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Six women School Directors were elected in Chester county, at the late election.

The new Democratic pardon board met to Harrisburg last week, and refused to grant a single pardon. Roman firmness, my boys!

EX-GOVERNOR MORGAN of New York, bequeathed in his will \$795,000 to various charitable and relief associations. His estate is valued at \$6,000,000.

The iron trade of this country is undoubtedly in a bad way, and its embarrassments increase steadily with the progress of free trade agitation in Congress.

The Conference Committee on the Postoffice Appropriation bill, has agreed upon October 1st as the time when the two-cent letter postage shall go into effect.

The failure of the immense iron firm of Brown, Bonnell & Co., of Cleveland, last week, is only another indication of the "tariff scare," over which certain idiotic editors are making merry.

The Regular Republicans carried Philadelphia last week by over eight thousand majority, against the combined Democracy and the self-constituted, Pharisical "Committee of One Hundred."

The bill to reduce the Internal Revenue taxes, failed in the House last week, for lack of a two-thirds vote. The tally was 162 yeas, to 97 nays. Eleven Republicans only, voted against the bill.

While the Democratic free traders in Congress were voting to crush the iron industries of Pennsylvania, they were afraid to vote to reduce the duty on sugar, lest they might lose their grip on the State of Louisiana.

In the "Independent" Republican leaders who helped to elect Pattison and a Democratic Legislature, do not by this time realize their mistake, the people do. Instead of the "reform" promised, we are getting full doses of Democratic partisanship.

At the election in Philadelphia last week, four ladies were among the successful candidates for School Directors. Two were elected in the First ward, and two in the Twenty-fourth. In several other wards, where ladies were candidates, they were defeated.

AFTER a long and bitter fight, the Tariff bill passed the Senate on Tuesday night of last week, by a vote of 42 to 19. Senator Mitchell, of this State, voted against the bill. Senator Cameron, who has been ill for some time, was paired against the bill and absent.

The editor of the Philadelphia Press is down at Washington, sitting on his hind legs and howling for a leader to marshal the Republican forces in the desperate battle being waged for protection, against free trade. A few brief months since, this same editor was denouncing party leaders as "bosses," and demanding that they be "unloaded." He, and such as he, by their persistent denunciation of, and hostility to certain prominent Republicans, demoralized the party, and made the election of Democratic Governors in New York and Pennsylvania, together with a majority of Democratic members of Congress possible, and now, when the legitimate result of this folly is being repaid, when our industries are paralyzed with dread of an approaching Democratic Congress, and free trade leaders at Washington are placing Pennsylvania's greatest manufacturing interests at the mercy of British competitors, he helplessly wrings his hands, and cries for "night or Blucher" to save us from utter ruin, and the miserable consequences of his own arrogant folly.

The Tariff and Revenue bill passed by the Senate last week, is now on the table in the House, and on its final disposition measurably depends the prosperity of the great and ruling industries of Pennsylvania.

The bill in issue, while affording the necessary measure of protection to the manufacturers of the New England, the Southern and Western States, endangers the very life of the iron interests of the Middle States, and the vast and diversified industries connected with and dependent upon them. The final issue of the Tariff, for this session at least, probably rests upon the decision of the members from this State, and they are in a trying and delicate position. On one hand they hesitate about coming home without having accomplished anything, and facing the cry that a Republican Congress failed to secure that protection for labor to which the party is irrevocably pledged. On the other hand, the iron and steel interests of the State, far greater in value than are the entire manufacturing industries of the sixteen Southern States, are not only imperiled, but will be probably ruined by the adoption of the bill.

