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EDITORIAL.

A FLAT FAILURE.

The Pittsburg Post says that Mr. Dingley labelled his tariff bill with the title, "An act to provide adequate revenues from duties on imports to carry on the government." For August and the first half of September the deficit under this law was \$17,117, 558, as against \$10, 718, 817 for the same period in 1897, and \$4, 436, 909 for 1895, in both of which years the Wilson law was in force. There are two results so far from the Dingley tariff which all of Mr. Dingley's special pleading cannot get around.

First—The law has proved a lamentable and disastrous failure in the production of revenues required to pay the current expenses of the government.

Second—The law by its excessive taxes on articles of necessity has served the purpose of advancing the prices to American consumers. This is the case as to woollens, sugar and lumber particularly.

It is pretty evident that the Dingley law will have to be abandoned as a complete failure. It would not be a surprising matter should the next congress again take up the tariff question and impose additional internal taxes so as to increase the federal revenues to a sum sufficient to pay the current expenditures of the government.

President McKinley and Secretary Gage are now running the government not on the revenues derived from the Dingley tariff, but on the money stored in the treasury derived from the bond sales of the Cleveland administration. To this complication has it come at last. The Republicans carried elections on these bond sales. Now they are forced to admit they are all that save the treasury from bankruptcy. The Dingley tariff as a tariff is a flat failure.

DER BOONASTIEL.

(From Coburn correspondent, No. 2.) Ich hob em Boonastiel si Deitsch stitck galeser der onner dawg, un Ich glawd doch es der same oidt kurl is os ois in Schneider county gawooned hut. Dart hut are de ebuel-bane un g'hooked far de ebuel greeg, un hut de kee dote g'schloga far de kelver ob g'waina. Seller kurl in Schneider county wore en Demagrawd we are nuch recht wore, awer no is are farhoolted wora in sina narfa un is iver de fense g'folla tsu da biskotta. Are sheupt sich far widdler tsurick cooma un now 'drilled are dart drivra room guild sucha.

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"OHIO farmers who take time from their busy and profitable duties to listen to Mr. Bryan's \$1,500 speech would like to have him explain how it is that Ohio wool, which sold at 17 cents a year ago, now brings 26 cents."—From the last issue of the Gazette.

The above prices on wool likely are correct. The high tariff keeps foreign wool out. What is the result? Ask your merchant. If he is candid he will tell you that all woolen goods have advanced from 25 to 50 per cent since the Dingley bill passed. You must pay that much more for your clothes, woolen blankets, carpets, etc. That is how it is done—that is where it rubs. How do you like it?

For eight years the price of wheat was from 60 to 80 cents, and all the time we had the single gold standard—at no time can the price of wheat be attributed to free silver since '73. If we had free coinage, now wheat instead of being 90 and \$1.00 we would be more likely to have \$2.00 wheat. And that money would pay taxes and debts. See the point.

Last of the Season.

The last ten-day excursion of the present season to Niagara Falls via Pennsylvania Railroad will leave Philadelphia on October 12. Excursion tickets, good for return passage on any regular train, exclusive of limited express trains, within ten days, will be sold at \$10 from Philadelphia, and appropriate rates from other points. A stop-over will be allowed at Buffalo, Rochester, and Watkins returning. For further information apply to nearest ticket agent. Oct-7

WASHINGTON LETTER.

Mr. McKinley and Boss Platt have made a deal which will kill Seth Low's candidacy for Mayor of Greater New York, make Ex-Secretary Tracy the republican candidate backed by all the influence of the administration, and send Platt and his henchmen to the next Republican National Convention as McKinley shouters. Boss Platt did not relish the latter part of the programme, but it was a case of "must" with him and Mr. McKinley knew it as well as he did, and knowing it would accept nothing short of an iron clad pledge of support in exchange for the administration influence in favor of Tracy and against Low. The deal was kept very quiet, but it leaked out even before Mr. Tracy, who had previously declared that he would not be the candidate, announced his willingness to accept the republican nomination. According to democratic advisers, it will make no difference who the republican nominee is; a democrat will be elected. It is understood that Vice-President Hobart is also in the deal, and that the next republican ticket is to be, if the parties to the deal have their way, the same as the last, McKinley and Hobart. It is also said that Platt got Mr. McKinley's promise to make him Secretary of the Treasury, the position he has vainly sought for so many years, if he is re-elected.

