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## Will It Be a Disgrace?

The committee that has in charge the ways and means of the Chicago Fair, proposes to ask congress for another appropriation of \$5,000,000. There is danger that the Columbian Exposition, so called, will turn out to be a national disgrace. The city whose overweening ambition secured the location of the fair seems to be incompetent to meet the requirements of so great an undertaking. Every hour, from the time it was selected for the site, should have been employed in the necessary preparations, yet, so far, nothing definite or substantial appears to have been done. There is a deficiency in the money which the swaggering city led the country to expect it would advance without stint, and the government will be asked to make a further contribution. With all its brag Chicago's imbecility and incompetency in this enterprise are in marked contrast to the vigor, liberality, intelligence and public spirit with which Philadelphia assumed and discharged the responsibility of the Centennial Exposition.

## General Hastings' Accounts.

Some excitement was caused in official circles at Harrisburg last Monday by the report that there was a deficiency of some \$90,000 in the accounts of Adjutant General HASTINGS. The Adjutant General's administration had been in every way so efficient and acceptable that this rumor was a great surprise, but it had such an appearance of improbability that few believed it. Adjutant General McCLELLAND promptly denied that he was responsible for any reports as to an alleged deficiency in General HASTINGS' accounts. Governor PATTISON is said to be perfectly satisfied that the accounts of the late Adjutant General are straight, the latter having shown that a deficiency which had been accumulating from one administration to another had descended to him as a legacy from his predecessors.

General HASTINGS made so creditable a record at the head of the military organization of the State that the people will be pleased to hear that he left it without any flaw in its financial management.

## Adversely Settled for the Present.

The Silver Bill, authorizing the free coinage of dollars, is to all appearances dead for this session. It passed the Senate, but it couldn't surmount the obstacles presented to its passage through the House. It was handicapped in that body by the opposition of the Speaker who was ready to rule against it, and also by the hostility of the chairman of the coinage committee who managed to prevent it from being reported.

Last Thursday the silver men, restless under the restraining power of a hostile committee, attempted to get their bill before the House by moving that it be made an amendment to the sundry appropriation bill, but in this they were defeated by a vote 135 to 127. All the Democrats but seven voted to bring the coinage bill before the House as part of the appropriation bill; all but ten of the Republicans voted against it.

If it had been submitted to the action of the House in the shape proposed, there can be no doubt that it would have passed, and as a rider to an important appropriation bill it would in all probability have precluded an anti-silver veto from President HARRISON who is said to be opposed to free coinage.

## They May Not Hurt Him.

It looks as if Governor HILL had overreached himself to some extent in grasping the United States Senatorship. He has made enemies whom it would be better for him not to have. The hostility of SMITH, M. WEED and his friends has been excited. They say that WEED's candidacy was instigated by the Governor, who, when the time came for election, treacherously defeated him for his own political purpose. This may be an exaggerated charge, but, at all events, WEED's friends are making it, and are whetting their knives for the removal of the Governor's hairless scalp upon the first opportunity. WEED, who was one of TILDEN's most efficient lieutenants, is a tremendous worker, and is able to put obstructions in the channel of the Governor's ambition. But putting the question of treachery out of sight, a monopoly tariff man like SMITH M. WEED, who acted and lobbied for the McKinley bill, would be out of place as a Democratic Senator.

## A Bill to Make Unnaturalized Foreigners Pay Poor Tax.

The following bill was introduced in the Senate by Senator MEEK and read in place on Tuesday:

An Act authorizing the assessment of an annual poor tax upon unnaturalized persons within the Commonwealth, providing for its collection, and fixing a penalty upon employers refusing to make a return of such persons in their employ.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in general assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by authority of the same: That from and after the passage of this Act, in the different poor districts of this Commonwealth, there shall be assessed upon and collected from each unnaturalized person over the age of eighteen years, within the respective districts, an annual tax of three dollars, which sum shall be used for the maintenance of the poor within such districts and be collectible in installments of twenty-five cents per month.

