Democratic Watchman

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Ink Slings

-Who might Coxey's "unknown'

-How is the Delaware peach crop since the blizzard?

-The Bellefonte Board of Trade should induce the Coxey army to come this way.

-Last week we wondered why the returns from the Delaware peach belt were so slow coming in. They are

Mob Influence at Washington.

legitimate offspring of the Republi

can calamity bowl. The movement

fanatic proposes to lead on to Wash-

ington to influence the act of Con-

gress, has been inspired by the belief

speakers, that legislation pending in

that body is intended to destroy the

rendering it necessary for the people

Ever since the party now in power,

to which the people have entrusted

the management of the government,

evinced its determination to reform

the present business distress, the sup-

porters of the McKinley abuses have

resorted to every possible agency and

influence to inflame the public mind

against the proposed reform. The

distress that is the natural consequence

ot Republican financial and economic

measures is ingeniously and, to igno-

rant minds plausibly, represented as

being the result of proposed Demo-

cratic tariff reform, a false presentation

of the cause of the "calamity" which

and disturbing the public mind, and has

done its share in inspiring such move-

Whatever public disturbance ma

result from this crazy crusade, it will

be chargeable to those who, by ther

falsification as to the cause of the pres-

ent business depression, have incited

torce in Washington for the purpose of

interfering with congressional legisla-

tion. But even more reprehensible

than this tanatical design to influence

Congress by a menacing demonstration

meeting of the Protective Tariff

League to the number of 10,000 in the

national capitol on the 6 h of Aprily

with the object of affecting the action

of the Senate adversely to the WIL-ON

that the law-making power shall de-

rive its authorities and receive its in-

structions from the people through the

of the people at the polls on the tariff

question is to be reversed by the in-

timidating attitude of a McKINLEY

m b, gathered at the national capitol

as a convention, but intended to over-

awe the action of Congress on a subject

This is a revolutionary movement

as well discontinue the election of rep-

resentatives and hand the legislative

gether in Washington to make our

laws. Both the Coxey movement and

the Protective Tariff League conven-

tion typify the desperate purpose of

those who are inciting such irregular-

Able-bodied Pensioners.

The discovery that there are athletes

and fox-hunters on the pension rolls

their claim being allowed on the

ground of physical disability, is some-

thing of a turlesque on the gratitude

of the country toward those who were

The New York Times, on its own

has instituted an investigation of the

claims of a number of pensioners, and

the discoveries it has made furnish

evidence of the loose manner in which

pensions are allowed to persons alledged

to be disabled, but who have no

claim to such gratuities on the ground

noted for their athletic capabili-

disabled in her military service.

Such an assemblage will be nothing

tariff bill

elected them.

abuses.

ments as the one led by Coxey.

to rise up in protest against it.

-Coxey ought to get Congressman BRECKENRIDGE into his army yet and then he would have about all the bad ones in the country gathered up.

-The Hon. SILICA COXEY and his army of common-wealers will have it in for Secretary Morton for sending that snow the first day they marched off.

-The criminal knows two days of judgment. The first one, to the man who has not lost all conscience, usually is a wonderful preparation for the sec-

-There is always one source of satisfaction attending the blowing up of a dynamite mill. There is rarely any one left to blame the catastrophe on some one else.

-Lent is over and of course we will expect all those fellows who are in arrears to gather in "that little money I expect to get in a few days" and pay up their subscription.

-They call the Coxey army an "industrial" army. It is a mis-nomer sure. We'll wager that nine-tenths of its members have never done any harder work than they are at now.

-It augurs well for posterity that the has been made a means of misleading time when the crimes of the libertine were slyly winked at is giving way to a time when they are given the prompt punishment they so richly merit.

-It is a credit to the Presbyterian church of Kentucky that it denies having had a member named W. C. P. BRECKENRIDGE, though nothing betrays the hypocrite until his sin finds these misguided people to muster in him out.

-The Coxey commonweal army moved off on Sunday, seventy-five strong, but not withstanding the binding sussion of a bread and cheese diet a third of them deserted before they got of cranks and bummers is the proposed eight miles distant from home.

