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How prosperously the country is getting along under radical rule. We all know what the promises were, and the items below - and we could furnish a column of the same sort - tell what the results are.

The Brady's Band from works, of Brady's Band, Armstrong county, which gave employment to 600 men and which works comprise four blast furnaces, coal banks, etc., have succumbed to the financial pressure and have ceased operations.

The Phoenix iron company, Phoenixville, have been reducing wages. Boilers will receive \$8 per ton, puddlers \$5.50 and helpers' wages will be reduced four cents per heat. All other wages at the mill, the blast furnaces and shops, as well as other labor, will be reduced ten per cent. where the daily earnings or wages are at present over \$1.50 or less the deduction will be ten cents per day, but when less than \$1 the deduction will be five cents per day.

A dispatch from Pittsburgh says the management of the Cambria iron works at Johnstown have given notice to the workmen of the suspension of payment of wages until such time as money can be collected. The extensive brick yards near Poughkeepsie have all stopped, and the employing carpenters and manufacturers are working with half the usual force. The extensive works of Garner & Co., at Little Falls, Calumet, Rochester, Pleasant Valley, Newburgh, and Haverstraw, stopped on Saturday, and ten thousand men are out of employment. The firm paid five hundred thousand dollars a month to their employees.

The factories in other places have been stopped or reduced both time and wages. St. Louis, October 28 - It is stated that the Atlantic and Pacific, and St. Louis and Kansas City and Northern Railroad Companies will reduce the salaries of all their employees from the present down ten per cent. from November 1st.

From all the manufacturing districts of the country come tidings of the closing of establishments, and discharging of hands. Thousands upon thousands of workmen have already been thrown out of employment since the commencement of the financial troubles, and those establishments that have not discharged their hands, have placed them upon short time with a reduction of wages. This is a gloomy outlook, and the more so, when we behold this dreadful state of affairs on the brink of a stern winter, with no prospect of relief for the workmen who are on the verge of destitution. How will the poor of the cities and the manufacturing districts, where there is nothing but stagnation, steer through this rough sea of want? We know, and they must feel, that the promises of good things to follow the re-election of Grant and continuing of the radical party in power, will not bring them work, nor meat, nor bread, nor any funds whatever wherewith to pay their rent and feed and clothe their little ones. The picture is a gloomy one, and the worst is yet to come, and will be felt as we journey on through winter. Much suffering is already felt by the working classes, and the number thrown out of employment is daily on the increase. The Sprague, which means one half of Rhode Island, have failed, and they are not the last. Presidents, Congressmen and Governors can talk of pitying the poor, and argue of the necessity of keeping the radical party in power, and make great promises, with the working classes staring all the while in consequence of mismanagement in the government which is run by these very demagogues. Will the people now be wise when they are made to feel?

CURRENCY TO BE PLACED ON A SILVER BASIS. New York, October 24 - It is said that the price of gold having fallen so low, Secretary Richardson feels justified in placing currency on a silver basis, and has determined to begin next week paying out silver the same as greenbacks, and will, when desired, pay off bills against the government in silver and exchange silver for currency, or vice versa.

Elections were held on Tuesday last in ten states of the Union namely: New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Mississippi, Virginia, Maryland, Arkansas, Wisconsin and Kansas.

The Constitutional Convention has now finished its work, and appointed the second Friday of December for a popular vote thereon. Apparently it entertains suspicion of Philadelphia, having ordered five commissioners to conduct the election there, whereas in all other parts of the State it will be conducted by the regular officers.

THE BUSINESS DEPRESSION.

SITUATION IN NEW YORK - ALL INTERESTS AFFECTED - SUFFERING AMONG THE POOR. New York, October 31 - Managers of charitable institutions say the pauper classes are applying in increased numbers to them for relief. The institutions are every where crowded, and every indication is seen of a terribly severe winter on the laboring classes. The institutions now public appeal for aid to help them to relieve the wants of the suffering, starving people, who have been thrown out of employment in a consequence of the money stringency. Their own funds are exhausted, and appropriate aid is sorely needed. The children's aid society reports an unusual amount of suffering among families. The Working Women's protective union says that the application for help have fallen off since the pauper and applications for relief have increased four fold. All benevolent societies complain of being harder pressed than they ever experienced before, and it is feared that unless substantial help is extended some must close their doors. This is the darkest side of the picture.

THE COAL AND FURNITURE TRADES are beginning to feel the depressing effects of the situation, and now sales are falling off very largely, and the working forces are consequently largely reduced.

The jewelry and silversmith trade is almost at a standstill. Lace and millinery goods have also experienced a considerable diminution in the volume of trade, but there is a hopeful prospect for spring.

The hatmakers complain of being overburdened. In consequence of the lack of work and workmen will suffer during the coming winter. Wages and force must be reduced, or manufacturing shops will be closed.

