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EDITORIAL.

THE struggle with the tariff bill continues. It was promised for July 1st, but like Prosperity, is slow in getting here on schedule time.

WE have had a gold standard in operation in this country for about twenty-five years. If it is a good thing, why should McKinley want a monetary commission?

The Williamsport Republican says when memory reverts to the recent legislature the sensation is just like that experienced when one has had the night mare.

THE Turks seem to be unwilling to yield their hold on the territory on Greece, as demanded by the other powers. More difficulties in the East may follow.

DR. SWALLOW offers a reward of \$1000 to secure further information to discover and convict the parties guilty of firing the State Capitol. He seems to be determined in this matter.

GOV. HASTINGS has displayed commendable nerve in refusing to take orders from Quay, in regard to signing bills that are nothing more than political pulls for the Boss.

NEARLY every paper you pick up is bitterly denouncing the legislature which recently adjourned. It seems that this body of men is becoming more corrupt from year to year. Others claim that it is no worse than former bodies, but that the exposures made by the press have opened the public eye. It certainly is alarming how the state funds are misappropriated under the cover of investigations and expenses they were incurred. For all this the people primarily are to be censured. They send men to Harrisburg of questionable character, in whom they would never repose any confidence or important individual trust, to make our laws and disburse the state's funds. From the large cities the worst elements come and the rural districts are not necessarily exempt from this censure. Under these circumstances what better can be expected.

BUSINESS MEN'S PICNIC.

The executive committee, to outline the events for the Business Men's picnic, to be held at Hecla Park Thursday, August 12, met Tuesday evening July 13th, at the Fallon House, Lock Haven.

It was decided that every hour of the day shall be occupied with some attraction. For the morning it was deemed best that the addresses, tub, swimming and foot races shall take place. The noon hour will be reserved for dinner. The afternoon will be taken up with bicycle races, base ball and trap shooting, and the evening with a display of fireworks. A valuable list of prizes will be awarded to make each event interesting.

Lewistown Visitors.

On Tuesday a party of young people from Lewistown, arrived in Bellefonte, having made the trip across the mountains by carriage. While here they registered at the Brockerhoff House, and in the evening attended the outing at Hecla Park. Wednesday they resumed their journey homeward, expecting to pay a visit to Penn's Cave on the route. In the party were the following: Mrs. Fouke, the Misses Mary and Julia Culbertson, Hannah Hoover, Katharine Francis, Marie Spalding and Margaret McCoy; Messrs Frederick Culbertson, Reed Hayes, F. R. McCoy, Gen. Wilson Uttley, U. S. A. Cavalry, Gen. W. D. Connor, U. S. A. Eng. The two latter gentlemen are recent graduates of West Point Military Academy.

and Week Postponed.

Upon a petition being presented to Judge Love, signed by every attorney of the Centre County bar except ex-Judge A. O. Furst, the second week of the August term of court has been continued until the November term, and the persons summoned for the second week, November term, have been notified that they need not appear. Most of the attorneys desire to take a vacation at this season. It is no doubt a more convenient for all to postpone litigation until November.

All The People.

Should keep themselves healthy and especial care should be given to this matter at this time. Health depends upon pure, rich blood, for when the blood is impure and impoverished diseases of various kinds are almost certain to result. The one true blood purifier is Hood's Sarsaparilla. By its power to purify and vitalize the blood it has proved itself to be the safeguard of health, and the record of remarkable cures effected proves that it has wonderful power over disease. It actually and permanently cures when all other preparations fail to do any good whatever.

WAITING FOR THE SHOW.

The republican papers are rejoicing over the apparent arrival of prosperity. They admit that Hanna's band wagon has been here for some time, but the show is not in sight. It is to be hoped that prosperity will once more smile upon a distressed people. Every good citizen, of any party, will welcome such a condition of affairs. The delay in passing the tariff measure, naturally, caused much uncertainty in industrial lines, and stagnation followed. The determination of the tariff policy of the present administration certainly will improve matters, be it a high protective tariff, a revenue tariff or absolute free trade, if definitely settled. It will be better than uncertainty and suspense, like we experienced for eight month or more.