-It is said that FRED GEBHARD, the New York swell and club man, has presented his bride with a silver bath tub that cost that five thousand dollars. We have heard of people wallowing in gold, but this is the first time we have ever known of them doing it in silver.

-Count Tolstoi, the Russian reformer and philanthropist has declared that Americans are the best people in the world, least far gone in wickedness. The Count is doubtless very level headed in this matter, but there is, nevertheless, tative government, which intended lower House. plenty of room for improvement here

-Senator VOORHEES is to call the tariff bill up in the Senate on next Monday and has promised to make the start off speech very short. If all the rest only follow his example it will go through a sailing and Democracy will have kept the pledge that put it in

-Congressman Beltzhoover now admits that be would like to have thrown a few more stones "at the free trade idol," but fears of a mobbing kept him from it. It is a pity he did not awaken to the fear of being called a Judas before he betrayed the district that sent him to Washington.

-Some Republican papers are mak ing a great fuss over a tabulated estimate of the per capita expenditures of the government. They show that the year 1893 cost \$5 73 for every inhabitant of the country, which is a large increase over the expenditures of any former year except those during the war. There are two points forgotten by them in their drivel which will possibly prove to be in the nature of boomerangs. They forgot that in the year 1893 many of the obligations of their billion dollar Congress were paid off, and that their fraudulent pensioners ran the governmental expenses up to enormous propor-

-People who have nothing more profitable to engage their time than uncharitable talk about their neighbors soon find out that honorable persons learn to despise them as the lowest and most despicable types of the human kind. It is strange that there are some, among us, who are ever on the alert to have their ears tickled with some tresh morsel of scandal, when they know such gossiping is degrading and a menace to public morals. If the truth were told, of disability. Among these recipients the harm would not be so great, but of the government's bounty are men every lip that utters it must embellish it with some new significance, until at last | ties, and the rolls are found to contain | he has'nt the g'out had enough yet it assumes the proportions of the grossest persons who, although they are draw- to suit Democrats who are waiting to



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Ferociously Pure.

The women of the National Chris-

There can be no question about

should occur to these female purists

that the House of Representatives is

members without being instructed on

not to be commended for their intru-

sion upon the attention of Congress in

Representative BRECKINRIDGE's case;

and, furthermore, in what light is to

be viewed their meddlesome interfer-

ence with his relations with his wife,

as manifested on their calling upon

her to discard him on account of the

torious on the part of a wife to stick to

her husband in the hour of trial, and

pelting him are not what Carist would

The Folly of a Coal Tariff.

nieh information concerning the avail-

ability of American coal for English

use, in view of the diminishing supply

of the English mines, there is some-

American coal interests will be injured

by removing the duty on imported

The United States, as the British

Minister reports to his government,

has coal resources that are practically

inexhaustible and of the very best

quality, a circumstance which it ap-

pears to be the intention of England to

take advantage of in supplying the

deficiency of her own mines, her mater-

ial prosperity being vitally dependent

upon an adequate supply of coal which

she is now compelled to look for

boniferous deposits are becoming ex-

The McKinleyites who insists upon

a duty on coal, pretending to fear that

with coal on the free list the product

of the American mines will be swamp-

ed by the competition of those of Nova

Scotia, are confronted by the fact that

it is not to her own Canadian province

that England intends to resort for the

coal with which she proposes to make

up her own deficiency. She looks to

the larger, better and more available

mineral deposits of the United States.

