

EDITORIAL.

"That an 'unblinded American' should become prominent in Oregon, politics is quite a novelty. Yet such seems to be the case. A. D. Griffin, colored, is traveling over the state as a leader of Republicanism and a solvent of partisan political difficulties. Mr. Griffin is 'swinging around the circle' and 'contemplates delivering a number of speeches in Southern Oregon.' According to a 'leading Republican Journal' he is a 'staunch advocate of the new and TRUE Republicanism.'

After swinging around the circle in Western Oregon, Mr. Griffin sizes up the political situation very intelligently, although laboring under the geographical misapprehension that the 'cow counties' are located this side of the Cascade mountains. He concluded thus in his 'New Age' editorial:

"Politically, however, the people of the big valley are united. They see much in the present local situation to disturb them. The whole state is in a condition of turmoil and exasperation out of joint with the national framework of policy and progress. The two factions of the Republican party in Oregon are growing and snarling at each other in a manner to suggest that no peace will there be for the 'grand old party,' so humbled, embarrassed and bedraggled by the personal conflict of leadership, during the approaching struggle for the control of the state patronage. The people are in reality awakening to a fuller sense of their responsibility in this affair and generally express a determination to assume a suggestively independent attitude in the campaign now practically on. Neither of the factions named will receive much sympathy from the 'cow counties' this year. A visit among the interior communities reveals this fact very positively.

It is altogether probable that the congressional elections of next fall will be the most hotly contested ever witnessed in this country. Already parties through their respective committees are gathering their forces, healing dissensions and compromising all minor differences.

The great issue will be currency reform, as suggested in the draft of law prepared by Secretary Gage and the committee report from the Indianapolis sound money convention, or a return to the silver coinage and bimetalism as established and understood by the organizers of the government. At national headquarters in Washington there have been conferences between the Democratic, Silver Republican, and committees of other organizations favoring the cause of bimetalism and looking to united action in the coming canvass. In the present Congress Republicans have a majority of 48, in a body of 357 members, and it only requires a change of 25 to accomplish the desired purpose of an overthrow.

That the next Congress will be Democratic or bimetallic, is as much feared by the single gold standard people as it is hoped for and expected by those favoring silver coinage, and the prospects favoring the latter.

The first congressional election of the year takes place in Oregon, in June. Vermont and Maine elect in September, but all the rest of the states at the usual time in November. In Oregon a fusion arrangement has been practically agreed on by which the silver vote will be concentrated. At the congressional election, in 1896, it was divided. In the two districts of the state the Republicans polled 91,972 votes, while the Democrats and Populists, agreeing on silver, but divided on candidates, polled together 56,744. One of the Republican candidates had a plurality of 378, and the other 63. Oregon will supplant its two Republican congressmen by silverites.

In Republican quarters it is the belief that the reduction of wages in Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island in the cotton industries will work havoc in congressional districts. In Ohio, Indiana and Illinois Republican losses seem almost unavoidable, and North Carolina is another state where the Republicans must expect losses.

Students of current history should examine a quarterly publication by that name, price \$1.50 a year. The issue for the third quarter of 1897 is before us and we are promised that each quarter shall be completed and delivered not less than thirty days after the close of the territory.

The value of this work depends not only upon the amazing scope of the field which it covers, but also upon its characteristic regard for accuracy and impartiality of statement, its elimination of non-essentials, and its preservation of due proportions in treatment of events. In all these respects the present number fully maintains the high standard which has enabled 'Current History' to win its way during the last seven years to an assured position in public favor. The delay in the appearance of this number does not detract from its value. It is accounted for by the recent change of location from Buffalo, N. Y., to Boston. With the increased facilities available in that larger center, greater promptness in publication than ever before is promised in succeeding numbers. The magazine is printed on excellent paper, and has an increased abundance of illustrations and maps, which add materially to its value. In general usefulness as an historical reference work on all occurrences of the very recent past, it has no equal. It is invaluable to all students of the times; and the easy terms upon which it can be procured either serially or in complete sets to date, place it within the reach of all. It is highly commended by public men and educators of eminence.

Edited by Alfred S. Johnson, Ph. D. Price, \$1.50 a year; Boston, The New England Publishing Co.

We hope to be able to announce a clubbing price.

THE MAINE AT HAVANA.

Considered as an Affront by the Spanish People.

