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Just the Thing They Want.

The present tariff is just the thing the great capitalists and monopolists of the East want.

In old Whig times there were those who wanted a high protective tariff, that American manufacturers might be built up, as they said, and this country be placed in an independent position beside the nations of the earth.

There is no doubt but the old Whig party was honest about it, and believed that with a high protective policy American manufacturers would be greatly improved, but it even failed to see that the people—and they alone—pay all the taxes and tariff, and that it was but a proposition to borrow from one poor man to pay to a rich man—borrowing without interest and nothing to show for the principal.

What has been the result, now, after years of protective tariffs—all sorts of tariffs? Look over the land! How great has been the increase in manufacturers among the masses—the very ones whom it was said it would materially aid? We fail to see that the number of manufactories have increased in this country over a reasonable natural increase, corresponding with emigration and population.

But a protective tariff so high as to exclude foreign articles and to throw this people upon their own resources was never intended. The New England manufacturer would sooner have free trade than such a tariff.

When will the people learn the doctrine that taxes should not be laid on the many unequally nor for the aggrandizement of the few? Until they learn that tariffs come from their pockets and go into those of the worst enemies, we need never hope to have them see that they are deluded, imposed upon, robbed.

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—We didn't go to the editorial convention yesterday, because we had enough of that "fun" last year.

Irvin--Mackey.

We can't say that we agree exactly with those papers that think the Democratic members of the Legislature should be so highly commended for voting for IRVIN against MACKAY, simply because the latter was the tool of Cameron.

At the time of the election we understood that in consideration of the Democratic aid in electing IRVIN that IRVIN's friends were to assist the Democrats in carrying out certain Democratic reform measures, by which the taxpayers of the State would be greatly benefited, and was also pledged to see that their party acted fairly in the contested election cases, pending in the Senate and House.

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Going Back on the Tariff Men.

There was an explosion in Congress the other day between several couples of Republicans. WELLES has been, it seems, "going back" on the Pennsylvania tariff men, and some of our Keystone representatives have been delivering themselves of their indignant feelings thereon, charging the aforesaid WELLES with having been bought up by British capitalists with British gold.

But the agitation which disturbed the equanimity of the Radicals of the House for three mortal hours on the 20th, exhibits to Pennsylvania tariff robbers something of greater importance than the quarreling words of a few sets of mountebanks. It is this: As against Pennsylvania tariff bleeders the whole army of Western Representatives are united—Democrats and Republicans stand together on this question.

It remains to be inquired what ought we to do in this emergency? How shall we appease the great man's anger? Some have suggested Greeley, but Greeley has also fallen into disgrace. We can do nothing but fall back on our old plan of a committee. This State is still full of materials for committees.

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Journalistic.

—The Hollidaysburg Register has got a new dress, and its publisher is very proud over it.

—The Blairsville Press and Indiana Register have been consolidated and are now called the Indiana Progress. R. M. BIRKMAN has charge over the new paper.

—The Health and Home, N. Y., has won for itself the reputation of being the handsomest as well as the best agricultural paper published.

—We have received the first number of "The Southern Home," a beautiful, interesting and valuable weekly journal, just started at Charlotte, N. C. by the gallant Gen. D. H. HILL.

—WILLIAM KRIEGL, the murderer of his wife, was hung at Louisville, Ky., on Friday, January 21st. He took the hanging quite cool. A large concourse of men, women, and we are sorry to say, children, were present at the unnatural spectacle.

Got Its Fill.

It seems, from the following, that at least one of the Virginia papers, that has all along been so willing to gulp down any dirt that radicalism threw into the political trough of that State, has become surfeited, and now wants to stand back from the dish it has advised others to partake of freely.

We have repealed our ordinance of secession, have repudiated the Confederate debt, have ratified the Fifteenth Amendment, giving the blacks equal rights with whites, proscribing all of our old officials, and guaranteeing the Federal debt; have ratified the Fifteenth Amendment, giving the negroes the right to vote, have obeyed an order not to elect a Virginian to the office of Governor, have elected a State Republican ticket, have ratified the Bayne-Underwood constitution by a nearly unanimous vote; have elected one out and out Republican United States Senator, and refused to elect another who although a consistent Union man, was popular with the Virginia people.