the members from this State, as well as those from Ohio, are fully justified in resisting this bill to the death, and we trust they will take this view of their duty. Pennsylvania has shown a willingness to stand by the interests of all other sections of the country in the matter of protection, and she has a right to demand reciprocity in return, or to care for herself by antagonizing a measure that not only wantonly disregards, but recklessly imperils her best interests. The Senate bill as it stands, means blight and ruin to the forges, the mills and the factories of Pennsylvania, and if it cannot be referred to a committee of conference, and there amended, then let it be defeated, if possible, and all the consequent political agitation and misrepresentation accepted. It will be far easier, with the record in hand, to defend against the charge of having selfishly betrayed protection, than to meet the reproaches of the unemployed laborers whose means of livelihood have been destroyed by the prostration of the great industries that gave them constant employment and remunerative wages. By the tariff, as it now stands, Pennsylvania's industries receive more than ample protection. It was adopted during the pressing necessities of the war, and it now yields a surplus of revenue. A general reduction was assented to, and to prepare the work for this Congress, a Commission of prominent men was appointed, to inquire into and report a schedule that, while it lowered the duties and diminished the revenue, would still afford the necessary means of protection. This work was well and carefully prepared by the Commission, and while it was made the basis of the Senate bill, which in the main is an acceptable one, yet it has come to pass that in some particulars, and especially in regard to the duties on iron and steel, and many of the minor products of that industry, this bill does not afford the requisite protection. The representatives of these industries, appeared in vain to the Senate to amend its bill in this particular, and now the question is before the House, and but a few days of the session yet remaining, and with a number of the necessary appropriation bills yet to be acted upon.

An effort is to be made to have the bill referred to a Committee of Conference with the hope of procuring its amendment, and if this fails, the only remaining question is, shall the bill pass and the vital interests of Pennsylvania be stricken down, and the influence of the Republican party of the country be paralyzed, if not destroyed. The issue involved is an immense one, and it will be decided before the next issue of this journal reaches its readers.

PHILADELPHIA Democrats breakfast, and dine, and sup on "Reform." They go to bed hugging it to their bosoms, they lay awake at night nursing and sweetly conjuring it, and they arise in the morning joyfully shouting its praises. It has given the State a Pattison and a Cassidy; it has filled many of the city offices with its unfeeling chicks; it has grasped every position in the State from which it could oust a Republican; it has sternly decimated the ranks of the scrub women and pages at the State Capitol; it has kicked veteran soldiers out of the arsenal for the crime of Republicanism, and it has sent to the House at Harrisburg its choicest representative men, to display its virtues and give fashion to legislation. But alas! there is a dead fly in its ointment, a Mordecai sitting at the King's gate. The source of its unhappiness is this: A committee having charge of the erection of a building for city offices exists. It has well and faithfully and honestly expended the millions of dollars entrusted to it, but its members cannot be legally removed, and therefore it must be reformed out of existence. To effect this, application has been made to the Legislature, a bill has been introduced, and the House Committee on Municipal Corporations—composed largely of Philadelphia and Democratic reformers—has it in charge. Before this committee came last week, the advocates and the opponents of the bill, and with them several reporters for the press. It then transpired that the Philadelphia Democrats are not a unit for this reform, and two of the game cocks, who were averse to having their doings reported, are described by the Press as sporting themselves thus:

"Just then Crawford, who had been glaring for some moments at the row of correspondents, jumped up and fiercely asked the chairman what business they had there. 'Committee meetings is secret and no member da'n't got no right to divulge wot happens in 'em. These people must be put 'em right away.' Chairman Furth said, with dignity, that he would not ask them to leave unless a motion was carried to that effect. This made Crawford and Donahue furious. Both began talking at once. 'You, Mr. Press, and you, Mr. Times, have got to get out of this,' yelled the Fourth warder. 'You 'uns kin say what you like about me in the Legislature, but 'em you kin't say what you like about me in the papers. I'll get back at you in another way.' 'You give me a back cap and I'll give you a back cap.' 'Why don't you put 'em out, these damned reporters,' shrieked Donahue, whose words were thick with passion, while his face grew red and the veins in his forehead swelled with excitement. Rushing up to Furth, who sat unmoved and smoking his pipe in the chairman's face Donahue added: 'It's because you haven't got the nerve; you don't dare to. You'd 'specially to carry out the reform in an open shoulder and the Dimmycratic party on the other, 'un you can't do it. I'm a Dimmycrat an' I do want any reforms. I want these men put 'em out! Put 'em out! Put 'em out!' he shrieked.