SECTION 2. That the provisions of this Act may be fully enforced, it shall be and is hereby made the duty of all individuals, firms, companies, associations and corporations, employing within this Commonwealth unnaturalized persons of the age of eighteen years or over, to make report monthly to the overseers of the poor, or the legally constituted authorities of the poor, by whose name they may be designated, of the districts in which such unnaturalized person or persons reside, the name or number by which they are known to their employers, and to pay over to the poor authorities aforesaid of said districts, the sum of twenty-five cents per month for each and every person employed, which sum shall be deducted from wages due such unnaturalized persons on each monthly payday.

SECTION 3. That it shall be the duty of the legally constituted poor authorities of the different districts of this Commonwealth to furnish to all individuals, firms, companies and corporations employing unnaturalized persons of the age of eighteen years or over, properly printed receipts setting forth the name of the district, the amount of tax payable each month and the purpose for which it is to be used, which receipts shall be filled in with the date of payment, the name or number of the person, and be signed by the individual, firm, company, association or corporation, and be given to the individual from whose wages he or they deduct the monthly tax-payment authorized by this Act.

SECTION 4. In case any individual, firm, company, association or corporation refuse or neglect to make such return to the overseer or poor authorities aforesaid, of the names or numbers of unnaturalized persons of the age of eighteen years or over in their employ, or neglect or refuse to pay over monthly the amount taxed by the second section of this Act, for each and every person employed by them then such individual, firm, company, association or corporation shall pay to the overseers or poor authorities of such district, a sum equal to five cents for each unnaturalized person of the age of eighteen years or over employed by them, for every month he or they neglect or refuse to make the return and payment required by the second section of this Act, which amount shall be collected as other taxes are.

Provided the provisions of this Act shall not apply to unnaturalized persons owning real estate of other taxable property, valued for tax purposes at or above \$50, and situated in the county in which he may reside or be employed.

The provisions of this bill are intended to make unnaturalized, and hitherto untaxed foreigners contribute something to the poor fund of which they are the frequent beneficiaries, and to relieve to some extent the communities which must support and care for them when they become sick or disabled, or otherwise require public assistance. This is simply justice. It exacts from this class no more than can be rightfully required.

In localities where they are numerously employed they are a heavy expense to the poor authorities. Common humanity requires that they should be cared for in cases of sickness or bodily injury, but it is no more than right that, when in health and earning wages, they should be made to contribute to the fund from which they receive relief in the hour of need. As a class they are in the habit of sending their money to their relatives in the old country, and many of them go back home with enough to make them independent for the balance of their days. Then, why should American and naturalized laborers be taxed to relieve them as public charges and they be entirely exempt from any pecuniary responsibility in a matter in which they are benefited? Such exemption is an imposition which this bill is in some measure intended to remove.

We see in the State legislative proceedings that the House has passed finally the bill to prohibit mining and manufacturing companies from carrying on company stores. It is to be hoped that it may be more effective than similar measures that have hitherto been passed for the protection of workmen against the greed of employers, the defect of which was usually the want of a penalty to ensure their enforcement.

## It Is Sure to Come.

Free raw material is one of the leading points of Democratic tariff reform, and especial insistence is made upon having wool free, as something that would tend more than anything else to promote one of our greatest manufacturing industries. Singularly most of the woolen manufacturers have been led by their general sympathy for high tariffs to oppose a special benefit in free raw wool that would be of such great advantage to them. But they are getting more correct ideas on this

subject as they discover that the general effects of protection do not counterbalance the disadvantage of heavily taxed raw materials.

Thus, the Wool Consumers' Association, embracing most of the New England woolen manufacturers, has issued a bulletin which starts out with the declaration that the last election meant free raw materials and relief for the taxed necessities of life, and then goes on to say:

The Democratic party will be under the necessity of putting wool on the free list. That party is thoroughly committed to this, and the economic arguments in its favor are overwhelming. The wool growers, really few in number, have proved of no avail against the voice of the people, "educated" by the mere beginning of the tariff discussion. It is for the interest of more than 9,000,000 of the people of this country that wool should be free. The cost and the quality and the real value of their clothing depend upon it. It is wiser not to carry one's self in opposition to such an overwhelming interest. Free wool is not only sure to come, but it is the surest and only permanent solution for the prosperity of the wool manufacturer. Every manufacturer knows it and would have said so if he had dared to. It is safe for him now to express the courage of his conviction; it is a matter of business; let him take it out of politics.

