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Hesperia	W. F. Reese.	Secretary.

We regret that the "highly moral" and social purity campaign of the *Gazette* last fall, has been abandoned by that paper. It is a serious mistake and the purifier will discover it when too late. We are satisfied that the vermin have been exterminated from the jail, but there is a moral stench about that building that should be explained away by the "purifier" and it can't be done by an affidavit.

The ladies of the W. C. T. U. of Bellefonte, who three times on Monday flocked to the Court House in a body, would indignantly resent the charge that they were attempting to coerce the Court by their presence. Yet fifty or sixty of the petitioners for license were to march in a body to the Court House to enforce by their presence the granting of licenses, they would be simply paralleling the methods of the ladies. As well might an organized body of men march into the Court House during the progress of the trial of one of their number for murder to enforce by their presence his acquittal, it would be on a par with the presence of organized femininity. We doubt the propriety of an organized body of any kind in a Court of Justice, and the example set by the ladies is just as likely to be followed by others less gentle and refined in their manners, with not nearly as good an object in view. Courts of Justice need no outside pressure, not even the gentle pressure of a feminine hand, to cause them to perform their duties. It would be well to consider whether the presence of any organization in a Court of Justice is not an attempt to unduly influence the Court's action, and whether if the W. C. T. U. can invade the Courts. If the Knights of Labor, the Masons or even the rabble of a town or city, united on a common object, have they not the same right in our Courts?

A Precious Par.

While Sheriff Cooke stands directly charged with attempting to outrage Miss Clara Kunes at the house of his brother-in-law. Mr. Gross, and the charge is backed up by the girl's affidavit, R. K. Wilson, Sheriff Cooke's deputy, does not appear in a much more enviable light. He figures as a sort of affidavit maker and in his attempt to get his superior officer out of the ugly scrape in which he is placed, resorts to threats, coercion and subterfuges unbecoming a gentleman and a public official. The affidavit published in the different papers of the County was obtained through fraud threats and misrepresentation, and Miss Kunes, who is a young and inexperienced girl, was induced to sign that affidavit through fear that her mother might be sent to penitentiary. A nice crowd of "purifiers" have been placed in the Sheriff's office of Centre County. The High Sheriff attempts to outrage the person of a young lady and his deputy scares her into signing an affidavit which she had never read, in order to shield the offender. If that is the kind of purity the people of this county voted for, it is about time they were knowing it. We suggest that deputy Sheriff Squire Wilson let up on the affidavit business as it only makes matters worse, and if Cooke has been wronged he has his remedy through the Courts. The story as told by the girl is simple, plain and unvarnished and carries conviction with it. The insult was offered and injury added to it by frightening her into signing a false affidavit. Neither Sheriff Cooke nor Affidavit Wilson will "step down and out" but we fancy there won't be such loud cackling when the Republican chickens come home to roost. Again brother Feidler, we insist that an *Alibi* is stronger than an affidavit.

A Measure of Relief.

The Tariff bill prepared by the Democratic members of the Ways and Means Committee will grow in public favor, day by day, as it shall be more fully discussed and better understood. The roar and racket of the protectionist press will deceive nobody who shall desire to make up an accurate judgment from study of the facts bearing upon the situation.

It must be borne in mind that the object of the bill is to afford the largest measure of relief to the people not only by reducing the amount of money poured daily into the Federal Treasury in excess of the necessities of the Government, but by cheapening the cost of living at the expense of the monopolies, trusts and combinations which are at present sucking the marrow of the consumer.

The bill proposes to revive the drooping manufacturing interests of the country by discarding the rude, unscientific and unnecessary device of taxing both the crude material, and the finished product thus putting our industries and our labor at a disadvantage as compared with competing industries and labor in all other parts of the world. No argument can break down the fact that manufacturers could make cheaper goods and pay better wages if they could buy

- Cheaper wool,
 - Cheaper dye-stuff,
 - Cheaper lumber,
 - Cheaper jute, hemp and flax,
 - Cheaper chemicals and other crude materials.
- And no argument will avail to convince the laboring man that he will be injured by
- Cheaper food,
 - Cheaper clothing,
 - Cheaper shelter,
 - Cheaper queensware,
 - Cheaper glass, and
 - Cheaper utensils.

