



# Leader. THE NEXT CONGRESS

Proprietor, Texas. One of the most momentous sessions in the history of this country. WILL GROVER CLEVELAND'S POLICY? Finance, Tariff, State Banks, Anti-Option, Penalties and Aliens. Are Among the Many Subjects Demanding Attention.

[Special Washington Correspondence.] The most momentous work that has confronted Congress since the war of the reconstruction is now awaiting the special session. President Cleveland has fully appreciated the work to be done, and has therefore called Congress together in extra session, four months before the time of its usual assembling in December.

The importance of the session is due to the fact that for the first time in thirty years the Democratic party will have control of every branch of the national government, including the Presidency, the United States Senate and the House of Representatives. For this reason there will be no Senate to embarrass or confuse the work of the House or the President. The great work to be done, and which will be done, is to be adopted and passed through the two legislative bodies, without fear of a Presidential veto, if the leaders of the party can only be reconciled in adopting some uniform and comprehensive policy as to the various great questions to be considered.

At the outset, however, there are prospects of a wide diversity of opinion between the Senate and the House. To what extent this will affect the solution of the great questions of tariff, anti-option, foreign affairs, etc., remains to be seen. There is no doubt, however, that the leaders of the party will be united in their efforts to bring complete harmony between the two legislative bodies. It is to be expected that the enactment of the many important policies of the party now in control of the Congress will be a matter of course.

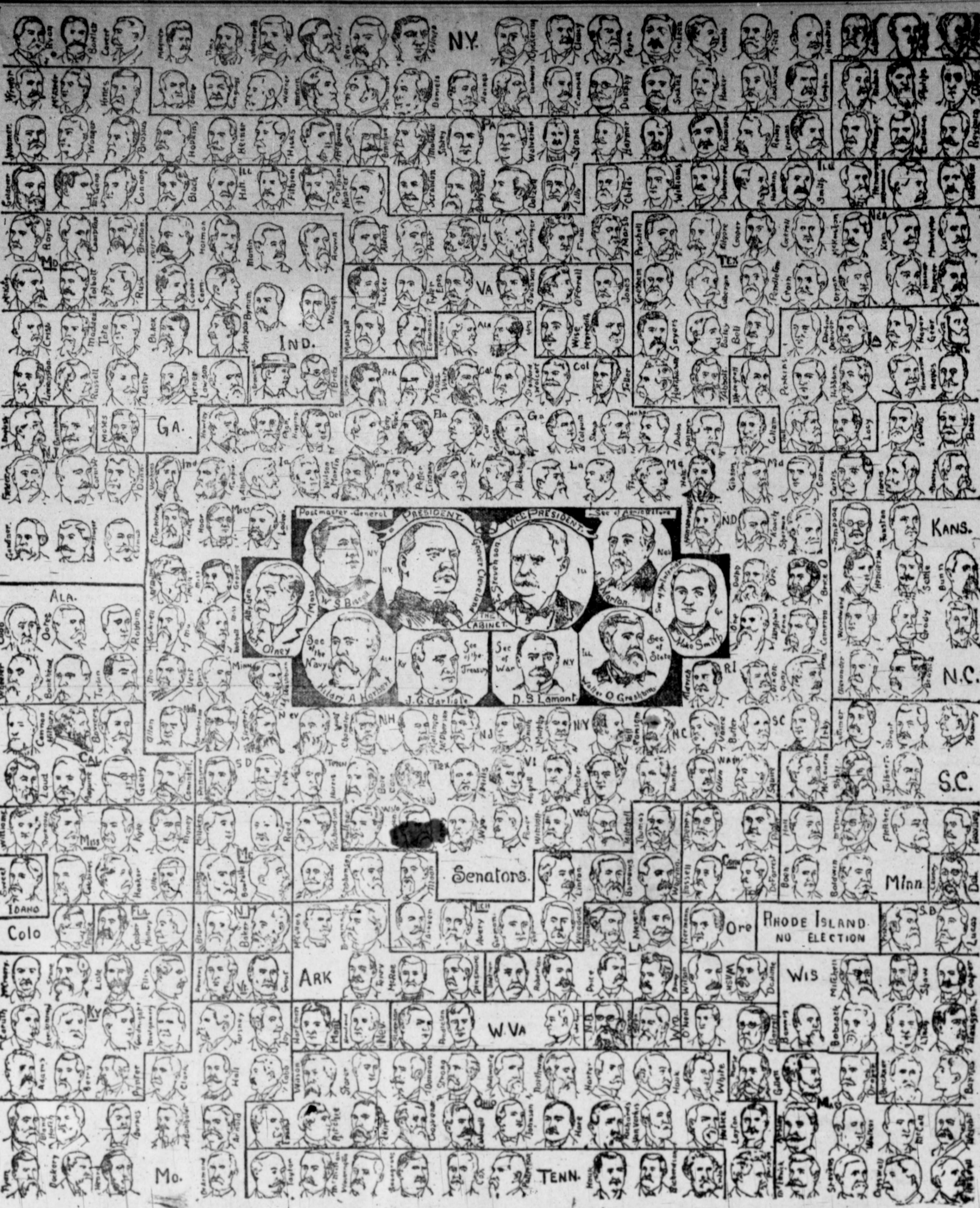
There is every evidence that one of two conditions will be the result of the session. Either Mr. Cleveland will resign the office of President, and his policy will be continued by the House of Representatives, or, if the self-willed leaders of Congress refuse to accept his policy, there will be a deadlock between the two legislative bodies. In either case, a failure to take any effective action will result in a complete standstill, and a failure to take any effective action will result in a complete standstill, and a failure to take any effective action will result in a complete standstill.

