTON LETTERS.

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

(From our regular Correspondent)

WASHINGTON, D. C. April 17, 1891.

Mr. Blaine has lost none of his old time cunning. He wants to give the country the impression that he is running the Department of State entirely independent of Mr. Harrison, and to help that idea along he waited until after Mr. Harrison had gone on his grand vote hunting tour before he delivered a copy of the reply of this Government to the last dispatch of the Italian government to Marquis Imperiali, the Italian charged affairs in this city, for transmission to Rome, although, I have it on excellent authority, that reply had been entirely written, and approved by Mr. Harrison and the cabinet as long ago as last Saturday.

This reply is one of the longest and most elaborate documents ever sent by this Government to a foreign nation, and it informs the Italians in unmistakable language that the United States does not propose to interfere with the regularly constituted State courts under any circumstances, and that when it shall have been proven that any citizen or citizens of Italy were among the members of the "Mafia" lunched at New Orleans it is willing to take up the question of paying to his or their families a money indemnity. It is in short a thoroughly American letter. Mr. Blaine has many faults but lack of Americanism isn't one of them, thank heaven.

"Teddy" Roosevelt is the happiest man in Washington since he found out that his Civil Service Commission was to have added to the number of people over whom it tyrannizes about six hundred employees of the Indian service, mostly connected with the Indian schools. A non-partisan Indian service may be very desirable, but it will never be accomplished as the agents and their employees—not under "Teddy's" supervision—are republican strikers, as they are now.

Another bogus reform is the alleged attempt of Secretary Tracy to clear the navy yards of the country of partisan politics. He has issued an order declaring the positions vacant after June 1, at the New York yard and after July 1, at the Norfolk yard of all foremen and master mechanics, and ordering an examining board of Naval officers to convene at these yards respectively May 11 and June 3, for the purpose of examining applicants for the vacancies. "Why," said a Naval officer, "this thing is a fraud on its face, and in my opinion, is only gotten up to get rid of some men whose open discharge is not desirable. If there are incompetent foremen and master mechanics employed why not discharge them and, if it is the desire of the Secretary, have their places filled by competitive examinations, but what sense is there in requiring men who have proven by years of successful work their competence to take part in competitive examinations in order to demonstrate their fitness for doing the work upon which they have been engaged, in some cases, for half a life time."

The working men are after Secretary Tracy with a sharp stick, because of what they claim to be a violation of the contract labor law by commodore Folger, of the Washington Navy Yard, in employing upon the recommendation of an English official, two foreigners as mechanics, within a week after their arrival in this country. Secretary Foster will be asked to investigate the matter as soon as he comes back from New York, whether he has gone to brace up the Harrison forces.

The remains of the big hearted democratic veteran, Representative Spinola, who died here Tuesday morning, were taken to New York for interment Wednesday morning, accompanied by a Congressional committee and a delegation of New Yorkers. He will be missed in the House.

The true unweariness of the resignation of Senator Edmund has leaked out. It is chagrin. There was a time when his word was law with his republican colleagues in the Senate, but at the last session his suggestions were not only ignored, but he was actually snubbed on several occasions by a majority of the republican Senator, and in such ways as to make it plain that his power over them was gone never to return. That was more than the old legislative tyrant could stand, so he resolved to go himself to escape further mortification.

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