

TO "INFLUENCE" AND CORRUPT LEGISLATURES.

Mark Hanna's Bold And Brazen Scheme to Elect Certain Republican Senators.

MANHOOD AND INTEGRITY OF THE STATE TO BE TESTED.

It was expected that Hanna and the Gold Ring would use every effort to capture the United States Senate. But their Brazen Check in Announcing Publicly Their Influence Scheme is Most Astonishing—Read the Articles Below, Headlines and All, Which We Copy From the Washington Post.

THEY FACE A CRISIS.

REPUBLICANS NOT SURE OF SUCCESS IN THE NEXT CONGRESS—RADICAL EFFORTS TO BE MADE.

A certain majority is not yet in sight and efforts are to be made to secure senators in doubtful States—National Committee to be Appointed for Assistance—Silver States, Although Apparently Barren Ground, are to be Invaded.

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MR. HANNA'S NEW JOB.

HE NOW UNDERTAKES TO SECURE THE NEXT SENATE—CONFERS WITH PARTY LEADERS.

A Three Hours' Conference at the Capitol Yesterday. The Critical Situation Fully Discussed. Kentucky Requested as Certain to Send a Republican. Mr. McKinley Formally Notified that an Extra Session of Congress Ought to be Held.

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THE OPENING OF CONGRESS.

A Sketch of How Some of the Senate Solons Looked.

Men Who Think they are Big Unlabeled By the Crowd—The President's Messenger or Part of It—The More Important Subjects Treated.

Congress convened on Monday, December 7th. The New York Journal has a sketch of the opening day from which the following extracts are taken.

When Vice-President Stevenson brought his heavy gavel down today with the slam of a horse auctioneer and declared the Senate of the United States open for business negotiations with the House and the President, he faced a full and brilliant audience of some seventy persons. Senators were in their seats, while the galleries were full of people and Mark Hanna.

But let us get down to the Senate desks—at least two dozen of them were backed with flowers. They represented the Senators, a sum equal to the hire of a prince. There is something pathetic about this flower giving. They represent the applause, the respect of nobody. They emanate from appointive office holders, clerks of the poorer sort, who thus seek to propitiate "their Senators" and perpetrate themselves in place.

And they cost poor folks a mint of money. It illustrates what Col. William Nelson, of the Kansas Star, once said to me on the subject of gift giving.

"It comes simply to this," said the epigrammatic Colonel, "some fellows who can't afford it gives some other fellow something he doesn't need."

Palmer was the most interesting figure to come into the Senate. Not because he knows any more than the others, or does any more. But the old gentleman thinks that he has recently been running for the Presidency, and he is a little nervous. He makes it worth one's curious while to note how he is received by the others, especially by the silver Democrats, who hold Palmer to be a traitor worthy of block and cord.

Palmer was one among the first to find his seat. He was filling it full fifteen minutes before Stevenson called "time." If the old gentleman expected an ovation he was prey to a frightful setback. Palmer's reception was what theatre people call a "cold water." He was greeted by Gorman even, and all the regular, or silver Democrats either gave him the cut direct or yielded him the chilliest and briefest of nods. Palmer was left severely, almost painfully, alone. Not a man came to his aid, or to offer him a word of sympathy. He began to redden and glow with the isolation and the insult of it.

At last Vilas was struck by Palmer in his pan and neglect. Vilas is a gold cuckoo. It was such schemes as Vilas, working out the part in his own mind, and that tickled the aged, childish vanity of Palmer and got him to make his recent foolish run. Vilas at least would have been a better man.

Vilas evidently thought so, for he journeyed over to Palmer's desk at last, on his feet, and rather awkwardly shook his hand. At that moment later Vilas had tipped the wink to the Republicans, and Aldrich and others came around the Illinois Senator and extended their hands.

Hill, of New York, the late referee of the fight between the two, who had been so humiliated by the defeat of his party, and who had been so humiliated by the defeat of his party, and who had been so humiliated by the defeat of his party.

When Jones, of Arkansas, and Foster, of Missouri, managed the Congressional campaign for the Democrats, came in they got their heads together and talked in low tones. I don't know whether they were congratulating each other on their careers as Democratic chairmen or not. I will say, however, that they had a long talk without a word and the party was the droopiest failure of every day and night. The worst I ever saw. I may not have another chance to express my full-blown contempt for the recent campaign methods of Jones, so I put it in this place.

Down in front sat Morrill, of Vermont. Eighty-six years old is Morrill, born in 1810. He was the first to do business to day and began reading petitions to the Senate before the formal opening of the President and House that the Senate was on earth and organized for business, had been gone through with.

