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MR. FREDERICK L. ALLEN of New York, Boss Platt's new commissioner of patents, has taken charge of that office.

AMONG the recent Montana's laws is one providing that the judge's charge to a jury shall precede the argument of the counsel.

AGUINALDO has already sworn allegiance to Uncle Sam, and now many are disposed to think that the backbone of the war is broken.

CONGRESSMAN CROMER's postoffice appointments are not yet public property, which means that our wily congressman is having plenty of fun with himself.

At first we were in favor of giving Aguinaldo a pension or something, but we have since learned that he is an inveterate cigarette smoker.—Indianapolis Sun.

BOB MANSFIELD has again been placed by his friends of the administration, this time going as consul to Valparaiso, Chili. For some time past he has acted as private secretary to Senator Beveridge.

DECATUR has an auctioneer who advertises that he can cry sales in four different languages. Now that house-cleaning is almost here, what a consolation it must be to him that he can swear four different ways when the stove-pipe won't go up to suit him.—Winchester Journal.

THIEVING and looting in the Philippines still continues with a high hand. The latest frauds were perpetrated by a quartermaster and seven commissary sergeants, together with several civilian clerks and a government contractor. Thus it has again been demonstrated that this war is a good thing for some people.

THE recent census shows New York, Chicago and Indianapolis to be the best governed cities in the United States. All of these cities are in the hands of the democrats. Philadelphia, which has been in the hands of republicans for years is the most corrupt and expensive governed city in the country. The moral is vote the democratic ticket.—Huntington Democrat.

PROSPERITY, that mark of distinction about which the g. o. p. are always gloating, has struck Portland, as the following from the Sun will show: The Merchant's Hotel on North Meridian street which has been conducted H. O. Weldon for the past seventeen years, closed its doors for business, immediately after breakfast had been served to the guests Monday morning. The reason given by Mr. Weldon for discontinuing business, is that the profits have not justified the efforts he has made in running a first-class hotel.

JAMES F. STATESMAN the Perustatesman has announced himself a candidate for congress, notwithstanding the fact that Major Steele has a life lease. The nerve of Mr. Statesman is certainly to be admired.

AFTER much wrangling, Mr. McKinley has announced the appointments for the St. Louis exposition commission. They are as follows: Ex-Senators Thurston, Carter, McBride and Lindsey—three republicans and one McKinley democrat; Ex-Representative Allen of Massachusetts, and Glynn of New York, and P. D. Scott of Arkansas, F. A. Betts of Connecticut, and John F. Miller of Indiana.

SOME idea of the way this government was robbed in the purchase of vessels at the outbreak of the war with Spain may be gathered from the fact that the transport Terry, for which \$150,000 was paid, has just been advertised for sale at an upset price of \$40,000, and not a single bid was received. When bought by the government, this steamer was an old excursion boat on Long Island, under the name of Hartford.

It is charged that the reason the investigation and prosecution of the Maryland census frauds were turned over to the United States district attorney at Baltimore, was because Director Merriam of the census bureau was too indifferent towards republican suggestions not to probe too deep into the scandal. Five men have so far been arrested in connection with these frauds, but if half that is being told is true, several hundred ought to be arrested and convicted.

THOSE having fat army contracts as well as those who are after commissions in the army, are becoming alarmed. They fear that the capture of Aguinaldo and the reported surrender of many of his officers and men will arouse public opinion in this country to such an extent that the administration will have to stop recruiting for the army before the 100,000 men authorized by congress have been enlisted, which would lessen the profits of the contractors and lessen the number of commissions to be issued.

THE municipal elections in Cleveland, Columbus, and Toledo, Ohio, resulted in democratic landslides. While not much political significance can be attached to elections of this kind, yet it is a very acceptable forerunner to their state election this fall. Battles royal were indulged in, and Cleveland which gave McKinley 3600 last fall turned the tables to the tune of 6000 for the democratic candidate. Similar revolutions were indulged in at Toledo and Columbus, and if the signs of the time amount to anything, the democrats have the decided advantage.

THE talk in Indiana circles which has followed the death of ex-President Harrison has developed the fact that his last semi-public act was to pen a vigorous protest against the in justice of the administration in the treatment of his son, Russell B. Harrison. Every effort has been made by administration followers to suppress this information but it is known that Gen. Harrison felt very keenly the discrimination against his son in his unusual and remarkable discharge from the volunteer army, carrying with it as it did, and was thought to be intended to do, an imputation against his army record and efficiency.