In view of this fact how utterly ab-

surd is the fear that coal imported into

this country free of duty from Nova

Scotia, or any other foreign source,

can affect our coal interest, and it

should dispel the apprehension of Sena-

tors from Maryland and Alabama

A tariff on this fuel affords no pro-

output and price of an indispensable

When British Minister PAUNCEFOTS

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war, are able to undergo the exertion

Coxey's crusade may be considered of fox-hunting. When it is considered upon what principle the pension system has been conducted, and the object for which of cranks and tramps which the Ohio some of the pension acts were intended it is not difficult to see how athletes and fox-hunters become enrolled as disabled veterans entitled to the gratipropagated among an impressible tude and assistance of their country. element by Republican organs and The pension laws have been intended. in a large measure to serve as political drag-nets for the Republican party, and industrial prosperity of the country, to make business for pension agents whose profit from such laws would make them zealous workers for the party that enacted them. With such interests involved it is not surprising that an investigation of the pension rolls the tariff, which is really the cause of

The manner in which the Democrats of York county have dropped Congressman Beltzhoover is no doubt intended as a reproof for the weakness he showed on the question of tariff reform as presented in the bill now pending in Congress. At a time when a united front on the part of the Demo cratic members of that body was need. ed to expedite the passage of this most mportant party measure, there were indications of disaffection in Mr. BELTZHOOVER's position on that question, which occasioned considerable doubt as to his giving the WILSON bill his support, and encouraged the ene. mies of tariff reform to expect that his vote would be adversely recorded. It is true that he finally voted for the bill, but whatever may have been the motive for his hesitation in the performance of that duty, it was far from being eatisfactory to his Democratic constituents in York county, who at their recent convention showed their displeasure by declining to renominate him practically putting him out of the field by the passage of a resolution concedtion from their Congressional district.

There can be no higher test of the Democratic quality of Congressmen or Senators than their fidelity to the parmore nor less than an attempt to in- ty's pledge of tariff reform, and after timidate Congress by a numerical dis- the question shall be settled there is play of tariff supporters. It will in, bound to be a reckoning with those angurate an influence upon national who faltered in their support of the legislation that is foreign to the origi. WILSON bill. This will apply as rigidnal and legitimate design of represent ly to Senators as to members of the

Injurious to Public Morals.

The New York Sun following the medium of the ballot. The decision line of its accustomed ethical obliquity, expresses the remarkable opinion that the BRECKINRIDGE-POLLARD case furnishes a moral lesson of extraordinary value to the public. In what the value consists is difficult to be seen by those who are capable of understandon which the majority of that body has ing the vicious effect of such a case received the instruction of those who upon an impressible element that exists too largely in every community.

> The harm done to the moral senti court of justice.

It is not surprising that a paper like the New York Sun should regard this case as furnishing a valuable moral account, but for the public interest, lesson; but those who have a proper conception of morality deplore its in. jurious effect.

> -If the Democrats who profess to represent the Democracy of the land in the Senate would only stand up to the Wilson bill like men we would all have cause for rejoicing.

-GROVER is said to be sick. but ing pensions for disablement in the succeed Republican office-holders.

Imbecile Treatment of the Tariff Bill.

Nothing could be more exasperating to earnest Democrats at this stage of tian League for the Promotion of Sotariff legislation in Congress than the cial Purity should take into account the Senatorial courtesy which seems to re- perplexing duties that unavoidably bequire that action upon a Democratic set Congress before they attempt to tariff bill should await the pleasure of impose an unusual duty upon that boits Republican opponents, and their dy. consent be had before it can be reported by the committee that has it in Colonel BRECKENRIDGE having behavcharge. If anything was ever calculaed very badly, but in view of the fact ted to arouse Democratic indignation that Congress is threatened by Coxit was the harrassing delay in report-Ey's raid, and will soon have to ening the bill to the Senate out of considcounter a mob of Protective Tariff eration for the minority whose only in-Leaguers, assembled in Washington terest in the measure is to kill itwith the object of intimidating the Puring the protracted action of the national Legislature on the tariff quescommittee it was repeatedly antion, the Social Purity women should nounced, to the great disgust of every not add to these congressional perplexitrue Democrat, that time was being ties by trying to bulldoze the House of given the Republicans for the formula-Representatives into expelling Contion of their objections, and that such gressman BRECKINRIDGE on account of consideration for a minority that want- his defective social purity. Instead of ed the bill to tail was keeping it from their persisting in this intrusive pur being reported to the Senate. pose, it might not be out of place if it

This is not the way to conduct Democratic legislation. The enemies of tariff reform will throw obstacles capable of judging the fitness of its enough in its way without being aided by courteous imbecility on the part of that point by outsiders, and is likely to Democratic Senators.

