

The Return of Prosperity.

The Wilson bill has been in operation just a little over seven months and already the country is emerging from the unprecedented stagnation of business brought about by a Republican tariffing of everything in sight when McKinley tried to run things. The statement that the dawn of a returned prosperity has cast its rosy halo over American industries is not an idle political boast, but one that is borne out by Republican evidence—the best in the world, in such a case. On Sunday morning the Republican Pittsburgh Dispatch contained the following leader on its editorial page.

Prosperity is no longer indicated, it is here. Pay rolls are the realization of prosperity's best fruit. When the banks are hustling for currency in small denominations to make up pay rolls, as they were in Pittsburgh yesterday, business can be regarded as good in an industrial way and that will affect all lines of merchandise quickly.

The Dispatch has pointed out the unmistakable signs of better times coming for several weeks past. These indications have gradually developed from week to week, fully justifying the estimate of the railways and the big Pittsburgh steel firms. It is gratifying, therefore to present to the readers of the Dispatch this morning the fact that pay rolls in this city are considerably above expectations and a strain upon the currency resources of the banks. Ordinarily the Pittsburgh banks carry more small currency than banks of other cities for pay roll purposes, but the long depression has led them to allow the supply to diminish.

When it is taken into account that in addition to the heavy pay rolls noted in another column the pension office was busy all week paying veterans, the amount of money turned into the hands of the people who must put it into active circulation is enormous. It is sufficient to make the Easter season trade the best Pittsburgh has had for three years.

Such a confession from a Republican organ is certainly a valuable substantiation of Democratic claims that their laws would be beneficial when once operative. To add to this another Republican journal publishes a statement of president ROBERTS, of the Pennsylvania railroad, to the effect that that company is experiencing a remarkable revival in business. As the railroad systems of our country are the best pulse through which to feel the activity of business circulation we need no better indication that the Wilson bill is gradually effecting the change that its Democratic framers claimed it would bring about.

The Result of Free Wool.

From the Pittsburgh Post. While the Wilson bill was pending in congress, and Republicans were asserting it would reduce wages and destroy manufacturing industries, one of the most extensive woolen manufacturers of the country and an ardent protectionist, in an interview which attracted much attention at the time declared it would be better if the Republican writers and speakers would say less about the lowering of wages, which they predicted as a result of the repeal of the McKinley law, for it might happen that wages would be raised under the new tariff, and then their arguments would come home to roost. This is precisely what has happened and what is happening now. In Mr. Dolan's particular industry, that of wool, the Democratic doctrine escaped the intrigues of the senatorial junta and had a reasonably fair application. Wool was placed on the free list and there was a big cut in the duties on woolen fabrics from the McKinley average of 100 per cent. to one of about 35.

Did wages go down? Were the factories closed? Not a bit of it. Last week Mr. Dolan announced that in his great Philadelphia mills wages were to be increased 55 per cent. The man who had been getting \$12 a week was to get \$18.80, and so on in that proportion. The same story comes from the great woolen mills of New England. The manufacturers of woolens have been prospering as they have not prospered for years. Their productive power is taxed to its utmost capacity. New mills are being built and old ones enlarged. We are actually sending American woolens to England. And, better than this, American consumers are getting better woolen goods—there is less need of shoddy—and at cheaper rates than under the McKinley law, which taxed the raw material 33 per cent and the finished product 100 per cent and so encouraged the shoddy mills.

Here we have an illustration of the working of Democratic tariff reform; when honestly applied. It is computed that free wool and reduced duties on woolen goods save the American people \$170,000,000 a year.

Just What We all Want.

From the Doylestown Democrat. James Kerr, ex-Speaker of the House of Representatives, Washington, is announced as a candidate for Chairman of the Democratic State Committee. If he will consent to serve, and can be elected, we believe he would make an acceptable chairman. It is said those opposed to the election of Robert E. Wright can find no other person willing to enter the race against him. We care not who is made chairman, but we wish to see a man at the head of the Committee who can breathe some enthusiasm into the party and induce the voters to come to the polls.

Governor Marvill Dead.

Delaware's Chief Magistrate Passes Away after a Long Illness.

