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TRYING TO SCARE US.

Last Saturday morning the London Spectator in an article on the position of the United States and Europe as affected by the Cuban question, after remarking that the Washington government has had an unpleasant surprise in the attitude of the European powers, proceeds to explain the reasons for the European antagonism to the United States and points out that the great financiers of Paris who told Spanish bonds are alarmed at the possibility that that Spain, after fighting to the bitter end might be compelled to suspend payment and consequently they are urging the French government to intervene between Washington and Madrid.

The Italian government according to the Spectator will support Spain, "owing to the Italians in the United States being treated as if they were negroes or red Indians."

The Spectator then adds that the Austrian emperor will support Germany in maintaining the independence of Spain by weighty family reasons not wishing to see the Queen regent, who is an Austrian archduchess and her son driven out of Madrid by a popular revolt following the loss of Cuba.

The Dreibund, therefore and France the Spectator says the ready to counsel President Cleveland to be moderate and "void threats which Spain could not tolerate and which might lead to a wide-spread maritime war."

The Spectator adds: "The United States could conquer any American State and might if they exerted themselves defeat a single European power. But they cannot defeat all Europe combined even if England, from reasons of kinship is made neutral. The fact is patent to all that the United States will not be allowed to order Spain out of her colony without a remonstrance from continental Europe which might be followed by the action of the combined fleets of the five powers and the landing of armies in Cuba and the French West Indies."

This is very nice bosh, and might be calculated to scare babies, but surely it will not scare American statesmen and prevent them doing their duty. Cuba should be recognized.

HOT AFTER PRITCHARD.

The Progressive Farmer is hot after Senator Pritchard and says he is not wanted and that he cannot be elected unless there is fraud. It says:

We have no personal feeling against Senator Pritchard. We have no objections to the election of a silver republican. Indeed it is but natural and that the republicans have a senator from the state. But we want it distinctly understood that Mr. Pritchard cannot be pushed down the throat of the middle of the road populists, and we also want it generally understood in advance that this paper knows the sentiments of the populists of the state and if Mr. Pritchard, who is not a silver man, is re-elected, it will be done by dishonest methods, and the moment it is done a chasm will be created and no bridge can be built across it. The populists did not go into this fight to defeat such men as Senator Ransom and Congressman Settle and then turn

around and re elect Pritchard—one of the same kind:

If the chasm is made the result will be that the republican party will be thrown back where it was prior to 1894—an absolute helpless condition.

But if the leaders want to wreck the party on the Pritchard shoals, that is their business. The populist members of the legislature who favor Pritchard, if there be such, will go down in the general wreck when the craft strikes the shoals, and their names will be written beside that of Cleveland, Sherman, Ransom and other enemies of the people.

A GOOD ORDER.

The board of county commissioners yesterday ordered that a new building be erected at the county home and work house to be used as a dining hall and as a Chapel to hold devotional exercises in.

"This is a good day's work for the commissioners and the entire county should feel thankful to them for thus providing for the aged and infirm, who are deprived of what they were used to in their better days. The building was suggested some time ago (a year or more) by the Ministers' Association who recognized the fact that such a building was needed.

Last September the grand jury visited the home and recommended to his honor, Judge McIver, and the board of county commissioners that the building was needed badly and asked that it be erected at once. Judge McIver remarked at the time that it was a good suggestion and should have been attended to long ago.

We repeat that it is a good day's work for our county "dads" and the building will stand as a monument to their memory in the years that are to come.

DR. KILGO IN RALEIGH.

"I heard Dr. Kilgo twice Sunday," said W. C. Douglas, Esq., yesterday, "and should have heard him three times but I knew the Methodist church would be crowded and I could not get a seat. He is a great preacher, and measures up to Bishop Pierce in his younger days. I do not believe that he has an equal in the state."