The Senate sent Sherman and Smith to tell Cleveland they were ready for the worst he could send. He took them at their word, and following the return of these two, a Senate clerk began to read the President's message in a sing-song tone, and people commenced to fall over each other to get out of the galleries.

Even Mark Hanna couldn't stand it, and was forced to withdraw himself from further exhibition. This must have cost the architect of McKinley a sigh, for if there's one thing Hanna dearly loves, it's being gazed at, wondered over, and admired.

The message fell as dull and unelastic as a ball of mud. The tariff part doesn't sound at all like Cleveland's letter to Catchings about "party perfidy and disunion."

Somebody may yet work the deadly parallel on our White House.

The President's message was a long, dreary document from which we make extracts bearing on the prominent subjects of the day.

THE CAUCASIAN'S MESSAGE.

To the Congress of the United States.

As the representatives of the people in the legislative branch of their Government, you have assembled at a time when the strength and excellence of our free institutions and the fitness of our citizens to enjoy popular rule have been again made manifest.

The political contest involving momentous consequences, fraught with feverish apprehension and exciting aggressiveness so intense as to approach bitterness and passion, has been waged throughout our land, and determined by the decree of free and independent suffrage, without disturbance of our tranquility or the least sign of weakness in our national structure.

We consider these incidents and contemplate the peaceful obedience and mainly submission which have succeeded a heated clash of political opinions, we discover abundant evidence of a determination of the part of our countrymen to abide by every verdict of the popular will, and to be controlled at all times by the faithful faith in the agencies established for the direction of the affairs of their Government.

The Cuban question. The insurrection in Cuba still continues with all its perplexities. It is difficult to perceive that any progress has thus far been made toward the pacification of the island or that the situation of affairs as depicted in my last annual message has in the least improved.

If the determination of Spain to allow an insurrection to break out to strengthen by the lapse of time, and is evinced by her unhesitating devotion of largely increased military and naval forces to the task, there is much reason to believe that the insurgents have acquired in point of numbers and character and resources, and are none the less inflexible in their resolve not to succumb, without practically securing the great objects for which they took up arms.

If Spain has not yet re-established her authority, and if the insurgents have not yet made good their title to be regarded as an independent State.

Indeed, as the contest has gone on, the pretense that civil government exists on the island, except so far as it may be maintained by the United States, has been practically abandoned.

Spain does keep on foot such a government, more or less imperfectly, in the large towns and their immediate suburbs. But, that exception being made, the entire country is either in a state of anarchy or is subject to the military occupation of one or the other party.

It is reported, indeed, on reliable authority that, at the demand of the commander-in-chief of the insurgent army, the private Cuban government has now ceased to exist.

It is so near to us as to be hardly separated from our territory. Our actual pecuniary interest in it is second only to that of the people and Government of Spain.

It is reasonable to suppose that the Government of Spain, which is responsible for the maintenance of the rights of the Government from all sources amounted to \$469,475,405.78. During the same period its expenditures were \$434,678,654.48, the excess of expenditures over receipts thus amounting to \$34,796,751.30.

The ordinary expenditures of the Government for the fiscal year were \$4,015,852.21 less than during the preceding fiscal year. Of the receipts mentioned there was derived from customs the sum of \$160,021,751.67, and from internal revenue, \$140,530,615.06.

The value of our imported dutiable merchandise during the last fiscal year was \$369,757,470, and the value of free goods imported \$409,967,470, being an increase of \$65,923,675 in the value of dutiable goods and \$41,231,034 in the value of free goods over the preceding year.

Our exports of merchandise, foreign and domestic, amounted in value to \$82,606,938, being an increase over the preceding year of \$75,068,763. The average ad valorem duty paid on dutiable goods imported during the year was 39.91 per cent, and on free and dutiable goods taken together 20.55 per cent.

The cost of collecting our internal revenue was 2.78 per cent, as against 2.81 per cent, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1895. The total production of distilled spirits, excise tax on fruit brands, was \$6,538,703, being an increase of \$639,108 gallons over the preceding year. There was also an increase of 1,443,676 gallons of spirits, produced from fruit, as compared with the preceding year.

The number of barrels of beer produced in 1895 was 35,250,000, as against 33,559,794 produced in the preceding fiscal year, being an increase of 2,690,206 barrels.

I cannot refrain from again earnestly presenting the necessity of the prompt reform of a system opposed every year by a majority of the people, and which has become fraught with the gravest peril and perplexity.

