

A POLICY OF INACTION.

Among the questions that will come up before Congress will be the currency question and tariff revision, and the Republican leaders are going to try to dodge both.

The bankers, with Secretary Gage in the lead, view this question from their standpoint and do not give a thought to the politics there is in it, while the politicians view it mainly from the standpoint of politics, and therefore the bankers will not find it so easy to marshal them against the greenback.

SOME DISCRETION.

In his speech Wednesday in defence of Admiral Schley, Mr. Parker addressing the court said, "The court will agree with me, I think, in my statement that a commander-in-chief is vested with some discretion; that he is entitled to exercise it."

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currency which the Government may never be called upon to redeem and which costs it nothing but the expense of printing? It is a non-interest-bearing note, redeemable at the option of the Government, and in any kind of "hawt" money, which meant either silver or gold, until the Republicans in Congress made war on silver and declared for the gold standard.

No wonder, then, that the average Congressman, even if there were no politics in the case, could not be persuaded to turn against a currency of that kind, which the people have used for nearly forty years, and never disowned, although the money-lenders, who found it in their way, have made repeated attempts to discredit it and retire it from circulation.

The leading stoves and ranges in the world. Unequaled for perfect construction, economy of fuel, handsome appearance. Over 3,000,000 in round numbers—and replace them with bank notes, if replaced at all.

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TWINKLINGS.

Customer—"See here, waiter, I found a button in this salad."

—Jones (referring to the pleasant-faced lady who had just passed)—Ah, my boy, I owe a great deal to that woman. Brown—Indeed? Who is she?

—Speaking of artists, it takes a rich man to draw a check, a pretty girl to draw attention, a horse to draw a cart, a porous plaster to draw the skin, a toper to draw a cork and a free lunch to draw a crowd.

—Too—You could never convince her that Friday is an unlucky day to be married. Jess—Not superstitious, eh? Tess—Oh, she's superstitious enough but she's over thirty five and still single.

—Jackie—I understand there's considerable talk now in naval circles about some orders that were forged very skillfully. Coakley—Aha! another scandal, eh? Jones—Oh, no. They're orders for some eight-inch guns.

—Too Much—Mistress—"Now, Bridget, there is one thing I must insist upon. If you break anything, I want you to come and tell me about it."

—"Did that mining stock you bought turn out to be a paying investment?" asked the caller, who was rooting for a friend out of a job.

—"Can he cook?" asked the proprietor of the restaurant. "Cooking is a friend out of a job. 'Can he cook?' I've seen that man make four squab pies out of one old pigeon!"

—Mrs. Porkehoops (travelling)—And we must go to see the leaning tower of Pisa. I wonder how they came to build it that way? Porkehoops Dunno; maybe the contractor had a puttully coming and he got drunk and didn't have to take it down.

—Jake—No money in gardening, eh? I have a friend who has made \$30,000 out of gardening in one year.

—The October number of Appleton's Town and Country Library is devoted to an interesting story of 328 pages entitled "The Most Famous Loba," by Nellie K. Blissett, who writes well and entertainingly.

—Fair Shopper (buying bathing dress)—Yes, it's very pretty; but haven't you something of the same sort in one of our Southern States? (To the salesman)—Oh, yes, madam; but you'll find this shade looks very well in the water. Fair Shopper—That's not the point. What I want is one that will come out best in a photograph.

—The North American Review for November presents a full list of contents on interesting topics. Among the articles is one in which Southern readers may be especially interested, it is by Senator McClaurin on "The Commercial Democracy of the South."

—The presiding judges doubtless saw the point of Mr. Parker's statement, especially Admiral Dewey, who in a crucial hour didn't hesitate to exercise that discretion, when he took the risk of involving us with another power by cutting the Manila cable, which made it impossible for the war managers at Washington to interfere with his plans.

—Judge Advocate Lemly has distinguished himself as a cross-examiner by giving Admiral Schley repeated opportunities to knock him out of the box, a feat which the admiral has done as completely as a hammer on an anvil.

—An Ohio football player had his neck broken and the parents of the other members of the team have been so unreasonable as to forbid their sons participating in any further games.

—Congress will be asked to appropriate money to build forty new war vessels for the navy. At the present rate of progression it is pretty certain the country will soon find itself very strongly equipped with vessels, but very badly off for men of experience to command them.

—Solomon and his judgments are not frequently quoted as legal and effective precedents in Pennsylvania courts of law, but on Friday the famous case of Solomon helped to decide the judge when two parties claimed a brood of fine young turkeys.

—Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup has been used for over fifty years by millions of mothers for their children while teething with perfect success.

—There is no state where so easy a living can be made or where the soil will respond more cheerfully than this when gently coaxed, concludes a correspondent in Honolulu.

—No man is fit to win who has not sat down alone to think and who has not come forth with purpose in his eye, with white cheek, set lips and clinched palms, to see "41 an' victory."—Bellevue.