"Yes," said John W. Thompson, "I heard Dr. Kilgo three times yesterday. He is a delightful preacher, and is always interesting." These are sample expressions of the comments made in Raleigh yesterday about the sermons and address made by Dr. Kilgo in Raleigh on Sunday. He is a prime favorite as a preacher in Raleigh, and whenever he preachers here he preaches to crowded churches. In the morning he preached in Central Methodist church to a large congregation. In the afternoon a large concourse of men heard him at Metropolitan Hall and Moses. At night an immense congregation which filled the galleries and the aisles heard him at Edenton street Methodist church. The sermon was one of the best he has ever preached in Raleigh, strong, original, apposite, not a dull expression from start to finish, keyed on the highest plane, and delivered with effectiveness and power. He had what the old Methodist preachers called "liberty" and carried the congregation along with him. The old gospel has lost none of its power to attract and hold men when presented with such power and originality of style.

Dr. Kilgo was the guest of Mr. Joseph G. Brown while in the city. He returned to Durham Monday morning to be present at the opening of the spring session of Trinity. He says the college is going along well, growing in usefulness and increased patronage.—News and Observer.

The fact that Mr. Hanna has gone to work at his own private job seems to attract a good deal of attention. Some people had come to think that he had been elected a politician for life.—Syracuse Post.

CHEEK AND GALL.

Still the banks are closing all over the country. Tuesday there were eight failures and yesterday, account of which is given in another column, there were several more. In the face of this startling state of affairs those who favor gold monometalism, for such are those who voted for the Mark Hanna, McKinley, Buckner crowd, have the cheek and gall to stand up and say that the single gold standard is best for the nation.

One northern paper remarked the other day, with a slur, that nearly all of the failures are occurring in the south and west. Of course they are. The single gold standard, as we have contended all along, works more injury in the south and west than it does in the east and any poor man in any section of the union simply voted against his own interests when he voted for the eastern gold crowd, and already they are beginning to realize that fact.

The gold men may say now that the failures are only "local affairs" but that is a hard thing to make hungry people, who have walked hunting for a position until they are completely worried out, believe.

The good times were promised if McKinley was elected. The people elected him upon that statement now they would like to know "where are the good times at."

It is a myth and fraud and those who voted upon that statement should go off and kick themselves.

"MARKS" ONLY CHANCE.

The Progressive Farmer is of the opinion that there is but one way for Mr. Hanna to get the North Carolina senator and that is to buy him. In the last issue of the Farmer it says:

"Mark Hanna & Co., may be able to buy a few populists members of the present legislature, but we don't think many of them are for sale. But Hanna can't buy the great common people, and we are here to state that if any buying is done, or any effort made in that direction, the "middle of the road" populists in this state will never co-operate with the republicans again and will see to it that the republican party will be wiped out in the state as completely as it was over twenty years ago and as surely as was Clevelandism in the last election. A word to the wise is sufficient."

The above is the opinion of a populist and is a true state of how the things now stand. If Pritchard is elected you can put it down in your hat that some money has changed hands.

SENATOR HALE AND CUBA.

Senator Hale, who strongly opposes the Cuban resolution and contends that the president alone has the power to recognize a nation, presented a memorandum in the senate Tuesday on the methods of recognition of foreign governments and states by the United States from 1789 to 1897. It makes no mention of the Cuban question, but is undoubtedly intended to have a bearing upon it. One of the conclusions reached in the memorandum is that, so long as there is maintained a substantial struggle by the former sovereign state for the recovery of its authority, definitive independence cannot be held to be established and recognition is consequently not legitimate. The memorandum further holds that a mere pretension of a struggle is not enough to keep alive the rights of the sovereign state and to prevent foreign countries from granting recognition.

The memorandum takes up seriatim the various acts of recognition by this government, beginning with the recognition of the independence of the French republic in 1793, when President Washington received M. Genet, who had been duly accredited as Minister after the proclamation of the republic by the convention of 1792.

Coming down to the close of the Franco-German war in 1870, when the new republic was proclaimed by Gambetta, it is represented that Mr. Washburn, our Minister at Paris, was authorized by telegraph from the Secretary of State to give recognition, the president tendering his congratulations.

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RESTRICTING DEATH PENALTIES.