If the taxes can be reduced \$100,000,000 by conferring these general advantages upon the industry of the country, and by the same stroke gathering into the pockets of consumers another \$100,000,000 of unearned money from the inordinate prices of materials which are necessities of life, is it not worth while? This is the aim of the new tariff bill. This it will accomplish if it shall become a law. For every dollar of tax it may intercept on its way to the Treasury it will save to the people two other dollars on the way to the maw of Monopoly. Of course, the lobby will howl, and the subsidized press will rage, and the "protected interests" will protest; but Tax Reduction and Tariff Reform are near at hand.—*Record.*

The Author of "Little Women" Dead.

BOSTON, March 6.—Miss Louisa M. Alcott, author of "Little Women" died this morning. For a long time Miss Alcott had been ill, suffering from nervous prostration. Last autumn, placing herself under the charge of Dr. Green, she appeared to be improving, and afterward went to Dunreath Place, at the Highlands, to reside temporarily with Dr. Rhoda A. Lawrence. While there she drove in town to visit her father Thursday, the 1st inst., and incautiously leaving off her fur coat, caught cold which on Saturday settled on the base of the brain and developed into spinal meningitis.

Coming so soon after the death of her father, the suddenly announced death of Louisa M. Alcott brings a double sorrow to the many friends of the family, while the loss of this talented writer will be felt far and wide among the many readers of her books. Miss Alcott was born on an anniversary of her father's birthday, and it is singular that she should have followed him so soon to the grave.

In the Matter of "Trusts"

ALBANY, March 6.—The general laws committee of the senate, which has been taking testimony in New York and elsewhere recently on the subject of trusts of various kinds, made a report to day. The report says: However different the influence which gave rise to these combinations may be, the main purpose, management and effect of all upon the public is the same, to-wit: The aggregation of capital, the power controlling the manufacture and out-put of various necessary commodities, the acquisition or destruction of competitive properties all leading to final and conclusive purposes of annihilating competition and enabling the competition to fix prices at which they would purchase the raw material from the producer and at which they would sell the refined product to the consumer. In any event the public at each end of the industry—the producer and consumer—is intended to be in a certain sense, at the mercy of the syndicates, combinations, or trust. The report also recommends new legal action and that the attorney general proceed against violators of the law.

To Form a Frances Cleveland Club.

PITTSBURG, Pa., March 5.—A Greensburg, Pa., special says: Efforts are being made by the young democratic ladies of this place for the organization of a Frances Cleveland club for the purpose of taking an active part in the coming Presidential election. The club will be composed of some of the leading ladies of this place and will be uniformed tastefully, each wearing a white silk badge with a picture of Mrs. Cleveland engraved on it. They will be furnished with torches, made especially for the occasion, and will turn out at every political procession and will be drilled in the manual of arms and marching manoeuvres by skilled drill masters. Similar organizations are to be started throughout the county and may spread over the state.

The Burlington Strike.

CHICAGO, March 6.—Chief Engineer Arthur was bothered with few callers this morning. Only a bare dozen engineers and firemen sat around headquarters, and all the excitement of yesterday had died out.

"What are your plans?" asked the chief.

"To sit here and wait until the Burlington is ready to open negotiations."

"Will you seek a conference with the Burlington officials?"

No, sir. I have done all that kind of business I can. Mr. Sargent and myself did not order the strike. The men asked us if they could leave their engines, and we, after looking over the situation and failing to get any sort of satisfaction from the officials, consented to them doing so. This carried with it the support of the whole brotherhood. We cannot order them back. If they come to the conclusion to go back of their own accord they will notify us, and then our mission is ended.

How long will this trouble last?

We are likely to remain in the city for some time to come. You can draw your own conclusions.

St. Louis, March 6.—There is practically no change in the Burlington strike here. Two passengers and two freight trains left for the north yesterday from the East St. Louis depot, and trains ran to and from St. Peter's and Keokuk, on this side of the river. Officials state that the service improves daily.

TWO FOOLISH MEN.

ONE NOW DEAD AND THE OTHER REPORTED DYING.

The Item Which Caused the Awful Tragedy.

CULPEPER, Va., March 2.—A letter published some weeks ago in the *Piedmont Advance*, of which Edwin Barbour is editor, was the primary cause of a deadly shooting affray yesterday. The letter was from Washington, and contained some sharp and caustic allusions to Ellis B. Williams, son of the editor of the *Culpeper Exponent*. Mr. Williams demanded of Editor Barbour the name of the correspondent and was refused, Mr. Barbour stating that he was personally responsible for anything which appeared in his paper. The last issue of the *Exponent* contained a bitter denunciation of Mr. Barbour. In reply to this the *Advance* contained an editorial in which Mr. Williams was very severely handled, and closing:

"Further notice of Mr. Williams and his contemptible abuse is hardly necessary, but we feel constrained to say that his conduct in this matter has been cowardly in the extreme and highly unbecoming a gentleman, of which class we shall no longer consider him a member. It is disagreeable for us to publish this expose of Mr. Williams, but at times it becomes necessary for gentlemen to turn and strike the dog that is barking at their heels."

