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By REDUCING the tariff Democracy | The principal faults with the present puts a tax on industry; and by adopt- system are faults that would not be ing an income tax it wants to levy blackmail on brains, enterprise and ment. So long as the mediocre wealth thrift. Add to this its various schemes | can buy its way to senatorial sinecures, for polluting the ballot and vitiating and dyspeptic demogogues command at the currency, and you have a mess of will the support of diseffected agriculpolitical villainy seasoned to knavery's | turists, that long will there be scandal

SECRET MARRIAGES.

of marriage is intended as a testimonial of publicity. The whole tener and purport of the legal restrictions by which this ceremonial is surrounded go to preserve it from the social dangers of secrecy. It requires ne extended argument to prove that the social purity of the home, the honor and self-respect of the family and the preaervation, unsuffied, of all those influences which grow out of reputable doof the marriage contract. The moment that subterfuge is accepted as throats of the law's latest defiers. optional, the moment that laws requiring the registration of vital statistics permit the concestment at will of official laws, the moment ministers or lines, magistrates lend themselves without refuetance to this conspiracy of marital silence, that moment grave danger begins to threaten the American home. cases, concealment is wrong and should | lants justice is nowadays an uncombe bitterly opposed

ridge to begulie him into pronouncing, law for the orderly processes of the fact, from the equally obnoxions band at the very period when, as shown | be aggravating circumstances calcula- | ink, by sworn testimony, he was sustaining ted to inflame the passions of the relations of unatterable dishonor with | Ignohers, but not in one case in ten has a woman whom the law did not recog- | the regularly ordained procedure of the currency value is a thing altogether nize; a woman whom Breckinridge had law been given a chance to viadicate betrayed by false protestations of pa- itself. Without testimony and with- readily recall hearing an earnest greenternal interest and had subjected to out trial, the law has been voted inad- back friend, gallant Colonel Henry Clay treatment which no polite adjective equate, and in its piace has been rushed. Braisby, once assul our juvenile ears sufficiently characterizes. While in forward the hot and recking passion of with the suphistry that a brick of sand its legal aspects this concealed union, an excited populace eager to shed hu- and mortar, stamped by the governsolemnized in the parlors of Rev. Dr. | man blood Paxson's, New York home and sur- This was done in Strondsburg the would be every whit as valuable for all rounded by all the accessories of mys- other day, and it is done in perhaps practical purposes as an equally large in the trial of Miss Pollard for dam lings of which there is contemporary cal impress. The colonel was sincere ages, it must weigh heavily upon the record. No citizen of Monroe county in what he said; and no doubt to prove conscience of its clerical factor; and it can fairly claim that the established it, would, had opportunity offered, serves a useful purpose in renewing at | counts of that county have shown themtention to a fruitful source of social selves inadequate to deal with crimiscandal, sorrow and wrong.

need of uniform legislation relating to murderer of Ehlers had not been marriage and divorce. But here is an strung up like a dog by ferocious and evil which the law wholly overlooks; unreasonable men he would have esan evil which has caused more suffer- caped his deserved punishment through ing, more disappointment and more legal quibble or evasive technicality. provocation to divorce and crime To the bench of that judicial district than any other single feature in this the people of Strondsburg, among othwhole category. The plain teaching of ers, had recently elected a fair and common sense, that he who is untilling conscientious jurist who would have to let the world know of his choice of exercised every proper influence to the a wife, should have no right to the le- end that strict justice might prevail. gal designation of a husband, ought to by Certainly nothing in the character of sufficient to abolish the secret mar- Allen Craig justified the insult which riage. But it apparently is not. This the citizens of Strondsburg placed upon form of romance is so far from dimin - him when they contemned his court Ishing that it is steadily on the in- and substituted for it the impetuous crease; and complacent legislatures tribunal presided over by Judge give it the benefit of a quasi endorse- Lynch. Nor is there such a lack of ment by passing laws governing the talent in the prosecuting officers of registration of marriages which have Monroe county as to support the conall the elasticity of India rubber in | tention that Puryear's punishment by cial custom in this important matter, tive from his ignominious acquittal. it ought not to pause this side a complete revision of the statutes governing vital statistics.

training for another Goddess of Liberty campaign?

ONE OF those practical beneficences that deserve grateful publicity has just be to accept one of the fundamental been instituted by the Lahigh and Wilkes-Barre Coal company in the remission of rent is behalf of those of its tenant miners upon whom the slack fant that the "lynching bee" is a distimes have pressed most heavily. Ac- tractively American industry, which, tions like this are open to abuse, thanks although other American industries to demagogues who trade in industrial may droop and suspend under adverse discontent; but to the majarity of sensible people such kindnesses appeal with continues to declare bloody dividends telling force, nor is anything lost by them in the end.

argument against true religion; but the prevalence of many Breckinridges in congress would force the country to move for a complete new deal.