Alas! and a lack-a-day! What avails all the power and glory of

reform, the sweet savor of all the offices, the serene consciousness of duty well and nobly performed by the decapitation of half a score of scrub-women, the array of civic statesmen in the capitol, if the Building Committee is permitted to remain in power, and newspaper reporters are allowed to pursue their profession unmolested!!!

WHY PENNSYLVANIA WAS LEFT. A stranger who derived his notion of our revenue policy from the districts of Democratic voters, would infer that our protective tariff was solely and altogether in the interests of Pennsylvania, with an incidental lift to New England. If he would scan the votes in Congress, however, he would soon reach the conclusion that the difference between Pennsylvania protectionists and the Louisiana protectionists is that the former believe in and consistently act on the principle of protecting American industry, while the latter would protect only the industries of Kentucky and Louisiana. It is on this account largely that Pennsylvania's tariff bill left in the cold by the Senate Tariff bill.

The strength of the revenue only school, lies in the South. In the recent debate, Beck, of Kentucky, talked free trade by the linear mile. He believed in it for everything but tobacco. That touched Kentucky, and its free trade nature was in its consistency, which he need be ashamed in asking that the duty on tobacco be increased from thirty-five to seventy-five cents per pound. Bayard, of Delaware, is another who believes in free trade for all industries in which his own constituents have an interest. The Diamond Match Company, of Wilmington, through the unequal operations of the match tax, is able to crush out all competition, and the Delaware Senator is ever alert for this interest. Thirteen to scratch the match tax and Bayard is sure to squirm.

The manufacture of gunpowder is another industry which the Delawareans imprudently cultivate, notwithstanding the necessarily close proximity of their match factory. Mr. Bayard would not "protect" Delaware gunpowder. He knows too much political economy for that. He would not have high duties on all the same, and with the aid of Republican votes he got it. He relies his conscience by calling it "facilitating" the manufacture of gunpowder. When his fellow Democrats moved for a lower duty on gunpowder, Bayard was not with them, but with the solemnity of a Pecksniff, he told the Senate that "it was for the country to consider whether or not, as the Government has no manufactures of its own, it is not well for it at least to facilitate the manufacture of gunpowder by so laying its duties as to prevent an unjust oppression by foreign under-valuation." Gunpowder was cared for, but Pennsylvania complains that its iron and steel have not been equally "facilitated," but are exposed to the ravages of the foreigner by foreign under-valuation.

We had supposed that Senator Vest was a "revenue only" man, pure and simple, until zinc was touched, and was discovered to be a struggling infant industry of Missouri. Mr. Vest at once took this industry in his arms. He was a tariff for revenue man once enough, but he took occasion to explain to the Senate that "inside of the limit of a tariff for revenue," he believed in a little incidental protection to Missouri zinc. The Louisiana Democrat, at first free trader for everything but sugar. The Texas free traders insist on 20 per cent, but the Missouri Democrat cease to be free traders when their sugar and zinc are involved. And so it runs through all the States, each one of them having a special industry, or industries, which it is anxious to have protected.

The Republicans, believing that what helps one helps all, are willing to protect and preserve struggling industries of every section. Each Democrat in the country is willing enough to accept the aid of the Republicans in protecting something in his own State, but will vote against protecting anything else. Louisiana, sure of her sugar, and South Carolina of her rice, set their faces against every other protective duty. Pennsylvania has never asked any exclusive favor. It joins in granting generous protection to every industry in the land, only to be disappointed when some other State, voted by States which, having secured ample protection for themselves, feel no concern for the prosperity of the leading industries of the great protectionist State of Pennsylvania.—The Press.