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—Our querulous new friends, the Chinese, are a dainty set of mortals—no, not mortals, but celestials; for while they positively decline to eat swine's flesh, they turn not a deaf ear to the mewings of expiring cats, or the agonizing squeals of ghost-rendering rats and mice, and even look longingly and lovingly at the slow-paced snail, bugs and insects generally—of which latter they are said to be well supplied on their persons.

—An exhibit just made shows that the expenses of the White House, for GRANT'S first year, in these times of peace, foot up \$27,000 more than any year of even ABE LINCOLN'S terms. What a comment this. Here we have the present chief officer swindling the people, by his shameless extravagance, out of a sum equal to one year's salary of a decent and competent President, and be a first class Damphool.

He is worth at least \$27,000 less per annum than any President we have ever had, and yet he steals this much more than they lawfully got.

—Expenses of the White House under LINCOLN and GRANT. Read ye [tax-wary and tariff-laden]:

Table with columns for LINCOLN (1862-3) and GRANT (1870-1). Rows include Assistant at House, President's Salary, Under Lincoln, and Under Grant.

And so we are going from bad to worse. At Washington we are now keeping up a Royal Palace for the Dictator GRANT. Ponder this, ye black-hearted, but tight-pocketed Black Republicans.

A Comparison.

A few days ago in the United States Senate, one JESSE S. MORRILL, who hails from "down in Vermont," undertook to tackle a certain class of fools who are now cursing this country by making a silly attack upon the Democracy.

Mr. Morrill, [of Vermont]—I have nearly as much confidence in the rebels of the South in relation to our financial policy as I have in the Democratic party. I believe that they will support the honor of the country about as faithfully, perhaps, as well as the Democratic party; and when it comes to the question of the emancipation of the colored race at the South, I believe that the Southern rebels will be as true, if not truer, to the cause of Freedom than the Northern Democracy.

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House Committees.

We publish the following list of Committees of the House of Representatives at Harrisburg, in order that our readers may have it for future reference.

STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE.

Ways and Means—Messrs. Davis, Ames, Webb, Miller, [Allegheny], Miller, [Philadelphia], McCreey, Elliott, Taylor, Darlington, Adaire, Reinohl, Longnecker, Stephens, Parsons, Ingr, Johnson, Crawford, Brown, Joseph, Scott, Keene and Skinner.

Judiciary System (General)—Messrs. Johnson, Crawford, Reinohl, Niles, Craig, Bowman, McDunkin, McCreey, Longnecker, Stone, Smith, Fulton, Keer, Ellis, Schwartz, Beams, Dimmick.

Judiciary System (Local)—Messrs. McCreey, Webb, Vankirk, Kerr, Taylor, Stone, Walton, Ellis, Schnatterly, Leonard, Bolton.

Municipal Corporations—Messrs. Stokes, Hill, Miller, [Philadelphia], Adaire, Hong, Johnson, [Philadelphia], Comly, Cloud, Bunn, White, Leonard, Forsyth, Mooney, McKinstry, Beams.

Pensions and Gratuites—Messrs. Vankirk, LeBecker, Cooper, Marshall, Stone, McDunkin, Humphreys, Shurlock, Agnew, Dill, [Union], Snyder, Schnatterly, Milkkin, Skinner.

Federal Relations—Messrs. Webb, Johnson, [Crawford], McCreey, Reinohl, Niles, White, Elliot, Davis, Smith, Brown, Hall, Ellis, Scott, Dill, [Union].

Library—Messrs. Miller, [Allegheny], Craig, Brown.

Iron and Coal Companies—Messrs. Bunn, Stephens, Coray, Maxwell, Albright, Wheeler, Long, McCracken, Marshall, Walton, Snyder, Keller, Porter, [York], Keene, Brown.