The session is so near at hand that it is easy to look for a surplus in the Treasury. Where there was a surplus in the Treasury last November, Speaker Trip's term is at an end, but it will undoubtedly be a surplus in the Treasury. The surplus in the Treasury will be a surplus in the Treasury. The surplus in the Treasury will be a surplus in the Treasury.

The tariff question was never so difficult of solution as it is at present. Mr. Cleveland and his party are conscientious supporters of the tariff. The tariff is a source of revenue for the government. The tariff is a source of revenue for the government. The tariff is a source of revenue for the government.

The agricultural element of Congress is a very extensive one, and its leaders will be doubly likely to bring forward the anti-option bill which failed to pass last session. This bill seeks to stop all Board of Trade speculation in grain, cotton, etc., by placing a heavy tax on "options" or "options." The bill attracted more attention in the House than in the Senate. It passed the House nearly unanimously. Since then, however, the new Secretary of Agriculture, Mr. Morton, has assumed office and has expressed the strongest opposition to the bill. This may prove a fatal discouragement to anti-option.

The crusade against aliens and the alien ownership of lands is likely to be taken up with vigor. There is much dissatisfaction at the large area of farming land in the West and in the South owned or controlled by foreign-born foreign capitalists. This has raised a cry of alien landholders. The several Democratic leaders are anxious to meet a step to all alien ownership of land. Bills for this purpose have been pending for several years, but they have not yet been passed. It is to be expected that the session will see the passage of such bills. The session will see the passage of such bills.



President, Vice President, Cabinet and Fifty-third Congress of the United States.

FOR OCEAN TRAVEL. Making selections. Though no complexities are involved in the making of selections, yet the process is very interesting. They are forged from good steel heated to redness, each blade being cut off with sufficient metal to form the shank, or that destined to become the cutting part and bow, or that which is fashioned into the gorton. For the bow a steel is punched, and this is afterward expanded to the proper size by hammering it on a conical anvil, after which both shank and bow are filed into a more perfect shape and the hole bored in the middle of the shank. The blades are next ground and the handles filed smooth and burnished with oil and emery, after which the pairs are fitted together and tested as to their easy working. They are not finished, however. They have to undergo hardening and tempering, and be again adjusted, after which they are finally put together again and polished for the third time. In comparing the edges of knives and scissors it will be noticed, of course, that the latter are not in any way so sharply ground as the former, and in cutting "discuss" crush and bruise more than knives.

A Berkshire Christening. The late Dean Burgoon, when a curate in Berkshire, writes James Pryn in the Independent, was requested by a village couple to christen their baby Venus, or as they called it, Venus. "Are you aware," he said, "that you are asking something ridiculous as well as exceedingly wicked? Do you suppose I am going to give a Christian child—a male child—the name of an infamous and abandoned woman?" "Please, sir," said the newly made father, "we wanted him to be called after his grandfather." "And do you mean to say that his grandfather was named Venus?" "Yes, sir, there he is, sir." A poor old man, looking exceedingly unlike Venus, hobbled out of the crowd. "Do you dare say that you were christened Venus?" exclaimed the irate clergyman. "Well, no, sir, I was christened Sylvanus, but they always call me Venus."

NO "OLD MAN" FOR HIM. A "Captain" with strong objections to the familiar salutation. One of the well-known men about New York is J. C. Meaux. He is conspicuous in several clubs and on "The Hinky," where he may be seen almost daily on promenade between the hours of 3 and 6 in the afternoon. Friends call him "Captain," because he was a drummer boy on the Confederate side in the late civil war. "Captain" Meaux is proud of his personal appearance, and is sensitive to comment concerning himself. The other day he struck an attitude in front of the Morton house to watch the slowly moving parade of people. "Hello, old man!" exclaimed an acquaintance, stepping up and slapping him on the back with easy familiarity. "How are you? Haven't seen you for five or six months, howdy do, old man?" "Pretty well," replied the "captain" faintly, with an apprehensive glance at his effusive friend. "But, by the way, colonel, I—"

THE HARBOR QUESTION. The harbor question will also come before the Senate. Senator Chandler made a vain effort in the last Congress to get a complete stop to immigration for a definite period. There are many who still believe in the present immigration laws are fairly good, but they are not satisfied with the present laws. The present immigration laws are fairly good, but they are not satisfied with the present laws.

