

WASHINGTON.

From our Regular Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, April 2, 1897.

There is no limit to republican audacity. Not only was the McKinley tariff bill number 2 put through the House—forced through in nearer true—before an opportunity had been given members to go through even the farce of offering amendments to have them overruled by the chair, instead of being voted down by the members, to more than about one-sixth of the entire bill, but an amendment was forced down the throats of the republican members which is generally conceded to be unconstitutional, and to be in direct conflict with a decision handed down by the U. S. Supreme court since the Wilson tariff bill became a law. This amendment makes the duties which will finally be imposed by the bill go into effect April 1, although no one expects the bill to become a law for at least three months, and no one has any means of knowing how the duties will stand when the bill passes the Senate. This amendment is a bluff pure and simple, intended to frighten importers into stopping importations while the bill is pending in the Senate. If it works, the importers are a timid set, as there are no lawyers of any prominence who regard the amendment as worth the paper it is printed on.

Mr. McKinley is still daily wrestling with the office-seekers, but he isn't making many appointments and the few that he is making are unsatisfactory to the rank and file. He has sprung a new dodge on the Senators and Representatives. When he gets ready to make a personal appointment he lets the Senators and Representatives from the same state know his intention, thus giving them the opportunity to save their prestige by adding their endorsement. It may be imagined that this sort of thing isn't pleasant to the Senators and Representatives, but they are afraid to kick at this stage of the game.

Representative "Champ" Clark, of Mo., made a semihumorous speech on the tariff bill, just before the gag rule under which it was forced through the House stopped all talk, which contained some very serious ideas. For instance, he said: "If this is not a sectional bill, how does it happen that the Western farmers find their green hides not only on the fence, but on the free list, while the New England shoe manufacturer has a high tariff on his finished products? How does it happen that the cotton growers find their products on the free list while the cotton manufacturers have theirs on the protected list? I will tell you why. It was stated with brutal frankness by the gentleman from Indiana, the other day, that the Southern and Western people would have to vote the republican ticket or a high tariff, or else be debarred from the benefits of your tariff legislation." Mr. Clark's concluding words were: "We may be fools and leather-heads and all that sort of thing, but I tell you, gentlemen, the people living west of the Potomac have got sense enough to know when they are sand-bagged and held up; and, fools as we are, we have some rights that the New England highwayman ought to respect."

Senator Hansbrough's measure entitled "a bill to prevent inventors and others from being deceived and defrauded by alleged patent attorneys" is now before the Senate Committee on Patents. The bill is the result of numerous complaints which have come to Washington, and is intended to put a stop to a practice which makes the U. S. Government appear in the eyes of some people as an abettor of a lottery scheme. It makes it unlawful for patent attorneys or solicitors to offer or award any prize or premium, or chance to win one, as an inducement to lure inventors into entering alleged competitions of ideas, and provides as penalties fines for \$500 to 1,000 or imprisonment from six months to one year. The bill also directs the Commissioner of Patents to prepare rules of practice for patent attorneys.

Senator Foraker has introduced a bill to permit pooling by railroads. This speaks for itself. Only last week the U. S. Supreme Court decided that railroad pooling was illegal, and now a republican Senator promptly comes forward with a bill to meet the Court's decision and to legalize railroad pooling, which is only another name for railroad trusts. It seems that all the campaign debts to corporations and trusts were not paid in the tariff bill.

The new republican members of the Senate did so much vigorous kicking that a republican caucus has decided to try to fill the vacancies on Senate Committees. Whether they succeed will depend on how much they try to grab. Senator Gorman, chairman of the democratic steering committee, made them a fair offer weeks ago—that republican vacancies be filled by republicans, democratic vacancies by democrats and populist vacancies by populists. They have so far refused to accept that offer.

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A Coin that Has Disappeared.

