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DECLARATION OF WAR.

WASHINGTON, July 16th, 1870. France has declared War against Prussia.

President Grant has issued a Proclamation re-assembling Congress.

If manufacturing is so profitable, why do not the free traders undertake it?

REAR ADMIRAL DAHLGREN died in Washington on Tuesday morning.

GENERAL RECIPROCAL free trade would be a grand thing, but it is not yet known if the general principle is the United States to be ruined and other nations enriched for the sake of an idea?

THE action of the county committee in attempting to fetter our representatives by all kinds of resolutions, compelling them to attend our meetings, is a violation of the decision of such caucuses, whether right or wrong, is a step towards party despotism.

THE position which the Republican county committee has taken on the tariff question, in declaring

That the doctrine of Free Trade is hostile to American enterprise and American labor, at war with the prosperity and development of our country,

meets with the most cordial and hearty approval of ninety-hundredths of the Republicans of Lancaster county.

People are evidently waking up to the necessity of giving unqualified and unequivocal expression to their sentiments on this all-important question.

In a private letter to us dated at Johnstown, July 12, 1870, Cyrus Elder, Esq., Secretary of the Industrial League of Pa. says:

Assembly at Court prevented an earlier adjournment of your paper of the 2nd inst. The Industrial Bulletin was so far made up as to prevent an extensive notice of your meeting.

It is surprising to find that so much ignorance, and in some cases so much apathy, exists with a large portion of our people on the subject of the tariff.

They forget that it, next to the great question, is the most important question that ever claimed the attention of the American mind.

THE Authority of a Caucus. In our local report of the proceedings of the County Committee, we give a resolution, requiring "all candidates for the Legislature to attend all caucuses for the nomination of State Treasurer, and other offices, and that they will abide by the decision of such caucuses."

It is apparent to every intelligent citizen that this is wrong, radically wrong. There may be a semblance of right in requiring members to stand by the decision of such caucuses as they may attend, but to compel a member to attend a caucus is simply despotism.

Such a step as this, all freedom, independence, all sense of justice and right are destroyed. No matter how corrupt, or how necessary a small minority of the caucus may be, the large majority will have no redress, will have no opportunity even to rebuke arrogance and party corruption.

If this is the way we are to fetter the freedom and manhood of our Legislature, we might as well dispense with representation altogether. We question the right of the County Committee to impose such mean conditions upon our members, and we hope that the Committee will undo their work of Monday as soon as possible.

THE New York Tribune of the 9th says: Whatever be the issue of Napoleon's threatening demonstration, there can be no question that Bismarck has the Emperor morally at a disadvantage.

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An Englishman's Views.

New York has a tariff as it would the Apostle Paul if he appeared to preach in its streets; Philadelphia not only represents the tariff principle, but furnishes the power that effectuates it at Washington and in New York. Philadelphia is therefore the anti-tariff of politics in the eyes of New Yorkers, Bostonians and the importers of Chicago.

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News Items.

A careful Pennsylvania waiter told his wife went to the barn for hens' eggs and then tried his horse against a load of buckshot at the side of the barn as a target. The doctor picked the shot out of her, and the husband will have to wait the slow process of divorce before he can marry the woman of his choice.

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Peru and Bolivia have settled their disputes, and the securities of those countries are advancing.

Ex-President Jimenez has escaped from Costa Rica and arrived at Panama.

To any one who can say "Shoes and Socks Shocks Sussan," with rapidity and faultless pronunciation, four times running, a large reward will be paid.

A physician in London has invented an electrical machine by which he can make the human body entirely transparent. He puts you between him and the light, and then he examines your interior as plainly as if you were made of glass.

A man in Hudson, Mich., took shelter under a tree in a recent thunder storm. The tree was struck by the lightning, and the heat melted the buttons on the man's clothes as well as his watch, but he recovered with the loss of most of his hair and beard.

On the Illinois railroads there is a woman who makes her living by getting sick on the cars, and stopping over at various points, and enlisting the sympathies of the residents. She tells a very pitiful story, saying that her home is in some other town, and that she was on her way home from visiting a sister; that she was taken suddenly ill and was short of funds.

She usually succeeds in raising a few dollars in this way at each station. The steamer Encador was sunk by the explosion of her boiler near Lupe on June 14. Of twenty-six persons on board seven were lost. Several were injured by the explosion.

The Cuban people are watching the European situation with intense interest, seeming to realize that their fate may be decided before the Atlantic in a manner they have not looked for.

President Grant and his family