LAUREL, Del., April 8.—After illness from a complication of diseases that has lasted for several months, Governor Joshua Hopkins Marvill died at 9:15 o'clock to-night. Just previous to his inaugural a few months ago, Governor Marvill was stricken with heart disease and was too ill to take any part in the ceremonies of his induction into office.

For a long time he was at death's door from the attack of heart disease, but a couple of weeks ago he rallied and gave signs that led to the hope of his ultimate recovery. When it was thought that Governor Marvill was on the high road to recovery, erysipelas set in and he gradually sank, with faint flickerings of strength, until he died to-night.

Governor Marvill was born in Sussex county, this state, September 3, 1835, and came of an old Delaware family. Governor Marvill's term of office would have expired January 1, 1899. By his death, William P. Watson, speaker of the senate who is a Democrat, becomes acting governor. By the elevation of Mr. Watson to the gubernatorial chair, the senate of this state becomes a tie, four Republicans and four Democrats. Mr. Watson will not serve out Governor Marvill's unexpired term, but will act as the chief executive of the state until the next general election in November next. By some it is contended that Mr. Watson will not be compelled to resign his seat as senator from Kent county while acting as governor, although it will probably be necessary for him to resign the speakership.

If such a construction of the constitution of the state should be interpreted by the court that Mr. Watson must resign his office of senator, a special election will be held in Kent county to fill the vacancy. This county was carried at the last election by Mr. Watson by the close plurality of eighty-eight votes.

What effect the death of Governor Marvill will have upon the senatorial contest being waged in the legislature between Higgins and Addicks is difficult to forecast. If the legislature fails to elect the acting governor of the state can nominate a senator, but whether the United States senate will admit one so accredited to their ranks is problematical.

Statement by Rev. Lansing.

His Allusion to Alleged Drinking Habit of the President Based on Common Report.

Boston, April 8.—Rev. I. J. Lansing, whose references to the president in his address before the New England conference at Salem last Thursday night provoked extended criticism, gives out the following statement to-night:

"My allusion made in a temperance address at Salem on Thursday, April 4, to the drinking habits of the president of the United States was based partly on common report and partly on the testimony of eye witnesses.

"From various and independent sources which I believed to be wholly reliable I had been informed that the president had been seen, on different occasions and in the presence of many persons in an intoxicated condition.

"From the circumstantial and detailed character of these statements, I suppose there was no doubt as to the facts alleged, I, therefore, made this allusion as a matter of common report, basing my confidence on the testimony of personal and, as I supposed, credible witnesses.

"The names of these witnesses obviously, I cannot reveal, since sharing their knowledge in common with many others, they might justly shrink from being singled out and called to verify that of which not only they, but others equally with themselves, had ocular proof.

"I must, therefore, say that if my statement reproducing such testimony is not in harmony with facts, I regret having made it. I could have neither desire nor motive for saying anything unkind or uncharitable of the president or of any party whatsoever. The case being one of conflicting testimony between witnesses of equal credibility, I cannot decide, and since I have no personal knowledge apart from the testimony, I withdraw the statement and tender apologies and sincere regret to the president of the United States."

[Signed.] "I. J. LANSING."

An Epidemic of Cholera.

Likely to Visit Japan This Year—The Disease Has Made Its Appearance.

VANCOUVER, B. C., April 10.—There is much fear that Japan will be afflicted with an epidemic of cholera. The disease has already made its appearance at Moji, a town at the entrance to the inland sea, whence large quantities of coal are exported, but has not thus far succeeded in spreading. It has shown itself also in some of the transports, although happily not when troops were on the road, and it is reported finally from Talien. The fell disease may prove of more protection to China than all her armies and ships.

From Sept. 21 to March 8 the Japanese casualties in the war with China were: Killed in battle, 542; died of wounds, 131; died of sickness, 981, making a total of 1,654. Very marked is the contrast between these figures and the record of casualties in the Satsuma rebellion of 1877, when 12,000 men were wounded and 4,653 killed on the government side. The Satsuma rebels fought in a fashion very different from the Chinese.

Harrity Says Cleveland is With Him.

WASHINGTON, April 7.—National Chairman Harrity had a conference with President Cleveland yesterday, after which Mr. Harrity said the President was in perfect accord with the Democratic management in Pennsylvania, was not opposed to Robert E. Wright for chairman, and did not approve House Clerk Kerr's proposed reorganization. Mr. Harrity coupled ex-Congressman Sibley's name with the Kerr movement, and believes it is in the interest of free silver.