HON. HENRY C. BERGHOFF is now in fact the democratic nominee for mayor of Fort Wayne, no mean honor, and by the way, it has been conferred upon no mean man. Mr. Berghoff is a business man of large resource and when elected and installed at the head of that city's government he will demonstrate his knowledge of public affairs.

DEMOCRATIC triumphs are of common concern just now. Following closely on the heels of the landslides in Ohio cities came Chicago, for which the third time honored Mayor Harrison with re-election by a plurality of nearly 30,000, reversing a McKinley plurality of last fall of 7,600. On the same day St. Louis elected a democratic mayor by some 10,000 plurality. In late years St. Louis has been carried by republicans by from 10,000 to 23,000. Thus, much comfort to the democrats can be gathered from these municipal contests.

MR. MCKINLEY has had an over supply of white elephants on his hands for some time. Consequently he is not disposed to feel extra thankful to Gen. Fred Funston for adding two more, by capturing Aguinaldo. The Funston white elephant had to be provided for at once in order to avoid trouble in the political menagerie. There being nothing in sight lower than a brigadier general's commission in the regular army, the members of the Kansas congressional delegation who happened to be in Washington made a break for the white house and demanded that for Funston. Mr. McKinley jolted them up and sent them away without making any promises other than that he would do something for Funston. At a cabinet meeting, Mr. McKinley mentioned what had been demanded for Funston, and Secretary Root made sneering remarks about yellow soldering and circus business in the army, and ended by saying he was opposed to making Funston a brigadier general of regulars. Adjutant General Corbin marshaled the "pull" of the officers of the regular army that will be jumped by Funston's promotion to try to head off the appointment, and failing in that, to try to have it knocked out in the senate. Meanwhile Mr. McKinley had his ear to the ground. He heard the public demand that Funston be made a brigadier for capturing Aguinaldo, and he proceeded to do it, considering it wiser to brave the onslaught of the army "push" than to refuse to bend to public opinion, even though that public opinion might be of the hysterical sort, which would shortly become indifferent to its present idol.

Watterson on Cleveland.

In a lengthy review of the democratic situation Henry Watterson wrote recently in the Louisville Courier-Journal: That Mr. Cleveland was in no sense a party leader will, in history, go as a matter of course. That he lacked the tact and temper to manage, the knowledge of affairs and of men to guide, and the deeply learned lessons of sincerity, both with respect to economic theories and the public business, needful to dangerous sailing through the turbulent waters of statecraft—lacked in a word all the essentials of a full-equipped statesman—the future writer on these times will see as plainly as seen by those who got near enough this self-willed and well-intentioned president to clearly discern the facts and to fairly estimate the man. But these deficiencies did not represent the whole of

Mr. Cleveland's shortcomings, nor do they fully explain the detestation in which he is held by nine-tenths of the real democrats of the United States.

All that was required of Mr. Cleveland in 1895-96 was to take himself out of the way. Had he done this, Russell and Hill and Whitney in the east, Carlisle in the west and south, would have done the rest. Mr. Cleveland might have made his exit resplendently. He might have emulated Washington and Jackson in a farewell address commanding himself to the present, ingratiating himself with the future, and greatly strengthening, not merely his party, but his own wing of the party. He refused obstinately to open his lips except in evasion. Not a word could Governor Russell of Massachusetts, could Mr. Carlisle of Kentucky, induce Mr. Cleveland to utter. Upon one plea of delay and another he declined to yield them the road, standing right across their pathway, while his friends were buzzing and a member of his cabinet was publicly and unrebuted urging for a fourth nomination for this man of destiny, who had broken all records and would still break another. In a word, whilst Mr. Cleveland held the gold men, the free silver contingent skinned them; the friends of Carlisle, Russell, Whitney, Hill and the rest were paralyzed; and, with the loss of Kentucky, began the free silver landslide. Three months later, when a sacrificial nomination was in question, Mr. Cleveland was prompt to say he would not take it and had his friends upon the ground to see it was not sought to be thrust upon him. The truth is that Mr. Cleveland is the incarnation of selfishness as well as of self-will. From his boyhood an office-seeker, he never failed to go for what was in sight, preferring always the concrete thing and never letting go the substance for the shadow. It is a dismal story. To democrats it ought to be a heart-breaking story.