THE TEA TRADING UNIONS. Disorganization is reported to exist among the tea traders. Many of them who months ago were full of confidence, now number a handful. From inquiries among tea merchants and joiners' societies it is learned that the only society working on the eight hours basis is the amalgamated order of carpenters and joiners. The union of tea merchants has broken up, and the committee of conference which was appointed some time ago to discuss the eight hour movement, which was a failure. The German carpenters and cabinetmakers and pianomakers have all been obliged to return to the ten hour system. The bricklayers' society, which was one of the most formidable in the state, has become disorganized, and is now reported without funds. The winter is expected to be a hard one. It has been determined to call a mass meeting of citizens at Cooper institute to ask them to aid the mechanics and working people through the winter.

LLOYD, HAMILTON & CO.'S FAILURE. Lloyd, Hamilton & Co., who failed yesterday, have liabilities on contracts in the city of \$20,000. They have thirty-five large banking institutions of Pennsylvania, all of which are more or less intimately connected with the new embarrassed manufacturing interests of the country.

A LIST OF FAILURES. Rumors of many failures were in circulation yesterday. Among the failures were: Hoyt, Sprague & Co., Lloyd Hamilton & Co., T. & W. H. Daly, of 49 New street, C. Mattmann Schmitt & Co., and Kinber, Virvan & Co., of London. T. & W. H. Daly were shipping merchants, engaged in the southern trade, but the head of the firm it is said has become involved with the capitalists in the erection of the new Windsor hotel, and they have been obliged to suspend.

THE NEW PENNSYLVANIA LEGISLATURE. - According to the returns at Harrisburg the next Legislature of this State will consist of 100 Representatives, 12 Democrats and 18 Republicans. In the Senate and 60 Republicans, 38 Democrats and 2 Independent Democrats in the House. This gives the Republicans a majority of 77 in the Senate, 24 in the House and 51 in the total vote.

What Constitutes a Bankrupt? The question of what constitutes a bankrupt has just been settled by Judge Drummond, of the United States Circuit Court of Illinois. In a case just concluded, Judge Drummond decided that "any man who without any legal excuse refuses payment on his part for two weeks, may be under the law adjudged a bankrupt. He must satisfy the court that he is justified in withholding payment. His mere caprice or unwillingness to pay will not prevent his being adjudged bankrupt, but he must show that his promise to redeem extends over fourteen days. This decision, if confirmed by other authorities, will have the effect of hastening settlements in time to come."

CORN AND HOGS. Chicago, October 29 - The Commercial Review publishes the following table of replies by Milward & Co., provision dealers, from correspondents in Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, Ohio and Indiana, to inquiries addressed to them in regard to the number of hogs likely to be sent to market from their sections, their present condition, probable time of marketing and condition of the corn crop. Of fifty-two points in Indiana eleven report a heavy crop, seven report a medium crop, and the rest report a light crop. In Illinois, fifty-eight report a heavy crop, twenty report a medium crop, and the rest report a light crop. In Iowa, twenty-two report a heavy crop, twenty report a medium crop, and the rest report a light crop. In Missouri, twenty-two report a heavy crop, twenty report a medium crop, and the rest report a light crop. In Kansas, twenty-two report a heavy crop, twenty report a medium crop, and the rest report a light crop. In Ohio, twenty-two report a heavy crop, twenty report a medium crop, and the rest report a light crop. In Indiana, twenty-two report a heavy crop, twenty report a medium crop, and the rest report a light crop.

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Stokes' Obliging Witness.

We question if there has been any more interesting criminal before the public for a decade or so than the young man Stokes. In Great Britain they have a "Stokes" club, and in the United States we have Stokes who has been fortunate enough to command not only national but like his distinguished contemporaries, international attention.

The case of our representative reviewer is now drawing rapidly toward a close and the father it proceeds the more apparent does the fact become that the shadow of the gallows shall never again darken the prison of exultation, unless it be for the killing of some other man than Fisk. Apart from the sympathy which a large class in New York extend Stokes, the testimony this time has been wonderfully in his favor. It has been so wonderfully in his favor that it has occasioned in his behalf a decision of his truthfulness. Three witnesses have been called who depose to the fact of Fisk having a pistol drawn ready to fire when he was himself shot down. Fisk's having made frequent threats of murdering Stokes. All this is very fine, it is just the thing that has been needed to give the jury an opportunity of acquitting upon the ground of self-defense.

To say, it may occur to the inquisitive mind, why did not these people cognizant of such materials come forward at the previous trials and swear to them? Nevertheless, it is not to be wondered at that they should wait until the case was so clearly against Fisk, that it would not have been in their power to influence against the defendant here. The jury was generally set down even before the trial, and the evidence has been determined favorably to the harassed young man. As for the witnesses, they have made the appearance of some of them at least is easily accounted for. Had they come forward on the first trial and sworn to a lie, they would run serious risk of detection and in default for perjury under the laws of this country. It is not to be wondered at that they should wait until the case was so clearly against Fisk, that it would not have been in their power to influence against the defendant here.

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