Income Tax Law.

Supreme Court Hands Down a Decision Monday.

WASHINGTON, April 8.—The supreme court Monday decided the income tax unconstitutional so far as it relates to incomes from rents, state, county or municipal bonds. The court can find no difference between the tax on land itself and the tax on rents, or incomes derived from land. The court thus finds that the tax on rents or landed investments is a direct tax and therefore unconstitutional. The above decisions do not make the law unconstitutional, but the court is exactly divided on this point.

EFFECT ON REVENUES.

Treasury officials are greatly dispirited over the supreme court's decision in the income tax case, and while admitting that they have no reliable data upon which to form an accurate estimate, they express the belief that the net result of the decision will be a loss of at least 50 per cent in the receipts from incomes. In some cities the loss will be far greater than this, notably in the city of Washington, where the loss is expected to reach 75 per cent. Comparatively little was expected from interest on state, county and municipal bonds, but the total loss, it is thought, will not fall short of \$15,000,000 or \$20,000,000 for the first year, and this loss is expected to increase rather than to diminish in succeeding years, should the law remain unrepaled.

The loss of this revenue, however, is not the only cause of regret among the officials. The fact that the court was evenly divided on the main constitutional question, it is expected, will result in almost endless litigation, thus very materially adding to the expense of collecting the tax. Nevertheless, the internal revenue officials will proceed at once to prepare supplemental regulations to conform to to-day's decision, and from now until next Monday when the time expires within which returns may be made, any returns in which incomes from rents and bonds are deducted will be regarded as a full compliance of the law. Persons who have already made their returns and paid the tax will be advised of the change in the regulations, and as soon as possible, the proportionate amounts of tax paid by each on rents and bonds will be refunded to them under the general law, which authorize the commissioner of internal revenue to refund taxes wrongfully collected.

Attorney-General Olney was much surprised at that part of the decision which exempts rents under the income tax. As to the section of the act relating to bonds, the attorney-general rather expected an adverse decision, but he regards the action of the court on the rent proposition as having been taken on technicalities, which he believes will not stand the test of time, and cannot remain the permanent law of the land. On all other points the government, he believes, has no serious cause of complaint.

It is universally regretted that there was not a full bench to hear the case, and should Justice Jackson resign, there is very good reason to believe his successor would almost certainly be favorable to the law, in which event another test case very soon would be brought to the court for determination.

Our War Ships.

Admiral Meade Cables Important News to the Department.

WASHINGTON, April 8.—Admiral Meade cabled the navy department this morning from Kingston that his squadron would leave at once for Port Au Prince, Hayti, with the exception of the Cincinnati, which would go to Port Antonio. This dispatch was somewhat surprising to the naval authorities, as the fleet is already overdue at Colon, where the admiral asked to have his mail sent after April 1. It is explained, however, that Minister Smythe at Port Au Prince was greatly disappointed when the squadron sailed directly from San Domingo for Kingston, omitting Port Au Prince, which had been on the fleet itinerary, and he complained to the navy department of the omission.

It was considered very harmful to American interests for the warships to avoid the Haytian port, and it is thought the admiral has taken this opportunity while the squadron was in the vicinity to rectify the mistake. It is also explained that Admiral Meade was compelled to hurry from San Domingo to Kingston because the fuel of the ships was running low and the coal supply was at Kingston awaiting him. It is presumed that after a few days at Port Au Prince the fleet will proceed to Colon.

It is not so easy to explain the mission of the Cincinnati to Port Antonio. This is situated on the northern coast of Jamaica, not over a hundred miles from Kingston, and is important as the landing place of the cable and the stopping place of many American fruit steamers. It is also directly opposite Santiago De Cuba, and would be an ideal point of departure for filibusters, who might transport arms and ammunition from fruit steamers to Cuban schooners. It is said at the naval department that the admiral has a perfect right to order the ships of his command wherever he pleases without explaining the reasons, the sole restriction being that he must inform the department of their whereabouts.

Stole \$88,000 in Two Years.

