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CHARLES R. BUCKALEW, ex-congressman of Bloomsburg, is a candidate for congressional nomination in the Seventeenth district.

A REMINGTON typewriter that sells in this country for \$100 can be bought in Europe for \$75. This is one of the "tens" of protection. The machines are made here, shipped abroad and sold for \$25 less than offered here!

FIFTY-two years of courtship!—What an exhibition of patience and loyalty is contained in that more than half century of mutual love and "hilling and cooing" in the lives of Andrew Wagoner and Miss Hannah Wedge, of Bath, Steuben county, New York, who were married recently—the former at 78 the latter at 76; years of age.

THE town elections in Indiana on Tuesday show that the Republicans, united with the A. P. A., were successful in most of the towns and cities. It will turn out that these are costly victories for the g. o. p. Better defeat than alliance with a secret oath bound sectarian conspiracy, at war with the vital principles of American liberty and American institutions.

The Chinese treaty was under discussion for six hours by the senate executive session on Monday, but that time proving sufficient for its disposal, it went over for a day when Senator Morgan gave notice he would again call it up. Speeches were made favorable to ratification by Senator Morgan and Sherman, of the committee on foreign relations, and by Senator White, of California, while Senator Perkins, of California, spoke in opposition.

A riot occurred at Hyde Park, Westmoreland county, on Tuesday, between a number of non-union mill workers of Apollo and union men of Hyde Park, during which two of the union men were badly hurt, one being shot in the thigh and the other having a gash six inches long in his cheek. Superintendent Saver of Hyde Park, made information against the non-union leaders Cummings and Roup, and six companions, charging them with riot, felonious assault and battery and carrying concealed weapons.

The tourists who were imprisoned in the stalactite cave at Souris in Austria, for nine days, owing to a sudden rise in the water and the fact that the passage into the cave became blocked with timbers, and boulders were at last rescued alive on Monday. Although alive they appeared like persons half bereft of reason, as the terrible nervous strain to which they had been subjected had almost driven them mad. Fortunately they had taken a considerable supply of provisions with them when they went into the cavern.

An enterprising real estate man at Washington has offered to set the Coxey army at work. He has a tract of land about three and a half miles distant from the city which he desires to have cleared of underbrush and made ready for subdivision. It is a pretty spot and much healthier than the sewer mouth camp now occupied by the Coxeyites. The owner, Dr. G. P. Gehring, offered to let the army camp on the tract and to pay them \$500 if they would clear the ground. The proposition struck Coxey favorably, but Browne was unwilling to move the camp so far from the city, and the offer was rejected.

With the valuable white pine forests of the state nearing a finish and the hemlock supply figured down to 480,000 acres, it is a condition and not a theory that now faces the lumber interests of Pennsylvania. The annual consumption of hemlock bark by the tanneries in the northwest counties is about 700,000 cords, and the value of the leather amounts to \$55,000,000. Before the century ends very little bark will be available in this state, and two important industries are seriously threatened from the lack of judicious investment in a tariff that protects by giving raw material free. This business situation is taken by the Wilson bill, which places lumber on the free-list. The McKinley duty of \$2 per thousand has literally laid waste the fine forest sections of the state.

The Democratic members of the finance committee, acting through the committee of revision, of which Senator Jones has been the head, late on Monday evening gave to the public the amendments which had been heralded as the compromise measure upon which the Democratic party was to solidify and after a brief debate pass the tariff bill. The committee was in session all day Sunday, and the experts charged with formulating the amendments upon the conclusions reached by the committee were kept at work all through Sunday night. There were over 400 amendments.

Many of the changes are unimportant and consist of a restoration of the House duties which the senate had decreased. A number of articles have been taken from the free list, chief among these being agricultural products. The sugar schedule is forty per cent, ad valorem on all raw sugars, and an additional one-eighth of a cent on all sugar above No. 15 Dutch standard, with a discriminating duty of one-tenth of a cent against those countries that pay an export bounty. A provision that will set at rest much of the discussion likely to grow out of this section is that which expressly stipulates that the treaty with Hawaii shall not be construed to be abrogated or in any manner impaired by the passage of this act.

THE present great bituminous coal strike, says an exchange, in a peculiarly clear way proves both the fallacy and futility of the protectionist position as to the wages of labor.

The Homestead iron strike was a sad exposure, but this one is far more disastrous to their argument.

A coal miner gets from 35 to 40 cents a ton wages. The tariff on bituminous coal is 75 cents a ton.

According to the protectionist, the purpose of a tariff is to increase the price of an article so that the producer can out of his increased price pay his laborers high American wages; that is, he argues, the tariff ought to be equal to the difference between the foreign and the American wages. They claim that the tariff is solely for the benefit of the laborer and not for the producer.