The case couldn't be stated more forcibly. Free wool is bound to come. It is atrocious robbery to make 60,000,000 of people pay tribute to the comparatively few wool raisers who are benefited by a tariff, and it is the worst kind of public economy to cripple a great industry like that of the woolen manufacture for the sake of a few pampered Buckeye flock-masters of the Delano and Herpster breed.

## What It Cost.

The recent Indian difficulty has cost \$2,000,000, according to the bill of expenses that is being handled in, and it will be necessary to grant a deficiency appropriation to cover that amount. Since the close of the trouble a number of the late rebellious chiefs have been brought on to Washington to have a talk with the Great Father, a term that absurdly misfits the little fellow who occupies the Presidential office. In an interview they had with the Washington authorities the other day the chiefs said they had been starved into hostilities. The rations due them from the government were so meager that hunger made them fight. Like so many aboriginal OLIVER TWISTS they wanted more victuals even if it should cause an insurrection in the government poor-house managed by the Indian agents. It would have been a saving to the government if the BUMBLERS who dispense the Indian charity had been less sparing with the rations. Two millions of dollars spent in putting down the rebellious Indians would have supplied them with tenderloin steak for a long while.

The people upon whom devolves the duty of sending children to the public schools should be relieved from the extortions of the book trust. Governor PATTISON promptly signed the resolution for an investigation of this oppressive combine, and a joint committee of the Senate and House was appointed to make the required investigation, but there is something suspicious in the circumstance that Senator ROBBINS, the original mover of the resolution, who by all rights should be on the investigating committee, was left off, and that people who are said to be opposed to the object of the investigation have been placed in control. It is said that active lobbying is being done by agents of the publishing houses that compose the trust.

There was a report last week that 50,000 men would go out on strike this week in the bituminous coal regions of the State. It has not proved quite so extensive as that, but the 15,000 miners and cokers who struck in the Connelville region on Monday don't present a favorable showing of the condition of labor in these high tariff times.

## The New Road Law.

The Commission Decides to Let Each County Act for Itself.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Jan. 30.—The Road Commission, which has for two years been considering a reform in the Road laws of the State, to-day completed its work and adjourned sine die. The Commission agreed upon the draft of a bill which will be presented to the Legislature as soon as it can be written out. The Commissioners called upon Governor Pattison this afternoon and informed him of the completion of their work. Senator Mylin, who was Chairman of the Commission, said that they had been unable to formulate a measure which could be applied uniformly to the whole State. The conditions prevailing in the various sections of the Commonwealth and the conflicting demands of the people of those sections made a uniform law an impossibility in the opinion of the Commission. It was therefore decided to recommend a law which would allow counties to act in this matter as their people desired, and if macadamized roads are demanded the counties or townships will be allowed to borrow money for that purpose, always keeping their debt within the constitutional limit.

## The Pension Grabbers.

"No standing army in the world," says Senator Carlisle in his *Forum* article on the vanished surplus, "costs so much as our army of discharged soldiers. Great Britain, with a regular army of more than 225,000 officers and men, and a total force, effective and non-effective, of 618,000, pays annually less than \$75,000,000; and France, with a regular force of 580,000, besides an enormous reserve, pays \$111,000,000. The army of the German empire, the best appointed and best equipped military force in the world, consisting on a peace footing of 420,000 officers and men, costs annually less than \$92,000,000; while the actual field force of Russia, numbering 814,000 men, is maintained at an expense of less than \$94,000,000."

Within two years our pension appropriations, aggregating \$200,000,000 a year, will nearly equal the total military expenditures of both France and Germany, with an effective force in the field of over 1,000,000 of the best disciplined and equipped troops in the world. It is the boast of our country that it maintains no great standing army to eat up the substance of the people. But the fact is our army of discharged soldiers costs as much as the combined expenditures for the great armies of France and Germany.

And the worst of it is fifty per cent of this expenditure is believed to be on fraudulent claims, or to pensioners that have no just claim on the bounty of the Government. That is what hurts—what has demoralized the old soldiers. It is not the money that goes to deserving veterans any one complains of. It is the swindles and frauds that permeate the whole system.

## Want Money at 2 Per Cent.

Alliance Men Demand Equal Rights With Bankers in Borrowing.

