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THERE WILL BE NO RABBIT.

Those who thought that Congress was going to meet, receive the President's message, act upon his suggestions, adjourn and go home within a fortnight might as well disabuse their minds of that notion.

The country is in a great hurry for the repeal of the Sherman act, and the President has rightly accentuated the need of it, but that Congress will take considerable time to consider such an important step is as certain as that the sun will rise to-morrow. Too great a responsibility rests upon the majority in Congress for it to be in any precipitate hurry.

There is no doubt in the world that the Sherman act will be repealed. It was a miserable makeshift in the first place to save the country from what was regarded as the evil of free coinage. If it has not brought worse results than free coinage would have done, it certainly has served a good purpose very badly. It has no defenders, and it must go.

But after the repeal of this hateful act something must be done with silver money; and upon what that shall be there is no unity of sentiment, and an agreement can be reached only after a long debate, after much compromise among extremists, and after several weeks have gone by.

The more experienced leaders are hopeful that the purchasing clause of the act may be suspended for the time being, while the whole subject is being discussed. That would be eminently practical and wise, and it is the course of all others to be followed.

The silver men are in no hurry, for they realize that Congress has not been called together to further their interests. The Republicans are in no hurry, for the impatience of the country and the slowness of the legislative mill is their capital. Finally, the Democrats cannot afford to be in a hurry, for at their door will be laid the odium of any mistake made at this extra session.

The situation, indeed, is one which favors deliberation, and the settling of the financial difficulties which confront the American people cannot be disposed of in a single afternoon. It will take weeks at least to construct a solid financial road through the tangled thicket of conflicting theories now represented at Washington.

ANOTHER FRAUD AT LARGE.

Publishers are warned not to accept any business from the Parisian Toilet Co., of Montreal, Que. The concern is a fraud and the only State paper at present running this fraudulent (price) advertisement is the Franklin Weekly.

This paper and the Henderson Gold Leaf were the only State papers who took it upon themselves to expose advertising lumbags, and we are glad to see the "business" of W. A. Coon & Co., another Canada fraud, dropped from our exchanges. The only paper now running it is the Wilson Advance.

The recent statement made by the editor of the Daily Times that he was running the advertisement of the Ridge Colery Pill Co., because he received pay in advance, is simply a delusion on his part. We wrote to Coon & Co., for advance pay immediately after receiving the proposition, but we are without response till this day. Boys, we are going to watch you closer than ever.

EGBERT G. HARBELL is under a cloud brought upon him by his "sorrow management of the teachers' excursion trip to the World's Fair. Now is the time to clear his skirts, failing to do so, the public will have a perfect right to take it for granted that his patrons have been widdled. This paper has very little use for men of the Harwell stamp, and our opinion about him has been formed since the lecture of Dr. Talnage at Morehead City two years ago. Further comment is not now useful.

The news comes from Washington that President Cleveland will veto any silver measure whatever except the repeal of the Sherman act. This means that the President puts himself squarely against Congress, thereby making the fight between the members still harder than was expected. This determination on the part of Mr. Cleveland will surprise even his most enthusiastic admirers.

The Scotland Neck Democrat has damned a new dress, and now looks as pretty as a picture. We extend congratulations and bespeak for Editor Hilliard continued and increased success.

National Capital Matters.

From our Regular Correspondent.
WASHINGTON, D. C., August 12, 1893.

President Cleveland's message to Congress has been as closely studied as any similar document ever was by members of Congress, and it is evident that it is going to be a powerful factor in the financial legislation of the session. It apparently opposes the ideas of many Democrats in both House and Senate, just as his celebrated tariff message of 1887 did, but honest and conscientious belief is conspicuous in every sentence of it. And the opposition to what are known as silver Democrats is more apparent than real, for they all agree with the President's recommendation for the repeal of the silver purchasing clause of the Sherman law, only differing as to what shall be substituted. The message recommends the repeal and leaves the question of a substitute to the wisdom of Congress, and nine-tenths of the Democrats are certain that the recommendation as to repeal will be followed, and that other financial legislation, which will be equally satisfactory to the silver Democrats and to President Cleveland, will be agreed upon by the Democrats in both House and Senate and that the persistent efforts of the Republicans to split the Democratic party on the silver question will fail.

Acting on the maxim quoted in the President's message—"The gives twice who gives quickly"—the Democrats in the House, both silver and anti-silver men, are trying to reach an agreement to take up and decide the silver question without waiting for the appointment of committees and the adoption of rules. It will be easy to take the matter up without an agreement, only a majority vote being required, but if an agreement can be reached upon just what is to be voted upon and how much time is to be given to the discussion, much time will be saved that would necessarily be wasted if no agreement is made, to say nothing of the possibility of endless filibustering.