The preparation of the Wilson bill was commenced more than six months ago, during the special session of Congress. There was ample time to have had it passed, signed and in operation by the first of April, and even before that date. If that had been done, every interest affected by the new tariff could have been adjusting itself to the change by this time, and the restoration of business activity would now be in progress. But it is the policy of the Republicans to prolong the suspense. It is water on their political mill. They want the tariff question to remain unsettled with the consequent depression of business, for the effect it will have on the next Congressional election, and it now remains to be seen whather the Democrate of the Senate | merit accorded her. But the double will be imbecile enough to conduct their action on the tariff bill in a way that will thus be conducive to the ad-

vantage of the Republican party. If Democratic Senators are going to be so courteously accommodating as to allow the opponents of the Wilson bill to consume all Summer in discussing it; if they shall be so weak as to allow its passage to be obstructed by dilatory tactics which, by keeping the question in suspense, will continue the business etagnation and aid the enemies of tariff reform at the next election, they will certainly be entitled to the thanks of the Republicans, but will subject them- thing very ridiculous in the fear that selves to the deserved condemnation of the party which they will have thus betrayed.

Extortionate Clerk Fees.

Republicanism is always ready to discourage any effort that is intended to prevent a waste or misappropriation of the public money. This fact was given an additional illustration in the House of Representatives some days ago, when Congressman Wolverton, of this State, offered an amendment to the sundry civil service bill that was intended to limit the fees of United abroad since the resources of her car-States circuit and district court clerks, which under the present regulations are unreasonable and extortionate. The only limitation of such fees is the extent to which these clerks may venture to go in making all the money they can out of their opportunities. Some of them have made as much as \$8,000 a year by manipulating the naturalization of foreigners, and other abuses equally flagrant are practiced.

That such practices urgently call for correction cannot be questioned, but when Mr. WOLVERTON offered the amendment to the sundry civil service bill that would have furnished the needed remedy, the objection of Tom REED, the great Republican champion. was sufficient to prevent its being attached to the appropriation bill, and thus suspended this desirable reform.

whose support of the Wilson tariff REED is a prospective Republican bill is said to be dependent upon its candidate for President and probably retaining a duty on imported coal. expects a campaign contribution in his behalf from these United States court tection to the American product, which clerks in whose interest he interesed is rivalled in quantity, quality and his objection. In Republican politics facility of production by the coal of no one good turn of this kind deserves another country. The only purpose such other, and Uncle Sam "pays the a tariff can serve is to protect monopofreight." listic combinations in controlling the

-Read the WATCHMAN.

Christianity is Progressive and Tri umphant.

The festival of Easter was as joyously celebrated in 1894 as it ever was in the past. Amid all the doubts and uncertainties which are thrown around the doctrines of Christianity the faith in the risen Saviour was never stronger in the hearts of the Christian world Criticism has not shaken the belief in the doctrine that Christ, on the third day after he was crucified, rose from the dead. As an evidence of the undying vitality of Christianity, it is a remarkable proof that this great miracle is accepted by the most enlightened people on the earth to-day. Of all that Christ wrought to prove his divinity this was the crowning testimony. He showed that he had dominion over death and the grave. He demonstrated his ability to give eternal life to his followers. He showed that the grave does not end all. The true Christian lives on that promise, and that it is that makes their life a happy one, in spite of all worldly trials. The proof of the resurrection on Easter morning is always before them and they know that every hour brings them nearer to the glorious immortality just beyond the grave. It is not wonderful that the festival is celebrated with rejoicing, for upon the correctness of the miracle that day wrought rests the entire hope of Christian and all that makes life worth living.

Keep Moving Right Along.

From the Punxsutawney Spirit.

The wisdom of continuous hustling, notwithstanding dull times, is illustrated by a fable. Two frogs fell into a cream crock. One immediately gave up in despair and said :

"There's no use in struggling. We might as well realize at once that we must die, and pass in our checks gracefully."