NEW YORK, Jan. 27.—A Madrid dispatch to the World says: The official intimation of the contemplated visit of American war vessels to Havana and the presence of the American squadron in West Indian waters has caused a sensation and much displeasure at Madrid, which the press of all shades of opinion echoes today with much bitterness. El Imparcial calls the conduct of American provocation without justification, and recommends the Spaniards in Havana to be prudent and self-possessed, and to show indifference during the stay of the American vessels.

Sagasta says the Spanish government attaches no importance to the movement of the American ships, as it is perfectly aware that President McKinley harbors no design against the present cordial relations between the two countries. It is easy to see, however, he says, how politicians and military men can apprehend a demonstration by the old Spanish party in Havana on the occasion of a visit by American vessels, that would find an echo in the patriotic feelings and hardly suppressed irritation against the United States in Spain.

American Ports to Be Visited.

MADRID, Jan. 27.—Admiral Chacon, the admiral of the fleet has arrived here and had a long conference with Admiral Bermejo, the minister of marine. He asserted that the recent evolutions had demonstrated the perfect condition of the fleet. The next cabinet council will decide what American ports the Spanish men-of-war are to visit.

The Spanish papers sharply stigmatize the Maine incident as an act of unwarranted provocation. Most of them counsel the people of Havana to show forbearance.

In official circles the tendency is to accept the argument that the United States is friendly, and it is needless to attach importance to the visit of an American vessel to Havana.

More Warnings.

HAVANA, Jan. 27.—The German cruiser Charlotte, school ship, has just arrived here. A British warship reached here from Key West and some French warships are expected from New Orleans.

Battle-Ship Coming.

MADRID, Jan. 27.—The battle-ship Vizcaya, of 7000 tons displacement, has been ordered to visit American ports.

What the Maine's Orders Were.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—The procedure to be followed by the Maine upon her arrival off Havana is laid down at the navy department as follows:

Being daylight (for no craft is permitted to enter the harbor during the darkness) at the entrance to the harbor the Maine will begin to fire a salute of 21 guns. As soon as the last gun has been fired the guns of Morro castle will begin a return salute of the same number of guns. Then, as there is a Spanish admiral in the harbor, a salute must be fired by the Maine in his honor. There will be 15 guns if he be vice admiral, and 13 guns if a rear admiral. This salute will be returned in kind and probably the Spanish will send a staff officer aboard the Maine to greet Captain Sigsbee. This call must be returned and then there may be a visit from port officials, beach officers and other officers. Meanwhile, presuming that the consul general has not appeared, Captain Sigsbee will send one of his officers ashore to the United States consulate with a message to General Lee stating that the Maine is waiting his orders, and indicating that he would be pleased to receive the consul general aboard or to call upon him ashore at his pleasure.

These calls having been exchanged, the next thing in order will be a reception to the acting captain general, as General Blanco has gone east as far as Cabaño. After these ceremonies are concluded so far as custom prescribes, there may be some entertainment extended to the Maine's officers by officials in Havana. It is likely the ship's crew will be kept closely about the ship. In this way the probabilities of an unfriendly encounter between convivial parties of sailors and rowdies will be reduced.

CASTORIA.

No body need have Neuritis. Get Dr. Miller's Pain Pills from druggists. "One cent a dose."

The British Occupy Okute.

LAGOS, West Africa, Jan. 26.—The British troops have occupied Okute, Borgu territory. The possession of Borgu is disputed between France and Great Britain.

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Nicaragua Canal to Be Built.

NEW YORK, Jan. 27.—The Herald correspondent, with the Nicaragua canal commission, advises under the date of Managua, January 15, that the commission called to Washington two days ago, as follows:

"The canal of Nicaragua may be built for less than three-quarters of the original estimate. Four and a half or six and a half years will be required to build it. Forty-eight hundred laborers are needed to commence work. These should be divided into three groups: 2300 between Rio San Juan and Castillo; 1800 between Castillo and Managua; and 800 in Managua. This number of men should be doubled within six months.

This was received by the canal commission in reply: "A company in Ohio and New York has been duly formed to engage men from Puerto Barrios, Jamaica, Belize and Nicaragua."

The Herald's correspondent adds that each of the 13 engineers with the commission represents a big syndicate, each one fighting to get the contract, but the Ohio and New York men have secured it. The Chicago contractors and engineers are satisfied with the facilities for work in the Western division. These are beyond their expectations. The party leaves for Ichoa on January 25.

