

IN CONGRESS.

THE SUGAR TRUST SCANDAL NOT PROVEN.

Free Sugar is the Last Republican Kick at the Wilson Bill--Probable Repeal of Tax on State Bank Notes--No Government Telegraph for Bissell--President Cleveland at Arlington on Memorial Day.

From our Regular Correspondent. WASHINGTON, D. C., June 4, 1894.

The positive and emphatic denial of Senators Voorhees, Jones, Vest, Harris and McPierson, Democratic members of the Senate Finance committee, of each and all of the sensational stories which have been printed concerning the sugar trust and its alleged influence in the making of the sugar schedule of the tariff bill, has convinced all fair-minded people that the alleged sugar trust scandal had no firmer foundation than the idle gossip of irresponsible persons, based entirely upon conjecture; and there is little room for doubt that the investigating committee will so report at the close of the taking of testimony, and that the report will be signed by every member of the committee. Present indications are that the Scotch verdict, "not proven," will be rendered on the charge that certain Senators speculated in sugar stock while the character of the sugar schedule of the tariff bill was in doubt, on account of the difficulty of obtaining convincing evidence on that subject. It is generally regretted, outside of the Senate, that the committee should have raised the old question of the right of the Senate to compel newspaper men to give the source of information received by them, in connection with this investigation. No good can come out of it, and, as Senator Hill aptly said, much harm may.

The last concerted effort of the Republican Senators against the tariff bill is now being made against the sugar schedule. This is not because they are so much opposed to the sugar schedule--as a matter of fact a number of them are known to favor it--but because they believe that if they can put sugar on the free-list enough Democrats will refuse to vote for the entire bill to enable them to defeat it. But the scheme will not work. It is now as certain as anything not yet done can be that Democrats enough will agree to set a day to vote upon the bill, as they admit that if they cannot beat the sugar schedule they cannot beat the bill.

The southern Democrats in the House are making a determined fight to secure the repeal of the tax on State bank notes. The debate has been going on all this week and will probably continue for a week or ten days longer, the unacted-upon appropriation bills having been temporarily laid aside. The result is in doubt, depending, many believe, on the attendance when the vote is taken. If the attendance exceeds 280 the probabilities are that repeal will be defeated, as the largest claim made by the friends of repeal is 140 votes. But inasmuch as those who favor the repeal of the tax are more interested in securing it than those who oppose it are in preventing it, the chances are in favor of the repealers mustering their full strength on the floor of the House when the time comes to vote and winning, if they can get the 140 votes claimed. Some very interesting and instructive speeches have been made by Democrats both for and against repeal. The Republicans have not up to this time taken a conspicuous part in the debate, although they are solidly opposed to repeal. Representative Black, of Georgia, made a strong and bold speech in favor of repeal, in which he took the ground that the general government had no right under the Constitution to impose such a tax, and stated his belief that the U. S. Supreme Court had no more right to bind the action of the House than the House had to bind the Supreme Court.

The investigation of the alleged armor-plate frauds by the House committee on Naval Affairs has so far brought out nothing startling. The committee will visit Homestead to see if anything more than was found out by Secretary Herbert's naval experts can be learned.

Postmaster General Bissell doesn't endorse the idea of the Government running the telegraph lines of the country in connection with the Post-Office department, and he has written a letter to Chairman Wise, of the House Commerce committee, giving his reasons. He thinks the Post-Office department has all that it can do justice to in extending and perfecting the mail facilities of the country, and that the expense of a telegraph system would be out of all proportion to the benefit that would be derived therefrom by the people.

President Cleveland and Secretaries Gresham, Carlisle, Smith and Morton attended the Memorial Day exercises at Arlington as guests of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Secret Thoughts.

I hold it true that Thoughts are Things-- kindred with being, breath and wings, And that we send them forth to fill The world with good results or ill. That which we call our "secret thought" speeds to the earth's rim 'tween our feet, And traces its footsteps or its wings Like tracks behind it, as it goes. It is God's law. Remember it. Or all our wisdoms and our plans, And yet make comrades, when alone. These thoughts have life, and they will fly And leave their impress, by-and-by, Like some marsh breeze, whose poisoned breath Breaks into homes its fevered death. And, after you have quite forgot Or all our wisdoms and our plans, Back to your mind to make its home, A dove or raven, it will come. Then let your secret thoughts be fair; They have a vital part and share In shaping worlds and moulding fate-- God's system is so intricate.

PIGEONS.