Yes, we predict there will be an improvement in the industrial condition of the country as soon as the tariff measure is settled, as manufacturers will know exactly where they are at, and then can invest their capital accordingly.

Demagogues and pot-house politicians, and subsidized organs will begin to howl over the success of McKinleyism and the Dingley bill at once. The Dingley bill will at once be pronounced a success, and all sorts of political rot and gush will be fed to the American people on this theme. And many people, too, will gulp it down for gospel truth. Now the fact of the matter is this. The test of the pudding is in the eating. It will take time to test the provisions of the new act. After it has been in operation for several years, only, will sensible, thoughtful people pretend to arrive at a conclusion. It will take time for the country to adjust itself to the new measures and an impartial estimate can only be arrived at after we have material results.

The DEMOCRAT does not believe in McKinley tariffs, protective duties, to benefit private industries at the expense of the public. It may be a benefit to the few operators, but an injustice to the public. While strong in this conviction we would not have the presumption, now, to pass judgment on the Dingley bill, in which we think there are many bad features and remains untried. We are willing to wait for results; after a reasonable time, a safe conclusion may be reached. In the meantime, while the republican organs are howling prosperity and the professional office-seekers are keeping in tune, for a share of the spoils, we will complacently look on and enjoy the fun, as the herd is in the mad scramble for offices. Like the rest, we are waiting for the Hanna show to arrive. We are anxious to take in the whole thing, from the menagerie to the circus, the female snake charmer and bareback rider down to the pink lemonade. And won't condemn the show until we have seen the whole thing. At present, we are still waiting for the show.

WHAT IT LEAVES.

If anyone except such persons as are peculiarly benefited by its facts has a good word to say of the legislature which has just adjourned we have failed to notice it. It appears to be almost universally condemned. It is dead. The Harrisburg Patriot tells thus what it has left behind:

- The legislature has gone away from this city and leaves behind:
- A destroyed capitol.
- A depleted treasury.
- A deficit of \$3,500,000.
- A church, the occupation of which, in rent and repairs, cost as much as the erection of the structure.
- A revenue measure, which, it is "calculated" will put \$1,000,000 into the treasury, but which will not yield \$100,000.
- A "revenue" measure which will give the senatorial beer trust a monopoly of the beer brewed in this state.
- A record of junkets never before approached.
- A record of jobbery in bills of expenses of investigating and special committees.
- A record of thievery in placing upon salary lists men who perform no duties, and whose names do not appear on the official lists of employes.
- Recorded refusals to hear witnesses in investigations.
- Recorded defense of the accused, even to the verge of perjury, in investigations.
- A record of utter and entire worthlessness, dishonesty and disregard of public duty.
- A record of bribery, blackmail and perversion of justice.
- All these the departed legislature leaves behind, but their memory will cling to it forever. Not one man who was prominent or even interested in jobs and thievery can escape the odium which rascality casts upon the rascal. These persons are well known to their constituents, and, sanctimonious as some of them are, they will not be forgotten when the people are again importuned to give them office.

What Do the Children Drink?

Don't give them tea or coffee. Have you tried the new food drink called Grain-O? It is delicious and nourishing and takes the place of coffee. The more Grain-O you give the children the more health you distribute through their systems. Grain-O is made of pure grains, and when properly prepared tastes like the choice grades of coffee but costs about 1/4 as much. All grocers sell it. 15c. and 25c. tf

HARRISBURG LETTER.

Senator Quay's Visit to the State Capital.

MANY BILLS AWAITING ACTION.