Stampede of Convicts. HELENA, February 24.—A deplorable tragedy was enacted three miles below Helena this morning. J. H. Grant had 75 penitentiary convicts employed at work on the levee below the city. It seems they made an arrangement to escape, and on the morning of the 23rd, the convicts, while spading dirt knocked the guard down. The other convicts then rushed upon the other guards. At this time Grant came upon the scene riding a horse. He fired at the convicts, but seeing them armed, turned to retreat, when one of the convicts fired, the lead passing through his body and killing him instantly. Seventeen convicts made their escape. They came across a lot of negroes working near a posse of men to change clothes. A posse of citizens were gone in pursuit, but up to the present writing none of the convicts have been captured. Grant was an energetic citizen and the people mostly depended on him to keep the levee from Helena to Old Town from breaking. The Old Town country will probably be overflowed.

Killed at a Party. RICHMOND, February 25.—At a round party in Pittsylvania county last night a general fight occurred, in which Mort Wicher was killed by the best. A Mr. McGeebe, another of the revolvers knocked the latter down with a heavy rock and killed him. The row grew out of McGeebe's insisting upon dancing with all the young girls in the house. This excited the jealousy of Mort Wicher and other young men of the party. McGeebe should confine his attention to the old females or retire, for the best followed, with the result given.

Yielding the Children. NEW YORK, February 22.—The funeral services over the bodies of fourteen of the fifteen victims of the terrible accident in the Fourth street school on Tuesday, took place at the building of the building on Tuesday. The Mass High Redeemer, where Solea R. Quinn Mass was celebrated by Father Hespein, assisted by other priests of the order of Redemptorists. The coffins were taken to the church in four white hearse carried through two lines of the Independent Rifle Company, attached to the church, to the altar rail. Twelve little girls, dressed in white and wearing black crepe-trimmed hats, were carried in the coffin. Twenty-six girls, suitably dressed, were in the altar rail. The services were most impressive, and a touching funeral sermon was preached by Rev. Father Schaefer. The church contained nearly five thousand people, and a large police force was necessary to prevent a riot from breaking out during the service. The services were most impressive, and a touching funeral sermon was preached by Rev. Father Schaefer. The church contained nearly five thousand people, and a large police force was necessary to prevent a riot from breaking out during the service.

A Fearsome Ride. YOUNGSTOWN, February 25.—Samuel Price and daughter, Mrs. Walter Beecher, were struck by a passenger train at Harris street crossing last night. Their trolley was completely wrecked, and Mrs. Beecher and her young son carried 200 feet on the plot of the locomotive before the train could be stopped. When taken from the engine Mrs. Beecher was unconscious, but it was found that she was not hurt. Today her condition indicates recovery. The child was not hurt, and Mr. Price escaped with a few bruises.

A Prisoner Escapes. YORK, February 25.—John Chipley, a prisoner confined in the York county jail, escaped early Sunday morning by digging through his cell on the second story and jumping twenty feet to the ground, and then scaling the wall around the jail yard, which is twenty-five feet high. He was charged with forgery, discovering the escape, refused to take advantage of a chance for liberty and gave the alarm. Chipley has not been taken, nor is he likely to be, as he had several hours' start of his pursuers.

The Coke Trade. UNIONTOWN, February 22.—The lull in the coke trade continues. The industry is being so bound up with the iron interests that it follows the fate of the latter. In the northern end of the coke fields, embracing most of the works in Fayette county, the Fairbairn iron furnace is shut down indefinitely. Oliphant is being relieved, while Leontine is running, but making only about twenty-five tons per day. The coke trade is being so bound up with the iron interests that it follows the fate of the latter. In the northern end of the coke fields, embracing most of the works in Fayette county, the Fairbairn iron furnace is shut down indefinitely. Oliphant is being relieved, while Leontine is running, but making only about twenty-five tons per day. The coke trade is being so bound up with the iron interests that it follows the fate of the latter. 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