

The tariff bill has been entirely lost sight of in the excitement over the great PULLMAN strike.

Grain must be awfully sensitive stuff. It gets shocked just because the farmer walks through the fields.

The American people are getting to be very much like the Frenchmen, never happy unless in some sort of turmoil.

An exchange remarks that grasshoppers are over-running Perry county. It is strange that grasshoppers should do any running at all.

Four bands of music and thousands of admirers received JIM CORBETT on his arrival in Dublin on Sunday. It pays to be a "good man" in any profession.

While president DEBS, of the A. R. U., is ordering men to quit work everywhere we wonder if he has ordered his own salary cut off. It is hardly probable.

The idea of a labor war is ridiculous. The American workman has too much sense to entertain such a thought and none but the agitator and alarmist ever dream of it.

The rail-road men of Pittsburg who flatly refused to strike without cause displayed more sense than DEBS, SOVERIGN, ATGELD and all their cohorts of trouble makers.

The glorious fourth is a thing of the past and there will not be reasonable excuse for any one to get drunk until next year—unless, perchance, the Democrats sweep the country in the Fall.

The summer will be gone before people realize that it has been here. Those who have spent part of it at the seashore will need only to look at their pocket books if they get to wondering where "it has went."

The way the members of the Senate joint committee are acceding to the congressional desire to cut down the increases made by the Senate on the Wilson bill, shows that they are desirous of getting the thing through.

There will be one good out come of all these strikes and internal dissensions that the country has been suffering from during the past two years. It will teach western States the necessity of electing men, not asses, to fill their gubernatorial chairs.

The intent of the military people in Congress to move for the increase of the regular army should be promptly sat down upon. We have no need for a larger armed force than we have at present and a less desire for an army tax like the one that oppresses Germany.

The labor element is crying out now. We are not responsible for all this destruction of property! And it may be true, but unfortunately they have furnished the cover under which it has been done and must suffer the condemnation of law abiding citizens in consequence.

The determination of the French ministry to transfer the trial of Anarchists from the assize courts, where a jury sat on their cases, to the correctional tribunal will have a tendency to lessen the value of Anarchist necks. The faster they are cut the better the whole world will be off.

The Republicans who are cackling away about president CLEVELAND's having transcended his powers in sending federal troops to Chicago will change their minds when they read his predecessor's, Mr. HARRISON's, view of the matter. The ex-president is noted for his thorough interpretation of disputed points of law and his opinion in this matter is that of an eminent jurist.

One of the surprises that have come out of the great rail-road strike is the finding out that EUGENE V. DEBS, president of the American Railway Union, is a lately cured KEELEY subject. It is not remarkable, but rather creditable for him, but we are surprised that such a powerful organization should have taken up a man only recently reformed and endowed him with such a mighty influence over men.

Governor ATGELD, of Illinois, has made a pretty spectacle of himself, in his attempts to call the President down for sending federal troops to Chicago to protect United States property. If the Governor, who seems anxious to class himself with WAITE, PENNOYER and those other assinine specimens in the West, has such correct ideas about State rights what business had he sending the Illinois militia into Indiana to suppress the riot at Hammond.

Some of our exchanges say the public is clamoring to know how RICHARD CROKER, the ex-TAMMANY chieftain, became so rich in a few years as head of the great New York political organization, and demand that he tell where his money came from. Mr. CROKER's wealth is no one's business but his own, and if the people of New York think it was ill gotten they can prefer charges of thefting against him. Until they do that others had better keep quiet.

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Law and Order Must be Maintained.

There is no class of people in this country so much interested in the maintenance of law and order as the working class. Therefore when any part of them engage in demonstrations that break the law and disturb the peace, they are doing themselves an injury, causing more harm to their own interests than to any other.

Grievances which they may consider themselves subjected to by existing labor conditions cannot be remedied by violent and lawless proceedings. Nothing could be more thoroughly wrong in its motive, object and method than the movement that developed into the riotous and destructive strike at Chicago and other points on a widely extended railroad system.

In this case the object was to force a company that manufactured a certain kind of railroad cars to pay its hands more wages. That company, or rather that individual, as PULLMAN is virtually the company, was not connected with the railroads except in the circumstance that it made cars that are used on the roads.

