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THE MILL'S TARIFF BILL.

A GREAT REDUCTION UPON THE NECES SARIES OF LIFE.

The Tariff bill prepared by Mr. Mills and his Democratic associates was submitted to the Ways and Means Committee on March 1st. The additions to the free list effect a revenue reduction of United States army shall own a dog, with will be about \$55,000,000.

The enactment of this measure will afford great relief to the industries and business interest of the country. It will be a very important step towards the establishment of a rational system of taxation. is especially to be regretted that iron ore to us confessed that he had hard partly on tained him from Joe Coburn, and partly on As Mr. Ciffen says, there are instrumental and partly because of his distinguished derproducts. They lie at the foundation of ivation, he was taken at once to the barour manufacturing interests. Without them the industrial arts cannot be carried on, and they should be free from the bur. Rea. One was the doctor's-a long-legged dens of tariff taxation. There should not have been any surrender to local inter ests in a measure whose spirit and purpose are the general welfare. But, aside from this, the bill is fraught with blessings to the whole country.

It takes the tariff taxes from building materials, from wools that go into our clothing, from articles that are necessary to the farmer in the pursuit of his occupation, and from the wood, hemp and other products that are employed in shipbuilding, The cans in which our fruits are preserved, the ties that bind together the bales of cotton grown by our planters, the bagging for our wheat, the salt for our pork-all these and a large number of other articles are to be free when this bill shall become a law.

Our railroads are to have cheaper steel rails; the cost of the metal; and wood from which agricultural implements are made is to be reduced; the crockery and china which furnish forth our tab es are not to bear such a burden of taxation as an unjust discrimination imposed upon them. Sugar is to cost somewhat nearer | Jack and the other dogs became fast friends the price that its abundance demands

turers have been considered in a libera spirit. The reduction of the tax on their Ayres' pup were playing tag, and it was products is accompanied by a greater re the pup's turn to catch. Old Jack started, duction of the tax on the material from which they are made. If the consumer | laundress' quarters. A cauldron of soft are to have cheaper clothes and blankets cheaper dress goods and hats, the mann facturer is to be at liberty to buy his wool in the cheapest market. If the sugar the soap, and there wasn't much left of the that sweetens food is to cost less, so is the | pup when Ayres arrived but a big blaster raw sugar that is brought here to be re-

dence of the sincerity of the Democratic party's promises to wisely lighten the burdens of taxation. It follows naturally and properly the President's admir height he slipped out from the cloud of dust able message and the utterance of the aratoga platform. The bill is a vindication of these declarations. It is a wise attempt to undo and remedy the injustice and the iniquities of the Tariff law without doing injury to vested rights. No Whether it was the fault of the trumpeter one can be harmed by such a law as the or the fault of the dogs, it is certain that the Democrats propose, while the people bugle calls at Fort McRae got off the lines will be benefited.

P. T. Barnum declared that the best circus of to-day is not a fair mark for the church's hostility, and in the concluding chapter of a new edition of his autobiography gives this droll story: "On Sunday evening, May 21, 1882, I entered the Church of the Messiab, Rev. Robert Collyer, pastor, and quietly took a back seat, only to find the keen, clear eyes of seat, only to find the keen, clear eyes of feasible and great fun to dig for a marmet the preacher fixed upon me and to hear he had chased into a burrow just back of his resonant voice announce,"I see P. T Barcum is in a back pew of this church and I invite him to come forward and take a seat in my family pew. Mr. Barnum always gives me a good seat in his circus and I want to give him as good in my church. Mr. Barnum adds: "I old Mexico or Texas, and curled up for a thought the reverend gentleman had the courage of his convictions, and I was grateful to his congregation for the grav ity with which they listened to this pulpit notice and made way for me as wi h some embarrassment I took the seat in-

There is no longer any question about the removal of Libby Prison to Chicago The final transaction in the deal wacompleted, and the building is now the property of a local syndicate, whose pur pose is to transplant it to Chicago, by June 1. The parties interested declare that it will not be converted into a cham ber of horrors, but that it will be made an interesting place of resort, alike unobjectionable to Northern and Southern

It wi'l be taken down carefully and every brick marked and put in its exact place again at Chicago.

the tariff off of wool, which will put more thau adollar into the pecket of every man, woman and child in the country | train of dust and hornets in his wake, and The same bill will reduce the tariff on the doctor's peaceful home, the barracks, sugar and make that article cheaper, These features of the new tariff bill will mation which kept the hospital busy the operate directly in favor of the mas . rest of the day.

STORY OF AN ARMY DOG.

How Joe Coburn's Pet Lived and Died in New Mexico-He Goes Confidently Into Fort McRae as Company Dog and Has a Series of Adventures — After Tackling Hornets and a New Mexican Bear Ho Vields Up His Commission in Disgust.