"Though the penny of 1856," observed a numismatist, "was issued in great sufficiency, the coins soon disappeared from circulation, and are held as rarities. They are seldom offered for sale, but those which have been offered brought a large price. There are several theories existing among coin experts as to the disappearance of this penny, being of the older style and large, but the most generally accepted is that the penny was gobbled up in consequence of a rumor which was started on the authority of an employee of the United States mint where the pennies were made. This rumor was that in making the composition of the metals for the coin a bar of gold was melted up by mistake for a bar of nickel, and that the reason why the penny disappeared was in consequence of its intrinsic value. The result of this and other stories about the 1856 penny is that though there were just as many coined as there were of '54, '55 or '57 pennies, one of the '56 pennies will to-day bring nearly one hundred times as much money as those of the other years mentioned. Some numismatists have even gone so far as to test the composition. They found no trace of gold. It is one of the many peculiar things about the scarcity of some coins."—Washington Star.

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Can England Be Invaded?

Is there any danger of England being invaded by a foreign foe? This question was recently put to General Wolsley. His reply was as follows: "Not so long ago we were within measurable distance of a war with France. Such a war, believe me, would not be only naval. A country which has such a colossal army as France would certainly wish to use it. Invasion, attempted or accomplished, would have to be one of the military contingencies to be considered by us. Of course we rely upon our fleet for preventing a descent.

"The navy is our 'first line,' but there are some who think—I do not say I am one of them—that our navy is not so immeasurably superior to the French that we can always count upon meeting it strength for strength at the critical moment in the home seas.

"Command of the channel might be obtained by stratagem or after conflict, and a very short time—a couple of days—would suffice to effect a very secure lodgment on our shores. No, no; invasion is not impossible. Von Moltke thought that, although he said it would be easier to get into England than out of it again. I dare say we should give a good account of ourselves to invaders, but the shock, the temporary paralysis and collapse, would be very terrible, even if we triumphed in the end. But let us hope that invasion is very far off indeed."—London Letter.

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THE CIVILIZING WHEEL.

Facts of Interest to Riders of the Silent Steed.

It is the concurrent testimony of the daily news reports that whenever two vehicles come into collision, or two opposing umbrellas collide, there is a certain amount of friction engendered, sometimes giving rise to bad language and even to lawsuits. But how different is the result when bicycle collides with bicycle! Instead of breaking out into obnoxious and hatred, each one became deeply interested in the other and wanted to know the make of his wheel and its capacity to resistance in collision. The minor matter of personal damage was then settled at the nearest drug store, a libation to the new acquaintance was poured out in those soft drinks which the wheel has done so much to popularize, mutual inquiries were made as to their respective clubs and the condition of various suburban roads, and they who had met as strangers parted as friends because each one was satisfied that his wheel was the better. This is the striking illustration of the civilizing



BY THE WAY.

and humanizing influence of the bicycle, but it is something which to all wheelmen is more commonplace. Politeness and good nature are merely two in a long catalogue of benefits. Its cheerful influences know no limit to their range. It has multiplied courtships and abolished elopements, and while it has encouraged matrimony it has diminished divorces. The melancholy wheelman is wholly unknown, and it is positively asserted that no wheelman has ever committed suicide voluntarily. When one reflects that the bicycle is, so to speak, still an infant industry, the mind is lost in conjecture as to the future of its influence on the human race.

Once every two months should be enough to take a tolerably good wheel apart, and if half that is claimed for the 1897 wheels is true, and you have one of them, once a year should be sufficient. Many riders have a mania for taking their machines apart and talking of the great amount of time that is wasted in keeping bicycles in good order. Amateurs rarely do any good by looking into the bearings, and are as likely as not to do considerable harm by getting grit into the cups or failing to adjust the bearings so that they shall be just snug enough when they put the parts together. So much depends on the adjustment of a wheel being exactly right that it is always wise to leave that matter to a thoroughly competent person. Pedal mounting is becoming more and more common. It is a good thing to avoid. It wrenches the wheel, and however carefully and strongly it may be made, successive shocks of that kind are certain to make trouble later in the season. Curb mounts are the best for the wheel.

No amount of preaching or instruction will fully impress the novice with the possibilities of side slip. Warn him ever so faithfully to be careful not to turn sharply on wet spots, and down he will go with a slam at the first favorable opportunity. The one thing to do in slippery places is to ride in a perfectly straight line. Turn a matter of two points in either direction and the situation is lost. Not until the average beginner has gone to earth once or twice can he be convinced that this is so. The feeling that prevails when the machine, crablike, begins to edge off sideways, is the most forlorn and helpless of all cycling sensations, save that experienced by the brakeless cyclist when he realizes that his wheel is running away with him down hill. And the more frantic the effort to recover equilibrium the more complete the contact of the rider's person with the ground when the sprawl follows.