Although no official admission has been made, it is known that the administration is much disturbed by its latest advisers from Hawaii. The ratification of the annexation treaty by the Hawaiian Senate has caused much excitement among the Japanese residents of Hawaii, and the administration fears that a state of insurrection may be precipitated at almost any moment, the result of which may be the overthrow of the present government. Information in the State Department leaves little doubt that many Japanese soldiers are on the island, having gone there in the guise of laborers. It is also very clear that these soldiers are armed and that they have talked among themselves of what they intended to do after overthrowing the government and taking possession of the islands. New and urgent orders have been sent to the U. S. vessels there. The feeling of uneasiness on the part of the administration is not about the final result of a scrap with Japan, but about what might happen to Americans and American interests on the island should the Japanese make an attempt to overthrow the Dole government.

The disposition to poke fun at ex-Senator Edmunds and his ten associates, who have met in Washington and organized themselves into a so-called monetary commission, has been more pronounced than ever since Mr. Edmunds issued an explanation of why they are in session. He admits that they have no authority and that they cannot even approach Congress with a suggestion as to legislation, except through the right of petition, possessed by every citizen. In the face of that admission, the star chamber meetings of these agents of the Indianapolis Gold Banker's Convention of last winter appear to be farcical in the extreme, and the result of their deliberation is likely to be just about as influential with Congress as would be a resolution adopted by the Thompson Street Poker Club.

He Was Refused.

The following from the Clearfield Public Spirit is truly amusing:

Here is a dialogue which illustrates the naturalization court pretty well:

Judge Gordon—"What kind of government have we?"

Applicant—"Governor Hastings."

Judge Gordon—"What is the chief officer of our government?"

Applicant—"A King."

Judge Gordon—"Who is he?"

Applicant—"McKinley."

Judge Gordon—"What is the Capitol of Pennsylvania?"

Applicant—"Gordon."

At this Judge Gordon smiled derisively and proceeded to write across the applicant's papers the word, "refused."

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HARRISBURG LETTER.

No Prospect of a New Capitol For the Next Legislature.

CONFLICT BETWEEN ARCHITECTS.

A Well Known Philadelphia Firm Upholds the Commission—Ex-Secretary Reeder's Triumph at Home—Pennsylvania Day at Nashville.

(Special Correspondence.)

Harrisburg, Sept. 29.—The conflict in the capitol commission has now reached a point that makes it wholly improbable that the new capitol will be ready for occupancy at the next meeting of the legislature. The suits brought by leading architects to compel the commission to accept one of the eight plans presented by the chosen experts will necessarily cause delay, and it may be months before even a design is agreed upon. The experts are indignant, and propose to contest every inch of ground. But that architects themselves disagree as to the justice of experts' claims is shown in a communication sent to the Philadelphia chapter of the American Institute of Architects by Furness, Evans & Co., the well known architects of that city, which is in part as follows:

"We maintain that it is the experts who have violated the terms of their agreement with the competing architects, and that it is the four commissioners who have stood for an honest compliance with the terms of the competition and the keeping of faith with the profession. We had a right to expect, when we submitted our designs, that we should receive fair play. Our plans did conform absolutely to every positive requirement of the program, and we are confident that responsible contractors would undertake to do the work for even less than our estimates. In asserting and insisting upon our right to have our plan fairly judged according to the strict letter of the program of competition, we feel that we should have had the sympathy and support of every honest and intelligent member of the profession. We have asked no favors and expected none, but we shall not be deterred by anything which your association may say or do from insisting upon a strict adherence to the terms of any competition in which we see proper to take part, and we shall certainly always endeavor to compel exact compliance with such of the conditions of a public competition as the expert judges have pledged their word to 'strictly and fully observe in judging designs.'"

