

# The Democrat.

EX-SECRETARY BAYARD.

No member of President Cleveland's cabinet was more persistently misrepresented and maligned than Thomas F. Bayard, and since his retirement to private life it has been the policy of republican organs to continue their unjust criticisms, notwithstanding the fact that his policy in the Samoan affair has been amply vindicated by subsequent events, and that Blaine's policy of inactivity in regard to the Canadian fisheries has rendered Bayard's course even more brilliant by comparison. But the ex-secretary has maintained a dignified silence through good and ill report, and last Saturday consented to a brief interview for the first time since his retirement. He then improved an opportunity to deny the rumors connecting him with the gubernatorial canvass, as representing him as anxious to return to the senate. He declared that he did not desire and would not consent to be a candidate for any office. He proposes to permanently retire to private life. Since his return to Wilmington last May Mr. Bayard has been leading the life of a typical country gentleman at his beautiful residence in the suburbs of the city. When called upon by a representative of the Philadelphia Record Saturday afternoon he was walking around his spacious grounds, accompanied by his pet dog, looking at his horses. The ex-secretary is preparing an address to be delivered on October 30th, at Dover, upon the occasion of the unveiling of a statue to Caesar Rodney, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. He laughed when the question of the governorship was plumply put to him. "Indeed," said he, "I have not heard of that before, except as I see the talk of it in the newspapers. I have not given the matter a moment's consideration. You can say for me that I am not a candidate for office, do not want one and will not accept any office. I have given 20 years of my life to the public service, to the great neglect of my private business. There are many able men in the party who would be strong and successful candidates for the office and more fitted for the position than I." In regard to national politics the ex-secretary said tersely: "Mr. Harrison's administration speaks for itself." Of the great issue between the two parties, he said: "The tariff question is a grave and profound one, and should be fairly discussed. The democracy, I think, will again advocate tariff reform. Had Mr. Cleveland taken my advice he would have declared in favor of the reform two years before he did. Of course, it will take time to settle this issue. I think taxation for protection is communism." Mr. Bayard will open his new law office about January 1st, and proposes to remain, as he expresses it, "nothing but a plain citizen, not in public life."

## SOUTH AMERICAN TRADE.

The assembling of the congress of American nations at Washington will be pretty sure to serve one good purpose, if no more. It cannot fail to call the attention of the United States to the situation as it now exists, which may be quite accurately stated within the limits of a brief newspaper article. The simple fact which Americans need to have brought forcibly home to them is, that while this is a big country, and, in general, a prosperous one, it is permitting European countries to take the lion's share of a trade which might be profitably supplied with the products of American mills and workshops. Here are a few of the figures, as presented by F. G. Pierre before the meeting of the Spanish-American Commercial Union in New York last spring. The Argentine Republic in 1888 imported merchandise to the extent of \$3,000,000. This merchandise consisted of textile goods, iron manufactures, coal, coke, etc., railway and telegraph materials, and wood and its manufactures. The imports were divided as follows: From England, \$24,000,000; France, \$16,000,000; Germany, \$3,000,000; Belgium, \$7,500,000; United States, \$7,500,000. The percentage is about as follows: England, thirty-three per cent; France seventeen, Germany nine, Belgium seven and a half, and the United States the same. This is bad enough, but Bolivia makes a much worse showing for the United States, for while that little republic imported \$17,000,000 of goods last year, none from the United States were seen there. Brazil imported goods to the value of \$132,000,000, of which England furnished forty-five per cent, France seventeen per cent and the United States eight per cent. Chili imported \$60,000,000 of merchandise, of which only \$3,000,000 came from the United States. The United States of Columbia imported goods to the value of \$8,800,000, of which the United States furnished \$950,000. England sent cotton goods alone to the value of \$3,700,000. Ecuador's imports were \$11,500,000, and the United States sent only \$1,200,000 of the amount. England furnishes a million dollars' worth of cotton goods, while the manufacturers of this country sent only \$126,000 worth. Uruguay's imports amounted to \$19,000,000, and the United States contributed \$1,700,000 of it, ranking with Italy, while England's share was \$6,000,000. Venezuela imported goods to the value of \$12,000,000. Eng-

land furnished \$4,000,000 of this amount and the United States \$3,000,000. That country's imports amounted to \$44,000,000, of which the United States sent \$8,000,000 and England \$6,000,000. The true situation, for all the countries, is shown by the fact that the imports of the American countries south of the United States aggregated \$450,000,000, of which the share of the United States is about eleven per cent, a showing of which Americans have no right to be proud.

Nathan Goff, the great West Virginia claimant, having been quietly disposed of by the official recount of the vote of that state, is now out of a job and is said to be looking for some thing from President Harrison. Such a cheeky Republican boss should not be left out in the cold.

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