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Our correspondence is of the highest quality, and we are able to furnish our readers with the most reliable news from all quarters.

We thank you for the compliment of a daily exchange with the X. Y. Tribune and the Philadelphia North American, and tender our sincerest regards in return.

WHAT DOES IT ALL MEAN?—The Democratic Editors of Pennsylvania hold a convention at Altoona a few days ago. It was a dodge to get notoriety and see their names in the papers.

From the many flattering notices and comments on our article on "Shall Columbia be represented," which appeared in our last, we infer that we but expressed the sentiments of the entire country.

THE "POLITICAL BURNERS."—The Express calls them, who engineer the political attacks in Lancaster City. To give our readers an idea of the enormous undertaking with which our proposition met, we give the following extracts from letters and communications received.

THE "THIRD WARD."—Your plea for a representative from Columbia meets with the cordial endorsement of the entire County.

"Mechanic!"—Writing from the same ward says: "Columbia representation in the Pennsylvania Legislature, and a protective tariff are the noblest objects the Spy ever advocated."

"The Express" and Free Discussion.—A gentleman who sees the necessity of fighting the British free-trade onslaught now making in and out of Congress, and among newspapers, is writing a series of articles for the Express, one of which appeared on Saturday evening last.

"Our correspondence"—we are glad to learn, is at length at leisure to resume his essays in defence of the protective system. He is a gentleman of acknowledged ability, and we have no doubt he will do full justice to the side of the question he advocates.

THE accredited correspondent of the Express at Columbia calls us "puny," and then devotes eight out of nine paragraphs to an attack on the compliment. No more gratifying evidence of having hurt somebody.

COLLEGE COMMENCEMENTS, as they are called, have been the general order of the day among the colleges, and their proceedings, as usual, are very interesting to the collegians, though to the public in general they are pretty much the same story of last year and the year before the war.

A candidate for the Legislature in Lancaster County thus announces himself: I am unalterably opposed to the passage of the Omnibus Railroad Bill, or the Borden Bill, and am further opposed to Railroads or other Corporations controlling the Legislature.

D. K. BURKHOLDER, Good for Burkholder. We like his platform, and commend it to the attention of gentlemen who wish to be candidates in Chester county.

"The Ring" of Chester county—as in all other counties—is composed of petty-foggling lawyers who have no brains enough to make an honest living at their profession, broken-down politicians who are too lazy to work for their living, and the few men who are elected to the County offices every three years.

THE people of old Lancaster can speak just such a change as is suggested above, if they will set themselves to work. The campaign is opened and the time for decisive action at hand.

THE Express says that a considerable number of its subscribers have, within the last week or two, discontinued their subscriptions to it, because of the opinions which it has expressed on the tariff, and complains that this is an attempt upon the part of its former subscribers, to intimidate it in the expression of its opinion.

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How does the Express like that "puny Thug organ" the North American, on the question of "objurgations," moderate tariff, &c.

BYRON TAYLOR, now in California, has been presented with a gold ring made from the last spike which was driven at Promontory Point by Governor Stanford on the completion of the Pacific Railroad.

SCOTTED TAIL has returned to his own people only to find his wife dead a day before his arrival, and to bury the white man's presents with the helmate whom in his Indian fashion he appears to have deeply loved.

MANY people suppose that Mr. Greeley, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Bryant, Mr. Marble, Mr. Young, and others of the New York Press, write all that appears in their respective journals. Some people know better than that; nor do they reproach those editors with humbugging the public.

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A MODERATE TARIFF. The resolutions passed at the public meeting held at Columbia, Pennsylvania, repudiating the false doctrines of the Lancashire Express on the subject of the tariff, were sent to us, no doubt, as furnishing the most fitting answer to the various objurgations addressed to us by the literary in question, which we have not hitherto noticed, simply because we knew that, while the Express is a very sensible paper on most subjects, it strangely misunderstands and misrepresents the sentiments of Lancaster county on the subject of protection. Lately the Express copied a sentence from a long article for the benefit of the tariff, and made it a text for a homily in favor of what it terms a moderate tariff.

THE only answer we care to make to all such dissertations, of which we have encountered a number from various quarters, is that, in our judgment, the present tariff is a very moderate one, and that any reduction of duties below the standard fixed in it is simply a movement in the direction of free trade. In the article of the Lancashire Express, which is the subject of our notice, it is stated that the profitable working of the mine is prevented, Iron, which is also a Lancaster interest, is so low in the present tariff that all kinds of foreign iron are freely imported and enter into a vigorous competition with our own products.

THEY are not to be deceived by phrases, although the Express may be to have taken us in. As that number is a fair mean to have it, it is our right. Arrived against us now are men in New York and Chicago, and elsewhere, who, after a long and abortive campaign against protection free and simple, and in favor of outright free trade, have suddenly shifted their colors and hoisted the banner of what they call "a tariff reform," but which has proven, in practice, to be nothing more than free trade.

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