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It is reported that the powers will make an effort to stop the war now begun between Greece and Turkey.

According to the complaints of business men of Bellefonte, the advance agent of prosperity is not attending to his business.

Elections were held in Illinois this week, and the Democrats were victorious pretty much all over. Go on with the Dingley bill!

WAR is a great calamity at all times and should be averted. But if there is to be war between Greece and Turkey, may the former come out victorious.

The Dingley tariff bill is alarming the whole country. It is framed in the interests of trusts and monopolies with nothing to gladden the hearts of the consumers.

Senator Quay is ill with a severe attack of the grip. The senator had the "grip" on the Republican machine for fifteen years and always rather liked it and couldn't be driven to let go.

WAR has now been declared by Turkey against Greece. The Greeks crossed the frontier and had a brush with the Turks. The Turks bombarded the fort at Actium and Greek gunboats silenced the batteries at Shafidaki.

Wheat has gone up over 4 cents in the past few days, owing to unfavorable crop reports and the war clouds in Europe. McKinley had no hand in this rise. The jump has been 4 million dollars to the large wheat holders—but as always, the farmer isn't in it.

WHILE workmen were tearing down a part of the old Court House of Westmoreland county the other day a chest full of old records was unearthed, and found to contain documents signed by George Washington, William Penn, King George III and other noted men.

It is a singular fact that an American citizen can view ancient ruins in foreign lands, but that an eminent divine of the Methodist church, Dr. Swallow, is forbidden to view the ruins of the burnt capital of his own state of Pennsylvania.

The Long Mead iron company of Norristown and the Conshohocken tube company, of Conshohocken, are swamped by "prosperity", and gone into the hands of receivers. The failure is the largest that ever occurred in Montgomery county. The liabilities will amount to about \$300,000, and the assets will not be over \$150,000.

Some of the troubles in store for the Dingley tariff bill in the senate are illustrated by amendments offered by Senator Nelson, Republican, of Minnesota. One of them declares all trusts illegal and void, and authorizes the president to suspend by executive order the collection of all duties levied upon any imported article the home product of which is controlled by a trust.

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The Czar's order, that convicts sentenced to Siberia shall henceforth be carried by rail instead of being forced to march thousands of miles on foot, is in the direction of mercy, and will be received as an encouraging sign of progress in one of the least progressive Governments on earth.

There is one explanation of the hard times common enough, and that is the lack of purchasing power by the people. Whence comes this? Our harvests have been bountiful for years back. We have the most skilled mechanics, the most enterprising capitalists and the best organized industries of the world, with natural resources to draw on such as no other nation has.

have had an ameliorating effect in their treatment, so that hereafter their lives will no longer be so hard as they have been represented to be hertofore.

That the Dingley bill is the greatest threat to our farmers and our growing export trade is made apparent by the threats of retaliation we hear from all quarters. Mexico and Canada on this continent, some of the South American states and all the powers of Europe, except England, which will let nothing interfere with her free trade policy, have plainly intimated what their course will be.

All were humbugged, and all feel mad over it. The farmer sees he was humbugged; his wheat is down instead of up as the promise went.

The laboring man finds he was humbugged; he was promised lots of work; but he finds little to do. The factory man sees he was humbugged; he was promised higher wages, but instead he gets a cut of ten per cent.

The miner feels he was humbugged; he was promised plenty of work and better pay; he now finds less work and poorer pay.

The man who has a wife and children to support, finds he was humbugged; instead of good times he sees necessities going up in price and times very blue.

All, in short, were humbugged, except the Trusts, they are humming with no bug about it.

Republicans are beginning to balk for free trade, and this time it is the leather men are clamoring for it, declare the shoe will pinch the poor man unless there is free trade in hides and that the American shoe exportation will suffer to the amount of 25 million dollars per year!

A delegation of manufacturers, mostly Republicans, from Philadelphia, Pittsburg, New York, Boston and Chicago, pleading for free trade in hides had proved for years past and what destruction to leather export trade and distress to the people through dearer shoes would follow the imposition of a duty on hides.

They also told the senators that the duty on hides the northwest was demanding would not inure to the benefit of the farmers and cattle raisers, but solely to the benefit of the great meat packers, and the great meat packers who bought cattle by the thousands of heads, hides and all, and then slaughtered them. The cattle raisers would not get any better prices for their stock if a duty were placed on hides.

THERE are delegations of influential Republicans in Washington endeavoring to secure some abatement of the excessive rates of the Dingley bill, and it may be said they are badly frightened by the outlook says the Pittsburg Post. A combination of business and political interests is likely to determine the character of the bill, and in important respects it is intimated the senate will increase the house rates. However, that will be known only when the bill is reported.

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prosperity. The explanation of lack of purchasing power by the people doesn't explain. It is an effect not a cause. Whence this lack of purchasing power, with daily reports of reduced prices of products and falling wages?

We get an inkling of the causes in a late government report showing how much the farmers have suffered from the effects of low prices. A few figures cited from this report are eloquent.

In 1896 we produced 2,283,000,000 bushels of corn; the farm price for it was 21.5 cents a bushel, and the total value \$491,000,000. In 1891, for a corn production of 2,069,000,000 bushels, the farm price was 46.6 cents a bushel, and the total value was \$836,400,000, or \$345,000,000 more than the farmers received in 1896 for a vastly larger crop.

