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Our Washington Letter.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.
No miser ever had such trouble with his harded wealth as Uncle Sam is having with his money and finances. On the one hand the money changers are constantly scheming for legislation that will enhance their profits, regardless of the public welfare, and on the other, financial doctors have almost numberless ideas on the subject of money which they desire to have formulated into law, and which if enacted would bankrupt both the credit and welfare of the country. The first well considered proposition to settle the vexed silver question is the bill offered by Senator Sherman, proposing to discontinue the coinage of the dollar, and providing that bullion, not less than 2,000,000 nor more than 4,000,000 ounces, shall be purchased monthly by the Treasury, in payment for which certificates shall be issued, which shall be receivable for all public dues, and may be reissued. This was the first formulated compromise measure offered, and has been received by both side to the controversy with a storm of objections; one of the Iowa Senators designating it as a "proposal to transfer bullion from the smelters to the Treasury and issue warehouse certificates," while others denounce it as a scheme equivalent to unlimited coinage and others as a cunningly devised and half concerted plan to lessen the present amount of silver currency. In this case "the Ohio idea" is as unpopular as were others before it.
Next to the almighty dollar of our ancestors, Dakota makes herself heard and felt most frequently in and about the halls of congress, and whether she succeeds in getting into the Union at this session or not, she will at least monopolize many pages of the Congressional Record. The opposition to her admission as proposed by Mr. Wilson, of Iowa, replied in support of the bill, declaring that the methods pursued and the action taken by the people of the territory to attain statehood, had been orderly, conservative and creditable. Gov. Pierce was an attentive listener in the Senate during the discussion, and is in favor of the division of the territory and its admission as proposed by the measure discussed, and which is ably engineered and supported by its authors.
It would be a great surprise to the country, no doubt, to wake up some fine morning and find the heads of at least two prominent cabinet officers lying on the Executive charger. It is no secret that the connection of the Attorney General with Telephone stocks was very distasteful to the reformer in the White House, and it is now openly charged that Secretary Lamar has been, if he is not yet, deeply involved in the same scandal. To such an extent have these charges gone, that a leading Democratic Journal declares the president cannot ignore them, and calls on him to bounce Garland and Lamar from the cabinet, implicated, as it asserts, in a scandal "incomparably the greatest by which any member of any president's cabinet has ever been affected." It is also well known here in private circles, that a strong pressure is quietly being brought to bear for the removal of Dan Manning from the Treasury, being urged that he does not represent either the sentiment of the country or the majority of his party on financial ques-

tions, and that his retention in office will inevitably lead to division and disruption. Whatever may be the outcome of these rumors, it is certain that there is bitter feeling between the majority and the Wall Street manipulator in the Treasury department.
The determination of the President and heads of departments not to comply with the requests of the Senate for the reasons for removal or suspension of officials, on the ground that to impart such information would not promote the public interest, creates much felling and diverse comment, and will no doubt result in the refusal of the Senate to confirm nominations in cases where the information was called for. In the meantime the Senate is getting ready to fight, the proposal to consider nominations in open session being a preparatory step, which will lay the whole business before the country, and, as many believe, show the insincerity of the President's assumption that he in no case makes removals for political reasons. The whole subject will doubtless lead to a better understanding of the relations of the President and Senate, and of their respective rights under the constitution, and will therefore not be without interest and value to the public.
The farmers all laboring men of the country may begin to congratulate themselves on the prospect of soon having their great interests represented in the executive councils of the nation through the agency of a cabinet minister. The House committee on agriculture having unanimously reported a bill for the establishment of an executive department of agriculture and labor. This is but just, though tardy, recognition of the greatest, and what ought to be the most powerful interests, in influence and control, and no congressman, unless willing to read his political doom, will oppose the measure.
The land question and questions relating to illegal entries and fraudulent railroad holdings, are receiving searching inquiry and attention, together with other great questions of abiding interest, so that the session henceforth will be watched with anxiety and concern.
W. D.

Century.

The midwinter Century opens with an article on Antoine Louis Barye, a Franco-Assyrian sculptor, whose work, to judge by the illustrations, it must have required a connoisseur to appreciate. Geo W. Cable contributes a graphic article on "The Dance in Place Congo," which introduces us to a different quarter of the Crescent City, and a different people—the African negro in old times "befo' de wah." The music of the wild songs, is an interesting feature of the paper.
Mrs. Schuyler van Rensselaer furnishes another final article on "Recent Architecture in America," which carries some popular illustrations of swell houses, here and there.

Gen. Longstreet's war paper is one of the breeziest and freshest of the series. He does not seem to have been so severely criticized as to compel him to explain, and then to explain his explanation.
In continued fiction the number is very strong. John Brodewin's Testimony is a delightful story, worthy of the magazine, while Howell's new effort promises well. James' "Bostonians" is unfitted for wild, western readers—it is so full of hair-splitting mentality, and general foolishness. Mr. James lives in a libel shell, and takes his daily promenade on a five cent piece.

Vermont's Carnival Frenzy.

