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THE WEATHER—To-day, rain, cloudy, with clearing and cooler weather by evening. To-morrow fair, cooler, and on Friday generally fair, followed by possible rain or snow.

What Congress Should Do.

The Fifty-fourth Congress reassembled Monday presumably to devote the short session to indispensable legislation. It seems to be accepted by all sides that there will be no tariff legislation by the present Congress, and that there will be no financial legislation of any moment.

The interruption of the holiday season and usual delay in getting to work after the session begins, practically eliminates the month of December from the actual working days of the session. That leaves but two months for considering and disposing of such bills as are within reach of success, and Congress would do well to devote this time to measures of practical importance whose success is within range of probability.

It appears to be accepted that a special session of the new Congress will be called by President McKinley to consider the tariff and the financial questions. It would obviously be the part of wisdom for the present Congress not to waste any time upon these important issues. The first need of the government that should be met by the present session of Congress is an increase of revenue, and that should be done without in any way interfering with the general tariff revision that is expected to come under the new administration.

Congress could at once meet the demands of the Treasury by levying a specific tax of one or one and one-half cents a pound on sugar and a tax of 3 cents a pound on coffee, with say one cent a glass on beer. Such a tax would supply the deficiency of our receipts in meeting the expenditures and would be the least felt of any tax that

could be levied. The tax on sugar would bring all the proceeds of the tax into the Treasury and at the same time maintain the sugar industries of the country, while a tax on coffee would largely increase the revenue without increasing the cost of coffee to consumers, and a slight tax on beer, would not raise its retail price, or be seriously felt by any one.

We have tried coffee both free and taxed, and the price has been practically the same to the people. When it is admitted free, an export tax is levied upon it by the governments producing it, and when it is taxed here, it is exported free. It is simply a question, therefore, whether our government, or the governments producing coffee, shall get the benefit of the tax, as the American purchasers pay it substantially alike in either case.

Beyond such taxes for the increase of revenue there need be no attempt at legislation on the tariff question, as it is evident that the Dingley bill cannot be passed through the Senate. The government needs revenue, and the shortest and best way to supply it would be by levying the tax suggested. The return of such a tax would be more immediate than any other, and would reassure the country and the world, that the government has adequate revenues for all its expenditures.

How to Cure a Severe Cold.

A few weeks ago the editor was taken with a very severe cold that caused him to be in a most miserable condition. It was undoubtedly a bad case of la grippe and recognizing it as dangerous he took immediate steps to bring about a speedy cure. From the advertisement of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and the many good recommendations included therein, we concluded to make a first trial of the medicine. To say that it was satisfactory in its results, is putting it very mildly, indeed. It acted like magic and the result was a speedy and permanent cure.—*The Banner of Liberty*, Libertytown, Maryland. The 25 and 50 cent sizes for sale by E. P. Weed, Druggist.

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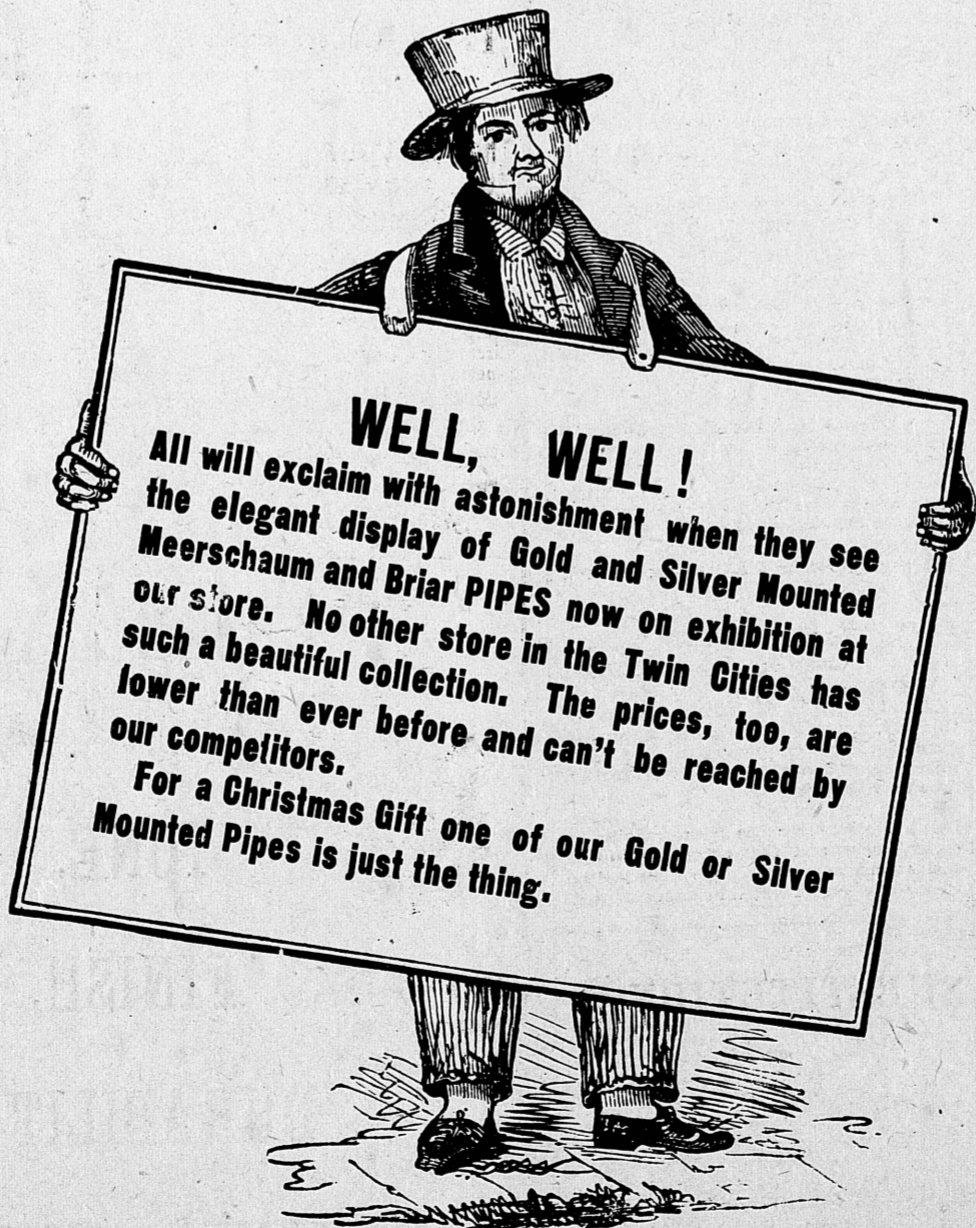
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