This is a heavy item to take out of the farmer's pockets, when it is considered that they had more land to cultivate and greater expense in growing the crop, yet the return is \$345,000,000 less.

There was a slight improvement in the price of wheat the latter part of 1896 over the four preceding years, owing to scarcity abroad, yet the farmers received for the crop of 1896 \$292,000,000 less than for the crop of 1891. The average of wheat was 72 cents a bushel, against 84 in 1891, but we had the advantage of a failure of the European and Indian crops, which forced up the price of wheat; otherwise we would scarcely have got more than the 50-cent average.

Oats makes a worse showing. For a vastly larger crop in 1895 the farmer receives \$70,000,000 less than for the average crop of the six years from 1890 to 1895, and \$50,000,000 less than for the average from 1880 to 1889.

Here is a falling off in the three great

farm products of \$570,000,000, received by the farmers in 1896, compared with the average of preceding years.

The Republican remedy for this condition is a customs tax of 25 cents a bushel on wheat, 15 on corn and 10 on oats, with an increased tax on almost every article the farmer does not raise on his farm. Of breadstuffs and provisions, the products of the farm, we exported in the last eight months \$234,000,000, and imported the vast amount of \$4,349,025.

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—One of the largest stocks of Spring and Summer clothing ever received in this part of the state, was received recently by Lewins, at the Philad. Branch, Bellefonte. It is a tremendous stock and the prices are as low in comparison, and will move it.

SPRING MILLINERY.

Mrs. C. E. Osman, Miss Anna S. Dingus. Miss Annie Dingus has returned from the city, where she made a fine selection of Spring and Summer goods, and stylish and beautiful trimmed Hats and Bonnets, which will be ready for

The Grand Opening To-Day.

They also carry a fine line of Stamped Linen Goods, Floss, Toilet Articles, etc.

Store on Church st., near Diamond, 2d door west of Lutheran church.

Not How High

But how low can we make the price, is the question we ask ourselves when marking our goods for sale. That's what makes ours an ever-expanding business, it's a potent advertiser; it tells the story through the purse in many homes, only to be re-told to others by appreciative money savers.

KREAMER & SON.

Model 46 Columbia. A bicycle with which none others compare. Strong, handsome, graceful, easy running.

Columbia Bicycles advertisement with image of a woman on a bicycle and text: '1897 Columbia Bicycles are the best and strongest bicycles in the world. \$100 TO ALL ALIKE. Hartford, next best. \$60, \$50, \$45. POPE MFG. CO., Hartford, Conn.'

GRAIN MARKET. Corrected weekly by R. E. Bartholomew.

Table with columns for Wheat, Rye, Corn, Oats, Barley, Buckwheat, Flour, Eggs, Lard, Shoulders, Ham, Tobacco, Potatoes, Sides.

PRODUCE AT STORES.

Table listing various produce items and their prices, including Butter, Eggs, Lard, etc.

COURT PROCLAMATION

Whereas—the Hon. John G. Love, President Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Centre, Pa., do hereby give notice...

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Letters of Administration on the estate of William A. Michaels, late of Potter township, deceased, having been lawfully granted...

NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS

The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the Lewistown & Tyrone Railroad Company will be held at the office of the Company, Room No. 208, General Office Pennsylvania R.R. Co., Philadelphia, Pa., on Monday, May 23rd, 1897...

ELECTION NOTICE

The Annual Election of the Centre Hall Water Company, for one President, one Treasurer, one Secretary and five Directors, for the ensuing year...

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE

Letters Testamentary on the estate of George F. Baecker, late of Gregg township, deceased, having been duly granted to the undersigned...

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PENNSYLVANIA R.R.

Philadelphia & Erie R.R. Division and Northern Central Railway.

Time Table, in effect Nov. 15, 1896.

Large railway schedule table with columns for Train No., Stations, and Times. Includes sections for Westward, Eastward, and Through Trains for Montandon.

LEWISTOWN AND TYRONE RAILROAD

Table with columns for Westward, Stations, and Eastward, listing train schedules between Lewistown and Tyrone.

Additional trains leave Lewistown for Montandon at 1:30 a.m., 5:45 a.m., 9:45 a.m., 2:30 p.m., 6:00 p.m., and 9:05 p.m.

On Sundays trains leave Montandon 10:05 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., returning leave Lewistown 10:55 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

CENTRAL RAILROAD OF PENNSYLVANIA

Table showing condensed time tables for Central Railroad of Pennsylvania, including Read Down and Read Up schedules.

Philadelphia Sleeping Cars attached to East-bound train from Williamsport at 11:30 p.m. and West-bound from Philadelphia at 11:30 p.m.

BELLEFONTE CENTRAL RAILROAD

Table with columns for Stations and Times, listing train schedules for Bellefonte Central Railroad.

Morning trains from Montandon, Williamsport, Lock Haven and Tyrone connect with train No. 7 for State College. Afternoon trains from Montandon, Lewistown and Tyrone connect with Train No. 11 for State College.

DESIRED PROPERTY AT PUBLIC SALE

A good two-story house, and about two acres of ground, in which is a small barn and other outbuildings, with a fruit and fresh mountain water piped to the door...