LANCASTER, Pa., April 8.—It is now believed that the defalcation of T. M. Grady, cashier of the First National bank, of Marietta, will reach, if not exceed \$88,000, which it is feared, will be greatly swelled by sums secured in a semi-official way. While acting as agent for Mrs. Christian Hower, she gave him \$3,300 to deposit in the bank. He credited the amount in her book, but failed to put any of the money in the bank, and it is believed that more transactions of a similar character will be brought to light as the investigation proceeds. The peculations were begun at least two years ago.

If you want printing of any description the WATCHMAN office is the place to have it done.

Reached the Century Mark.

The Hundredth Anniversary of the Huntingdon Presbytery Celebrated.

HUNTINGDON, Pa., April 9.—There was a very large attendance at the celebration to-day of the centennial of the organization of Huntingdon presbytery. The centennial sermon was delivered by Rev. J. H. Mathers, D. D., of Bellwood, Revs. S. J. W. Bain, of Altoona, and D. K. Freeman, of Huntingdon, participated in the meeting. In the afternoon Rev. Joseph C. Kelly, of Lock Haven, spoke upon "Fragments That Remain," while D. W. Woods, of Lewistown, told of "The Sources of Presbyterianism in Huntingdon Presbytery." A. S. Lindes, of Hollidaysburg, made an address on "The Bench and Bar," as viewed from a Presbyterian standpoint.

This evening Rev. S. A. Mutchmore, D. D., of Philadelphia, moderator of the General Assembly, gave an address on "The Oddities and Sublimities of Presbyterianism: J. P. P. Kuller, D. D., of Pittsburgh, moderator of the Synod of Pennsylvania, addressed the audience on "The Debt and Duty of Presbyterians." Ex-Governor James A. Beaver spoke of "The Outlook," and brief speeches were made by Rev. Mr. Wallace, Dr. D. S. Gilson, of Allegheny; Rev. Dr. Robert Hamill of Oak Hall and others. Rev. William Prideox, of Huntingdon, the oldest member of the presbytery, pronounced the benediction.

How You Must Swear Hereafter.

From the Columbia Independent.

Governor Hastings on Wednesday signed the bill just passed by both branches of the State Legislature which provides that instead of kissing the Bible oaths must be taken with the right hand resting on the open Bible. This law goes into effect at once. The only three legal ways in which an oath can hereafter be administered in this State are by the hand resting on the open Bible; with the uplifted hand and by affirming.

Do you read the WATCHMAN.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

An impromptu banquet was the attraction at Hasg's hotel in this place at noon yesterday, and with John Q. Miles, as master of ceremonies, the Commissioners of Clearfield and Centre counties, with a number of the other county officials, and several bridge men, undertook to stow away the many dainties landlord Keller had prepared for them. The visiting Commissioners were here on business relating to the erection of a joint county bridge in Philipsburg.

With Easter's chimes the wedding bells will peal most merrily, for there are six or seven weddings scheduled for the after-Lenten period. Miss Fanny Twitmore, the accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Twitmore, is to be married on Tuesday the 16th, to Dr. Henry Pickle, of Millersville. About fifty invitations have been issued for the wedding, which is to take place at the bride's home at twelve o'clock. Miss Theresa Peters is to play the wedding march while her little niece, Mary Hicklen, is to scatter flowers in the path of the bridal party. Miss Ella Twitmore, the bride's sister, and Miss Dora Mayer, of Kohrestown, are to be the bridesmaids. After an extended bridal trip Dr. Pickle and his bride will go to housekeeping at Millersville where he has apartments already furnished.

MARRIAGE LICENCES.—Issued during the past week taken from the docket. W. Emory Gettig, of Altoona, and Anna L. Meyer, of Boalsburg. Chauncey F. York, of Warriors Mark and Jennie J. Noll, of Bellefonte. Henry W. Kreamer, and Maggie Hauna, both of Centre Hall. William C. Lowry, of Benner Twp. and Ida Yarnell, of Walker Twp. H. M. Harm, of Mahaffey, and Millie Shope, of Snow Shoe.

A NEAR-BY PAPER ON A COMING SHOW.—Everybody who saw "The Trolley System" when it was played in Pierce's opera house during the winter, will be glad to know that it will repeat the performance next Monday night. "The Trolley System" is absolutely one of the funniest comedies that ever was placed on the stage. Everything about it was first class and right up to date. If you saw it before you will go again, and if you have not seen it, take our advice and go, for it is the richest performance that ever struck the town.—Philipsburg Ledger. At Garman's Tuesday night.