SENATORIAL REFORM.

make the popular vote an honest vote. The congress which passed an act repealing federal supervision of federal elections, thus tacitly inviting the fradulent elements to do their worst, is hardly the congress to propose a popniar election of senators and then exnorthern states to fall heartily in with

does not flow from such a source. There is another question of equity, in connection with this proposition to change the method of electing senators. It is one which even radical reformers do not urge with much seri-

'pocket borough" like Wyoming or SCRANTON TRIBUNE pocket borough" like Wyoming or Nevada or Idaho has the same representation in the, United States senate that is accorded to New York or Penn-General Manager. sylvania. At intervals the proposition to consolidate some of these nikali deserts recurs, is briefly debated and indifferently dropped. But the inherent injustice of continuing such unfair equality of representation must some lay lead to more aggressive action; and there is no better time to propose this than at a time when the vaulting greed of these western senatorial silver barons is "holding up" the legislation of the entire nation in an' unconscionable effort to extort free coinage black-

The net result of the present agitation for a change in the method of choosing senators will probably be nil. remedied by constitutional amendand anneyance in the upper chamber of congress, let the system of election what it will. What is needed is a From its very nature, the ceremonial revival of civic vigilance, and when this is secured, it will marter little what method is pursued, for the result will be fully able to take care of itself.

> ANXIOUS INQUIRER: Yes, the United States is a civilized country, with the possible exception of Strondsburg

No pourt the rope whereby Murderer Parysar was lynched formed a very appropriate souvenir; but the menticity, are inseparably allied to the ethics of the case will not be complete widest frankness in the announcement until this hempen strand is tied to a second bow knot, this time about the

It is currous how the lynching spirit manifests itself along Democratic

THE LYNCHING INDUSTRY.

We remember recently to have seen

nals like Puryear. There was no evi-We hear much nowadays about the dence to sustain the belief that if the August. If reform ever overtakes so- a vengeful mob was the only alterna-

How, then, are we to account for the increasing prevalence of the mad wish o overthrow law and order whenever conspicuous crime has been commit-LIBLIAN RUSSELL'S refusal to ride in | ted? Are the people of this generation | the same car with that mere Briton, more excitable, impetuous and un-Henry Irving, must be intensely coush- thinking than were their predecessors? ing to Mr. Irving Can Lillian be in Has the advance of civilization carried with it a corresponding increase in the American incapacity for sober selfgovernment? One does not like to beeve any such thing. To do so would tenets of pessimists and to affix a preminm on general ignorance and antiquated custom. Yet it is a curious tariffs and sentimental scares, steadily a glowing ghastliness and augmented THE EXISTENCE of hypocrites is no explain it. We can simply point to it from all over the United States, and it and saudder.

UNTIL THE Republican party places on the federal statute books a firm law protecting the oppressed citizen in his just right to vote, and to have that In connection with the favorable re. | ballot counted as cast, is will have port by the house committee of the failed in a solemn duty, and deserved proposition to elect United States sens- | the defeats that it has received. Either tors by direct popular vote it is perti- Republican government is a fraud on nent to suggest that some better means | its face, or fraud must be everywhere than any now in vogue be employed to eliminated from that government's franchise.

SUCH DISORDERLY scenes as those that have recently bean enacted in Colorado are logical consequences of the Populistic uprising of which Waite was one of the accidental political upheavals. pect the reputable citizenship of the From the day of Jack Cade, with his scheme to compel every baker in Lonthe scheme. Genuine electoral reform | don to sell three-panny loaves of bread for a ha penny and to make every ale sires. pot have three rings, under penalty of the bartender's decapitation, down to the time of our modern Lawellings and Waites and Peffers, the uniform harvest of ignorant revolution has been ousness, and yet it is one of growing chaos and civic disorder. The country, importance. Occasionally some east- instead of feeling sorry over the bitter importance. Occasionally some east-ern newspaper or speaker calls fit-ful attention to the fact that a listic propaganda of two and four years the local wheelmen, and to awaken

ago, is really to be "congratulated that among them a desire to do track work it got off so easily.

AFTER years it will doubtless prove interesting reading for searchers in old newspaper files to learn how, in the year 1894, 5,000,000 able bodied Americans were thrown out of employment, forced to subsist on charity and subjected, in many instances, to frightful penury and despair, as a tribute to the Democratic party's all round incapacity to legislate. The perusal of such ncidents as the arming of 75,000 idle Californians, in the hope of demanding work, and of the contemplated invasion of the national capital by yet other 'grand armies of the unemployed," siloted by picturesque cranks or deluded by economic freaks, ought to afford scope for a large variety of in-structive reflections. We are making ome very impressive history just now.

ONLY A PRETTY DREAM.

