

NOT TOO MUCH ENTHUSIASM.

When the session ends, republicans and populists will be under the necessity of hunting for some other fault in the democratic majority than subservience to the president.

It is already apparent that no man elected as president ever had to meet as much opposition in the legislative branch of party government. Harrison had cuckoos in nauseating abundance. Callom was angered over a few offices and Blaine smashed his hat in wrath at the foolishness of the Harrison, Reed and McKinley combats.

When we talk of cuckoos, we must turn back to the fifty-first congress to find them in perfection. On the majority side of that congress there was not a Westerner who stood out for his people against the fulfillment of the contract Harrison and his managers had made with the mill owners and subsidy hunters.

Patronage never has counted for as little as it does now. There never was as little concession to the office of Chief Executive. And this, when the personal character of the president and his public motives are more generally admitted to be worthy of the highest respect than at any time since Washington retired.

Republicans can make nothing but a boomerang of the charge that a democratic congress has been influenced by systematic or obsequiousness. Whether for the better or the worse, democratic legislators have followed their own impulses.

It is a democrat's strength and the democratic party's only weakness that there can never be a master. The democrat will not wear a collar nor will he cut his political clothes imitatively.

Couldn't Mr Cleveland and all the other democrats come to an understanding, an agreement, an adjustment of differences, without sacrificing too much of personal and local opinions? They have all cleared away most effectively any suspicion of subservience, since there has been no complete agreement from the Cleveland term's opening a year ago until now.

After a year's rivalry in the democratic virtue of independence, a few months' contention for honors in solidifying the party would not be distasteful to the rank and file.—St. Louis Republic.

In Germany they manage wife beaters with an artless severity that seems much more sensible and practicable than the Delaware whipping post fashion. When a man is convicted of beating his wife, he is allowed to continue his work, is looked after by the police and arrested every Saturday and locked up until Monday morning when he is again delivered to his employer.

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There is a good deal of speculation as to the president's probable action on the seigniorage bill. The free-coinage members of the house, including Bland, it is asserted, says the seigniorage bill is merely incidental to silver legislation, and that a free-coinage bill will be reported to the house, whether the president signs the bill or not.

It is asserted in the treasury department that the president has so far made up his mind on the silver bill that he is disposed to sign it if he can convince himself that no business disturbance will result.

War to the knife is to be declared by the Knights of Labor against a score of breweries in St. Louis, controlled by an English syndicate, because of the management's refusal to recognize union labor. A call has been issued for a convention of Knights at St. Louis, April 18, to decide upon measures for driving the product of the English syndicate breweries out of the market and compelling them to suspend.

In a robbery case at Denver, counsel for the defense objected to one of the jury on the ground that he was a member of the A. P. A. The challenged, and it was found that 11 out of the 12 were members of that organization. The attorney asked that the coroner summon a new venire on the ground that the sheriff was prejudiced against the defendant because he was a Catholic.

That is a sound proposition in the Marion county Republican platform that two-thirds of the people should not be taxed that one-third may ride free on passes.—Capital Journal.

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