MINERS OFFERED AN INCREASE.—The proposition of the Bell, Lewis & Yates and the Rochester & Philipsburg mining companies to increase the rate on May 1st for mining to 40 cents a ton was considered on Monday at DuBois by delegates of the United Mine Workers. The proposition also includes an agreement to increase other wages, but contains a proviso that the Pittsburgh region shall pay 69 cents and the Beech Creek region 40 cents. The delegates decided to accept if the operators put the new rate into effect April 15th. They pledged themselves in return to support operators in increasing the price of coal.—Ez.

CARP DIE HARD.—A Philipsburg fish vender received a barrel of German carp from a Baltimore house, on Monday. They were all packed in ice, but when he had laid them out on his selling tables the sun began to shine on them and they thawed out. Suddenly several of the largest fish began to show signs of life and it was not long until they were kicking around in fine style. So lively did they become that a two pounder was put in an aquarium in Davis' store and is alive to-day. Carp have always been known as fish that are very hard to kill but this extraordinary tenacity to life seems almost incredible.

THE GLOBE, A FINE NEW STORE.—The opening at the Globe last Thursday and Friday fulfilled the WATCHMAN'S prediction that those days would mark the beginning of a new era in the dry goods and notion business in Bellefonte.

There is not a man or woman in Centre county who has not heard of the great new store that now occupies the old Loeb building, on Allegheny street in this place, and of the new prices and new goods that have been creating a perfect furore among shoppers ever since the opening. If you have not seen it yet you should take the first opportunity of doing so, for everything is so nice and tasty and cheap that you will be astonished—you who have never seen anything like it outside of the large cities.

The opening days were marked by a steady stream of sightseers whose curiosity led them to the Globe and whose common sense made them purchasers afterward. There is every indication that Katz & Co. Lim. have caught the people.

YORK—NOLL.—On Wednesday evening the home of Mr. Emanuel Noll, on north Allegheny street, was the scene of the marriage of the only daughter of the household, Jennie J., to Mr. C. F. York, of Warriorsmark, Rev. W. O. Wright of the Presbyterian church at Milesburg, performed the ceremony that was as simple as possible, owing to the serious illness of Mrs. Noll's sister, who makes her home there. The ring service was used and Miss Roebé Beck was bridesmaid.

The bride is a young woman of marked musical talents and it was while teaching music in Tyrone that she met her husband. She is of a vivacious disposition and thoroughly acquainted with the arts of housekeeping so that she will make a model wife.

Her husband is a man whose name is known in all parts of the country from its connection with the celebrated "Malena" remedies of which he is sole proprietor. His large place at Warriorsmark is kept busy all the time turning out the popular medicines. The couple left on a night train for Washington, D. C., thence to Florida. They will return and live at Warriorsmark.

THE UNDINE BALL.—On next Monday evening the members of the Undine fire company will entertain their friends at an after Easter ball. It is to be given in the Arcade and will mark a departure from a time honored custom of the firemen of this place. Heretofore their dances have been public, but notwithstanding the greatest watchfulness on the part of those in charge many objectionable characters have been able to gain admittance; thus seriously interfering with the pleasure of those who have every right to be protected from contact with such impostors.

The Undines have happily hit upon the plan of issuing invitations to both ladies and gentlemen, which are not transferable and must be presented at the door. Everyone who has received an invitation is therefore sure of meeting only nice people at the dance. Every arrangement is being made to make it a social success. Good music and refreshments will lend to the completeness of the affair and if you are invited you will be missing an enjoyable evening if you do not go.

A NEW DEPARTMENT AT THE ACADEMY.—Beginning Monday, April 15, a new course in practical experimental chemistry will begin at the Academy, under the charge of Mr. Frank Bassett, chemist for the Valentine Iron Company. Mr. Bassett has devoted many years to the study of this subject and will give his classes valuable instruction in theoretical and experimental chemistry. This supplies a great need at the Academy and will give a good foundation to boys intending to enter our technical colleges or pursue a medical course. Special students will be admitted to the classes in chemistry, botany, French or in fact, to any classes in the curriculum. Teachers, whose schools are now closing, will do well to attend the Academy for a term and clear away difficulties in their studies. Admission is offered at any time.