OMAHA, Neb., Jan. 30.—Yesterday afternoon's session of the National Farmers' Alliance was devoted almost exclusively to debate on this resolution, which was finally passed:

"That we, land-owners of the country, pledge ourselves to demand equal rights with bankers and others who borrow money from the United States; that we demand that the government loan to individuals upon real estate security an equitable sum of money at a rate of interest not exceeding 2 per cent. per annum, in sums not exceeding \$3000 to any one individual, and that the amount loaned be apportioned among the States, counties and townships according to population."

This resolution, which had been introduced by President Powers, was defeated on Wednesday, and was reconsidered at yesterday's session after nearly all its opponents had left under the impression that business of the Convention was over.

## The Return of La Grippe.

The disease of last winter has returned but in a much milder form. It has been general in the South commencing some time in November, nearly all the towns in Mississippi, Alabama, North Carolina and Tennessee have had their turn this winter. The disease is now rapidly abating.

WASHINGTON, D. C. Feb. 8.—Many people who had the grippe last year have some symptoms of it this year, but there is apparently no epidemic of it.

ALLENTOWN, Pa., Feb. 8.—There are about 200 cases of grippe here, the most of which is of a mild sort. It repeated twice a week ago.

WILMINGTON, Del., Feb. 8.—No town of any size in the State has escaped the second visit of grippe. There are many cases here, but no fatalities have been traced to it.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Feb. 8.—People have been suffering here all winter with the grippe. Statements from physicians show that those afflicted are suffering chiefly from aggravated colds and influenza. There has been and is a large amount of sickness which comes under this heading.

LANCASTER, Pa., Feb. 8.—The grippe has reappeared in this vicinity. The disease is of rather a milder type. There have been several deaths recently in this city of persons who were attacked with the disease a year ago and who never recovered their strength. At the last meeting of the Medical Society the opinions of the physicians were that the prevailing disease was due to the frequent changes in the weather.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Feb. 8.—The grippe is prevailing in its worst form in some parts of Luzerne county. Last week the mines at Maltby and Fort Fort were compelled to shut down, owing to the prevalence of the disease among the men. The disease has all the symptoms of the epidemic which prevailed a year ago. Dr. Butler, of this city, says he has had many cases within the past month. The symptoms were not so violent as in cases under his care a year ago. People who were afflicted with the disease last year have the disease this year, only in a mild form, but it was very distressing. Dr. Smythe, of Edwardsville, says he was called upon to attend many cases recently. Generally the people who escaped the disease last year caught it this year. A number of deaths recently occurring in Luzerne borough are traceable to the disease.

## Canada Would Not Help.

In Case of War With England the Dominion Would Remain Neutral.

The full depth of loyalty of the annexation party in Canada may be gauged by the following editorial remarks of the *Quebec Telegraph*: "Great Britain may as well understand that if there is a war with the United States it will have to do the fighting all alone, at least so far as Canada is concerned. If we understand the views of the people of this country aright they will not fight against their neighbor. They do not believe in taking Yankee gore for the sake of any number of saskins. "One who was declared, the reform party of Canada would, we believe, declare for the annexation, to a man; that is, if the Americans conducted their business prudently, and all this would be done without the slightest feeling of unfraternity to Great Britain."

## For the WATCHMAN. Something for the Property Owner to Read and study.

The *Gazette* is again setting up its own pets for borough officers. A week or two ago it highly commended James McClure for re-election to the office of overseer. This is done because Mr. McClure has run his part of the overseer business as the post-office part of the *Gazette* wished he should, and not in the interest of the people, as was his duty.

It is time for the people to think over the business, and at the coming caucus act vigorously and nominate a man for overseer who will run the office in the interest of the people and not a clique. If the people of the borough will for a moment reflect on this matter, they will come to the honest conclusion that it would be much better to elect a man overseer who would conduct his office in harmony with the other overseer, one who would act and consult the other officer in the discharge of his duty, and not run around town and solicit people to come and get orders and pay rent for others.