Postmaster Stevens of Bluffton, was in the city yesterday to assist in the release of Ed Morgan.

Madge Hite was most agreeably surprised at her home Friday evening by a dozen of her girl friends.

Frank Schumaker, jr., and Roman Barthel will leave Saturday for Buffalo where they expect to secure employment on the exposition grounds.

Hon. A. L. Sharpe of Bluffton was a visitor in the Adams circuit court yesterday, representing Ed Morgan who is in jail on a charge of burglary.

Civil and criminal business has been attended to in the circuit court this week in the following manner: State vs Evelyn Eckert, perjury, bond reduced to \$200, cause continued. State vs Frank Ruby and Joe Eicher, forgery, plea of not guilty entered, case now being tried by jury. State vs Harry Straub and Jerry Burkhead, larceny, set for the ninth Monday, special answer of unsoundness of mind filed. Straub demands and is granted a separate trial. State vs Frank Morgan et al, burglary, motion to quash, leave granted prosecutor to amend first count of information, same filed. State vs William Weimer and Jerry Burkhead, larceny, J. R. Bobo appointed to defend, plea of guilty entered. State vs Otis Wells and Frank Everett, larceny, bond fixed at \$100, plea of not guilty. Phoebe Amstutz vs John Amstutz, judgment that the plaintiff be divorced, judgment against defendant for costs. Fred Schaeffer et al vs Mattie Schlegel et al, submitted, request in writing

filed by Bippus for court to find the specific and to state conclusions of law thereon. John R. Hankey vs Martha Bailey et al, account \$300, permission granted plaintiff to take depositions of E. S. Miller at Fort Wayne. Nichols & Shepherd & Co., vs Peter Heath et al, finding for defendant, motion for new trial. State vs E. Fritzinger, change of venue granted to Allen county. Maude Gilliom vs Ard Gilliom, proof of publication filed, default, rule against prosecuting attorney to answer. Bergoff Brewing Co., vs John C. Manley, default of defendant, judgement for \$613.29. John S. Bowers vs Calvin Miller and John T. Williams, demurral filed to complaint. Mann & Beatty vs Adams County, return to alternative writ filed.

15c Gallon

April 6.

Grocery Puzzle.

LAST CALL.

How to secure one gallon extra fancy Honey Drip Table Syrup for 15c when others are selling the same in cans for 40 cents:

First—The buyer must have a gallon vessel.

Second—The buyer must have 15 cents.

Third—The buyer must buy it on Saturday, April 6th.

Fourth—The buyer must find

The New Fair Store.

Don't forget to look what other great bargains we are offering this week.

Highest price paid for Butter and Eggs.

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April 6.



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For Harrows,
For Grain Drills,
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TERMS reasonable, to insure colt to stand and suck. Care will be taken to prevent accidents, but will be responsible for none. Parties disposing of mares before known to be foal forfeit the insurance.

Your patronage respectfully solicited.

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Shrinking.

Once upon a time there was a Bathing Suit which was much reprehended in that it was not modest.

There was likewise at this same time also a Violet whose modesty was a matter of universal comment.

"What is your system?" asked the Bathing Suit, accosting the Violet, "for I would fain be thought modest too?"

"Why, I shrink," quoth the Violet, meaning no harm.

But when the Bathing Suit shrank in pursuance of this hint it was only reprehended the more and was finally cast away as being quite impossible.

It is said that posts planted in the earth upper end down will last longer than those which are set in the natural position in which the tree grew.

It is sometimes easier to step into another man's shoes than it is to walk in them.—Chicago News.

Wisdom without honesty is mere craft and cozenage, and therefore the reputation of honesty must be got which cannot be but by living well. A good life is a main argument.

Easter Neckwear and Gloves.



THE very fashionable new narrow Four-in-hands in all shades, figures, checks and stripes. Also the new King Edward the 7th, and the popular great veil and stylish Wind-sors, made of \$1.00 silks, your choice for 50 cents.

A great display of our celebrated \$1.00 gloves in grays, tan, mader and red, kid reindeer and mocha. Come to us for

Your Easter Hat.

Either the Longley or Royal, in all colors and shapes at \$3.00 and \$2.75. See our new spring Golf Hats in pearl, nutra, ecnu, fawn and steel, at \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.00.



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