Before you buy a wheel examine the "Victor," which still makes the pace it always has done. The wheels for '95 are beauties, varying in weight from 20 to 25 pounds. Brand new Victors can be bought from \$30 up to \$100. Call upon J. R. Hughes, agent for Centre county, and make a bargain.

THE LAST OF THE HARMANS.—On Wednesday morning Bellefonte saw the last of cruel Milton Harman and his family. The poor overseers of Spring township bought a ticket for the whole "kit" of them and they departed, bag and baggage, on an early train for Mt. Carmel.

The wretch and his wife returned from the penitentiary on last Friday and after boarding at Hasg's hotel at the expense of Spring township until Wednesday, he promised, if the authorities would buy him a ticket to Mt. Carmel he would go away and never bother this county again.

He has gone, but it is a question if he doesn't become a pauper down there and then involve Spring township for his support. It would be well for the poor authorities to keep a watch over him for a while.

TO TROUT FISHERMEN.—A propos of the opening of the trout fishing season on next Monday it might be well to inform those of our readers, who are given to that sport, as to a few legal points relating to the catching of trout. In the first place the speckled beauties dare be taken with a rod and line only. No nets or snares are allowed in their catching and anyone who uses the latter is amenable to the law. Then it is illegal to catch trout for sale, and the fishermen who thought they would defeat this aim of the law by hiring to fish by the day will find themselves met with the prohibition of that also, as no one is allowed to hire another to fish for him. It is also illegal for common carriers to transport trout. Thus it will be seen that there is to be a stop put to fishing for profit. If you want a mess of trout the law allows you to catch them, but if you offer any for barter or for sale it will mete prompt punishment for the offense. The law is a good one and we hope every sportsman in this vicinity will take an interest in having it enforced.

FOSTER'S LITTLE WEATHER STORY.—My last bulletin gave forecasts of the storm waves to cross the continent from April 5 to 8, and 11 to 15. The next will reach the Pacific coast about the 15th, cross the western mountain country by the close of the 16th, the great central valleys the 17th to 19th and the eastern States about the 10th.

The warm wave will cross the western mountain country about the 15th, the great central valleys the 17th and the eastern States the 19th. Cool wave will cross the western mountain country about the 18th, the great central valleys the 20th and the eastern States the 22d.

Readers will please note that forecasts are made for 8 p. m. of the dates mentioned, and the weather events predicted must occur within twenty-four hours before or after that hour; otherwise the forecasts fail. The change is made from sunset, in order to agree in time with the weather maps published at 8 p. m. each day by the national weather bureau at Washington. These daily maps give us the best record of the actual state of the weather in all parts of the United States and southern Canada at that hour. Washington time.

A HOLY WEEK.—Church going people, especially Catholics, Episcopalians and orthodox Jews are observing the Passover this week in the way prescribed by their particular creeds. The observance of the week is general, the world over, among Christians and the following bit of information clipped from an exchange is timely:

"This is the Passover with its holy convocations in memory of Israel's exodus from Egypt and its transition through the Red Sea from bondage to freedom, from Pharaoh's despotism to independence. The Passover is the grand and indestructible monument in the history of Israel's natal day, the starting point of that cycle of history which begins thirty-four centuries ago in yonder Egypt and in the wilderness of Arabia, and then rolls on and on, via Palestine, over all countries and ages, ancient and modern, through all vicissitudes, rise and fall of empires, flood and ebb of religious and philosophical systems, all races of the human family, reflecting all forms of government, among all triumphs and discomfitures, all victories and defeats, all the joys and all the woes of humanity. Sublime in its grandeur, indescribably pathetic in its variations of light and shadow, incomparably wonderful in its imperishable continuity, enigmatic and marvelous to contemplate is this long episode from the world's history, at the sunny side of which we stand and look back through the long centuries of shadow and darkness to the very starting point, by celebrating the Passover, the Feast of Liberty."

The Broken Link.

The last link in the chain is broken, joined only by Heaven's gems so fair, God has taken out one sweet blossom, The only one given to our care; But in his pitying kindness He has reached from the great white throne And into our bleeding hearts whispered, 'In the morning, again thou shalt see her.' An Angel amid the vast throng. MILLIE HOOPER.