The tariff on coal being 75 cents a ton, every person who buys a ton of coal pays 75 cents more than he would if coal were on the free list and there was no tariff tax. Now we see that this 75 cents? It goes to the owners of the mines, who pay 35 or 40 cents of it to the miners and pocket the balance. In other words, the mine owner gets his coal mined for nothing and is presented with a bonus for letting the people have the honor of purchasing from him.

The consumer is paying for his coal 75 cents a ton more than he could get it for if he chose to vote for the resolution. But apparently he is either too stupid or very generous, for as a matter of fact he is actively supporting all the coal miners in the country by the excess of price. For every ton of coal he burns he subscribes 15 cents toward the wages of the miner, who, however, gets only half of the subscription. The mine owner takes the other half, a sort of commission.

Could anything illustrate more forcibly the iniquity of the tariff? It plainly does not increase wages, but just as plainly it does increase the two other things, the price of coal and the profits of the mine owner. And this is not an exception.

It has been proved so often that protection does not affect wages to increase them, but does raise the price of everything produced, that it seems almost incredible that anyone should still have faith in the rejected fallacy.

If the fallacy of theory were not hidden by the falsity of statements there would be no protectionists.

The McKinley Democrats in the Senate in the last revision of the tariff bill, says the Pittsburgh Post, played havoc with many reforms in the Wilson bill as it passed the House. But there is no use worrying over them, as the great desire of the people is for prompt action, and any bill that has been proposed is to be preferred to the McKinley law.

The Republicans in Congress are not doing much talking this week about the special election Tuesday in the third Ohio Congressional district, at which the Democrats elected Paul J. Song to Congress by a large majority, although a week ago they were insisting that the district would go Republican in a test against tariff reform. It seems that the Democrats of that district are like those of all other districts—they want tariff reform, and the Democratic senators cannot give it to them any better.

The Republicans are as querulous and spiteful as a lot of setting hens these days, and all because the Democratic senators do not see fit to take them into their confidence as to the nature of the proposed amendments to the tariff bill.

With the exception of the day that the Senate adjourned immediately after assembling, because of the death of Senator Stockbridge, of Michigan, there has not been a session of the Senate for a week at which the Republicans have not attempted to provoke the Democrats to a vote. To the credit of the Democrats it is said they have as a rule kept their tempers, allowing the Republicans to make a lot of ridiculous statements about something that they know absolutely nothing about—the intentions of the Democrats. The favorite misstatement seems to be that the new tariff bill is being prepared. Although denied when first made by Senators Vorhees and Harris, it has since been reiterated by a half dozen Republican senators. The Democratic senators will in due time announce the amendments to the tariff bill which will be supported by the finance committee and they will pass them, too, also the bill. The object of the Republicans is to create dissension among the Democrats, but it will not succeed. The Democrats are to day nearer together than they have been during the session, and will remain so.

Washington Letter.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 27, 1894.—President Cleveland and his cabinet are pursuing the even tenor of their official duties just as though there were no such thing in existence as Coxey's army. The President has promised to attend the unveiling of the Martha Washington monument at Fredericksburg, Virginia, on the 10th inst., and tomorrow Secretary Herbert will leave for the Pacific coast to inspect the government navy yards in that section.

Coxey's march upon the capitol was one of the most farcical fizzles of the age. To day he and Carl Browne and Christopher Columbus Jones are being tried in the police court for violating the law in attempting to make speeches from the steps of the Capitol. They are not likely to be severely punished—probably small fines as a warning. If the feeling now is on their way to Washington, it will be a good idea to within smelling distance of the pest hole in which the poor Coxeyites are confined. Coxey says camped—they would turn back at once. Inasmuch as Coxey was told by the Health officer of the larger attendant upon putting these poor devils in a marsh partially filled with dumps of city filth, with an open sewer on one side and stagnant green scummed cesspools on the other, and the foul atmosphere thoroughly impregnated with malarial germs, it looks as though he would be glad to gain a little additional notoriety by having a lot of them die like dogs. Nearly all of the four hundred men now there are half sick from exposure and lack of proper food and the dirtiest place in the country. Coxey, being comfortably quartered at a hotel, says he intends to keep these men here until they are joined by several hundred thousand, but where won't those who don't get sick will desert; every day some of them get arrested for begging in the streets and are sent down as vagrants.

In addition to recovering \$27,513.24 paid out on fraudulent or illegal pensions, the Democratic management of the pension bureau has saved the government the loss of a million dollars during the last twelve months by the discovery of frauds and the stopping of all assumed payments on them. This is only the sort of thing that a people have a right to expect from the Democratic management of every branch of the government.

They would doubtless resent being called lobbyists, but there can be no doubt that the work upon which the gentlemen who are here representing the various parties interested in Pacific railroads legislation, now being considered by House and Senate committees, are engaged in is lobbying pure and simple. Each and every one of them is after legislation that will protect the interests of the government.

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