There are people living who remember seeing the sky blue with wild pigeons. Great flocks were seen without seeing end. They were caught in nets by skilled catchers by the hundred dozens. They made a delicious stew. There are people living in this same locality who never saw a flock of wild pigeons. For a number of years no pigeons were seen flying where millions used to sweep the sky with a swishing noise. What has become of the wild pigeons? Nothing so much excited the sportsmen and the people in general as a good flight of pigeons. Now for the information of the young people who never saw pigeons flying I will try to describe the method of catching pigeons. People having pigeon nets, in flight-time would make a "bough house" or bush-house large enough to conceal two or three persons in a field. A stake was driven into the ground nearly in the centre of the "bush-house," to which one end of the net-rope was tied, and from ten to twelve rods from the "bush-house" stake was another stake driven into the ground to which the other end of the net-rope was fastened. Midway between the stakes one edge of the pigeon-net was fastened to this main line of rope while the other parallel edge of the net was also fastened to a rope the same length of the net, and these two edge corners were then fastened to the ground, and the main line-rope and net were sprung back to the fastened edge and stayed with sticks and hooks, leaving a space of six or eight inches between the two edge lines of the net into which the balance of the net was snugly tucked to conceal it from the pigeons. When all was in readiness, with "flyer" and "stool pigeon" in place, the anxious catchers, at the first sight of a flock would send away the "flyer" which was fastened to a long thread of twine, after which they would draw the pigeon on the stool and hover the whole flock into the "net-bed," when the net would be sprung over many dozens of pigeons. This was one of the most exciting sports that men could engage in. It taxed their vigilance to the utmost extremity. During the pigeon season, everybody feasted upon pigeons. But where are they now? Echo answers where. It would do the people good to see sky full of these birds as was once the case. Should there be another such flight of pigeons, or seasons of them, the old pigeon-catchers would get wild with excitement. They would be in a bad fix. There are scarcely any more pigeon nets to be found, and, still worse, there are no more wild stool pigeons in the county. Everybody would be as wild with excitement as the pigeons are wild by nature, and every gun would be brought into requisition and thousands of pigeons would be shot on the wing.

I once heard an old pigeon-catcher say that on one fine Sunday morning he put his net in place and was watching for pigeons within sight of a church in which was worship held at the same time, he felt really condemned; but to his horror and amazement a great whirlwind was sweeping up the hollow in direct line of his quarters and when it struck the bush-house carried it away with its force while he grabbed and held fast to the stake, he was thus saved a flight through the air. He said that cured him from Sunday pigeon-catching and ever after that he went to church on Sunday as was his duty. But right here we venture the prediction that a good Sunday flight of pigeons would be a harder temptation to resist Sabbath breaking than any other temptation that we can conceive of. W.

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Teachers' Examinations, 1894.

THE EXAMINATIONS OF APPLICANTS FOR SCHOOLS IN COLUMBIA COUNTY WILL BE HELD AS FOLLOWS:

Bloom--In High School Building, Tuesday, June 12. Berwick--In High School Building, Thursday, June 14. Catawissa and Franklin--At Catawissa, Friday, June 15. Conyngham--In Central school-house, Tuesday, June 19. Centralia--In High School Building, Wednesday, June 20. Hemlock--At Buckhorn, Monday, June 25. Montour--At Rupert, Tuesday, June 26. Mt. Pleasant--At Millertown, Saturday, June 30. Millville and Greenwood--Millville, Monday, July 2. Scott--At Light Street, Wednesday, July 11. Centre and Briarcreek--At Grange Hall, Thursday, July 12. Locust, Cleveland and Roaringcreek--At the Lower Slabtown school-house, Wednesday, July 18. Mifflin--At Mifflinville, Thursday, July 19. Main and Beaver--At Mainville, Friday, July 20. Benton, Jackson and Sugarloaf--At Benton, Wednesday, July 25. Fishingcreek--At Forks, Thursday, July 26. Orange--At Orangeville, Tuesday, July 31. Pine--At Iola, Thursday, August 2. Madison--At Jerseytown, Wednesday, August 8. Special examinations will be held at Bloomsburg, in the High School building, Saturday, August 18, Saturday, September 8, and Saturday, Sept. 29. Applicants should attend the examination in the district in which they expect to teach. Special examinations will not be granted, except upon a written application, signed by at least three members of the board desiring to employ the applicant, and then only after all the examinations as above indicated have been held. Examinations will commence at 8.45 o'clock A. M. The Directors are respectfully invited to be present. The State Teachers' Association will be held this year at Media, July 3, 4 and 5. By writing to L. S. Shimmell, Harrisburg, teachers may get cards to secure reduced rates on R. R. WILLIAM C. JOHNSTON, County Superintendent.

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Proceedings of the Meeting at the Briarcreek Church.

At the Union Meeting held at the Briarcreek Church, on May 31, Rev. S. B. Stubb was appointed chairman, and Mr. William S. Ash Secretary.

The following items were adopted: That a shed be built of sufficient width to protect horse and vehicle, and its length to be determined by the amount of subscription. That the shed be divided into double stalls of sixteen feet; and every person or family paying the cost of a single stall of eight feet, shall own and be entitled to the use of that stall when present, and when not occupied by the owner, it shall be considered free for common use. The estimated cost of each single stall is \$8.

