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THE WINDOW GLASS DISPUTE.

The smoke has hardly cleared away from the field of employer and employee from the efforts of another struggle between the two parties and employed, this time in the window glass industry. From the statement of the situation in our local columns it will be seen that the two parties are a long distance apart.

Such a result will be detrimental to the public as well as to the interests immediately involved. There are the strongest reasons cogent to both sides why they should modify their present rather extreme attitude.

The fact is that the gravest objections to Harrison are such as the practical politicians cannot, comfortably to themselves, admit; and so they bring up the rather familiar charge of crookedness. It is to be remembered that the Democratic politicians made the same complaint against even the great corporation owners and when they drew unlimited drafts on his power of patronage. But while this complaint is common to all politicians it is not the real reason why President Harrison is not eligible for re-nomination.

It seems that the investigation of the State Treasury management is to be held after all, with Statesman John H. Fow at the head of the investigators. It can be seen from Mr. Fow's familiar investigation that the important places as well as the important positions in his family organs, that the President failed to interpose the check that was in his power upon the reckless extravagance of Congress; and that he has permitted politicians of the Clark stripe to distribute patronage at wholesale, in defiance of the civil service reform pledges of the Republican party as well as of the President.

THE FREE TRADE SITUATION.

The anxiety of the Democratic journals to make points against the tariff policy of the Republican party, frequently leads them into a denial of their own principles. The New York World furnishes a striking example of that sort when it asserts in an attack on the reciprocity policy, that its recollections of the tariff are, in general, friendly and that the reciprocity treaties "do not relieve the people of this country of one penny of taxation."

AN INDISCREET ADVOCATE.

Matthew Marshall, the financial writer of the New York Sun, whose weekly article is telegraphed to THE DISPATCH, continues in the column published elsewhere to enlarge upon the theory that the receding of great corporations cannot, and therefore ought not to be expected to direct.

This writer admits that there is some weight in the opinion of shareholders that when they have been induced to invest on the representation that their interests will be guarded under the direction of certain leading business men, the promise thus held out should be kept. It is impossible for the men holding directorships in numerous corporations to give the supervision to the affairs of all their corporations that is expected. The conclusion that such financiers should lessen their number of directorships does not occur to the Wall Street writer. Instead he enlarges on the difficulty of making corporations prosperous, the constant necessity of getting the funds without value received, and the great opportunities for plundering them—all of which, it might be remarked, are multiplied by the presence of directors who do not direct.

THE COOL JULY.

The month which closed last week has been notable for the coolness and equable character of its temperature. With a recklessness of the weather prophets who undertook the rash prediction that July would be the warmest of the year, an average temperature was enjoyed, lower than for any other July for 20 years with two exceptions, in 1884 and 1888, when the average temperature was 71.8 and 72.1 degrees respectively.

WAGERS IN LIVERPOOL.

Mr. Edgar L. Wakeman's investigations into the conditions of the working classes of Liverpool present some startling facts, on which the theory that the condition of the English workers is equal to that of American workmen goes to utter wreck. That the contrary is the case is proved by the tide of immigration which has been flowing this way for more than a generation; but Mr. Wakeman's figures set forth the details in a way that is most convincing.

Mr. Wakeman, as will be seen by his letter in yesterday's DISPATCH, very positively contradicts the theoretical idea that the wages which the English workmen get have a greater purchasing power than the equivalent wages of the American worker. Kents are cheaper owing to lower rates of interest, and clothing is alleged to be cheaper. "But a great share of the difference in both cases is due to the fact that the English laborer lives in houses and wears clothes which the American workman of like standing would not accept. In the vast range of food articles the American worker has the great advantage. Until the sugar duty was repealed in this country to settle the claims made against a small railroad which was operated in the western part of Pennsylvania. One day one of the trains killed a fine cow belonging to a workman and the farmer, Mr. Sage, got driving up to look like a tax assessor, and said to the farmer's house, said: "What do you value that red cow of yours at?" "It's not worth \$10 to any one," said the old farmer. "Well, here's the money," said the supposed assessor. "My road killed the cow this morning."

Signs of Restored Strength.

Secretary Blaine is to try boating, which denotes confidence in his ability to public the organ.

THINGS IN GENERAL.

The Nineteenth Century Persecution Which Brought the Middle Ages Back.

Behind the Times in Everything.—Wrongs of an Unfortunate Race.

Russia is 12 days behindhand. I mean in the annals. In almost everything else Russia is 400 or 500 years behindhand. Russia is a behindhand country.

It is interesting and satisfactory to note that the orders of the railroad combination to boycott the Chicago and Alton Railroad are resulting in complete fiasco. The laws are moving themselves more powerful than the combination edict. Of course the important fact in the boycott is the violation of the provision of the act that no such law shall be made without delay the traffic of other roads "without delay or discrimination," is not worth mentioning.

The complaint of the politicians that the President has not enough warmth to suit their tastes, is balanced by the evident intention of the political managers of the hour to make it hot for the opposing factions.

"COLONEL SCOTT of Omaha (who may be for all we know the 'Great Scott' of romance) who is attracted thither by the real estate comment. Dear, dear! Is it possible that the esteemed Courier has paid so little attention to the sources of national by-words as not to know that 'Great Scott' is an English idiom to mean a great scoundrel, and on the majesty of General Winfield S.?

THE general perception of the appropriateness of a new deal is manifest in the industry of the President's cabinet. The cabinet members are sending in the resignations of the members of the Cabinet, for these gentlemen.

Now we hear that the railroad car shortage is impending again, to materialize when the wheat crop is to be moved. The idleness of the railroads in fluctuating from a surplus to a shortage is rather more excusable than interesting.

Uncle Jerry's Republican weather is generally meeting with approval; but the exceptional coolness has an unfortunate result in freezing Collector Ehrhardt out of office in the middle of July.

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THE congratulations of Lord Salisbury on the success with which chronic evils have been remedied, are well founded from the Tory standpoint. From that point of view the Russian government is doing well. Still it is very hard for people who desire to live all men—except Russians—to have Siberian exile supplemented now by Jewish persecution in the Slavic programme of medieval injustice.

Probably the best thing to say is that the Russians are trying to govern nineteenth century people with nineteenth century methods. And that is a good deal like trying to crowd a man's foot into a child's shoe. You have got to cut off some toes before you can do that.

THE latest disclosures with regard to Canada's politics should settle one thing. The United States does not want Canada annexed. We have no necessity for adding to our present load of international complications in which the politicians are owned by the corporations in fee simple.

GOSSIP ABOUT CELEBRITIES.

MARQUIS PROSPERO MARSIGLI, the wealthy Italian nobleman who recently died in Bologna, bequeathed 130,000 lire to the Pope to say masses for the repose of his soul.

THE central stronghold of the Hebrews for more than twenty centuries has been Poland. There they made their homes generation after generation before the partition of that unhappy country was ever plotted. Then Russia got hold of Poland.

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