A writer on hygiene states that the intense thirst which attacks many wheelmen is the result of breathing through the lips, thus parching the lips, mouth and throat, and advises that the mouth be kept shut against inhalations. He says: "When you can't make a hill without opening the mouth 'twere better to dismount than to continue the exertion. Even when dismounted and the breathing is labored, the mouth should be kept closed. He also advises against the use of tobacco, stating that chewing affects the circulating system; smoking, especially cigarettes, affects the heart and breathing, making one short winded. Concluding, he says: "A cigarette smoker will find that it requires more exertion for him to ride a fine, well-gear, well-oiled machine than it does a non-cigarette smoker to push an old-fashioned, rusty, out-of-date bicycle."

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He May Be President of a Railroad.

In the event of Chauncey M. Depew representing the United States at the court of St. James during Mr. McKinley's administration—and this appointment is regarded as settled—the presidency of the New York Central railway system will become vacant. The new president will probably be H. Walter Webb, now the third vice president of the road. Already he has full charge of the operating department and is regarded as second only to Mr. Depew in the management of the larger affairs of the system. He is also the vice president of the Wagner Palace Car company.

The reported selection of Mr. Webb for the responsible post of president of the New York Central is regarded everywhere as excellent. He has distinguished himself in railway management and has shown himself a man of brilliant conception, strong purpose, great activity and telling executive ability. Under his management the railroad won a victory in the big strike of 1891 that gave it great prestige, and the planning and building of the Adirondack and St. Lawrence railroad were due entirely to him. Mr. Depew and the Vanderbilts have for several years intrusted to him innumerable duties and active powers not usually invested in any but the president.

The Mount Lebanon Shakers recently performed a great deed of charity, although it was not designed as a charity, being nothing more nor less than an advertising scheme. It however resulted in great good just the same. They gave away 1,000 bottles of their Digestive Cordial to those suffering from stomach derangements.

It was so effective in curing those who used the remedy that they were loud in their praises of it and in consequence a large demand for the Cordial was at once created.

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WISE WORDS.

Love is a disease, and marriage is generally its best anti-toxin.

Somehow the wittiest girl isn't the one a man picks out to marry.

The man who is too poor to lend his friends money will never have many enemies.

Most men view all public questions through spectacle colored by party prejudice.

The happiest man is he who adds to the happiness of the largest number of other men.

When doctors disagree it helps to swell the population of one of the other places.

The man who goes about wishing he was never born is not the only man who regrets it.

Silence may be golden, but plenty of silver will shut a man's mouth just as effectively.

It is curious that a thing which will lose a man a woman's friendship won't lose him her love.

A man's enemies never kick him when he is down; they stand aside and let his friends do it.

As soon as a man shows that he knows much about women a girl begins to think he has a past.—The South-West.

Snow In Town and Country.

It is difficult for persons who live in country towns, where sleighing during the winter is an unmixed blessing, to understand that snow in New York is an expensive nuisance. A Canadian newspaper devoted several columns last week to the statement, which, from the Canadian point of view, was sensational, that the street cleaning department of New York had already spent \$300,000 in carting away snow. The Canadian newspaper told of the number of men employed, and it expressed surprise that New York should struggle so hard to free itself of snow. In the town where this newspaper is published the snow is piled six or eight feet high nearly all winter along the sidewalks, and the department hydrants are marked with hemlock trees stuck in the snowbanks beside them.—New York Sun.

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Table with columns for Stations, A.M., P.M., and P.M. (West). Stations include Scranton, Hazleton, Pottsville, etc.

Connections at Rupert with Philadelphia & Reading Railroad for Tamaqua, Pottsville, etc. At Northumberland with P. & E. Div. P. & R. for Harrisburg, Lock Haven, Emporium, Warren, Corry and Erie.

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Table with columns for SOUTH, STATIONS, and NORTH. Includes arrival and departure times for various stations.

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