It is well known that because of the conduct of Mr. McClure the expense for keeping the poor costs the borough at least \$1,000 more than it should. There is no earthly use in two men acting separately and apart. Give us a good, honest Republican who has sense and honesty enough to act for himself and not as he is dictated to from the post-office. If our Republican friends can't do that then let the voters elect a Democrat who will discharge the duties of the office in the interest of the taxpayers and no one else.

The truth is it is all folly to have two acting overseers in any borough at the same time, but as it is the law they should in all conscience act in harmony and concert with each other. Unless they do this the taxpayers always suffer. It was Mr. McClure's business, as he was the youngest in office, to go to the other overseer and try and act with him. Instead of this he took all his pointers and advice from the post-office and has not run his office in the interest of the people.

It is well known to the voters of the borough that Mr. Schofield offered to let Mr. McClure do the business of the office last year, and he would not undertake it. This proposition was made in the office of John Kline, one of the borough auditors. Mr. Schofield made this offer solely on the ground that it would save to the taxpayers much expense. Upon Mr. McClure's refusal to act alone, Mr. Schofield further proposed that they would then act in harmony. If McClure would have done this it would have resulted in much good to the taxpayers. As it is, removals are not made that ought to be made, and relief is given in many places where not needed, and at the same time the debts of the poor district are accumulating with no effort to meet them.

Mr. Schofield has one year yet to serve. If the people would have only one overseer to act they should elect a good man who can and will fill the office in harmony with the one who now holds it. "COMMON SENSE."

## Bad Tax Collecting.

For the WATCHMAN.

S. D. Ray, tax collector, made a statement in the *Daily News* on the 9th of February, '91, that he had paid over to the proper authorities of this borough almost \$84,000, and also stated that the balance due on his duplicates only amounted to \$6,000, and that the duplicates of 1890 only amounted to \$40,000. The tax payers are anxious to know his reason for making this incorrect statement. There is a deficiency in his statement of \$6000. The valuation of this borough amounts to \$1,500,221. Multiply that amount by 35 mills, which is the millage of this borough, you will then have \$52,757.73

State tax,	2,725.00
Water tax,	6,500.00
	\$45,982.73
Am't col. by Ray to Feb. 1, '91	33,656.65
Balance due borough	\$12,336.08

Mr. Ray, I advise you to go back to school before you undertake again to fool the tax payers of this borough. Mr. Ray, you have over twelve thousand dollars yet to collect on your duplicates. It is nothing but simple addition and subtraction that will bring the result. Add all your duplicates together and from this amount subtract the amount you have collected, and the balance will be the result, over 12,000 dollars. I have not up to this time received a statement from you of my taxes, but I do know now that you have now added five per cent on all the taxes in your hands unpaid. I have one consolation which is this: I am not the only one that owes you. You have over 12,000 dollars yet to collect instead of 6000 that you tried to make the people believe. I am in the flock of the sufferers of \$12,000.

## The Pattison Programme.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—What will attract the attention of the searcher for straws that show the direction of the wind currents, is what Pennsylvania Democrats are saying, and how they say it. It is Governor Pattison they are talking about, and there is no doubting how well convinced they are that the logic of events is strongly in favor of him as the coming man. Should Pennsylvania, as Governor Pattison's supporters believe it will and intend it shall next fall elect Democrats to fill the two State offices that are to be competed for, there will be good grounds, as any one can see, for setting up the claim that with Pattison as candidate, Pennsylvania will go Democratic. This, with the claim that will be set up for him of his being not less able to carry New York, his nomination would not be an improbable event. At least that is the way Pattison's supporters are reasoning.

That he is regularly on the list of candidates, that his supporters are in dead earnest and organizing to make the most of their case, that they have convinced themselves that their favorite is by no means lowest on the list, is plain enough to see.

A hospital for consumptives will be built at Denver, Col. A large supply of Koch's lymph is on the way.

## ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

—The Daniel Boone parade, on Thursday, was quite a showy affair. The Company carries an excellent band.

—Tyroners have grown tired of both the leading parties and have been making strenuous efforts to combine on a citizens ticket for the coming election.

—Valentine day is at hand, and if you haven't already selected a pretty reminder for your best girl, you should do so immediately, so as to be on hand in time.

—A bill providing that the term for Chief Burgess shall be for three years, instead of one, has been introduced in the Legislature. Such a provision would be all right under ordinary circumstances, but there are at times when it would have its disadvantages.