The silver men have in caucus decided to vote for the repeal of the purchasing clause of the Sherman law. If the bill for its repeal provides for the free coinage of silver on such a ratio as will provide and maintain the parity between gold and silver. The fact that no particular ratio is mentioned is significant. It means that the caucus of silver Democrats did not believe it possible to succeed in maintaining the present ratio of 16 to 1 and that they are willing to increase the ratio.

It is now claimed that a careful poll of the House, made this week, shows a majority of 75 in favor of the repeal of the purchasing clause of the Sherman law. The Senate is more doubtful, and it is much more difficult to ascertain how Senators, whose positions are not clearly defined, will vote, but strong efforts are now being made to bring the Democratic Senators together, and the indications point to success. A caucus of Democratic Senators this week appointed a committee of five—Gorman, Ransom, Gray, Voorhees, and Blackburn—to consider and report a plan with that end in view. The Republicans, unintentionally, of course, added largely to the probability of united Democratic action in the Senate by their attempts to make political capital, which were promptly and properly rebuffed by Senator Gorman, out of the present financial situation.

The Senate committee on Finance, of which Senator Voorhees is chairman, held its first meeting yesterday. The committee did not lack for business, either, as more than a score of financial bills which have been introduced in the Senate have been referred to that committee. A majority of this committee are bimetallicists, but some of the most prominent of them, including the chairman, have declared their belief in the viciousness of the Sherman law and their willingness to vote for its unconditional repeal. The Senate is naturally deliberative in all its actions, so it will not be surprising if the House takes up the silver question before this committee reports a bill to the Senate. The resolution of Senator Lodge, of Force bill fame, directing the committee to report a bill for the repeal of the Sherman law and providing that a vote should be taken thereupon on the 22nd of this month, was only a bit of Republican buncombe, and the adoption of the resolution would have surprised no one more than its author.

The bitterest pill in the President's message for the Republicans to swallow, was the plain statement that he expected Congress to obey the will of the people and proceed to reform the litigation tariff as soon as the finances have been looked after. Because the troubles brought upon the country by Republican financial legislation have so conspicuously forced themselves upon public attention of late, Republicans have allowed themselves to believe that the McKinley law was to be undisturbed by this Congress. They know better now, and the knowledge doesn't please them.

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While temporarily insane, Mrs. Sarah E. Haeryman, of Baltimore, cut her throat with a razor, Tuesday.

The Phoenix powder mills, near St. Louis, Mo., exploded, Tuesday, instantly killing two men and injuring several others.

Despondent from continued ill health, George Bradley, aged 67, of Pittsfield, Mass., committed suicide, Monday, by disemboweling himself with a pocket-knife.

Two children of Joseph Navitt, while picking coal along the Philadelphia and Reading railroad tracks, near Conshohocken, Pa., Friday, were struck by a passenger train and horribly mangled.

A very destructive fire visited Minneapolis, Minn., Sunday afternoon, causing a loss of nearly two million dollars. Over 200 houses are burned and at least 1,500 persons are rendered homeless.

Seven carpenters engaged at work on the roof of a church in Roundhead, O., Thursday, were precipitated to the ground by the breaking of the rafters, a distance of 40 feet. Two were instantly killed, while the balance were internally injured.

In the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, suit was filed Saturday for \$50,000 for breach of promise against Representative Col. William C. P. Breckinridge, aged 59, of Lexington, Ky., by Miss Madeline V. Polard, aged 26 years. A serious charge is included in the suit, sufficient to make his political career at an end.

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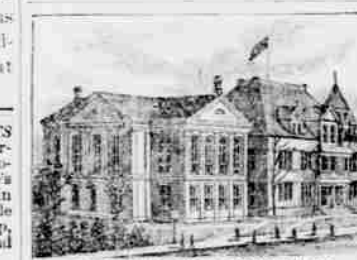


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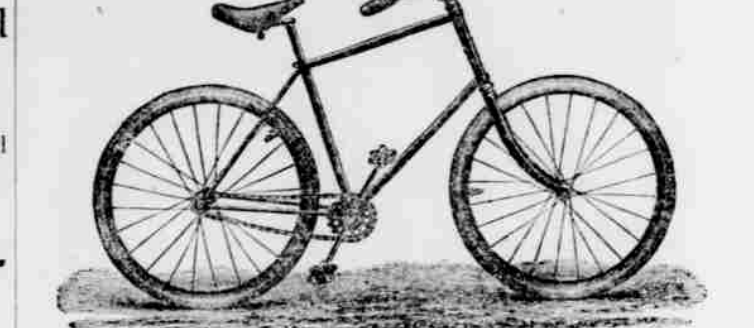
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