The above communication is a sequel to the suits brought against the capitol commission last week. On Friday evening, Hood & Ingersoll, of Philadelphia, and Wolf & Bailey, of this city, on behalf of Cope & Stewardson, of Philadelphia, and Alden & Harlow, of Pittsburg, two firms of architects submitting competitive plans for the new state capitol, filed a bill in equity against the members of the state capitol building commission. The bill avers the action of the commission in throwing out the plans as submitted is a violation of the obligations assumed thereunder, and will result in depriving the petitioners of the opportunity of securing one of the prizes therein provided for, and that further, it is a disregard and a violation of the public duty resting upon the commissioners. They ask for an injunction restraining the commissioners from selecting an architect in any manner other than provided in the established program. A hearing on the motion to continue the injunction was fixed by Judge McPherson for Friday of this week.

General Reeder's Home Triumph.

Last Saturday's Republican convention in Northampton county is a subject of lively discussion among the politicians here, owing to its strong endorsement of ex-Secretary of State Reeder, who was recently displaced by Governor Hastings, and its condemnation of the governor. As had been anticipated, the convention was controlled by the friends of Mr. Reeder, there being scarcely a dissenting voice. General Reeder himself was called for by the delegates, and made a sensational speech, in which he referred to "as devilish a plot as has ever been hatched to destroy me politically." The resolutions which his friends had the convention adopt referred "with feelings of deepest indignation to the dastardly efforts recently made to defame and malign" General Reeder, Webster C. Weiss and M. S. Luckenbach, and wound up with "heartily endorsing General Reeder's record while secretary of the commonwealth," and condemning his displacement as "unwise, unjust and unwarranted." It was a Reeder gathering throughout. Webster C. Weiss, who is one of the defendants in the defamation of character cases, was made chairman. James S. Beaumont, the candidate for state treasurer, made an address.

Secretary Mallin, of the Pennsylvania state commission to the Tennessee centennial, is at Nashville completing the preliminary arrangements for Pennsylvania days, Oct. 13 and 14.

"Pennsylvania's celebration," says a dispatch from Nashville, "is being looked forward to as one of the great events of the exposition, for it is well known that the state always equals, if not surpasses, all others in the elaborateness of whatever it undertakes in this direction."

As Pennsylvania has no state building at the exposition the hospital of the New York state building has been officially tendered by the state officials of New York and duly accepted by Secretary Mallin on behalf of Governor Hastings.

The Pennsylvania officials will therefore probably make this building their headquarters while there, and as there is a general register provided where Pennsylvanians can record their names, all the visitors from the Keystone state will naturally congregate there. Major A. W. Willis, commissioner general of the exposition, telegraphed to Harrisburg a short time since in regard to any postponement of Pennsylvania days on account of illness in the distant south as follows:

"Ceremonies at Nashville and Chattanooga should not be postponed. No fear whatever of yellow fever. Frost will be here and at Chattanooga long before the date of the ceremonies."

Important Tax Decisions. Deputy Attorney General Reeder has given Auditor General Mylin an opinion

relative to the collection of mercantile tax from the Oil City boiler works. It appears that the company has a branch office in Pittsburg, where orders for its property are received, which orders are forwarded to the principal office in Oil City. There the orders are filled and the goods shipped direct to the purchaser. The company has no store or warehouse of any kind located in Allegheny county. A mercantile tax was assessed against the company in Allegheny county and a suit has been commenced to enforce payment thereof. The auditor general asked to be advised whether there is liability on the part of the company to pay such tax and the deputy attorney general says that in view of the fact that the company has no warehouse in Allegheny county it is not liable to the tax.