"Every one knows," writes our friend Dr. D. B. Strong, "that the market value of silver is less than its lar. It will tuy just as much flour and sugar as a gold dollar will bny. As long, then, as no discount exists on it in actual commercial relations, for maintain that as a circulating medium it is below puris to confuse its intrinic value with its currency value, or is value as a circulating medium. And to do this is simply to work in favor of the prejudice of the gold power, to the exclusion of silver as a money metal." This, by way of answer to THE TERB UNE's objections to the Bland bill infla-

We suspect that our esteemed corespondent here admits rather more than be intended to admit. If there is any clear inference from his carefully drawn distinction between "Intrinsic value" and "currency "alus" it is that "carrency value," or in other words the legal stamp of the government, is a formidable compilation of statistics, the ruling value. But if the govern Secret marriages may occasionally end | the purport of which went to prove | ment stamp can make 43 cents worth happily; and there may, in individual that lynchings in this country are ab- of silver perform all the trade functions instances, be some plausibility in the hermally on the increase and that the that are performed, for instance, by excuses off-red for the veiling of a increase is not sectional but general. 100 cents worth of gold, why use gold deremony of which none should be Unfortunately these figures are not at all? Why waste so much precious eshamed. But, as a general rule, ap- now atour command: but one scarcely intrinsic value when the mere stamp of plying to an overwhelming majority of | seeds them to be convinced that vigi- | government will create all the value needed in financial operations? Our nonly common resort. The merest friend's rule ought to work both ways, We do not envy the feelings of the glance at the news pages of our daily If it be urged as a measure of protec-New York clergyman who permitted press will almost any day reveal graph- tion against the gold power, it ought the wily tongue of Colonel Brackin- is instances of the substitution of mob also to deliver us, in logic, if not in in secrecy, the service which, on April courts, and a great majority of these machinations of the silver power, and 29 of last year, made that deceptive instances will apparently be without put us finally upon the ground floor of Kentuckian for the second time a hus visible provocation. There may often a flat currency of unlimited paper and

It is one of the recurring fallacies inherited from greenback days that ment with the words "One dollar," cheerfully have rejected the gold brick in favor of the cube of dirt. But the colonel was an enthusiast. Enthusiasts do not control the world of commerce. In the practical ranks of cold and calculating business endeavor no uch cheerful martyrlom is encountred these prosaic days. Money must have intrinsic as well as flat value or it will be contemptuously rejected; and the very fact that treasury notes based originally on silver bullion had to be edeemed by the secretary of the treasury in hard dollars of glittering gold proves that the first craze must be rele-

gated to the limbo of pretty dreams rage, as they have been in several Western states, and as it is proposed to lo in Massachusetts, our municipal elections ought first to be made fit places for their presence. Few women of self respect would care to vote in a city like Troy, under a boss domination that uses pistols and clubs.

IF THE authorities of Mouros county lo not make some of those Strondsburg ynchers dance to their own quickstep, they are not the mon for their respect ve positions.

AFTER ALL, this Breckinridge scandal may serve a useful purpose in practically illustrating what a blue blooded southern gentleman ought not to be.

WHEELS and Wheelmen.

The Scranton Bleyele club is making arrangements to hold a race meet at the Driving park on July 4. The question of holding a meet on the fourth has been under deliberation for some time, and on Friday night the committee met and decided on a local meet. In class B, or makers' number. We do not pretend to ex- amateur class, the entries will be open is expected, in fact assured, that under the class B several of the cracks will compete. Sanger and Tyler, who will race as the Union cycle team this year. will in all probability be present, and f Willie Windle, who formerly mated Tyler on the Union team, decides to do any racing this season, he will also be here. All three of these men are well pleased with the treatment received by them at the hands of the Scranton wheelmen and will undoubtedly grasp the opportunity of visiting Scranton

The latest innovations in the bicycle line are the wooden rims. Their chief points of merit lie in lightness and strength, while they give a quite smart effect to the whole wheel. Last year they were in use quite extensively by racing men in connection with the Palmer tire and proved speedy. This year the manufacturers furnish woo len or steel rims, whichever the buyer de-

In the pure amateur or class A, the entries are limited to wheelmen living within a radius of 200 miles. This will give local wheelmen an opportunity to enter the class A races without being out classed by an army of riders who

which always acts as a stimulus to cycling in general.

The club has not decided whether they will hold the circuit meet later in the season or not. It will all depend upon the financial outcome of the first one. This decision of the club to hold the first meet is received by the riders with enthusiasm, and already the good natured competition between riders is apparent, which means a large number of entries.

Young Gregory, of the Green Ridge wheelman who did such excellent track work last season, is seen on the avenus daily practicing short spurts. Gregory is a nervy little rider, and with his past victories before him to spur him to more triumphs he ought to make a name for himself and the city in which helives. According to Windle, who holds a record of 1.56 and a fraction, Gregory is composed of the stuff that makes speedy men.

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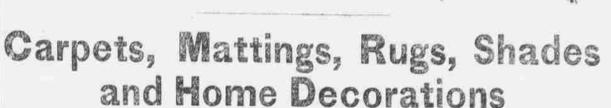
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