The Senate Monday passed the House bill abolishing the death penalty in a large number of cases. The measure is in the line of recent state laws abolishing capital punishment, and applies the same principle to Federal offenses, although the change is not extended to a total abolition of the death penalty. The present laws, which have come down from colonial times, have a sanguinary aspect and prescribe death for sixty different offenses of various character. The bill passed reduces these offenses to five, viz, treason, rape, murder, and two offenses applicable to the army and navy. In all other offenses hard labor for life is substituted as the maximum punishment, and even in cases of murder, and rape hard labor may be substituted if the jury states in its verdict "without capital punishment." As the bill has passed the House after a long crusade by Representative Curtis, of New York, and is amended but slightly by the senate, it is likely to go to the president when the minor disagreements are arranged in conference.

HELL NEAR BOSTON.

Rev. Sam Jones, the evangelist who generally raises a racket wherever he goes, is now carrying on a revival at Boston. He started the meeting last Sunday and shocked his audience at the very beginning by announcing that he had made an interesting discovery and that discovery was that hell, the real place, was located in half a mile of Boston.

After announcing his discovery he turned to the choir and said: "Singers for the choir are selected with reference to the quality of voice, no attention being paid to the piety of the singers. Just imagine," he continued, "a theatre-going, card-playing girl singing 'Come to Jesus,' when the little fool has never been there herself." Jones also said that it was no slander to say that the churches of Boston were at peace with the devil. Boston wants broad minded, liberal ministers who will read the commandments this way: "Thou shalt not steal—if likely to be caught at it."

WISE AND OTHERWISE.

If this country owned Cuba it would have additional reason for being very respectful to other countries.—New York Advertiser.

Spain may not accept the "good offices" of the United States, but there are lots of statesmen all over the country who would like to.—New York Press.

It costs this country \$100,000,000 a year to support its criminals. This, of course, includes those in jail only, not those in office.—Commercial Advertiser.

The London Globe refers to our jingo senators as "amusing lunatics." The Globe should be compelled to withdraw that statement. They are not amusing.—Detroit Free Press.

Somebody wants to increase the number of congressman, so as to have one for every 40,000 inhabitants. Johnny will please get his gun and shoot somebody.—Memphis Appeal.

Major McKinley, as everybody knows, is a staunch believer in protection, and there is good reason to believe he would like to have some of it from office seekers.—Kansas City Journal.

It is only common justice to say that the Chicago alderman who wants to go to the United States senate is not the one who was recently indicted for murder.—Cleveland Leader.

Kentucky is threatened with an extra session of her legislature. This, coming right on the heels of the reign of lawlessness in that state, looks as if Kentucky might soon succeed Kansas in the bleeding business.—New York Journal.

USES OF DEAD HORSES.

The leg bones are very hard and white and are used for handles of pocket and table cutlery.

The tail and mane are especially valuable and from these are made the hair cloth of commerce.

The ribs and head are burned to make bone black, after they have been treated for the glue that is in them.

The phosphate of lime, acted upon by sulphuric acid and calcined with carbon, produces phosphorus for lucifer matches.

The short hair taken from the hide is used to stuff cushions and horse collars, thus the dead are made to minister to the comfort of the living.

The hide furnishes a waterproof leather known to the trade as cordovan, and is used for the manufacture of high class hunting and wading boots.

There is an animal oil yield in the cooking process which is a deadly poison, and enters into the composition of many insecticides and vermifuges.

In the calcining of horses' bones the vapors arising are condensed and from the chief source of carbonate of ammonia, which constitutes the base of nearly all ammoniacal salts.

GIVES ONE CHILLS.

The copperhead and the rattlesnake are lovely pets beside the treacherous Spaniard in Cuba.—Buffalo Times.

A scientist states that there are seventy-two distinct varieties of venomous snakes in America, but, as he is not a drinking man, it is very probable that this list is not at all complete.—Springfield Union.

A St. Louis editor announces that he saw "an extraordinary battle between a blacksnake and six frogs the other day." Dear, dear! but we hope he turned over a new leaf Friday.—New York Advertiser.

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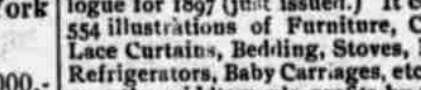
Boston's city assessors have decided that the "Temple" of the spiritualists is not a place of worship, and have fixed the taxable value of the building at \$240,000. The case will be fought out in the courts.

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