State Treasurer Haywood was also given an opinion by the deputy attorney general relative to the payment of collateral inheritance tax. William H. Hall, the register of Delaware county, wrote asking about the repayment of collateral inheritance tax paid by the estate of J. Lewis Crozer. He states that Crozer devised W. A. Stotsbury a farm situated in Kansas at a valuation of \$30,000. Upon this valuation a collateral inheritance tax was paid by the executors into the state treasury. Register Hall now requests that this money be returned and refunded to the executors of the Crozer estate, and the legal question submitted to the attorney general's department was whether such request could be complied with.

The deputy attorney general says that under a decision of Chief Justice Paxson such tax imposed upon realty situated in another state transcends legislative power and cannot be enforced. He adds: "If, therefore, the real estate situated in Kansas was specifically devised as real estate the devisee thereof would not, under the decision above named, be liable to pay any collateral inheritance tax thereon and the same having been paid was paid erroneously and ought in justice to be returned, if the same can be legally done."

He then goes on to say that under the act of June 12, 1878, the state treasurer is authorized to refund collateral inheritance taxes paid on satisfactory proof rendered him by the register of wills of such erroneous payment. He advises the state treasurer that if the register of Delaware county can furnish satisfactory proof by certified records or otherwise that the tax was paid on land located in another state the amount paid into the treasury shall be refunded, providing the application for such repayment shall be made within two years from the time the taxes were paid.

The Democratic Campaign.

The Democratic state committee headquarters were opened for the campaign on Tuesday last week. Secretary Matt Savage, of Clearfield, and Assistant Secretary VanDyke, of Harrisburg, took possession of the rooms over the Mechanics' bank, at Third and Market streets, and announced to callers that the campaign is on. It is expected that several clerks will be placed on duty in course of time, but at present Messrs. Savage and VanDyke can take care of all business. State Chairman Garman was not at the opening. He is counsel for the strikers' committee at Hazleton.

It is understood that there will not be much of a brass band campaign this year. In the first place Mr. Garman will not have any money to spend for bands and fireworks and things of that kind. It will essentially be a campaign of literature, and arrangements will be made to flood the state with documents principally charging the last Republican legislature with breaking faith with the people in the matter of failing to pass the reform legislation promised by the Republican convention. There will be very few, if any, public meetings.

There was a meeting of the officers of the Democratic state committee at the Hotel Lafayette in Philadelphia today, at which M. E. Brown and W. E. Litter, the party candidates for state treasurer and auditor general, were present. A general invitation had been extended to Democrats from the eastern section of the state to be present, and the candidates were formally presented to them by State Chairman Garman. Arrangements for prosecuting an active campaign were discussed, and the leaders of the party in Philadelphia exchanged views with the state leaders present.

In Philadelphia Chairman Ryan and the organization committee of the Democratic city committee are working quietly, but effectively in mapping out an aggressive campaign, which will shortly be formally opened. The committee on public meetings has already prepared a large amount of interesting campaign literature, and many well known speakers have been secured to enlighten the public on the local and state issues. There will be an active canvass in every division by party workers.

The Abandoned Clubs Convention.

There will be no Democratic club convention this year. The executive committee of the Democratic societies of Pennsylvania, with great unanimity, so decided at its last meeting. While E. F. Kerr of Bedford, W. J. Brenner of Pittsburg and A. H. Ladner of Philadelphia were appointed a committee to provide for a Democratic club convention at another time in Wilkesbarre, where it was to have been held this year, the chances are that Democratic club-conventions hereafter will be confined to presidential years, if they are not entirely abandoned. The annulment of the one fixed for the 28th inst. was based at the meeting on the disturbances in Luzerne county. Former and present Governor Black, president of the Pennsylvania society, was among those who earnestly spoke in opposition to the convention.

Cheering reports were given of Democratic harmony in different portions of the state. Secretary Savage is authority for the statement that the silver and gold wings of the party are giving warm support to the state ticket nominated at Reading. The bad record made by the Republican legislature and Republican officials, he said, had contributed largely to this result. He also gave much credit to Mr. Harrity for the existence of the existing good feeling between Democrats, stating that his declaration in favor of the ticket had done wonders in bringing to his support many Democrats who but for his stand might have either voted against the party or remained away from the polls.

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