I am more convinced than ever that we can have no assured financial peace and safety until the Government currency obligations upon which gold may be demanded from the treasury are withdrawn from circulation and cancelled.

This might be done, as has been heretofore recommended, by their exchange for long-term bonds bearing a low rate of interest, or by

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BOLTERS ARE STILL BOLTING.

SILVER REPUBLICAN SENATORS REFUSE TO ATTEND A PARTY CAUCUS.

Will Decide on Their Future Course When They All Arrive in Washington—Poor Show for Dingley Bill.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 5.—Six silver bolters practically declared themselves today as the Republican caucus today, and as a result of armed neutrality toward their former associates and the legislative policies they may declare. Senator Teller, chief of the six, is still absent from the city, but the other five, DeLoach, Mansfield, Cannon, Pettigrew and Squire, acted under his advice and suggestion.

The caucus developed two things; that the majority of the Republicans do not deem it expedient to attempt to pass the Dingley bill, if that were possible, and second, that it is impossible to get enough votes to enact that measure into law. It also showed that a bluff is to be made with the object in view of making the friends of silver believe the Republican party favorably inclined toward that money metal.

The conspicuous feature of the caucus was the absence of the recalcitrant Senators, who refused to be bound by the tenets of faith of the St. Louis Convention, and then and there severed their connection with the Republican party. Notices of the caucus were sent to them, but none of those now in the Senate attended. Senator Dabola, who was a member of the steering committee, has been charged with the unusual work of the party in connection with legislation, and is also secretary of the caucus, and sent a letter to Chairman Sherman resigning both places.

It may be that this is a pointer as to the position intended to be assumed by the silver men, or it might indicate only the personal intention of the Senators from Idaho. Senator Cannon, after the caucus was over, said that his refusal to enter the caucus was not due to any preconceived arrangement on the part of the silver Senators.

He declared that while he was as radical as ever on the silver question, he must not be understood as having abandoned any other principles that he may have advocated and which the Republicans in common with him advocated. He was now as much of a protectionist as he ever was. Beyond this, however, he did not talk, nor could it be inferred from what he said that he would join the party which has advocated passing a comprehensive tariff bill through the next Congress. It is worthy of note, though, that the Republicans hope to conciliate Messrs. Cannon and Mansfield and get them back in the fold.

The resignation of Mr. Dabola was received without comment, and Senator Wilson, one of the bright young men of the body, was made Secretary of the caucus and Messrs. Hansborough, of North Dakota, and Shoup, of Idaho, Dabola's colleagues, were made members of the steering committee.

ATTEMPT TO STEAL A STATE.

South Dakota Report Still Defeated, But They Have to Let Go and Are Attempting to Steal the State—The First Populist State Ticket Elected.

Grant's Review, S. D. There has been no time either before or since the election that it was not possible for the Republicans to get its vote for the entire Populist National State and Congressional ticket. The Republicans kept up a big bluff and their friends have heard from every county in the State and so would carry the State by from 10,000 to 15,000 majority. As the returns commenced to roll in after election the Republican forces in the Populist States until now they have practically given up all hope of having elected anything. They concede the Legislature and Government to the Populists, but say that it will take the actual canvass to determine the actual result, so close is the election.

Hon. Andrew E. Lee, Governor-elect of Idaho, Dabola's colleague, makes out that it will take the actual canvass to determine the actual result, so close is the election.

"There is not the slightest question of my election as Governor of this State and I will take the position the first of the month and go to every county in the State and so far ahead that it would be impossible for the opposition to steal the place and if they should attempt it, it has been intimated, someone would be inside of a penitentiary, otherwise than as a guest before I quit. My reports also show that Bryan voters are elected by good, safe majorities."

WHERE'S THE CHAIR?

An Elephant Who Has Killed Four Persons to Be Executed in Chicago.

Chicago, Dec. 10.—Gypsy, the elephant with a record of having killed four keepers, is to be publicly electrocuted in the city. The animal was born all over the country, and is considered the most dangerous elephant in captivity. At present Gypsy is in Winter quarters here.

Last Winter Gypsy escaped from her winter home, and caused great excitement on the West Side by running through the city. She was finally captured, and she was so tame that she was allowed to go about the city with which she came in contact. Before she was captured Frank Scott, her keeper, was killed, and the elephant stepped on him and crushed his ribs. Since then Gypsy has had a dozen keepers. Yesterday the man who had charge of Gypsy for a month resigned. The managers of the circus will have to make up a list of keepers, and so decided to have the famous elephant killed. Arrangements are now being made for the execution by electricity.