The Washington correspondent of the Herald says that the above telegram is interpreted to mean that the Maritime Canal Company, anticipating a favorable report, from the Walker commission as to the feasibility of the project and of subsequent favorable action by congress, has been prepared to begin the work of construction immediately.

Under the terms of its concession from the Nicaraguan government the canal was to have been completed next fall, otherwise the concession would be forfeited unless the company had extended a large sum of money in the prosecution of the work. In fact, it is the contention of the Nicaraguan government that the concession has already been forfeited, but this contention is not accepted by either the company or the administration.

The preliminary report which the commission will make will be submitted to congress with a view to getting favorable action without delay upon the bill giving governmental support to the project. It has been anticipated that the report would be favorable, both as regards the feasibility and cost of the canal. The estimates made by Civil Engineer A. C. Menocal for the plan in 1895 for the construction of a canal following the Tola basin line puts the cost of work at \$99,466,880, and a second estimate, fixed the cost at \$68,892,660.

Stray Shots by a Populist.

[From Tom Watson's People's Party Magazine.]
Uncle Sam is the only honest banker this country or any other country ever had. He has never defaulted to note holder or depositor.

National bankers redeem their notes because Uncle Sam promises to do it, they don't pay their depositors because Uncle Sam don't promise to do it. When National banks fail, (and they fail every day in the year) Uncle Sam keeps his promises and redeems every note issued, but the National banker never redeems his promises to pay depositors, and these poor devils have to keep what little they can get.

Honest bankers "make honest" money. Money can't and won't make honest bankers. Got the cart before the horse, gentlemen! No law can turn a banker "honest," but law can make "honest" money. One commodity can no more make "honest" money than one swallow can make summer. Any kind of money is "honest" if it pays debts, it is the want of honesty in man that makes money dishonest. Gold never makes a thief and a coward, it robs industry of their reward in time of peace, and at the smell of gun powder, tucks its tail between its legs, and skeedaddles to some place of safety.

Judging the future by the past, what can laboring people expect from the single gold standard policy plutocratic rule.

NORTH HOWELL.

Virgil Morgan is able to be out again.

Mr. Leonard Yant and wife of Missouri, are visiting at the home of his sister Mrs. R. L. Steele.

Several of the young people of this place were present at the installation exercise and banquet, given by the Rebekah lodge in Gervais, Saturday evening, a pleasant time was reported.

North Howell grange held its regular meeting on the fourth Saturday of January, beginning at 10 a. m. regular order of business was carried on until 12 o'clock when lunch and coffee were served. After which the officers for the ensuing year were installed. Deputy Master J. Vorhees officiated as installing officers.

On the evening of Jan. 18th, Miss Milla Stevens was tendered a surprise party in honor of her seventeenth birthday, that proved to be a most enjoyable affair. The evening was spent in music both vocal and instrumental, games and conversation, after which a delicious supper was served.

Those present were Misses Sadie Dyer, Ofa and Bertha Wisner, Lucetta Cawood, Mary Sweetee, Mary O'Reilly, of Nebraska; Mamie Hyner, Maud and Sadie Cutsforth, Ollie Kelly, Mattie Baughman, Maude Metts, and Milla Stevens, Messrs. Ellis Stevens, Frank Cawood, Bert Morgan, Frank and Dennis Hynes, Charles Dyer, Geo and Walter Vinton, Frank Bateson and Albert McFarland.

McComas Elected.

ANNAPOLIS, Jan. 26.—McComas has been elected senator on the tenth ballot. The vote was as follows: McComas, 62; Gorman, 57; Shaw, 5.

STATE NEWS.

There are at present no prisoners in the Benton county jail.

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Wasco county's tax levy for 1898 is 22 mills, the same as that of last year. It is divided as follows: state, 3%; state school, 5; indigent soldiers, 1; county, 13.4. Last year there was a levy of 1 mill for public roads, but the county court has this year included that amount in the levy for county purposes, and the improvements to public highways will hereafter be paid for out of the general fund of the county.

IN OLDEN TIMES

People overlooked the importance of permanently beneficial effects and were satisfied with transient action; but now that it is generally known that Syrup of Figs will permanently overcome habitual constipation, well-informed people will not buy other laxatives, which act for a time, but finally injure the system.

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March 8, 1897. *Samuel Pitcher, M.D.*

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