Mining and Manufacturing—Messrs. Humphreys, Hong, McMahon, Webb, Steele, [Armstrong], Wheeler, Vankirk, Fulton, Keer, Leslie, Boileau, Leidig, Milkkin, Montgomery, Mooney.

Roads, Bridges and Ferries—Messrs. Marshall, Darlington, Miller, [Allegheny], Kreps, Shurlock, Leslie, Humphreys, Church, Armstrong, Dill, [Union], Dimmick, Hursh, Woolever, Creitz, Eschback.

Railroads—Messrs. Adaire, Bunn, Johnson, [Crawford], Roberts, Stokes, Cloud, Walton, Buffington, Hill, Johnson, [Philadelphia], Bowman, Smith, Thomas, Wiley, Dinsinger, Woolever, Joseph, McCracken, Dailey, Ellis, Hursh.

Education—Messrs. Buffington, Keer, Creitz, Chamberlain, Deinger, Coray, McCracken, Stone, Herr, Porter, [York], Porter, [Cambria], Scott, Hall, Schwartz, Dill, [Adams].

Estates and Escheats—Messrs. Reinohl, Johnson, [Philadelphia], Marshall, Davis, Ames, Ellis, Schnatterly, Leonard, Dimmick.

Public Buildings—Messrs. Smith, Walton and Beams.

Counties and Townships—Ames, Stone, Chamberlain, McDunkin, Hill, Buffington, Ames, Wheeler, Taylor, Cooper, Scott, Eschback, Sedgwick.

Comparative Bills—Hill, Keene, Kreps, Keer, McCracken, Thomas, Woolever, McKinstry, Moyer.

Corporations—Messrs. Hong, Cooper, Keech, Herr, Comly, Albright, Maxwell, Shurlock, Stephens, Robinson, Church, Parsons, Davis, Godshalk, Adaire, Cloud, Joseph, Daily, Carlin, Steele, [Schuykill], Scott.

Election Districts—Messrs. Robinson, Buffington, Cloud, Fulton, Stephens, Chamberlain, Tyler, Leonard, McCracken, McKinstry, Keene, Leidig, Carlin, Porter, [Cambria].

Agriculture—Messrs. Leslie, Marshall, Comly, Robinson, McCracken, Coray, Wiley, Steele, [Armstrong], Eschback, Harvey, Keene, Keffor, Lobor, Buffington, Kreps, Brown, Scott, Sedgwick, Hohrer.

Military—Messrs. Godshalk, Shurlock, McCreey, Hong, Bunn, Parsons, Deinger, Kerr, Long, Milkkin, Montgomery, Keffor, Leidig, Woolever.

Printing—Messrs. Niles, Cooper, Albright, Keech, Porter, [Cambria].

Divorces—Messrs. Stephens, Keech, Webb, McMahon, Church, Tyler, Comly, Cooper, Joseph, Carlin, Mooney, Brobst, Dill, [Adams], Porter, [Cambria], Creitz.

Claims—Messrs. Longnecker, Leslie, McClunken, Bowman, Marshall, Steele, [Armstrong], Hill, White, Armstrong, Creitz, Keffor, Leidig, Woolever.

Passenger Railways—Messrs. Cloud, Kerr, Parsons, Bunn, Hong, Stokes, Mayor, Albright, Thomas, Humphreys, Carlin, Forsyth, Mooney, Dailey, McKinstry.

Accounts—Messrs. Church, Keech, Tyler, Long, Roberts, Robinson, McMahon, Wiley, Boileau, Brobst, Dill, [Adams], Ellis, Dimmick, Engelman, Forsyth.

—The Huntingdon Globe, one of the radical organs of that county, compliments the white Firemen of Harrisburg, who, creditably to themselves, left the inaugural procession because negroes were placed in front of them, after this manner:

"During the war these obnoxious niggers were at the front; whilst the firemen of Harrisburg were skulking at home or 'rusticating' over in Canada, to the disgust of all loyal people and the delight of rebels. From all we can learn the niggers presented a far more creditable appearance than the over-sensitive gentlemen who 'run with the machine.'"