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THE ORDER of President McKinley removing four thousand appointments from the civil service list is already beginning to bear evil fruit. An organization has been formed by spoils-men for spoils-men, hungry and thirsty, for the purpose of breaking down the merit system. The man who declared in his letter of acceptance that the republican party would take no backward step in this very particular, is the first to sound the retreat. The pressure was too strong for him and his weakness has betrayed him into the brands of the ruthless spoilers who would fatten at the public crib regardless of all consequences to country. Declarations have been repeatedly made by both parties, unqualifiedly favoring the appointment to government service solely upon merit. These ruthless bandits stood beyond the bar of law and howled like famished wolves, licking their bloody chops in rage and disappointment. McKinley has been first to break a barrier and let in a section of the raging horde that look upon the spoil with greedy eyes in fiendish anticipation of the coming feast. He will be supported by the republican party in his act. It remains for the democratic party to stand firmly upon the record of the past support of civil service and to battle to maintain it and to advance it in the future. The battle of freedom is never won and now this fight is to be fought over again. Nothing further can be hoped for from the republican party in this line. The hungry mob cannot be controlled by the element in favor of taking no backward step. It behoves democrats to be on their guard and stand firm before the people.

THREE is no reason why Wabash College should not occupy the high position among colleges which is justly hers. She has always steadily refused to lower her standard of instruction for the sake of gaining popularity and increasing the number of her students, and that is well. But some concessions must be made to changed conditions if she would continue to occupy a wide sphere of usefulness. Her standard need not be lowered in the least, and no friend of the college would desire that, but she might come more closely in contact with the people and reach more students than she is now doing. She ought to have more of the young men of Montgomery county in her classrooms—and young women also. It is to be hoped that a more progressive policy may be adopted at once, and that the utmost harmony may prevail among those who shall direct her fortunes.

THE OPINION of the Rev. Dr. Milburn of the Second Presbyterian church of Indianapolis, that Emperor William, of Germany, will prove himself one of the greatest rulers of the world, will be questioned by many doubting Thomases. He may be as the Dr. says, fighting the battle of monarchy, but that is not a worthy fight in every particular. If it is a fight to restore tyranny, as many of his acts might lead us to conclude, it is certainly unworthy and ought to fail. Der Kaiser has not many admirers in this country.

IT looks at the present time like there would be plenty of live issues for the next campaign. We are nearing a conjunction of events which means a crisis in our history—the greatest since the civil war. Hard thinking, much study and sound judgment will be needed by the sovereign citizen when he casts his next ballot. If he has a care for his country he will be sure he is right before he lets it pass from his hands.

THE FRANKNESS of Havemeyer in saying that trusts are the outgrowth of discriminating tariff legislation must be simply appalling to high tariff advocates. Is it possible that the republican party is going to climb upon the democratic tariff platform? Straws point that way.

FITZSIMMONS is not satisfied, but wants to fight again. They always do at first but after awhile a calm reflection convinces every ex-champion that one whipping is enough.

IN THE DEATH of Richard P. Bland the Democratic party loses one of its most trusted leaders. His long continued championing of bimetallism placed him in the very front of his party when that became the leading issue and it was by a very unusual combination of circumstances that he was defeated in the Chicago convention for the nomination for the presidency. There was nothing meteoric about Bland but his careful and painstaking work and his unimpeachable integrity won him the confidence and friendship of his party and the respect of his opponents. He was absolutely unselfish in his devotion to the cause he advocated and it was always his earnest desire to serve the best interests of the people and his party. He yielded place to Mr. Bryan gracefully and cheerfully when the tide turned in his favor. Never has there been a suspicion that he felt that any injustice was done to him who had devoted his life to the cause of silver. He was a model of honest, upright manhood in public and private life and friend and opponent alike must pay a tribute to his sterling worth.

THE MOVEMENT started in a number of large cities in the east to abolish all high schools because of the great expense of running them, and on the further plea that a very small per cent. of high school graduates attend college, will not meet with very extended approval in this state. The demand is for more education, not less. The high school course is not for the purpose of preparing for college so much as preparing for life—a larger and a better life. The college course is for the few, it is true, but it is only an incident in a larger education that comes with years and experience. The high school is the best means at present for bringing a higher culture into the lives of all the people. We need more, not fewer of them. The standard of instruction is being raised and more thorough methods introduced. Every township should have a good high school, accessible to every citizen. They are not luxuries, but one of the necessities of a free government.

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THE FIGHTING of our troops in the east is certainly heroic—such as is to be expected from Americans—but it is an unpleasant fact that they are fighting in an attitude different from that ever before occupied by an American soldier. It is not theirs to question. It is simply duty to obey. The American people will sit in judgment on the case.

THE SUPREME court holds that the fish law as passed by the last legislature is constitutional. This may be sad news to the fishermen who can take a rest together with the fish and angle worm. It ought to establish amicable relations between the Sunday school teacher and the small boy

THE EXCHANGE of civilities between Kohlsaat of the Chicago Times-Herald and Foraker of Ohio, is interesting if not edifying. Both are well skilled in the art of vituperation and when they turn to rend each other the scene is quite exciting—at least to republicans.

BY ALL MEANS let a sword be given to Gen. Lawton. It furnishes a very proper tribute to bravery and also a safety valve for pent up enthusiasm. Enthusiasm is a splendid thing to have in the house in case of necessity, but is dangerous when “pent up.”

WHY THE Lord should have had any particular interest in the whipping of Fitzsimmons, as the father of Jeffries asserts he had, may not be very clear to everybody. But most people are not sorry it is done, and heartily desire a similar fate for Jeffries.

IN THEIR ATTEMPT to make restitution to Dreyfus, the French people will probably go to as great lengths as they went in the opposite direction. That is the French of it. French enthusiasm knows no middle ground.

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