SEE by the reptile press, as my silver-

tongued friend, Mr. Daniel Dougherty, the orator of the Upper Schuylkill, felicitously says, that Mr. Joseph Coburn is again in trouble. I do not know Mr. Coburn, but I once had the pleasure of meeting his dog at Fort McRae, N. M.,

during the balmy spring months of 1874. It is an unwritten law and a cast-iron custom of the service that every company in the \$22,250,000, while the whole reduction the rank, pay and emoluments of Company will be about \$55,000,000. Dog and to be respected accordingly. Said dog has regularly the run of the barracks, frequently the run of the kitchen and occasionally a run of bad luck, and to this rule the Company Dog of Troop H, Eighth Cavalry, was no exception.

He was a large dog, with rough hair, bow, legs and an alkaline disposition, and the It does not go so far as it might, and it red-headed recruit in whose society he came account of these personal characteristics. racks and installed as Company Dog with the title of "Old Jack."

There were four other dogs at Fort Mc mangy, hair-lipped, liver-colored (I refer now to the dog, not the doctor), lop-cared hound, with a sore eye and a great predatory fondness for steak, chops or any other delicacies which happened to be cooking in the neighborhood. He got a regular walloping every morning from my cook, another every noon from the company cook, and with odd wallopings thrown in from time to time by the doctor, his career as a thief was not without excitement.

Besides the doctor's dog there were three others-Captain Engel's dog "Dot," half King Charles, half Chihuahua; Johnny Ayres' yellow pup "Tommy," half mongrel, half cur, and the terrior "Fan," be onging to Lieutenant Farnsworth, who had a history and only one eye-that is, the terrier had

Of course, when Old Jack arrived there was a flutter in canine circles of Fort Mc Rae. There was considerable more flutter about five minutes later. Old Jack promptly mounted the dector's dog, scalloped his ears, chewed his tail and gave him a game leg, all inside of four seconds; then chased Johnny Ayres' pup into the Quarter-master's corral, where a sad-eyed and lurking mule kicked the pup over the fence, and then, followed joyously by Dot and Fan, Old Jack marched proudly to his new quarters and was installed

Things began to freshen up at Fort Mc-Rae. Having asserted his authority, old and used to gambol together on the parade In reducing the rates, our manufacts ground, chase the same jack-rabbit and indulge in other athletic sports without hard feelings. One day old Jack and Johnny led the pup twice around the guard-house, over across the parade, then over to the Jack made a break for it. He cleared it with ease, but the pup didn't, and the laundress came out and lammed him for spoiling and some loose hair and yells.

Another time the doctor's dog was exchanging the compliments of the season with It is another illustration of the evi- several Mexican dogs whose owners had come over to trade in the store. Every thing was peaceful until old Jack landed in the thick of the party and got up a rough-and-tumble, and just as it was at its and left the dector's dog to enjoy the result, which was that he was laid up for a

Then old Jack got to be musical, and whenever the trumpeter wert out to sound a call he and the other dogs would sit around in a solemn circle and sing second. prescribed by the regulations and the trumpeter, the dogs and a club got into trouble several consecutive times, and the musical kindergarten and the dogs were broken up

together. The burst of worm weather in early May gave the dogs a new employment. There are marmots in New Mexico, and these sagacious animals make their first appearance from their burrows just after the snow has cleared off and the cacti are preparing to bloom. Old Jack, having come from the North, naturally thought it would be both the corral, and Ayres' pup and the doctor's dog hadn't better sense than to join in. They dug and dug, and pawed dirt and yelped with excitement, each from time to time plunging his nose down and taking a sniff, while the marmot had merely gone to the other end of the burrow, which was in Arizona, perhaps, or Colorado, may be, or

The dogs dug until dinner time and then knocked off for an hour, returning with fresh vigor about 1:30 o'clock p. m. The doctor's dog started in at the exeavation made in the morning, and old Jack and Ayres' pup began at another hole a few feet away, while Fan and Dot looked on and encouraged them. The hole selected by Ayres' pup was once tenanted by a marmot, buthad been pre-empted during the previous



HE MET THE DOCTOR'S DOG.

of ground hornets, and the nest was about two feet below the surface. It took Ayres' pup about ten minutes to reach the nest and about four seconds for the hornets to reach Ayres' pap, and then affairs at Fort McRae The new revenue reduction bill takes began to heat up. The horness divided themselves into five platoons, and the five dogs each got one, and the next moment each dog raced for home with a nebulous Ayres' store and headquarters simultane-

The trouble with old Jack was, he never could find out whether any thing was ernment. We will begin the erection of the loaded or not until after he had fooled with electric plant as soon as the weather will He hadn't been brought up in New | permit.'