About Three-fourths of Which Are Appropriation Measures - Lack of Revenue Will Compel the Governor to Swing His Veto Ax With Vigor.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)
Harrisburg, July 12.—When Senator Quay gave out the intimation in Washington the other day that he would retire from public life at the expiration of his term in the United States senate, the announcement was scouted in some quarters as being a reiteration of an old story. But it was believed by many people, because Senator Quay had privately stated to some of his friends that he was growing weary of the cares of public office, and was disposed to seek quiet and rest in the bosom of his family. Saturday, however, he came to Harrisburg with Senator Penrose, and after a conference with Governor Hastings regarding matters of legislation still under consideration at the executive department, returned to his hotel and submitted to an interview, in which he stated that he would be a candidate for re-election. "For the first time in my life," he said, "I am a full fledged candidate for the United States senate." He admitted that he came to Harrisburg partially to make this announcement, but it is more likely that his visit to this city at this time was for an entirely different purpose. It is bruited about that Senators Quay and Penrose urged the governor to sign the Becker bill, retaining the appointments by the mayor of Philadelphia to be confirmed by the vote of three-fifths of the members of select council. This is a factional measure, and was introduced into the legislature by Senator Durham, with a view to crushing the anti-Quay people of Philadelphia, who are at present in control of the city administration. Neither Governor Hastings nor Senator Quay would talk after their conference, but it is reported that the governor declined in positive terms to approve the Becker bill. It is known that he does not desire to mix in a factional quarrel.

Regarding his candidacy for re-election, Senator Quay said while here that he had been overruled and had come to Harrisburg to consult the governor and other friends about his candidacy. He said further: "The fiery cross will again be carried over the state, and the men in blouses—the bourgeoisie—will be asked to rally to my support. Governor Hastings will assist me, for Governor Hastings and I will never again be apart." Senator Penrose and other friends of Senator Quay say they are much gratified at his statement, and express no doubt of his election; but notwithstanding these confident assertions, there is promise of a great fight for Senator Quay's seat when the time comes.

Senator Quay is not as young as he once was, and his frequent battles against foes within and without the party have left their scars. Some of his most loyal friends, however, affect to believe that he will not retire from public life until he sinks to rest in the quiet bivouac of the brave soldier. At the conclusion of the great fight within the Republican party in 1895 it was announced with some show of authority that Senator Quay would be a candidate for governor next time, the theory being that he desired to finish his public career by going before the people for a vindication. His recent statement, however, that he will not be a candidate for governor, and his further intimation that he seriously contemplates retiring to the privacy of his home, seemed to set at rest the gubernatorial rumor. It is well known that Senator Quay's family are very anxious to have him drop out of public life. They feel that the strain upon his health is too severe, and that he ought to have rest and quiet. There is some ground for the story that he will spend the summer in a tour abroad on the yacht of a well known Philadelphia traction magnate. Senator Quay has been much interested in the passage of the tariff bill, and if the bill goes to the president within the next ten days it is probable that he will go abroad for the summer.

There is not a little interest in the coming convention of the Republicans of Pennsylvania. Some time ago it was generally understood that there would be a factional split in the party, but the anti-Quay element have given it out that they will fight within the lines, and that under no circumstances will they bolt the nominee of the party. This practically assures the election of the Republican ticket, as it is believed that the Democratic organization is too much divided to make a winning fight this year, even with serious defections from the Republican party. It can be stated with almost absolute certainty that the Republican ticket will have upon it after the August convention the names of James S. Beacom, of Westmoreland, for state treasurer and Major Levi G. McCauley, of Chester county, for auditor general. If Judge Willard, of Scranton, resigns his seat on the bench of the superior court, which it is said he intends to do, then there will be a third place on the ticket, which will probably be filled by the nomination of Alex Simpson, of Philadelphia. The nominees of the Democrats have not yet been seriously considered, but the names of Captain George W. Skinner, of Pittsburg, has been mentioned in connection with the office of state treasurer. He is an old soldier and popular outside the party lines. He has said that he would not be a candidate, but there is a disposition to urge him to accept the nomination. The Democrats will make the most of the recent legislature as a campaign issue, but the Republicans say the Democratic minority in the lawmaking body is in a poor position to point the finger of scorn at the majority.

\$25,000,000 in the face of the repeated warnings of the state officials about the lack of revenue, it will be necessary for the governor to swing his veto ax with more than his usual vigor to keep the expenditures within the income of the state. Private Secretary Belter and the other clerks in the executive department have prepared for the governor a comparative statement showing the appropriations to the various institutions for the sessions of 1891, '93, '95 and '97. This statement will enable him to dispose of the bills with some degree of fairness toward the institutions that may be affected. It may not be necessary to deprive the smaller hospitals and charitable institutions of state aid, but it is not clear how the governor is to escape cutting down some of the larger grants to the big educational institutions. One of these, the Lehigh university, has been given \$200,000 by the legislature; the University of Pennsylvania has also been given a large appropriation; and other institutions have fared well. Of course, if the new revenue acts produced the amount of money which their authors predicted, there will be a larger income than was originally estimated by the state officials; but there is doubt in some minds whether these new revenue schemes will be as productive as was hoped they might be. But in any case these measures will not be operative until next year, and the deficiency in the treasury cannot be met by cheerful calculations.

