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AN OBJECT LESSON.

One of the most destructive floods ever seen in the lower Mississippi river is now doing its terrific work. There has been much loss of life—how much cannot be told till the waters subside, if then—and much destruction of property—how much cannot be approximated now. The story of destruction and suffering as daily told is pitiful, but it goes on day after day, and the end is not in sight. Of course it cannot last long for the clouds will empty themselves, the snows will melt and the swollen streams and rivers will pour their volumes into the sea, and after it is all over those who have escaped the deluge will go back to what is left of their old habitations, resume their usual vocations and take the chances of another washout. There seems to be some fatality or fascination which draws people back, as there seems to be in the sections of those countries where volcanoes and earthquakes sometimes do their deadly work, and where the survivors who fled in terror from the belching mountain, or from their quivering houses, return again when the mountain slumbers and the earth-thrills cease. There may be some way of accounting for this, but it is beyond us, an idiosyncrasy that we do not comprehend any more than we can understand why the man in the Mississippi bottoms who shakes himself all out of shape in tussling with the "ager," and stuffs himself with quinine until he looks bitter cannot be prevailed upon to pull up stakes and move to higher ground. He gets so accustomed to shaking that he rather likes it. So we suppose those people along the lowlands on the big Western rivers rather like, until they are over the exhilarating excitement of these overflows, and consequently take the chances of being chased by the waters every year, for these floods are becoming an annual occurrence. If they were moderate uprisings, which spread a few feet of water over the adjoining fields and drowned a few pigs and washed away some chicken coops and things of that kind they might be regarded in the light of a harmless novelty which a few days of warm sunshine would remove all traces of, but when ordinary streams become raging torrents many miles wide, and the great streams inland seas, and boats steam around in the open country many miles from the course of the streams, and fields, houses, barns and everything not on high ground is submerged, then they become very serious visitations, with every reason to believe that they will become more serious, and more disastrous in the future than they are now.

MINOR MENTION.

We have taken occasion to remark that President McKinley would go very slow in his movements on the currency question. The following dispatch from Washington supports this opinion: "President McKinley's plan for creating a Currency Commission to consider the financial question as outlined in his inaugural address will probably await the regular session of Congress next winter." "Speaker Reed and Senators Aldrich and Allison are credited with having suggested to him that the Currency Commission bill might open up a long silver debate in the Senate, which if it took place before the tariff bill was reported to the Finance Committee might delay it, and if it took place after the tariff bill was passed would prolong the session and might, by agitating the country, hinder the expected return of prosperity, and this suggestion is said to have determined President McKinley to wait in this matter."

There are several reasons, in addition to those herein assigned, why he will go slow, and why the leaders in his party want him to go slow.

They hope that by going slow they may dodge this question altogether. It times should so improve as to enable business, give the unemployed work, make money in circulation more plentiful and prices for farm products better, the money agitation might ease up some, and less thought be given to the currency question by the masses of the people. That would be a big point gained, and would let them out of a very unpleasant situation. But if they should be disappointed in their hopes and the agitation continue then they have to say in the next Congressional campaign that they are carrying out their pledge and doing all they can to give the people a better currency system. As for the international bimetallic congress, they haven't the slightest idea that it will amount to anything, if it is called, which is quite doubtful, but they don't want to admit this now, because then they couldn't play that fake any longer.

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The attention which the civil service law has attracted in the House and Senate, and the particular kind of attention, indicates a disposition to break into that thing, and doubtless the move direct will be made later on. On coming in the Republicans were disgusted to find that with the extension of the rules but comparatively few places were left for the expectant patriots, not enough to provide even for the Ohio contingent, which is always something in evidence at the pie counter. Mr. McKinley is committed to the civil service, but not in an ironclad way, for while declaring for it in his inaugural address, read between the lines he intimated that a partisan spirit was shown in the extensions by his predecessor, which were, practically speaking, an evasion of the spirit of the law. We have no doubt whatever that with a reasonable amount of encouragement from Congress he will let down some of the bars that Mr. Cleveland put up, and the probabilities are that he will have this encouragement. We do not think the act will be repealed, but that it will be very materially modified.

The frequency with which knocked-out Corbett assures knocker Bob that Bob "kicks him fairly and squarely" may indicate that Jim thinks Bob may have some doubts about it. But as Bob has the stakes and the "honors," he will doubtless be content unless Jim continues to hanker for a second punching and worries him too much.

On the 15th of June Great Britain will celebrate the 60th anniversary of Queen Victoria's coronation. John Bull is arranging for a grand layout to make the world believe he is very happy and very proud that he has a Queen. Some of these days he will dispense with that kind of figureheads. The Connecticut legislator who opposed giving protection to eagles because "eagles stick their teeth into everything they get their hands on" was in downright earnest, if he happened to be a little out on teeth, he was not an Irishman either but a native wooden nutmegger.

The revenue handlers in China have the reputation of being the champion thieves of all countries. The stealings are on such a colossal scale that it is said to cost the Government \$2,000,000 more to collect the price tribute from two provinces alone than the tribute amounts to.

A Georgia rhymester wrote for the Atlanta Constitution an effusion entitled "A Health to St. Patrick."

The rhyme and the sentiment are all right, but we don't see any use in wishing health to a gentleman who has been dead as long as he has been.

A contemporary observes that there are many men in the United States who could do their country more service by holding a plow than by holding an office.

Sarah Bernhardt suggests as a solution of the high hat problem that ladies wear mantillas at places of public amusement.

There are several thousand Republicans in this country, not counting others who will agree with Senator Gallinger that civil service as it is administered, is a "monumental humbug."

Sam Jones finds that the hard times operate against contributions at his performances.

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The last speech of the evening was delivered by Mr. Olmstead of Pennsylvania, Republican, in support of the bill, who addressed six Representatives on the floor and a score of visitors in the galleries.

At 11 o'clock the committee rose and the House adjourned.

The well-known dry goods house of Broad, Talley & Company of Raleigh, Monday made an assignment to the Receivers' Liabilities \$55,000. Williamson Talley is trustee. The Planters' National Bank is the largest local creditor.

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Saying that he should vote for the bill, Mr. Kerr of Ohio, Republican, criticized the reciprocity feature of the bill, in his opinion, fatally defective. The concessions proposed in the scheme, he said, were so insignificant compared with those we must give in exchange that any nation negotiating with us for these would be without either dignity or sense. He urged the substitution for the provision of a bond on the reciprocity section of the McKinley bill, born in the brain of James G. Blaine.

The last speech of the evening was delivered by Mr. Olmstead of Pennsylvania, Republican, in support of the bill, who addressed six Representatives on the floor and a score of visitors in the galleries.

At 11 o'clock the committee rose and the House adjourned.