and the natural history bothered him some. One day I was off hunting near Elephant Bluff and old Jack was along. Up on a ledge about thirty feet high I saw a bear and without dismounting took a snap shot, just barking his leg and getting his temper so red hot he was cross-eyed. Well, old Jack heard the report and saw the bear, and rushed up the hill to retrieve. He never had seen a bear before-thought it was some variety of cow, I suppose—and the more I yelled for him to come back the faster be clawed gravel to get at the bear. The bear was mad clear through, but when he saw old Jack tearing up the hill he forgot all about his wound and sat down, smiling in a light-hearted way, and waited for the dog to come up. The dog came. The hill was steep and old Jack was out of breath, but the thought of how funny it would be to retrieve that bear braced him up and he

raced along the ledge, getting bigger and

bigger with his own importance at every

jump. Finally he arrived, but he didn't

stay long. The bear fetched him one

sportive but loud slap and old Jack sailed

skyward and then went down the hill thirty

feet without touching ground, while the

Mexico and he wasn't used to the climate

bear sat down and smiled again. Trifling as this error was, it seemed to produce a sad impression on old Jack's Our personal relations remained friendly still, but there was in his eyes a mild reproach, which seemed to intimate that he thought I had abused his confidence in some way. Some Mexicans took a tame



THEY SANG SECOND.

bear through the fort one day, and old Jack promptly disappeared, and was found three days later under the hay in a congestive chill. I whistled to him one morning and he came joyously, but when he saw my carbine and knew I was going hunting, he calloped back to the barracks and gazed pon me from afar as one who would say: Well, I wish you luck, but you'll have to excuse me!" He seemed to have lost his taste for field sports and took to lying dreamily around the kitchen, day and night, taking no interest in New Mexican affairs, except now and then a passing interest in a New Mexican flea, and one morning at reveille old Jack failed to respond to the roll-call, for he had been mustered out. Some never knew the cause of his untimely demise, but I divined it. Joe Coburn had educated him to believe he could walop any thing that walked on four legs, and his little disappointment with that New Mexican bear had robbed his haughty nature of all desire to live .- Henry Guy Carle-

A GIGANTIC SCHEME. How Capitalists Intend to Utilize the

Water Power of Niagara. Not long since some speculative Eastern apitalists offered a reward of \$100,000 for he best device for utilizing the power of Ningara Falls for electric light and electric power purposes. Quite a number of schemes have been suggested by scientists and engincers, the most prominent of which is the one proposed by the "Niagara Falls Hydraulic Motor and Power Company," of New York, of which Dr. Kossuth Morgnor, of this city, is president and George S. Bowen, of New York, is secretary. The company has organized with a capital stock of \$15, 000,000, and propose to supply electric light and power to all cities within a radius of

one thousand miles of the falls. The plan by which the company proposes to construct its works and operate was the



METHOD OF OBTAINING POWER,

reporter by Dr. Morgnor. In the first place, short abutments of granite will be crected on each side of the Niagara river just above the falls. A steel cable ten inches in diameter will then be stretched across and fastened to the abutinents. Connected with the cable are to be large flatboats made of steel and loaded with ballast; in the rear of the boats are large wheels connected together by a universal-coupling shaft, so as to allow the current or ice to move the boats without interfering with the revolution of the wheels. This shaft is to be connected with an immease power house on the American side, in which will be losent to Buffalo, Rochester, N. Y., and other

citigs, by cable. "Don't you think that your scheme is a little experimental?" suggested the re-

"Not at all," replied the doctor; "the best scientific experts in the country have examined the matter, and say the plan suggested is perfectly feasible. The power house will be an imposing structure and an ornament to Niagara. We will also construct a pontoon bridge on our boats for the convenience of pedestrians and vehicles, from which we expect to derive considerable revenue. We will light the whole neighborhood of Niagara with electric lights, including our pontoons, power house, etc. I have communicated with a number of Senators and Congressmen for the pur-pose of ascertaining whether it would be necessary to obtain the consent of the United States Government before any thing could be done, and was informed that the Government had nothing to do with it, as it was strictly a private business matter, to be carried out as other similar enterprises. I have received practically the same information from the Canadian Gov-

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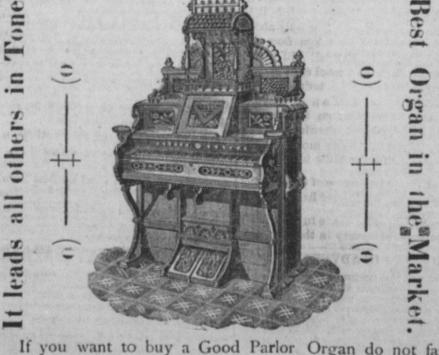
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