The railroad hands were not involved in any regulation of wages made by that company. Yet, to compel it to pay its employees higher wages, or to punish it for not doing so, a boycott of its cars on the roads was enjoined for the enforcement of which compulsory process thousands of men employed on the railroads, at wages concerning which they expressed no dissatisfaction, were ordered to stop work, resulting in a strike that blocked the avenues of transportation, paralyzed the internal commerce of the country, tied up the products of agriculture and manufacture on their way to market, deprived the cities of their supplies of sustenance, violated the laws of Congress that guarantee free interstate communication, interrupted the passage of the United States mails, and culminated in riot, bloodshed and destruction of property.

It would be monstrous if so unreasonable, disorderly and destructive a movement should succeed, for the example and precedent it would set would reduce the future business and industrial situation to a condition of anarchy. It would invest the mob with supreme authority.

All the power that the government can exert, and all the influence that law abiding citizens can bring to bear, must be brought into co-operation to prevent the success of all such violent demonstrations which, in consequence of their subversion of law and order, menace the public welfare, and are particularly injurious to the interests of the working people.

Above all things order must be maintained and the law enforced.

Where Hill Has Landed.

Senator DAVID B. HILL, when voting, as the only Democrat in the Senate, against the tariff bill, attempted to be very impressive in performing that act of treachery to his party. In announcing his vote against it he said he was pursuing "a course of duty and consistency that was as clear as the noonday sun."

To the public comprehension it is a good deal clearer than HILL's view of duty and consistency that he was prompted to a maliciously mischievous course in regard to the tariff bill by his personal animosity towards CLEVELAND. Nobody will give him credit for having been actuated by a sense of duty, or by a regard for consistency, in this matter, and there are but few Democrats who would not rather have had him vote against than for the bill.

Some satisfaction might have been derived from seeing him whipped into voting for it, but the party is the gainer by his taking a course which has landed him outside the Democratic breastworks.

The Doylestown Democrat is complaining because a gang of local gamblers are blighting the fair name of that town by "skinning" every stranger they can get a hold of. It is perfectly right for the Democrat to complain at the authorities for tolerating gambling, but when it sympathizes with losers at the gaming board it plays the wet dog.

The Democrat knows, as well as every one else, that both players can't win in a game of poker and the fellow who goes into the game deserves to lose.

The Two State Platforms.

The Democrats of Pennsylvania have as much reason to be proud of their platform as the Republicans have to be ashamed of theirs. The latter is but a loosely jointed assortment of shuffling expedients, a parade of words without an expression of principle and with no other object than to beguile the voters. The "calamity howl" is introduced as if it had not already been discredited, and as if it were not certain to be thoroughly disapproved by a return of industrial activity and business prosperity after the passage of the tariff bill.

The declaration of the Democrats reaffirms the high purpose of tariff reform, and it is wisely aggressive in emphasizing the necessity for such reform by charging the Republican tariff with having been the chief cause of the industrial prostration and business depression recently precipitated upon the country, but from which it will recover under a reformed tariff and through the better influences of Democratic administration.

The logic of apparent facts fortify the platform declaration that the business collapse was in the largest measure the effect of the McKinley tariff, and this charge will be pushed energetically and effectively against the party which, after having brought the industrial and financial situation to a paralyzed condition by its tariff and fiscal regulations, had the effrontery to blame it on those to whom this wreck was handed over as a relic of Republican mal-administration.

One of the best points of the Democratic State platform is the rebuke it gives the Republican \$40 per capita inflation scheme, a proposition as deceptive in its political intent as it is unsound and mischievous in its financial tendency. The declaration of the Republicans on that subject shows the breaking up and floating apart of the basic principles of their party. Conscious that their tariff policy is about to undergo a terrible discount, they are feeling around for a new issue with which they may practice deception upon the voters, by offering a \$40 per capita circulation to the people with which they induced their carpet bag predecessors in the South to offer \$40 and a mule for the enticement of the Southern negroes.

The Democratic convention did not consider it necessary to wander away off among the islands or the Pacific ocean for an issue to be used in a Pennsylvania State campaign. It found nearer at hand a subject of home importance in the labor difficulties, which the Republican convention shirked, either from cowardly motives, or because it did not consider the struggle of labor for better pay as being of as much consequence as the affairs of Samoa and the Sandwich islands. The Democrats found a fitting and timely subject for denunciation in the importation of cheap labor by those who, while they clamor for protection to American industry, avail themselves of every opportunity to secure cheap labor by the importation of low priced foreigners—a subject closely related to existing conditions in Pennsylvania under McKinley's high tariff.