—The old idea that the body sometimes needs a powerful drastic, purgative pill has been exploded, for Dr. King's New Life Pills, which are perfectly harmless, gently stimulate liver and bowels to expel poisonous matter, cleanse the system and absolutely cure Constipation and Sick Headache.

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SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

—Greenville Reflector: Mr. Theodore L. Greene, who lived near Greenville last Thursday evening, ate a lot of tobacco. Soon after he began to feel unwell, and he continued to grow worse, and died Sunday morning.

—Goldboro Argus: The community was deeply pained this (Tuesday) morning to learn of the death of Mrs. W. W. Waddell, which occurred this morning at 7 o'clock. She was a noble woman with attributes worthy of emulation.

—Raleigh News and Observer: Governor Spence today offered a reward of \$300 for the unknown person who waylaid and assaulted, with intent to kill, W. A. and Arthur James, of Meigs, on October 22. The crime was a most cowardly one and there is no clue that leads to the identity of the offender.

—Winston Sentinel: Gus Goins and Pearl Sanders, colored, got into a row near Belo's pond Saturday night, when the latter, using a pocket knife and cut Goins, inflicting serious if not fatal injuries. It was reported Sunday evening that the wounded negro was dead, but this proved to be a mistake. Sanders was captured Sunday night.

—Monroe Journal: Will Allen, a negro, charged with the murder of Charles Hasty, also colored, was lodged in jail Monday night. Allen and Hasty, both of Marshall, and a difficulty, about a year ago, in which Hasty was shot. He afterwards died. Allen left and his whereabouts were unknown until last week, when he was located in a London, England.

—Raleigh Post: In the Post Sunday morning the following special from Weldon appeared: "James Scoggins, who was here in charge of the broken-neck horse at the fair was killed by a bullet from a high rifle night near town, and it is feared that his wound may prove fatal. He came here from Petersburg but formerly lived in Warren county. There is a specific for catarrh in any organ of the body. Any congestion of a mucous membrane simply means catarrh of the organ affected. This is why Peruna cures all sorts of troubles where other remedies fail. If there is a catarrhal affection the matter with you anywhere Peruna will cure you."

THE ONE MEDICINE.

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It is contemplated to issue a new coin from the French mint of the value of 24 centimes. It would be principally for the use of very poor persons who would be able thereby to buy the equivalent of a farthing's worth.

WHOLESALE PRICES CURRENT.

The following quotations represent the market for the week ending Nov. 6, 1902. The quotations are always given as accurately as possible, but are subject to change without notice for any variations from the actual market prices of the articles quoted.

—The late Alexander Herrmann always went fixed for an impromptu exhibition, said a theatrical press agent who was present at the famous man's exhibition, "and in the early part of his career he would go to extraordinary pains to 'lay his fences' long in advance for the second-hand machines."

—"On one occasion, to give you an illustration of his patience and endurance, he was playing a return date in the city of Pittsburg and he happened to notice a bankbook lying on a desk behind the cigar counter. The cover bore a picture of a man, and he got into plain sight, and when he got outside Herrmann quietly made a memorandum of it in his notebook, together with the address of the place where it was found."

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The mother who guards her strength has so much more to devote to the care and education of her dear ones. She should be a comfort—a cheer—always.

Yet how many feel that they have the strength to properly balance the home? The world is listless, weary and morbid. Its blood moves sluggishly and is full of impurities. It needs a kindling, invigorating tonic to set it afire—it needs Per-ru-na.

RECEIPTS.

SPRITS TURPENTINE—Market quiet at \$1.35 per gallon for machines made casks and 34c per gallon for country casks.

ROBIN—Market firm at 90c per barrel for strained and 95c per barrel for good strained.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Market quiet at \$1.10 per gallon for hard, \$0.90 for dip and 75c for virgin.

PEANUTS—North Carolina, firm. Prime, 60c; extra prime, 65c per bushel of 28 pounds; fancy, 70c.

CHICKENS—Dull. Growns, 25 to 30c; springs, 10 to 20c.

TURKEYS—Nothing doing.

TALLOW—Firm at 5 1/2 to 6 1/2 c per pound.

SWEET POTATOES—Firm at 40 to 50c per bushel.

FINANCIAL MARKETS.

NEW YORK, Nov. 6.—Money on call firm at 3 1/2 to 4 per cent, last loan at 3 1/2 per cent, ruling rate—per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Firm, with prime summer bills at 48 1/2 to 49 1/2 for demand and at 48 1/2 to 49 1/2 for sixty days.

RAILROAD BONDS—Government bonds steady. State bonds inactive. Railroad bonds strong.

STOCKS—U. S. 3's, reg'd 108; do. coupon, 108; U. S. 4's, reg'd 112; do. coupon, 112; U. S. 5's, reg'd 117 1/2; do. coupon, 117 1/2.

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PRODUCE MARKETS.

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