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MR. MORRISON'S BILL.

Comments on Its Provisions by Washington's Wise Men.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—Printed copies of the Morrison tariff bill are now obtainable. The public have practically been in possession of the entire bill since Saturday night, yet no leader writer seems to have recognized the fact.

In a conversation with Senator Morrill, he said that the tariff bill of 1846, which was reduced again in 1867, was so low that we were practically being supplied by foreign countries with all our manufactured goods. The bill of 1861, referred to by Mr. Morrison was really the outgrowth of several years' labor, and was begun by a sub-committee of the ways and means committee in 1855.

Senator Morrill was chairman of the committee, and William A. Howard and Henry Winlet Davis were the other members. The bill was intended to establish the principles of protection, and to change the duties to specific rates. Duties were increased when the committee thought it would stimulate industries.

Such men as Senator Morrill regard the proposition to bring out a law framed a quarter of a century ago and attempt to adjust it to our present industrial wants as by several degrees the wildest proposition ever made.

The bill was laid before the members of the ways and means committee, and the committee, after passing a resolution calling upon the secretary of the treasury for an estimated statement as to the effect of the proposed reductions upon the revenues, as shown by the receipts from customs during the past six months, adjourned.

If it is possible to judge from the comments made upon the bill by democrats who have not heretofore been counted among the opponents of tariff agitation, Mr. Morrison's bill, or anything based upon it, retaining the principle of horizontal reduction will, Judge Kelley predicts, either be laid upon the table or have its enacting clause stricken out.

The Louisiana and California representatives are unanimously opposed to Morrison's plan and will vote against it. The Pennsylvania Democrats are a unit in opposition to it and the Ohio Democrats, with the exception of Hurd, will never vote for any bill that proposes to keep the duty on wool at its present low figure, much less to still further reduce it on the higher classes two per cent. below existing rates, and on the lower grades one-half of one per cent. per pound and one cent per pound respectively.

The thirty-five Democratic votes from these states alone form a nucleus of opposition to the horizontal reduction plan, which at least twenty-five other Democratic representatives will rally, hopefully beating the scheme from the start.

Representative Eaton, of Connecticut, said to-day: "I haven't read the bill, but any scheme for lowering duties by a horizontal reduction is absurd. No such bill, in my judgment, can pass."

Waldo Hutchins, of New York, said he had looked at the bill and thought it is a good bill and fair enough all around. It will probably serve every purpose.

Mr. Hewitt does not talk about the bill, but it is said that he will oppose it in committee. Judge Kelley and Mr. Hewitt have more practical knowledge of the tariff than any other two members of the house. That the measure should have met with adverse criticism was to be expected; no tariff bill could be presented at this time that would have escaped harsh treatment; but it is a surprise to friends of Mr. Morrison that his bill should have been so generally condemned.

GEN. GRANT'S HEALTH.

The General Not so Sick as has Been Reported—What his Son Says.

NEW YORK, Feb. 6.—A determined effort has lately been made by certain journals to convince the public that Gen. Grant is hopelessly ill and would never appear in public again. It has been alleged that the general was in continued pain, that he had no appetite, and could not sleep. This morning a reporter saw U. S. Grant, jr., who said in reference to the alarming reports: "I am glad to say that my father is in anything but the hopeless state some people would have you believe he is. His health is steadily improving—that is, the bruised limb is getting less and less painful. Of course he does not move about the house much, and when he does he has to use his crutches. This sedentary life has the effect of rendering sleep more facile and less easily to be won. But the general eats and sleeps well. Every day I go up to his room and chat with him over a cigar. He still clings to the pernicious weed. He seems always to be in good spirits. Correspondents of newspapers are always trying to interview him, but the general will not see them. A certain western journal that has a habit of reporting interviews that never take place sent a representative the other day. My father is looking out eagerly to see what the enterprising journalist, who got no further than the doorstep, will say. It may be confidently expected that Gen. Grant will be able to go out driving in a month's time. Before his accident he had never known what it was to be sick, and since he has had several little nervous attacks, but not a serious one, but an attack of pleurisy which he suffered a short time ago was almost dangerous. Still, he is getting along well now, and though the political world will certainly never see him again, I think Gen. Grant will be able to see such care to see him in every day life very soon."

Senator Blackburn, of Kentucky.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Feb. 6.—Blackburn was nominated senator by 63 votes to 67 for Williams.

The nomination of Blackburn is a curious fulfillment of the wishes of the people of Hart county, as voiced by Judge J. H. Currie, in an interview published in the Louisville Commercial six months ago: "Our people are rebels, and I for one am not ashamed to confess it. We are for Joe Blackburn for senator because he was a rebel soldier. We are for Mrs. Gen. Roger Hanson, librarian, because she is the widow of a rebel soldier. We are for Charles Offutt for speaker of the house because he is the descendant of a rebel family."

How They Stand Presidentially.

BOSTON, Feb. 5.—A canvass of the Republican members of the legislature on presidential preferences results: First choice, Edmonds, 31; Arthur, 21; Gen. Sherman, 4; Senator Sherman, 1; Baine, 3; Logan, 1; non-committal, 9. Arthur is generally favored in second choice and his administration is generally warmly commended. Some who prefer others think Arthur's chance of election best.

Able to Stand It.

CHICAGO, Feb. 6.—The loss by the destruction of the Standard Oil warehouse at Edgewater is placed at \$40,000; including \$25,000.

"A DANGEROUS POWER."

Mr. Hubbard Advocating Postal Telegraphy.

