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"The effect of Senator Ransom's effort was immediately seen in the announcement by Senator Pugh, of Alabama, that while he had been disposed to regard with favor the proposition to change the rules he could no longer hold such opinions in the face of the arguments which had been uttered. Other Senators including Mr. Palmer, of Illinois, and Mr. Packer, of Florida, added their strength to the anti-slavery side, and against the tide of opposition Mr. Vest, Mr. Vilas, Mr. George and Mr. Berry were powerful."

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In everything but politics men are willing to wait the results of progressive development. They seem never to realize that the science of Government is most difficult of all sciences and that evolutions of State, like

the revolution of planets, cannot be effected by light and transient causes.

Mr. Cleveland appears to be addicted to saying the right thing at the wrong time, and yet, it may be the fault of others not to remember that the arrow does not reach the mark the instant it is shot from the string.

Near the close of Mr. Cleveland's first administration, he sent to Congress his famous tariff message. It was the ablest State paper that had emanated from the White House in an age. It was sound to the core. A diamond of the first water. But what was its effect? The result was the defeat of its great author. Its benefits were not instantaneously apparent, and the Democracy went down under the recoil, but, in 1892, Tariff Reform became the slogan of the people and carried the Democratic party into power.

Mr. Cleveland has again said the right thing at apparently the wrong time. He has declared for a flexible currency and an abundance of money, equal to all the needs of the Government and the wants of the people. Had this action been taken at the commencement of the second Cleveland Administration, or even at the beginning of the 53rd Congress, the condition of affairs would have been different from what it is today—but, who can say, with absolute certainty, that it would have been better?

The future is before us. The seed has been sown, and what shall the harvest be?

We do not wish to indulge in too bright expectations, but it is our duty, as journalists, to lift up the hearts of the people, and bid them see fields ripe for the harvest.

The principle of tariff reform has taken fast hold upon the people. McKinleyism is dead, and its Prophets and Apostles turn from its tomb to salute the star that reigns sovereign of the ascendant.

Congress will now address itself to the currency. We do not know that the Cleveland-Carlisle plan will be adopted in its entirety, but it is the foundation stone on which will be erected a financial edifice that will shelter and protect all the people.

"When it rains it pours." Not only has the Cleveland administration awoke to a full realization of the financial situation, but Mr. Gresham appears as a giant refreshed by sleep. It need not be denied that in its commencement the Administration blundered in the conduct of Foreign Affairs, but Mr. Gresham is now winning golden opinions on every hand. The treaty with Japan adds a feather to his plume, and it seems probable that Nicaragua will give immortality to his fame.

Then, what shall the harvest be? The restoration of Democracy, the prosperity and happiness of the people!

THEIR WORK, NOT OURS.
An economical administration of the Government has always been a demand of the Democratic party. It has declared, in convention after convention, in favor of a tariff sufficient to defray the expenses of Government economically administered. There has been no departure from the faith in this respect, nevertheless, Republican journals are exulting over the report of the Secretary of the Treasury that the income of the Government for the last fiscal year fell short of its expenditures to the amount of \$70,000,000. But this is the result of their work, not ours. The conditions which both increased the expenses and reduced the revenues are due to Republican legislation.

A very large proportion of the increased expenditures of the Government imposed by Republican administrations were of a kind for which succeeding administrations could not avoid making appropriations if they so desired. The pension legislation since the war has been such as to bind future generations and impose upon posterity grievous and oppressive burdens. The Cleveland administration could not avoid expending thousands upon them. It has shown no disposition to violate contracts or in any way disparage the credit of the Government, but it has largely reduced expenditures where it had authority and opportunity to do so.

No Secretary of the Treasury was ever confronted by such difficulties as faced Carlisle when he assumed the Treasury portfolio. The lavish waste of money by the Republicans had brought the treasury to the verge of bankruptcy. An enormous deficit had already been created, while the languishing receipts derived from the operation of Republican legislation were daily growing smaller. Unnecessary burdens in the way of continuing appropriations had been heaped upon the treasury, making it almost impossible to maintain the public credit.

The new Democratic tariff had only a few months of operation before the close of the last fiscal year. It went into operation at a time of great business depression, and the progress it has made in overcoming the difficulties in its way is really marvelous. Indeed it is winning golden opinions on every hand and warring a reluctant tribute from its late opponents.

The car of progress will be for a time blocked by the ascendancy of the Republican party, but we have faith in the final triumph of Democratic principles, and firmly believe that the Democratic party will yet overcome all opposing barriers and give to the country a sound, constitutional, economical administration.

BOULE SOUND CORRESPONDENCE.

Matrimonial, Farming, Political and Other News Items.
The farmers are still the housing their crops.
There is a rumor that a son of Mr. M. D. Pate, a well-known planter, has been killed by a snake. The rumor is not true. The son of Mr. Pate is still alive and well.

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N. C. CONFERENCE.

Of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.
The North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, held its annual conference at Raleigh, N. C., on December 1st, 1904.

The conference was opened with prayer by the pastor of the church, Rev. J. W. Smith. The session was held in the afternoon.

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HISTORICAL APPROPRIATE.

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