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IF THE CARLISLE BILL
DOES NOT PASS.

BONDS WILL NOT BRING RELIEF.

The Carlisle Bill or Something Better
Should Be Passed, and the Democrats
are Working to That End.
The Currency Problem Cannot Be
Settled Until the State's Right to
Issue Money Is Returned to Them—
Year's in Washington.

Special to the News and Observer.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 31.
It is common talk here that if the
agreed does not pass the Carlisle bill,
provide some other financial legisla-
tion, the President will call an extra ses-
sion of Congress. The President has not,
course, made any such declaration,
but there is ground for believing he
could take this course. The leading
Democrats here, on some of them
and at work trying to get an agreement
by which the Carlisle plan, or "some-
thing better," can get through before
next session. An extra session, or a
regular session for that matter, would
be a relief to the Republicans the passage
of a financial measure to relieve the
country. They would issue two or three
million dollars worth of bonds, and
that would remedy the Treasury
difficulty. Some of them might
kick, but the Republicans have a
way of compelling the minority to
submit.

To be sure such a settlement
would be no settlement at all—only an
advance to a worse stage than Mr. Cleve-
land has been forced to give, but the
odds are that the very men who clamor
most against bonds would be found
helping to fight the Carlisle bill, and
in the next campaign as they did in
the last. Bonds will not bring relief.
Nothing but a system of cur-
rency that secures or admits a proper
distribution will meet the money problem
never expect to see the money question
settled until the right of the States to
issue money is restored to them. Other
things will help, but nothing else will
decentralize the money power.

New Year's in Washington.

New Year's is a great day in Wash-
ington. In order to get ready for the
departments close at noon on the
previous day. The same rule that was
observed in the year of Lord, 1893.
Times change, but here in Washington
social customs take no note of
time. The Vice President and Mrs.
Stevenson are detained at Asheville at
the bedside of their sick daughter. They
will be missed here on Tuesday. Every-
body is rich and poor, high and low,
will call on the President. It is
the only time that everybody can
shake hands with him and Mrs.
Cleveland. His guests are better, but
sawing shaking hands half a day will
not help it.

The Dress of the Occasion.

Last year it was initiated by Mrs.
Cleveland that the ladies invited to re-
ceive at the White House should wear
high necked dresses, and that
There will be no need to repeat the au-
thorization this time, as it is well under-
stood. No matter how elaborate the
gown may be fashion strictly forbids that
fair shoulders or shoulders that may not
fair must be covered in the time
The fact that the reception is usually
held in gas-lighted rooms has nothing to
do with the case, and can not be con-
sidered as having any bearing on it, as
some misguided folks imagine. It is
very far back, though, since an entirely
different idea prevailed, but we are con-
vinced now that it was all wrong and
the last opinion rules. An authority then
which was greatly respected announced
that as the foreign ministers were
in their full dress or military uni-
forms, the same as they would wear at
a foreign court, full dress was demand-
ed from everyone else. It used to be
common enough to see ladies in the
gown at the New Year receptions at
the White House, and there was not
any criticism about it until one lady
pointed a moral by wearing in sharp con-
trast, a silk dress and white linen col-
lars and cuffs. Last year the ladies
wore a high collar mark and it will be
the same on the coming occasion.

The ladies of the diplomatic corps
wear their most elegant visiting cos-
tumes and their prettiest gowns. They
all other ladies who attend the reception
in the capacity of callers. Every year
in the crowd there is bound to be a wo-
man or two who has forgotten her bon-
net or hat, and a stray gown or shawl
comes about of the real time, and comes
in snuggling with an expensive or shiny
linen and a spike-tailed coat; and won-
ders why the people take him for a waiter.

Indignation Meetings.

An indignation meetings of almost
weekly occurrence here. The city au-
thorities desire to erect a hospital for
parties having contagious diseases. They
have the money, but they select a site
the people in that neighbor-
hood hold an indignation meeting.
Naturally nobody wants a contagious
hospital near their homes. There are
now fourteen small patients in the
small and poorly adapted hospital, and
a modern hospital is a crying need.
The difficulty is in securing a location in view
of the great opposition to every site
proposed.

Bad Outlook for Financial Legislation.

Representative Tom Johnson of Ohio
does not believe there is much hope of
financial legislation at this session of
Congress. "There are no two men in
either house," he said, "who will agree
upon a plan. I remember me of the
Grant Club in Cleveland. I am a mem-
ber in good standing. The rules require
that no man shall agree with any other
man. There were two fellows who did
agree one time. Both agreed that they
did not like Cleveland's policy. They
turned one of them out, and there was
no striking harmony." Mr. Johnson
thinks that all members of the House
ought to be admitted to his club on the
financial question.