All persons or families giving a sum less than the cost of a single stall, shall be entitled to the use of those stalls not owned by individuals but held for general use.

One single stall is to be designated for the exclusive use of the pastors who preach at this church.

The shed shall be located on the ground now used for hitching purposes. That the soliciting and building committee shall consist of the following persons: Reformed, Mr. L. M. Adams and Mr. William S. Ash, Lutherans, Mr. S. Sittler and Mr. Levi Schaffer.

Alleged Case of Divine Retribution.

It is asserted that recently a man, while engaged in threshing grain at Acton Vale, Quebec, indulged in a great deal of profanity, and that, on being reproached for his language by some bystanders, he replied: "If there's a God let Him punish me." The man was at once stricken with paralysis and fixed in the position in which he stood.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

Property Sold and Bought.

The following named persons have had their deeds recorded in compliance with law since those last published:

John Steadman to Stephen Steadman, Sugarloaf. H. H. Rhoads to C. S. Fox et al., Locust. B. F. Zarr to J. H. Hetler, Mifflin. Wm. Parker to Daniel W. Robbins, Pine. Henry Hartzel to Chas. F. Hartzel, Main. Susan Rombaugh to Briarcreek School District. Wm. Williams to Freeman W. Fry, Catawissa. Alfred Mood to Susie Hummel, Espy. F. L. Haines to Chas. Gibbons, Benton. Holland McHenry to F. P. Cole, Benton. John Mourey, Sheriff to A. B. Stewart, Orangeville. C. C. Long to J. L. Richardson, Bloomsburg. Ellsworth Shaffer to Susanna Shaffer, Mt. Pleasant. Mason C. Johnson to Emma R. Grimes, Scott. Franklin Rarig to Adam Rarig, Locust. T. M. Heacock to Caleb Seybert, Briarcreek. Rovcina Zimmerman to Elizabeth A. Heacock, Berwick. S. C. Shive to Adam Utt, Bloomsburg. Eliza A. Sharretts to G. L. Reagan, Briarcreek. Nehemiah Kitchen to John A. Dildine, Greenwood. John A. Dildine to Edward Henrie, Greenwood. Mary Young to Hiram B. Young, Pine. Geo. Beagle to Wm. Chrisman, Greenwood. Wm. Chrisman to Clark Taylor, Greenwood. Susan W. Heller to G. W. Heller, Millville. W. M. Davidge to E. J. Drum, Jamison City. Manassa F. Ash to C. A. Wesley, Jamison City. Caleb Barton to Thomas J. Barton, Bloomsburg. Samuel Smith, Sheriff, to Rohr McHenry, Jackson. Rohr McHenry to Calvin W. Young, Jackson. E. C. Wells et al. to Mary A. Knorr, Bloomsburg. Josiah Ralston to Ida A. Lyons, Bloomsburg. C. L. Sands to J. W. Mordan, Mt. Pleasant. John Jameson et al. to B. D. Cole et al. Jamison City. Jacob M. Wenner, Trustee, to Susannah Wilson, Fishingcreek. John Mourey, Sheriff, Trustee, to B. F. Sharpless, Bloom. G. A. McKelvy and Margaret A. Miller, Executor, to C. W. Miller, Bloomsburg. C. W. Miller to Bloomsburg Brass & Copper Co., Bloomsburg.

Snakes.

Twelve rattle-snakes, making the air ring with the dreadful music of their tails, were carried into Oil City recently, by "Rattle-snake Pete" Gruber. A few days ago Pete's last pet snake died, and he started out yesterday to get some new ones. He and a helper caught two, missed the third, and in unearthing him found 10 more big rattlers in a bunch. Gruber only had a paper floursack in which to carry his catch. He put the 12 snakes in the bag, but the reptiles broke it. Gruber "herded" the flock in the road while his helper found another sack. Gruber got the dozen rattlers in, but he forgot to fasten the mouth of the sack. On the Seneca street bridge one of the snakes climbed from the sack to his neck when he first discovered it. It was in too big a hurry to get away to attack the snake-catcher, until he seized it to throw it from his shoulder. It then struck at him viciously, but missed and struck its fangs into its own body. It was put back into the sack, but died soon after.

The breath of a chronic catarrh patient is often so offensive that he becomes an object of disgust. After a time ulceration sets in, the spongy bones are attacked, and frequently destroyed. A constant source of discomfort is the dripping of the purulent secretions into the throat, sometimes producing invertebrate bronchitis, which is usually the exciting cause of pulmonary disease. The brilliant results by its use for years past properly designate Ely's Cream Balm as by far the best and only cure. Call upon your druggist for it.