There is not a declaration or proposition in the Democratic State platform that does not relate to live political issues, or has not a logical connection with the present political necessities. There are no platitudes, make-shifts, evasions or deceptions. Among its best features is the reaffirmation of the old and ineradicable Democratic hostility to political proscription and religious intolerance. At a time when a new manifestation of religious bigotry is beginning to assume the form of an oath-bound political conspiracy there is an imperative call for the action of the old party which forty years ago crushed under its heel the dark lantern conspirators of the Know Nothing organization.

Surely the Democrats of Pennsylvania have reason to be proud of their platform, but there is not an intelligent and self-respecting Republican in the State who can help blushing at the miserable conglomeration of evasions, stultifications and misrepresentations which their convention has furnished as a declaration of principles.

An Excellent State Ticket.

In all respects the representatives of the Democracy of Pennsylvania, delegated to form a State ticket and furnish a declaration of principles, have done their work well. We have elsewhere spoken of the platform and of the head of the ticket in suitable terms.

The nomination for Lieutenant Governor has given the second place on the ticket to Mr. JOHN S. RILLING, of Erie, a young Democrat who has made himself prominent and useful in sustaining the cause of the party in the northwestern section of the State. He is an able lawyer and a highly esteemed citizen. His being on the ticket not only gives it the benefit of his acknowledged high character, but adds to its geographic strength.

The nominee for Auditor General, DAVID F. MCGEE, is a Democrat whose quality has been tried in the crucible of Lancaster county Republicanism, and has been made the stronger by battling with the enemy in their strongest hold. His experience as a lawyer, and his general ability, well adapt him to the duties of the office for which he has been nominated.

There could not possibly have been a better nomination than that of WALTER W. GREENLAND for Secretary of International Affairs. He has given proof of his fidelity and efficiency as an officer while discharging the duties of the Adjutant Generalship, a position in which he has had no superior. He is one of the most deservedly popular men in the State.

In choosing two candidates for Congressman-at-Large, the convention made an excellent choice in nominating ex-Senator SLOAN and ex-Judge BOCHER. They are both exceptionally good men, both able lawyers and good speakers, and as representatives in the national legislature the State would have reason to be proud of them.

The convention did well in nominating these candidates. Now let a united and enthusiastic party do equally well in electing them.

Mischievous Partisanship.

Scarcely had the railroad difficulty broken out in Chicago before the mischievous Philadelphia Press began to find fault with the President for not rushing government troops to the scene of the disturbance for the suppression of the rioters, its evident purpose being to gain any partisan advantage that might possibly be gleaned from this public misfortune.

Every sensible and good citizen will give the President credit for the prudence and firmness with which he has met the delicate and trying duty which this wide-spread and unusual disturbance required him to perform, and can have nothing but contempt for partisan newspapers which, when a "calamity" presents itself, whether in the shape of a riotous mob or a collapse of business, hasten to turn it to party advantage by misrepresentation. Actuated by such a motive the mischievous Press would have been the first to condemn the President if he had been precipitate in sending troops against the rioters.

The Bucks County Mirror is unable to see how any honest Democrat can consistently vote against WILLIAM M. SINGERLY. But there is no occasion for uneasiness about Democrats voting against him. That isn't on the programme. He will of course get the full party vote, for that is what he was nominated for, and that will be the effect of his nomination. But where the great encouragement presents itself is in the fact that honest Republicans will vote for him in large numbers. This fact renders it reasonable to believe that he has a chance of being elected. Honest men of both parties have an incentive to work to that end.

The Democratic Senators are said to be thinking seriously about reading DAVID B. HILL out of the party. It is hardly worth while to do that. HILL, by his own act, has put himself out of the Democratic ranks and is straggling toward the camp of the enemy. Let him alone and he will gravitate where he belongs. By his desertion the enemy will gain about as little as the Democrats will lose.

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Where Does the Farmer Come In?

From the Columbus Independent.