Fleeced With the South.

I met a citizen of Connecticut yester-
day, who was returning from South
Carolina, where he had gone to make
some investigations with a view to locat-
ing a new home. He was well pleased,
and he was well pleased. All that is
needed to double the population of North
Carolina, as well as every other South-
ern State, is to let the world know the
advantages he have.

FOR STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

Eight More Games to be Played Be-
tween McNair and Murdock.

Special to the News and Observer.

ASHEVILLE, N. C., Dec. 31.
Murdock six, McNair three. The
thirteen, is the score in the contest for
the checker championship, with eight
games to play.

D. G. Noland had his arm broken
while coasting on North Main street
Saturday night.

Rear Admiral George Brown, of U. S.
Navy, is at the Battery Park.

A. S. Whitman, wanted here on a
charge of false pretense, and who made
such a hard fight against extradition in
the Chicago courts was brought here
yesterday and committed to jail to
await a hearing.

WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 31.—A
special to the News and Observer. The
winner of a series of thirty games for the
checker championship of North Carolina
finished to-night with the following re-
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J. A. Murdock, of Asheville, 5; H. C.
McNair, of Robeson county, 4; Drawn 18.

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NEW YORK'S MAYOR

COLOVEL STRONG WILL TAKE
CHARGE OF THE OFFICE
AT NOON TO-DAY.

PRESIDENT MARTIN RESIGNS.

He Says He Does So Voluntarily and
Not Under Fire From the Lexow
Committee—Mayor Gilroy Will
Either Come South or Go to Europe
For a Time, After That He Will
Probably Go Into Business—Supt.
Byrnes Comes Out of the Investiga-
tion With Flying Colors.

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NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—President James
J. Martin, of the police department, will
resign his office within a few days. Mr.
Martin himself made the announcement
shortly before 12-30 today at the po-
lice headquarters. When he an-
nounced his intention to-day to resign
from the police board, President Martin
said:

"My friends know that I have been
anxious to retire from the police depart-
ment for some time. This place has
never been congenial to me, and now
that the investigation of the department
by the Lexow Committee has been con-
sidered, I intend to resign. I did not
sign under fire. My resignation will be
in the hands of Mayor Strong within a
few days.

"Concerning the testimony given by
Mr. Byrnes before the Lexow Commit-
tee, I have this to say: As President of
this department, I do not wish to enter
into a controversy with the Superintendent
or any one else, but I emphatically
deny that the board or I personally have
ever done anything to interfere with or
hinder the Superintendent in the pro-
per discharge of his duties."

Mayor Gilroy Packing Up.

Tammany officials whose terms expire
to-morrow were preparing to move to
day. Mayor Gilroy packed up his pri-
vate papers in the mayor's office this
morning and was ready to go after the
meeting of the Board of Estimate and
Apportionment, which took final action
on the departmental estimate for 1895.
The Mayor said he had not yet com-
pleted his plans for the future. He
might go to Europe or to Florida in a
few weeks for a vacation. After that he
will probably go into business. He de-
clined to say whether he will stay in the
city, or go to Europe, or to Florida, or
to any other place, but he said he would
be ready to work for the organization.

Willis Holly, the mayor's secretary,
has already gone to Albany, where he
will be the correspondent of a New York
newspaper.

Mayor Strong Goes to To-Day.

Other Tammany officials who were
making ready to move this morning were
Daniel Eglehardt, the Mayor's marshal;
George B. McClellan, President of the
Board of Aldermen; Thomas H. Reed,
Recorder-Smythe, and Judge Trux of the
Superior Court.

Mayor-elect Strong will take posses-
sion of the Mayor's office at noon to-
day. He will probably be a little late,
speech making, and Col. Strong will be
introduced to the heads of departments
who will serve under him until a Mayor's
office is organized.

Senator Lexow this morning just before
he left for Albany was asked what he
thought of some of the more recent
criticisms of the committee, and more
particularly with reference to some of
the sharp things which have been said
regarding the examination of Superin-
tendent Byrnes.

"Well," said he, "we expected that
we would be criticised whether we had
Byrnes on the stand or not, and if we
are criticised adversely it will not be
unfair, but unjust. Byrnes was asked
to account for his wealth and he did so.
Byrnes Comes Out With Flying Colors.

"There was not a bit of evidence to
show that he was guilty of corruption.
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