Young Williams was in town bright and early yesterday morning. After reading the above article he had a conference with his friends. Williams sent a note to Barbour to come down from his office to see him. This Barbour declined to do. A second and a third message was sent, but Barbour still declined to come from his office. Williams then, against the strongest protests of his friends, determined to go to the *Advance* office, and took with him one of his friends. Upon entering the office Barbour was seated at a table writing. Williams closed the door, advanced to Barbour, and said, "how do you propose to settle this difficulty, fist and skull, or with pistols?" Barbour intimated that the matter could be settled by friends of both parties, whereupon Williams said it must be settled then, and struck Barbour with his fist.

Both then drew revolvers and began firing at about six paces, some nine or ten shots being exchanged. Barbour's first shot, it is thought, struck Williams in the region of the heart. The latter after emptying his revolver, sank to the floor helpless, and Barbour was found to have a dangerous wound in the groin. Williams died at 11:30 the same day. Barbour now lies at his father's house in a very precarious condition. Young Williams was just 21 years old, a young man of quiet, unobtrusive manners. He was a nephew of General Robert Williams, of the United States army, Barbour's father is a member of the state house of delegates for this county, and Senator-elect Barbour is the young man's uncle.

Democrats Getting Ready.

CHICAGO, March 6.—For the purpose of co operation in the coming campaign the Democratic Association of the Northwest was organized by the chairman of the Northwestern Democratic State Central Committee here to-day. The states that are to be members are: Indiana, Illinois, Ohio, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Iowa and Kansas. The headquarters of the association are to be in Chicago.

Up to \$50,000.

HARRISBURG, Pa., March 5.—There is nothing to be added to the story of the county treasurer's defalcation to-night, unless it be to say that reasonable estimates now place the shortage at \$50,000. The bondsmen of Longenecker having paid \$30,000 to cover his share of the losses the Commonwealth Trust and Safe Deposit company, surety for Jones, has arranged to make good his shortage. No criminal proceedings have yet been instituted.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

Although comparatively little business of interest to the general public has been transacted by Congress during the past week, it by no means follows that that body has been idle. As a matter of fact the week has been an exceedingly busy one at the Capitol, and a large number of private bills, some of which have been upon the calendar for months, have been finally acted upon in order to clear the way for the tariff bills which are now being discussed in the committee rooms and will be reported to the full House during the present week.

Washington has long been a favorite resort for tourists, and a person is constantly meeting upon the streets strangers whose dress, carriage, or other distinguishing characteristics, in appearance indicate them to be representatives of foreign countries. Just now there appear to be an unusually large number of strangers in the city. The members of the Korean embassy, whose recent arrival was mentioned in a former letter, spend much of their time upon the streets, and their gorgeous silken robes and quaint hats make them specially noticeable. A large delegation of Indians arrived in the city Monday last. These Indians are the representatives of several of the most noted tribes in the west, and they have come to the Capitol to interview the "great Father" and the officials of the Indian Bureau regarding their rights, which are being gradually taken from them, as the onward march of civilization moves westward.

The annual series of scientific lectures which are held at the National Museum every spring, and have become exceedingly popular, have commenced. These lectures are delivered upon Saturday afternoons and are largely attended. The speakers are representatives of the various scientific bureaus of the government departments, who volunteer their services, and as they are thoroughly conversant with the subjects which they discuss, and are provided with every facility for illustrations, the lectures are both interesting and instructive.

When Cornell University was established at Ithaca, N. Y., it had many enemies who firmly believed that it could not successfully carry out the innovation which it introduced among higher institutions of learning. As the years have passed and it has been demonstrated that there could be equality among all courses and that co-education was not demoralizing, the old conservative universities began to fall in line and follow the lead of their stalwart young competitor. Last night the Cornell Alumni instituted successfully another innovation which will sooner or later be taken up by other colleges. This innovation consisted in having the lady graduates join with those of the other sex in an Alumni banquet. Ex-president White was present and delivered a characteristic address. He especially congratulated the society on the presence of so many former lady students. The banquet was held at Welkers, and was attended by a very large number of Cornell graduates who are residents of the National Capitol.

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NEW YORK, March 6.—In the charter elections to day, so far as heard from, the Democrats have carried Auburn, Newburg, Oswego and Kingston.