—A very pretty wedding was celebrated on Wednesday, at Centre Hall. It being the nuptials of Miss Heckman, the accomplished daughter of Mr. Wm. Heckman of that place to Dr. Smith, a promising young physician of Freeburg, Snyder county, Pa. The ceremony was performed in the presence of a large party at the home of the bride. May happiness and success be theirs in mortal life.

—In an old log cabin about half a mile from Wernersville, Pa., live four brothers, old men, who have been "woman haters" all their lives. They live together and never allow a woman to enter their home. The are aged respectively 78, 71, 65 and 61 and do all the work of their house and farm. They are regular attendants at church and always sit together. They hold themselves aloof from the rest of mankind as much as possible.

EXTENSION OF THE BRECKENRIDGE R. R.—The Vanderbilt people are now locating a railroad from Kermoo to La Jose, this county, where they will connect with the Westover branch railroad running to Hastings. They have purchased the latter road, giving them a line of their own to this important field. Work will commence on the construction of the new piece of road in about a month. We have this from a reliable source.—DuBois Express.

THE BAND ASSOCIATION.—Secretary Marks, of the Central Pennsylvania Band Association, reports that a large number of the bands in the counties of Lycoming, Elk, Clinton, Cameron, Clearfield and Centre, have been heard from on the question of organizing such an association and that all approve the plan and promise their co-operation and support. The *Renovo News* says, from the enthusiasm exhibited by the bands in the district named, the success of the association is assured.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.—B. H. Shaffer and Catherine Morgan, both of Bellefonte; John Ayers, of Spring twp. and Carrie Walker, of Bellefonte.

## Personals.

—J. C. Weaver was on a business trip to Lock Haven on Tuesday.

—Mr. Tom Collins left his railroad contract, near Havana, N. Y., and came down to spend Sunday, at his home, in this place.

—Mr. Eustace Grimes, the stenographer who was employed by the Bellefonte Furnace Co. in this place, has secured a nice position under Secretary HARRY, at Harrisburg.

—Mr. Jas. R. Mully, of Virginia City, Montana, whose late mining ventures, in that state have received so many flattering notices in western papers, is home on a visit to his daughter, Miss Boss. It is reported that he will take her with him when he returns.

—Mr. Hammill Boat, surveyor and draughtsman, of this place, left on Tuesday morning for Havana, N. Y., where he will run a corps for Mr. Thos. Collins, on the new railroad he is building up there. Mr. Boat's family will join him in a few weeks.

—Harry Keller, oldest son of D. S. Keller, Esq., of this place, is one of the directors of a new line company which has lately been incorporated to operate in Snyder county. Harry will retire from his position in the Adjutant General office soon and come to enter the Centre county bar. He knows that there is lots of room at the top and has the snap to put himself there, in a short time, too.

A happy occurrence was solemnized in the presence of relations and friends most of whom have passed over to the other shore. The event was the marriage of Wm. B. McWilliams and Elizabeth Sample at the country home of the bride's uncle, Hugh Larimer by Rev. Street, February 6th, 1891 at 2 o'clock P. M. just forty-seven years ago when girls wore woolen dresses and boys wore pants of tow. This well preserved couple celebrated their forty seventh wedding anniversary at their well known hospitable home last Friday, the 6th inst., at 2 o'clock, p. m., in the presence of all their surviving children and grand children, but one of whom, Wm. B. Jr., of Illinois, was not present. The groom is a genial, well preserved man, with full face and gray beard. Blessed with a degree of intelligence and originality not often met with, and one at whose heart and table everybody is really entertained. Mrs. McWilliams is a lady of remarkable energy of character, with a warm and impulsive heart. At her table many a good delicious meal is served. The anniversary was a pleasant gathering. Old memories were recalled and heart was drawn nearer to heart as they met at the family home. When parting time came it was with a hope of seeing the dawn of the golden morn to enjoy another such meeting, and with the feeling that brotherly and sisterly love should be cherished in family groups.

## Praise From Old Kentucky.

Louisville Courier. Governor Pattison has saved Pennsylvania from the disgrace of a legislative approval of the Force bill. The Keystone state made no mistake when it made Pattison its governor.