State Treasurer Haywood insists that a mistake was made by the legislature in not cutting down the appropriation to the public schools. He holds that this is the real trouble, and that there will be no improvement in the revenue situation until some reduction is made in the school fund. It has been suggested that under authority vested in him the state treasurer can withhold payments to the school districts a year or two until the stringency in the treasury is over. Those who made a fight against the retraction of the school appropriation, however, say that any such course upon the part of the state treasurer would be a distinct violation of the pledge given to the house by Speaker Boyer on the day of final adjournment when he promised that come what might there would be no cut in the school appropriation and the state normal schools would get their usual assistance. These say further that trifling with the school districts will react upon the Republican party, and that the state leaders must understand that the people will resent any interference of this kind.

A great hullabaloo has been stirred up among the merchants of the state by the proposed law increasing the mercantile license tax. Today Governor Hastings had before him a large delegation, representing the big and little merchants in all parts of the commonwealth protesting against his approval of the bill. They contended that it was an unfair proposition and in its features was inquisitorial and a menace to the business interests of the state. This bill makes the mercantile tax from \$4 a year to \$12,000, according to the volume of business transacted by the merchant. It requires him to make a return to the mercantile appraiser appointed by the auditor general and state treasurer—one for each county of the state except Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, which have five and three, respectively—and should the return be unsatisfactory, the auditor general is given power by the bill to compel a merchant to produce his books and papers. State Treasurer Haywood, in a long statement, takes the position that the merchants, as a class, have not been paying their just share of the burden of taxation, and that this bill is eminently fair in all its parts. He compares the big merchants doing a business of several millions a year to the firm, copartnership and corporation doing a much smaller business and paying a tax many times higher. Notwithstanding the opposition to the bill, it will probably be approved by the governor. This bill was originally a measure to tax beer, but when it reached the senate that body transformed it into a bill taxing merchants and dealers.

Judge Gunnison, of Erie, came here Thursday and made a strong argument before Governor Hastings against the bill ceding the rights of the state to Presque Isle, a peninsular piece of ground extending into Lake Erie, to the city of Erie, on condition that the government would take similar action. Judge Gunnison contends that this bill would be an injury in the end, because it would probably result in the United States government becoming indifferent to the harbor improvements at Erie. He also intimated that Presque Isle, as a public park, the purpose for which the bill is alleged to have been introduced, would not be a place of which the people of Erie would be proud. In fact, he threw cold water on the whole project, and as there is some doubt about the constitutionality of the bill, it is pretty certain to be vetoed.

Adjutant General Thomas J. Stewart has made himself exceedingly popular with the members of the National Guard by establishing a precedent in the matter of issuing a special order announcing promptly the results of the inspections of the guard. In this matter he has been assisted by Inspector General Morrell, who insists that the various subordinate inspectors shall make their reports without delay to headquarters. On Saturday a special order was issued containing the ratings of the various regiments and companies and also the reports of Inspector General Morrell and Brigadier Inspectors Sweeney, Miller and Penny. These figures get into the hands of the guardsmen at the summer encampments before they undergo inspection and enable them to discover their weak points in advance of another inspection. These reports this year indicate that the National Guard of Pennsylvania was never in better shape.

There was a sensational report a day or two ago to the effect that 30 or 40 important bills had failed to reach the governor after passing the legislature, owing to the fact that the presiding officer of one of the two houses had failed to sign the bills. Upon investigation this proved to be without foundation. A bill appropriating about \$36,000 to the Garrett School for Deaf and Dumb Children, Philadelphia, was recalled from the governor for amendment during the closing rush and never got back to him. It is difficult to place the responsibility in such cases.

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