Duty of the Government—Innocent Purchasers of Western Union Stock—Something About Telegraph Consolidations.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—Mr. Gardner Hubbard appeared before the senate committee on post offices and post roads to-day in advocacy of the establishment of a system of postal telegraphy. He reviewed the efforts in behalf of postal telegraphy since 1867, and detailed in an interesting manner the progress made in electric science during the last few years, and explained its bearing on the telegraph business generally. He quotes from the report of the Western Union company for 1878 to show that reductions in the rates of the company were made while the question of postal telegraphy was being agitated. When the agitation ceased somewhat, he said, all information, if any, respecting rates was withheld by the company. In referring to the purchase of the Atlantic and Pacific company's lines, he said that the stock of that company, at the time it was purchased for \$200 per share, was without market value. It was controlled by the Western Union company, and the seller and buyer readily agreed upon a price to suit themselves.

They simply consulted their own interests. Did they consult the interest of the public? He thought not. Again, said the speaker, the European cables were of but little value until they were leased by the Western Union company. The manager of the Western Union went to the cable managers and asked whether they were willing to pool the cable business or whether they should lay competing lines. The consequence was an agreement to pool the business. In this way the European cables were of but little value until they were leased by the Western Union company. The policy of the Western Union company, from its organization to the present time, had been to absorb competing lines and issue watered stock. Several competing lines were now in existence, having been lately started, namely: The Baltimore and Ohio, Bankers and Merchants, and Postal. Mr. Garrett had asserted that he could not be bought out. He has built lines before and has sold them out, and it was but natural to suppose that he would do so again. Mr. Hubbard quoted Mr. Garrett's statement respecting the sale of the American Union lines to the Western Union company, and said the Baltimore and Ohio company built lines, made an alliance with the Western Union company, of which company Mr. Garrett became a director, and although representing the minority sold out his property, valued at \$4,000,000, for about \$15,000,000. Mr. Rife interrupted the speaker and said that in the transaction mentioned Mr. Garrett did not allow the transfer of the Baltimore and Ohio lines to the Western Union. "Be that as it may," continued Mr. Hubbard, "the consolidation was effected." Mr. Hubbard took the ground that the telegraph business is bound to be a monopoly whether transacted by a private corporation or by a government. He thought that at the outset the actual investment of the Western Union company was less than \$500,000. Since its absorption of other lines the aggregate amount expended had probably reached \$5,000,000. He thought that the government could do the telegraph business much cheaper than it can be done by corporations. When asked how he would protect "innocent purchasers" of Western Union stock in the event of a decision to inaugurate a system of postal telegraph, Mr. Hubbard answered that he knew of no way to protect them. In fact, he did not think there were any "innocent purchasers." If so, they would have to suffer alike with those who are not innocent. As the question had been more or less agitated for fifteen years past, he thought that all stockholders were fully acquainted with the facts in the case. Chairman Hill, interrupting, said he did not think that the question of innocent stockholders would ever be raised. He understood that there were about 2,900 stockholders, and it had been admitted that one man held a majority of the stock. Upon assuming Mr. Hubbard, contended that the Western Union company was a dangerous power, being controlled by three or four men who sat in their offices and could supervise not only political but the commercial and every description of news which is transmitted throughout the country. He asked: "Is there anything like the power of this corporation in this country or in any other?" "Through its agency," he said, "the gold and stock company collects the market news in Europe and forwards it to every point in the United States and vice versa. A fraction of a penny in any stock," he continued, "is a fortune for any man. The Western Union company admits no partnership, it allows no rival to exist, and its managers on control every question. In saying this," Mr. Hubbard added, "I do not make any charge against the company; but think that it is a power too large to be entrusted to any set of men, and it is the duty of the government to separate the sort of news referred to."

He referred to the close contracts made between the Western Union and the Associated Press, and mentioned several cases where newspapers which had criticized the reports furnished by the Associated Press, and others in which articles in support of postal telegraphy had appeared, had received notice that unless they abandoned such publications their news service would be discontinued. The committee was next again to-morrow, when it is expected that Mr. Garrett, of the Baltimore and Ohio road, and Mr. Mackey, of the Postal company, will be present.

Wrecking a Train.

WATERBURY, Ct., Feb. 7.—A train on the New England road struck a huge rock on the track near Towantuck, eight miles from Waterbury. The engine and baggage car left the track, running about 500 feet, when the engine and tender tumbled down an embankment sixty feet and were completely demolished. Engineer Warren Boght and Fireman William Fenn, both of Hartford, were imprisoned beneath the wreck and had to be cut out. Both men were badly scalded, but not fatally. The conductor, two brakemen, the express messenger and the baggage master were all more or less injured. None of the passengers were injured. The wounded were brought to this city and the passengers sent on to Hartford. It is not known whether this is an attempt at train wrecking or not, but an investigation will be made.

A Philledipian Fire.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 7.—The manufactory of Philip Electric Cable Manufacturing company was entirely destroyed by fire to-day, together with all its contents, consisting of machinery and four miles of ten wire copper cables manufactured for the United States Cable company and ready for shipment. While the firemen were at work the roof of the building fell in, injuring four firemen quite severely. The origin of the fire is unknown. Loss on building \$25,000 and on contents about \$25,000, partially covered by insurance.

LOSS AND GAIN.

Chapter I.

"I was taken sick a year ago with bilious fever."

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Colored Blankets from, 75cts a pair up
White Blankets from, 1.00 a pair up
Ladies' Hose 4 pair for, 20 cts
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