"You may do as you please," replied the other, "but for my part I shall continue to jump as long as there is ife enough left in me, and perhaps something will turn up.

regard their demand for the expulsion The faint-hearted frog was impress-ed with the wisdom of this latter speech of Colonel BRECKINRIDGE as an impertiand accordingly both frogs began orously to hop up and down and keep It may be that these guardians of up a constant commotion in the cream social purity are perfect exemplars of all the cardinal virtues, but they are

The result was that the cream was soon churned into butter, whereupon both frogs got on top of the butter and hopped out.

Moral: When you feel blue and discouraged, and are inclined to think that there is no use in wasting energy when times are dull, remember the two frogs that fell into the cream crock and keep a jumping.

Does This Sound Funny to You?

It has always been considered meri-From the Lancaster Intelligencer. Secretary Herbert gives a long ac count to the House of the Carnegie per-formance whereby the company was fined the closer she stands by him when he f r violation of its contract for plates, though the plates were up to the miniis in trouble the greater the wifely mum requirements of the contract; which was a statement he made that me fellow could understand; and maybe tian Leaguers demands that the wife they cannot understand it yet; though shall desert the husband when trials and the Carnegie company were trying beset him. Colonel BRECKINGIDGE has hard to keep the matter quiet. It makes been guilty of a great sin, but the one smile to see what a bad man Super-intendent Schwab is and how good is stones with which these Christians are Frick, as Herbert sees them.

He Deserved Nothing Better.

From the York Gazerte. Formerly in England when a man committed suicide, his body was buried by the roadside and a stake was driven is directed by his government to turby the roadside and a state of the control of the c

This custom was supposed been wholly swept away with other barbarisms of those times, but apparently the idea back of it did not die. A man out in Topeka, Kansas, lately drank himself to death. His widow erected monument to his memory on which the sole inscription was, "Died of Delirium Verily some ideas possess remarkable vitality.

The Rost of All Evil.

Frem the Altoons Tribune. An Englishman who has had charge of one of the great circulating libraries of England for the last forty years says that the average life of a novel is nine months. He thinks the existing passion for impure literature will grow some time and then suddenly collapse. A singular and unpleasant fact is that these novels of passion are written by women and chiefly read by women.

What Is Over Production? From the Grand Forks, N. Dakota, News.

When a political wool-puller tells you that there is over production in any ine, you are justified in quoting St Paul and saying that "he is a liar and the truth is not in him." There is no over production, but there is a vast mount of under consumption, owing to the manipulations of thieves and liars in economics and business.

Possibilities for 1896.

From the Columbia Independent. The New York World has a story coming from Asheville, N. C., to the effect that a movement is about to be started which has for its object the nomination of Vice President Stevenson and Gov. Pattison for President and Vice President on the Democratic ticket in 1896. That will do, if the positions on the ticket are reversed.

Sweet Friendship.

From the Chicago Herald. E. Berry Wall, ex-king of the dudes. is reported to have made \$100,000 in sugar certificates within the last three weeks. Mr. Wall must have close friends in the Senate.

Hard to Satisfy.

From the Kansas City Journal The public is hard to satisfy. It complained that the Senate was doing nothing, and now that it has found out what the Senate has been doing it complains still lander

turnishes some astounding develop-Weak-Kneed Tariff Reformers.

All such cases are demoralizing, and that endangers the fundamental prin- doubly so when their immoral details ciples of representative government. If are carried into every household by such methods are to prevail we might the newspapers, and are as eagerly read and as freely discussed by the young as by the people of more mature power over to mobs that may get to age.

ment of the country by familiarizing it with the indecent incidents of such a case as the one in question is inc alcu. lable, and it is lamentable that the press ities for the maintenance of tariff is the medicine through which this in jury is inflicted. The charge that the press is licentious is indignantly repelled by American journalism, but there is no denying the licentiousness of the journalistic enterprise that places in the hands of young and old the minut est details of one of the most immoral cases that was ever brought before a