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The only part of the President's message deserving of the slightest commendation, is that dealing with the several foreign complications which have occurred during the past year. The rest of it with one or two exceptions is worthy only of the condemnation of those who believe in democratic ideas of the administration of the Government. He strongly endorses the Government guarantee of the \$100,000,000 of bonds which ex-Senator Warner Miller estimates as necessary to build the Nicaragua canal; he wants to interfere with the sovereign rights of a state as lately exercised by the Michigan legislature, by the adoption of a constitutional amendment providing a method for the election of members of Congress and the electoral college — Constitutional amendments have always been a Republican fad; he proves that Senator Gorman and the other Democratic leaders have been right in asserting that the notorious force bill was not dead, but only temporarily shelved by lamenting the failure to pass that bill and proposing that an "8 to 7" commission be appointed by the supreme court for the purpose of considering the "evil" connected with our election system. This is a wily attempt on the part of Mr. Harrison to get a partisan commission appointed that would report in favor of the enactment of a law similar in all respects to the Force bill, but the Democratic party has been tricked by one "8 to 7" commission and is not likely to be caught in the same trap a second time. The principal "evil" in our election system, in Mr. Harrison's mind, is that Democrats are elected where he wishes Republicans to be elected; if that could be reversed he would consider the system perfect.

The items in the last issue in a short editorial on the election of Crisp to the office of Speaker of the House uses the following language to express its contempt: "that vile unprincipled ring money-bags known as Tammany Hall etc." It looks rather singular that a respectable Republican journal acquainted with the workings of the party would court discussion in that direction, opening up the avenue of the fraudulent use of money to accomplish the aims of rings, monopolies etc. For instance the election of one of their "god monopolists" to fill the gubernatorial chair in Ohio. The Republican party accomplishes nothing through principle it's all done by money. Money is their "Sesame" that opens the vaults of our government and the private coffers of political rings and money oligies, which pay the leaders of the party for the dirty work of passing laws to make the rich richer, and the poor poorer.

Mr. Harrison's annual message to Congress is a strong bid for re-nomination at the hands of his party, and all that now remains to make his nomination certain is Mr. Blaine shall write that letter which the public has for a year or more been periodically informed that he was just on the eve of writ-

ing, declaring that he will under no circumstances accept the nomination. He may or may not write such a letter; just now it is again positively stated that he will do so in a few days.

REPRESENTATIVE Mills characterises as absurd the rumor that he intended to resign. That he is disappointed he does not deny, but the idea of resigning has never occurred to him. He is not that kind of a man; and unless the Governor of Texas shall call a special session of the legislature of that State, which shall elect Mr. Mills Senator, to fill the unexpired term of Senator Reagan, there is every probability that Mr. Mills will serve out his term in the House, although it will not be surprising if he should decline to again assume the responsibilities and hard work of chairman of the Ways and Means Committee.

THE meeting of the executive committee of the National Democratic Committee was an important event for the party and a very pleasant event for those who attended it. January 21, 1892, was the date set for the assembling of the full committee in Washington, for the purpose of naming the time and place for holding the next National convention of the party. The time for holding the convention will probably be about the first week in July, but the place is as yet a matter of doubt.

If Jerry Simpson does not catch the Speaker's eye as often as he wishes, it will not be because of his location, as he has secured a seat in the very front row. Jerry has not recovered yet from his disappointment at the small vote his candidate for Speaker received. He thinks that instead of 8 the Alliance candidate should have had about 40 votes.

In order to give Speaker Crisp an opportunity to devote sometime to the very important work of making the committee assignments the House adjourned from Wednesday to Saturday with the understanding that it would then adjourn to the following Wednesday. Even if he devotes his time entirely to the subject it is hardly probable that Speaker Crisp will be able to announce the committee before the Christmas recess.

Mr. Harrison naively informs an overtaxed country that the Commissioner of Pensions, after a careful examination of the subject, is of the opinion that the estimate of \$144,956,000, which is included in the annual report of the Secretary of the Interior, will be sufficient to pay the pensions for the year ending June 30, 1893.

THE first bill introduced in the Senate was that prepared by Superintendent Porter, providing for a permanent census bureau. Mr. Harrison does not mention this subject in his message.

THERE has been a good deal of nonsense written about the election of Speaker shutting out a prominent candidate for the democratic Presidential nomination. The National convention only, has authority to settle that question.

A BAD CITY.—Persons arriving from La Grande state that the authorities of that place, backed by a strong public sentiment in view of the recent outrages committed there and the mysterious disappearance of two well known citizens of the vicinity, have given orders and are enforcing them strictly requiring all gamblers, tin horns, holers, and rounders generally, to leave the town. The gambling houses have been closed and general reformation has set in.—Baker City Democrat.

Eloped With a Museum Freak.

COLUMBUS, Ind., Dec. 10.—About a month ago A. E. Kaehan and wife, who had just been married, came here from Cincinnati. He got a position as hostler for Dr. McLeod, and she as kitchen maid. Kaehan was a dime museum man and had eloped with his wife, who married against the wishes of her parents. He is known as the "Human Tiger," eating glass, tacks, and swallowing knife-blades. He is double jointed and wonderfully elastic, and has fought two prize fights. To-night Kaehan created a sensation by stealing away from her home Mabel, the 16 year old daughter of Wright Champion, whom he had met clandestinely. The girl was overtaken, captured and brought home in tears, and now the girl's father is hunting Kaehan with a horsewhip.—The Republic.

THE STRONGEST AND PUREST.

The Official Report of the Minnesota State Food and Dairy Commission shows that the Royal Baking Powder is the Best in the State.

The last report of the Minnesota State Food and Dairy Commission contains the details of the State Chemists' experiments and analysis to determine the strength and quality of the various baking powders. Samples of the numerous brands on sale in this state were purchased and first analyzed to ascertain their leavening powder. The Royal Baking Powder is shown by the tests of both state analysts, Prof. E. E. Egan and Prof. Drew, to contain the greatest amount of leavening gas of the cream of tartar powders thus purchased and tested. Hence this powder is officially ranked at the head of the list.

The report attaches great importance to a series of experiments made to ascertain the character, efficiency and keeping qualities of the powders. Baking powders that vary in strength or that readily lose strength before use are unreliable and will not give even results; besides, it is an indication of the use in their compounding of improper ingredients. These tests were applied to a large number of samples of different ages of the three cream of tartar powders best known in Minnesota. The showed the strength of leavening powder of the Royal very much greater than that of the others. The uniformity of strength of all the samples of Royal tested was remarkable. Its leavening power was practically unimpaired even in the oldest specimens. The difference in the amount of leavening gas in different samples of both the other brands was so great as to seriously impair their usefulness in baking. As much as 24 per cent. loss was found in samples a few months old. All the samples of Royal examined by Dr. Drew were reported of satisfactory strength and quality.

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