THE MASCOTTE WOULD BE HIM. Bardolph—I'm very full bloated, doctor, and would like to have it reduced somewhat; what would you prescribe? Doctor—Spend the summer in Jersey. The most recent investigators hold that St. Patrick was born in Scotland at what is now Kilpatrick, in Kirkcubrightshire. The story of his capture by pirates goes better with the history of Western Scotland in the sixth century than with that of Boulogne, in France, at the same time.

A Groundless Rumor. Lincoln—I hear that Miss Melphomeno Gilbertus has become an actress. Hamilton—Oh, no; that's a mistake. Lincoln—Why, I was told positively that she had gone on the stage. Hamilton—Oh, yes; that part of it is true enough, but the story of her being an actress is absurd.

A Chinese Passenger. In China a traveler wishing for a passport is compelled to have the palm of his hand brushed over with fine oil paint; he then presses his hand on this, damp paper, which retains an impression of the lines. This is used to prevent transference of the passport, as the lines of no two hands are alike.

Beautiful Women in India. It is said that many of the women of India are very beautiful, especially in Kashmir, but that it is very hard to get a sight of them, and almost impossible to obtain a picture of one of them. Either they or their husbands appear to look with rooted disgust on the photographer, and even when their photographs are taken they rarely give permission for copies to be sold. In a typical Hindu beauty the skin is just dark enough to give a rich, soft appearance to the complexion, the features are regular, the eyes mild and black and the nose straight and small and elegantly formed, the demeanor is modest, the manners gentle, the voice low and sweet.

The Dog Saved Them. A fire occurred in a small frame cottage occupied by two families in Jersey City a few nights ago, and its occupants barely escaped with their lives. They would all probably have been burnt to death but for a pet dog, the animal discovered the fire and raised a tremendous barking, until he succeeded in arousing his owners. He then ran to the cradle, where slept the baby, of which he was very fond, and taking the little one by the clothes carried it out into the hall, to the landing of the stair, where he laid it down, and stood barking vociferously until some one picked up the child and bore it to a place of safety.

OPINIONS OF FINANCE. Business Men With Varying Opinions as to the Causes of the Recession of Money. St. Louis, July 21.—A daily paper which has already made itself a reputation for the wholesale interviewing turned loose a corps of reporters the other day with a view to getting the opinions of the business community on the cause of the financial depression. In only one detail was there much unanimity of opinion. Most of those interviewed said that there was very good reason to believe that there was no falling off in their business returns at all commensurate with the pessimistic utterances of public men. Several representative business houses reported a slight increase in receipts for June, over June of 1892, and very few spoke of any falling off. The general opinion was that the worst had been seen and that money would soon become plentiful in the market. The views on the silver question are very diverse, although of the gentlemen interviewed quite a majority decided free silver as a panacea for financial ills.

Right on the heels of these sanguine expressions comes the report of the recorder of deeds showing an increase of over \$50,000 in the consideration money in real estate deals received last week as compared with the second or indeed any week in July of 1892. The figures are quite a surprise, but afford much gratification in real estate circles. Work on the large scale has been going on in the city continues rapidly and neither the building nor the real estate interests are depressed, as they should be if financial experts are correct in their summaries of the situation generally.

There was a great sensation on Saturday when it was reported that the secretary of five large building associations and a real estate operator on a large scale had been deflected in embarking in that line, and that he had skipped the town. The latter portion of the report was premature, as he spent the following day at his own home. What the final outcome will be of the numerous investigations now being had into his accounts and business methods is not known, but it has transpired that he has been borrowing money for some time past at a high rate of interest from the same shlyok whose exorbitant rates of interest expedited the ruin and suicide of the late assistant city treasurer. The scandal in question has done more good than otherwise, for it has led to a series of inquiries being made which has resulted in proving the solidity and strength of the numerous building associations of the city. The street car returns for the second quarter of 1893 show the great popularity of electric roads. The total number of passengers carried in the city during the three months was \$2,186,745, with receipts of \$1,000,000. The quarterly totals are increasing rapidly and are now almost as large as were the annual returns in the old days of horse cars. The Missouri or Olive street road carried more than 4,000,000 passengers, and every road with a down town terminus carried more than a million.

It is announced semi-officially that the new union depot will be completed this coming winter. About 400 men are now working on the structure which appears to be nearly completed. The bulk of the work now to be done is in the approaches and the track and switch laying, together with inside finishing of the depot buildings proper. Work on the roof of the sheds with their enormous spans is very difficult for copies to be made in this during the spring and the immense area and even acreage of glass is well high complete.

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A Geographical Curiosity. The northern boundary line of Delaware is circular because the charter given by Pennsylvania to the Delaware river from twelve miles distant north of New Castle town until the three and fourth degree of north latitude, and that the northern boundary was to be "a circle drawn at twelve miles distant from the town of New Castle, northward and westward, until the fourth degree of north latitude, and then by a straight line westward." This makes a circular boundary for northern Delaware, and the facts above explain a geographical curiosity that has puzzled many students.