In all the commotions that are forward just now there is one important person who is left out of consideration, the American farmer. The public lives on him and by him. Yet he is the last one to receive a thought when ructions are raised in the national and state legislatures for the comfort and advancement of mankind in general and trusts and politicians in particular. The farmer pays protected prices for his tools, clothes and household goods. Then he sells his product at unprotected rates. Just now a large class of men has combined against him. The railroad hands, without intending any active hurt, have closed the market to his crops, and his vegetables and fruits are, or will soon be, rotting on his hands. This fact brings its own punishment, to be sure, for already, in cities like Chicago, that are under the fist of the railroad anarchists, the price of food has gone up and will continue to go up. The ones who will suffer most are the people who have thrown themselves out of work and, having no wages, are unable to supply their families with the necessities of life.

If the farmer derives any satisfaction from this economic vengeance he ought to be allowed to nurse it, for it is little other consolation that he gets out of the existing state of affairs. Again, the farmer is no longer able to get efficient help. The craze for aggregation is emptying the county, and he can only get assistance from men whose assistance is not good for much. When that big humbug, the Coxey army, was parading across the country the farmer offered work to the tramps who carried banners demanding work. Did they take it? Not at all. They preferred to be supported without it. The legislator cares nothing for the farmer, the public eats his potatoes and never gives him a thought.

Dana's Paper Loyal to the Government at Least.

From the New York Sun.

The Government at Washington lives, and the people of the United States are behind it, sixty odd millions of them. Anarchists and fools not reckoned. The representative and executive of the Nation's authority, majesty, and power is President CLEVELAND. He stands at this moment for all that loyal Americans live for, hope for, are. That he stands firm to his obvious duty no man can now doubt. The Administration is doing its duty with respect to the people, and the people must do their duty with respect to the Administration. The color of a citizen's political opinions is of no more consequence at such a time than the color of his eyes or hair. As a citizen, as an American, he owes first of all his unqualified, unquestioning, unlimited support to the chosen man who took into his hands on March 4, 1893, the responsibility for the administration of the Nation's laws, and swore then to turn the Government over to his successor as he found it.

They May Vote for Him Too.

From the Clearfield Republican.

The Republican organs seem to be much affected over this subject toward which they have contributed so much in the past. The Harrisburg Telegraph fixes Hastings' majority at 300,000, and then goes on to say that the "empty dinner pail brigade" will turn out in full force to greet Mr. SINGERLY at the polls in November. If the "empty dinner pail brigade" only knew the real reason of their empty dinner pails there would be little doubt of the result in November, and 300,000 would not measure the majority the other way. But more than likely the "empty dinner pail brigade" will be bamboozled another time into voting their pails empty, as they have been doing for thirty years. The time is coming, however, and it is not far off when men will look back and marvel at the delusion which so long held them in thrallidom.

Who This Man Debs Is.

From the Lancaster Intelligencer.

Eugene V. Debs was born in Terre Haute in 1855. His father kept a grocery, and the son helped wait on customers by day and studied by night. When he was old enough to learn a trade he went to work in the paint shop of the Vandavia railroad and after a time was transferred from the shop to the tender of a locomotive on the same road. He served as fireman for some time and when the Brotherhood was formed was sent as a delegate to the national convention. There his ability was recognized at once, and he was made secretary, serving continuously thereafter till, feeling that the Brotherhood had done its work, he resigned to form the union. Personally he is a pleasant faced, agreeable mannered man, neat of dress and quiet of speech. He has been city clerk of Terre Haute and has served in the Indiana Legislature.

How Very Fine This Is.

From the Bloomsburg Columbian.

Concerning the tariff question, it is quite true that there are a set of men who think it more profitable to conciliate a few interested and rich individuals who are always seeking high protection for their particular wares, than to so reform protective duties as to conciliate the great majority of the American people by a genuine tariff-reform.

Spawls from the Keystone.

The town of Warren wants more dwelling houses.

In the Oil City Tube Works, John Lang was shocked to death by electricity.

Anton Stenowicz was struck by a train at Shenandoah and dangerously hurt.

C. L. Magee, of Pittsburg, who has been in Europe, is expected home this week.

The annual reunion of the famous Bucktails will be held at Kane August 23 and 24.

While visiting at Hazleton cemetery John Seznick tumbled into a ditch and was killed.

Of the 104 graduates of the normal school at Lock Haven, thirteen were from Clearfield county.

Government employes at Federal buildings throughout the State are being removed for economy.

