

(Written for the DEMOCRAT.)

The time has come for the United States to show her hand. The Germans have played the pirate long enough in little Samoa, and it is extremely necessary, that, by force of arms, this country cause them to halt. England should join forces with us to compel the Germans to desist from further depredations; but the signs of the times augur that the British Empire does not want a brush with the armies of Wilhelm. True, our fleet is not a first-class one; but we have other advantages and should follow them up. We can land troops sufficient at Apia and other points in Samoa, which, acting in concert with our fleet, would give the Germans the sound thrashing they so justly deserve. In our opinion, the time has passed for diplomatic interference. Let our Minister be recalled from Berlin and Germany's ambassador at our National Capital receive his passport home. Let war be declared. Let our North and South Pacific squadrons, together with our now famous dynamite cruiser, "The Vesuvius," and as many other gunboats as possible, be hastened to the Samoan Islands. Our flag has been insulted. Our Congress has been insulted. The honor and integrity of the entire United States demands instant reparation and that reparation can only come through judicious and immediate use of powder and lead. The late dispatches are of no friendly nature and the mobilizing of German men-of-war at Apia means a stubborn fight if any country interferes. Our treaty with Samoa, means our interference in the present crisis. Will we do it? Must we allow Germany to obtain a foothold in the South Pacific and float her flag over the Samoan Islands? If our Congressmen are far-seeing enough they will instantly recognize the utility of these South Pacific Islands in the future. The interchange of commerce, not to speak of the necessary coaling stations, is enough to make us declare Germany's actions as indicative of war and prepare to contest the ground. True, should a skirmish ensue, the fighting will be at and around the Samoan Islands, and whilst the German men-of-war may be better than ours, we have active sailors and marines who are much more proficient than Bismarck's swillers of lager beer and devourers of pretzels. The firing on, the tearing down of the stars and stripes is surely a war sign and should be met by broadsides from our Navy. We trust Congress will not be slow in the matter. The State Department has laid all the necessary information before that distinguished body, so there is no excuse for them to delay. The tariff should now be laid aside. Tariff is only a matter between the two parties and, whilst of vital importance, is not as much so as the maintenance of our honor and integrity as a people. Upon Samoan affairs the North, South, East and West are a unit. No loyal man, and such exists all over our broad domain, will say "nay" to our prompt interference. Within our memory, and not many years ago, Bismarck insulted our country, and then the cry was raised we have no Navy. With the knowledge of our being nearer to Samoa than Germany, and our ability to successfully cope with that power, we cannot shout "no Navy." "War be it then, we have millions for defense, but not one cent for tribute," said Pinckney years ago at the French Court, and by that envoy's resoluteness a strife was avoided. Let the same saying be now our watchword, for our treaty obligations with Samoa, solemn as they are, place us in an attitude compromising, indeed, if we do not stop German encroachments over there, and prove to the world that the United States of America is the greatest power on earth, and though on home issues we may split and fight, yet, when our flag is insulted, we all rise, the blue and the grey, hand in hand to resent it. January 28th, 1889.

YOUNG DEMOCRACY.

One of the most remarkable exhibitions of the extent of bossism is shown in the game of "Simon" in the Legislature at Salem. When Simon (Joe) says "wigwag," such a wriggling and twisting among his political brethren was never seen before. When Joe says "point up" there is implicit and unanimous obedience among his party. When Joe says "thumbs down" the answer is all down, and then Joe complacently puts the screws on. Joe is a host and he must be at the zenith of his power for his right to rule none disputes. He is the happiest republican in Oregon. Strange are political mutations. Only two years ago Joe was despised of nearly all republicans, now all cheerfully bend the hinges of the suppliant knee that thrift may follow fawning. Gather in the harvest Joe for the time will come when other hands will do it.

WEATHER INDICATIONS.—For the 24 hours beginning at 12 o'clock, noon. Clear.

The Lexington Budget publishes some charges of fraudulent transactions against Hon. J. E. Fell, member of the legislature from Morrow county, which should be investigated by that body. These fraudulent transactions grew out of the purchase of the right of way by Mr. Fell as agent of the O. R. & N. Co. for a branch line of that road. The charges are too direct and pointed to be overlooked. Let a committee investigate these charges.

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