Burlington, says a correspondent, has abandoned herself to winter sports and plans for a big ice carnival. The whole city is on coasters, and sliding down hill. The mayor is president, ex-officio, of a coasting club, all the prominent citizens belong to the toboggan club, and everybody else to a snowshoe club. The toboggan chutes are in full operation, the streets of the city are surrendered to coasting with traverses, and the people all wear "toques" and other paraphernalia of the Cana lians and Esquimaux. The approaching carnival, to begin Feb. 15, promise to far surpass anything of the kind ever seen in the United States. An ice column 200 feet high is to be built in the city park, and ice arches, brilliantly illuminated, will wind over the streets. All the elegantly upholstered traverses in the city will be given up to visitors, besides the toboggan chutes. The vast array of sports on ice and snow provided for the carnival, like sliding, skating, trotting, snowshoe racing, ice boating, and the like, have been given. Accommodations

are at hand for 15,000 visitors, and all the leading New England railroads have offered excursion rates to the carnival. Added to the attractions of the week will be performances by the Stetson "Mikado" opera company. Meanwhile the Burlington people have illuminated the Main street hill and coast upon it with traverses that attain as high a rate of speed as ninety miles an hour in descent. These traverses are about fifteen feet long, upholstered, furnished with steering apparatus, break and gong, and carry from twelve to fifteen people. A third toboggan chute, after the Russian style, is to be built.

Valley City.

(Democrat.)
Tom O'Malley has bought out Wm. Carroll's saloon.
A. C. Kasberg has sold his hardware business to Simons & Lee.
D. N. Hitsman, who is now in Rome, N. Y., says that times are very hard in that state, and that he will return in the spring. His brother-in-law, Mr. Howard, who has land in Griggs county, will return with him.
C. T. Heidl inten is visiting the carnival at St. Paul, this week. He will stay a couple of weeks.

The editor of the Democrat is confined to his room with a horrible pun in the left lobe of his brain, and threats of lynching are freely talked of, lest it prove contagious.

Sunday night, a gang of wheat thieves were detected at the snow fence, in Sanborn, hauling away stolen wheat in stone boat. It came from the old elevator, and with much more, was to have been marketed in Valley City. The thieves have been identified.

Wheat, 66 cents.
Jacobson & Oie have dissolved partnership.

The saloon men claim they were misled by some of the commissioners into canvassing the county to obtain signatures to their petition.

John Ferrand, the brilliant young attorney, formerly of Sanborn, has broken his leg, or rather one of his legs, while tobogganing in Duluth. John, that will teach you to stay out until you get—a wooden leg.

At a meeting of the Cooperstown Terpsichorean club, Tuesday evening, E. W. Blackwell was elected president, Benj. McCormick secretary. First hop to-night. All the members should be present, with their girls.

The Ice Carnival at St. Paul will be profusely illustrated by the Pioneer Press during February, and it will be well worth your while to subscribe at once for a month, if not longer through the resident agent, or if there is none, send in your name to the home office of the PIONEER PRESS at St. Paul. Mail orders must be prepaid.—Ad.

A Story by Lincoln.

The Rev. Dr. Szold, the rabbi of a Jewish synagogue, at Baltimore, who was often at Washington during the war, said very correctly that it was the martyr President's nature to argue a point, but that when persons would come to him with complaints he often gave them his views in a short and comprehensive parable. He would thus often unravel an intricate and knotty question by his keen and incisive wit. As for instance: Some Western gentlemen called at the White House and harangued Mr. Lincoln in an excited manner about the omissions and commissions of the administration. He heard them with his usual patience, and finally said: "Gentlemen, suppose all the property you were worth was in gold, and you had put it in the hands of Blondin to carry across Niagara Falls on a tight rope, would you shake the rope while he was passing over it, or keep shouting to him, 'Blondin, stoop a little more.' 'Go a little faster.' No, I am sure you would not. You would hold your breath as well as your tongue, and keep your hands off until he was safely over. Now, the government is in the same situation, and is carrying across a stormy ocean an immense weight; untold treasures are in its hands; it is doing the best it can; don't badger it; keep silence, and it will get safely over."—Ben: Perley Poor, in Boston Budget.

After the review at Stuttgart the Emperor William was told by Prince Hermann of Saxe Weimar that a 93-year-old veteran who had served under him sixty years ago was present, having made a long journey just to see his commander again in this world. Kaiser Wilhelm was much moved, and insisted upon alighting from his carriage and walking over to that in which the veteran was seated, when he held some conversation with him, and shook hands cordially at parting.

KNUD THOMPSON'S "Yankee Doodle"

The Christmas frolics now are o'er,
Old '85 has fled, sir;
Now Cooperstown has no saloons,
And Vanderbilt is dead, sir.
But still, the bums and duds in town
Feel good—it makes them snicker,
To loaf around, and hear the fun,
When Thompson makes a dicker.

CHORUS—
Yankee Doodle is the tune,
Which Thompson thinks so handy;
He makes his trades, and takes his notes
With "Yankee Doodle—dandy!"

And what has Knud to sell? you ask;
Why, simpleton, I answer:
What has he not that cuts or grinds,
Or walks upon the land, sir?
He's sure to have a specimen
Of each and every class, sir,
From J. I. C. Eclipse machines
To Balaam's speaking ass, sir.
Chorus.

He'll sell you, farmers, what you want—
A mower, plow, or rake, sir;
A mule, a horse, a cow, an ox,
And binders that won't break, sir.
But best of all, he sells them cheap,
And never minds the cash, sir;
He'll take your notes, and give you time,
Till next year's crop you thresh, sir.
Chorus.

He never cares to make a cent—
He dickers for his health, sir;
For trading seems to make him fit,
Then come and make your wealth, sir.
He's the innocentest man in town,
You're sure to "take him in," sir,
Just trade your old truck for his new,
To "stick" him is no sin, sir.

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