A premature blast in the Vulcan Colliery at Shenandoah, John Weids sustained fatal injuries.

The death warrant for Noel Maesson Allegheny County, fixes his day of execution on September 6.

The Contable Y. M. C. A. contemplate the erection of a public bath house on their new grounds.

Horse thieves have stolen a valuable horse and buggy from George Backman, of Durham, Bucks County.

William M. Griscom, of Berlin, Germany, has added \$1000 to the Reading Y. M. C. A. building fund.

The poor board of Williamsport reports 427 persons relieved in that city for the quarter ending June 30.

There was a warm the Williamsport bakers and "full weight" bread is on the market at four cents a loaf.

With fitting pomp and ceremony, the Franklin Fire Company, of Chester, last night housed its new \$500 engine.

Many apple, pear and quince trees in the vicinity of Allensville, Mifflin county are suffering from "fire blight."

Some depraved wretch gridled a fine apple tree belonging to Dr. J. K. Metz, of Allensville, Mifflin county, killing it.

Attaching a tube to the gas jet in his Reading home, Edward Schult inhaled enough to bring him to death's door.

Governor Pattison has reappointed Alexander Port, of Huntingdon, manager of the Huntingdon Reformatory.

Reading Railroad Section Boss Peter Finnegan, aged 50, of Ambler, was killed by a train on the Pennsylvania Railroad.

Robert C. Branyan, an old-time citizen of Perry county, died a few days ago at his home near Duncannon aged 78 years.

Struck on the head by a signal board near Cornwall, John Garrett, a Cornwall & Lebanon Railroad employe, cannot recover.

Having escaped the Chester county authorities, J. W. Gyles, accused of selling a stolen horse, was recaptured at Chester.

Unalarmed by the strike, a party of Chester County Christian Endeavorers left West Chester Tuesday for Cleveland, O.

A Philadelphia & Reading express struck and instantly killed Joseph Fleming, of Shamokin at Enterprise Tuesday afternoon.

While chopping wood a few days ago Charles Hurley, of Sheaffer's valley, Perry county, was unlucky enough to split a knee cap.

The tiger that escaped from Main's wrecked circus at Tyrone a year ago is supposed to be still prowling about the mountains there.

Fearing he might be a burden to his family when ill, Frank O'Donnell, a blacksmith at Big Spring, Cumberland County, hanged himself.

The Pittsburg Leader has raised a fund of \$700 to erect a memorial to Director Bigelow for his valuable services in securing public parks.

The commencement exercises of the Danville Insane Hospital's Training School for Attendants was celebrated yesterday, fifteen graduated.

While bathing in Forney's dam, at Reading, Tuesday afternoon, Eddie and Patrick Troy, brothers, aged 12 and 14 respectively, were drowned.

After a prolonged wrangle between Commissioners, Sheriff and prison inspectors of Lehigh county, it was decided to execute Harry Johnson privately.

Elmer Durin and Harvey Mitchell, two long-fingered citizens of Carlisle, are in trouble because they visited the farm of Harry Handshaw the other night and carried off thirty-five chickens.

The combined age of John Heffkin, Samuel Baker, Henry Bowman and Joseph Hare, of Monroe township, Cumberland county, is 277 years, yet in less than a week they harvested thirty-seven loads of wheat.

Charles Kelley, a well known resident of Cambria City, a Johnstown suburb, where he owns considerable property, has been missing for almost two months and his friends are becoming anxious concerning his whereabouts.

John Batt, of Conemaugh township, Cambria county, whose mind has been affected for some years, although he is but 19 years old, was taken to the Dixmont asylum Monday having become so violently insane that restraint was necessary.

A riot took place at the Central coal works, near Greensburg Saturday. A number of families attempted to move into houses from which strikers had been evicted and the former occupants gave battle. Three men, five women and ten children were arrested.

Saturday's DuBois Courier says: The company controlling the vast area of hemlock timber on Medix run and its tributaries is about to build a tannery at the mouth of the stream, at Medix Run station. It was reported that work was commenced on the building yesterday.

The Johnstown Democrat gives currency to the rumor recently adroit to the effect that striking miners from the Connelville coke region meant to go to the pains of destroying the railroad bridge of the Cambria Iron company at Morrelville. It is said this bridge is guarded,