Having last week enlarged somewhat upon the many aspirations of the girls of New York who are determined to vote, we now find they are playing base ball like men up there. The following extract covers the case in point: "The New York young ladies club will play base ball with the Toy Factory nine on the East Towanda grounds this afternoon. This will probably prove a drawing card."

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The County Superintendent vs. Prof. L. P. Sterner.

In the Bloomsburg papers last week I noticed the following communication:

BLOOMSBURG, PA., May 25, '94. BLOOMSBURG SCHOOL BOARD, BLOOMSBURG, PA.

GENTLEMEN:--The term for which my professional certificate was endorsed will expire on the first Monday of June, 1894. The County Superintendent has refused to renew it, and since there is no examination for me to attend I am compelled to resign. I therefore resign the principalship of your schools,--the resignation to take effect June 4th, 1894. I regret that this step is necessary, but for your protection I must take it. Very Respectfully Yours, L. P. STERNER.

I must refer publicly to this communication because it contains two plain misstatements.

1st. Is the statement: "The county superintendent has refused to renew" Mr. Sterner's certificate.

This is not true. When I visited his school on the 16th of April last I gave him the reasons why I could not renew it without an examination. He refused to take an examination stating at that time that he would not.

In the School Law--copy of 1892--page 125 are these words: "Professional certificates may be renewed by a county, city or borough superintendent without re-examination, after having fully satisfied himself by personal observation in his or her school, of the competency and skill as a teacher of the person holding it." On page 127 of same book are these words: "County superintendents cannot be too careful in renewing old professional certificates."

If Mr. Sterner possesses the necessary qualifications and will give evidence in a public examination which he may take, I shall cheerfully renew his certificate.

2nd. He says: "Since there is no examination for me to attend I am compelled to resign."

This is not true. I mailed him this year's circular of examinations, and he could see that he might take an examination in Bloomsburg June 12th, August 18th, Sept. 8th or Sept. 29th.

If none of these come early enough, it is well known that in cases of necessity an application signed by three directors of a district secures a special examination at any time. These are the facts in the case. Let us be honest and truthful in what we do and say.

Public office in a county as well as in the state and nation is a public trust, and the people have a right to know what their officials are doing, therefore I submit the following resolutions which were sent me May 19th by the secretary of the Bloomsburg school board and were returned by me with the objections as given, by registered letter, to Mr. L. P. Sterner, May 21st.

BLOOMSBURG, PA., April 20, 1894. At a meeting of the board of school directors of Bloomsburg school district, Columbia county, State of Pennsylvania, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That L. Parvin Sterner, whose address is Bloomsburg, Columbia county, Pa., having taught a common school in this district for five annual school terms--two terms as assistant principal and three terms as principal of the High School, we take pleasure in saying that we consider him well qualified as a teacher, morally, intellectually, and professionally. Resolved, That we recommend the State Board of Examiners and the Faculty (Dr. D. J. Waller is the Principal) of the State Normal School, located at Indiana, Pa., to grant the above-named person a teacher's State certificate.

By order of the Board. JOS. GARRISON, President. Attest: WM. E. RINKER, Sec.

JERSEYTOWN, PA., May 21, 1894. I am obliged to refuse to sign the above application you present for State certificate.

1st. Because of your evident lack of general knowledge and culture which is shown in your work.

2d. Because of your insufficient knowledge of both the science and the art of education which is shown in your teaching.

3d. Because I have grave reasons for questioning your moral fitness.

4th. Because of your non-progressive spirit as a teacher shown by your failure to attend the last county institute without known or reasonable cause and without explanation in your particular case.

5th. Because for the above reasons, and the additional facts that during the past three years I have talked with your directors about your work and some of them have agreed with me as to your unfitness, it has been necessary for me to refuse to renew your professional certificate without an examination, which you may take with other applicants at the public examination in Bloomsburg where you will have the privileges that other applicants have, and will receive whatever your qualifications merit. Respectfully, WILLIAM C. JOHNSTON, Supt. Col. Co.

As shown in the letter to him I

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have been and am ready to give Mr. Sterner an examination at any proper and reasonable time.

Very Respectfully, WILLIAM C. JOHNSTON.

Senator Hill and Senator Smith are wide of the mark in representing that the tax is not favored by the people of the States which would pay the greater portion of it. The World repeats the conviction it has expressed before, that if the question of an income tax could be separately submitted to the suffrages of the people of the Eastern and Middle States it would be approved by a large majority.

McKinleyism and Coxeism are but twin offsprings of thirty years of Republican legislation.

MARY A. TUPPER IN A WOMAN'S PRISON.

Restored to Her Husband at Wilton, Me., After Months of Suffering.

(SPECIAL TO OUR LADY READERS.) Women's prisons are not always built of iron bars and solid masonry. It is easy to shut women up from the beautiful, joyous world without these means.



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