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The footsteps of the Government official who hails from Ohio are turned toward his native state. The names of those who have already participated, or will participate, in the stump speaking in that state begins, of course, with the name of Secretary Foster.

The committee which is seeking subscriptions from the Ohio employees in the various Departments have taken the pains to learn that there are 775 employees credited to the state of Ohio, drawing annual salaries amounting in the aggregate to \$1,025,000. Two per cent from each employee would insure contributions to the amount of \$20,500. As a matter of fact, the entire amount received by the committee is only \$1,700, and of this amount over \$500 was contributed by persons who do not belong in Ohio. One of the Ohio men, who is well known, did not pay cash, but put his note in the hands of the committee for \$25.

Of the 776 employees only about 450 are voters, and last year, with very favorable rail-road arrangements, only 400 went home to vote. It is not expected that more than 200 will make the trip this year.

SENATOR Faulkner, who recently returned from the Democratic excursion to the Pacific coast, said the most encouraging thing he observed was the coming over of young men to the democratic party.

Many young business men, raised in republican families were forsaking that party on account of its tariff principles, and were daily augmenting the strength of the democracy in the West. He further states the McKinley bill is against the interests of that section of the country, and business men, whatever may have been their previous party feelings, are in opposition to the measure and the party that enacted it.

While there was a division on the silver question, the Senator says he found the people of one mind on the tariff. He thought the democrats would carry two of the new states in 1892 and gradually become the dominant party in that section.

NOTWITHSTANDING the fact that interest on 4 1/2 per cent bonds ceased September 2, and that they have been since unavailable as security for national bank circulation, and the further fact that the Comptroller of the Currency has officially advised all national banks to that effect, the Treasurer of the United States still holds \$221,900 of these bonds to secure the circulation of eleven national banks. In order to correct this state of affairs the Comptroller of the Currency has addressed a letter to each of the delinquent banks in which he says that these bonds are being improperly used as a basis of circulation, and should be immediately replaced by interest-bearing bonds as required by law.

FOUR states, Massachusetts, New York, Ohio and Iowa elect Governors in November. These states have a population of about nine-

teen millions, nearly one third that of the whole country. This population fairly represents the people of the United States in all their diversity. All these states now have democratic Governors. In Iowa last year a republic in received only 3,366 plurality. In 1889 a democrat had 6,522 plurality, lacking less than 500 of having a majority. Iowa has been famous for its large republican majorities. Of late years they have melted away. New York has gone democratic 12 times since 1872, while the remaining three states, with few exceptions, have given very large republican majorities. There is good reason to believe that the democrats will carry all of these states this fall.

ACTING Secretary Spaulding has written a letter to the Secretary of State in regard to the construction of the alien contract law by the Attorney General, who holds that skilled experts who may come from foreign countries to aid foreign exhibitors in setting up and operating machinery to be brought to the United States and exhibited at the World's Fair, as well as clerks, stall-keepers, and other persons whose services may be required by foreign exhibitors, are outside of and not subject to the contract labor law. Mr. Spaulding expresses the belief that this opinion of the Attorney General does not permit the admission of Chinese laborers to assist Chinese exhibitors, and that they can only be admitted by an act of Congress removing the prohibition that operates against them.

ANOTHER point has been won by Mr. Cleveland. He has named the baby to the satisfaction of the American people. Either Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland have wonderful tact and steadfast good sense or the American people are persistently determined to find no fault with them as a family. The people are with them.

THE Massachusetts Democrats certainly have the courage of their convictions. They have engaged Mills for eight speeches in the Bay State. The Texas candidate for the Speakership is throwing his anchors well to windward.

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