

The Somerset Herald.

EDWARD SCULL, Editor and Proprietor. WEDNESDAY, May 15, 1897.

CIVIL SERVICE reform is undergoing a close examination, and the slim kind will be dropped out.

AS offers to supply starving non-combatants in Cuba with food should not be considered an affront to the pride and dignity of Spain.

THE Turkish pound is about \$4.43, and the rumored indemnity of 16,000,000 pounds to be demanded of Greece would amount to \$70,400,000.

WEYLER'S system of driving the rural population of Cuba from their homes and starving them is a poor accompaniment to an offer of reforms.

MR. MALLOY, recently elected United States Senator in Florida, declares that he is a free silver man. The South is not yet soundly converted from her financial errors.

EX-AMBASSADOR Bayard has arrived safely in the United States. The English did not, after all, succeed in keeping him on the other side, and the suspense is at last relieved.

REPORTER Mr. Bryan returns from his foreign tour he should visit Cuba to note the operations of an irremediable paper currency. Later on the Populists may sound him on their favorite subject of unlimited greenbacks.

THE Sultan's demand that the Greeks hand over their iron-clads as one of the conditions of peace is a cool proposition. It is not likely that Greece under any circumstances will agree to present Turkey with a ready-made navy.

SENATOR McENEELY, of Louisiana, remarks that he will vote for the new tariff because he is a protectionist, and said so to the Democratic caucus that nominated him. More than that, they gave him a round of applause when he made the declaration.

THE Turk wants fifty million dollars indemnity from Greece. That sum would help him considerably, as he is always in debt. But making a demand is one thing and getting what you want is another. A Bizant in a suit often puts his damages at twenty thousand dollars and gets one cent.

Two years ago the United States was importing bicycle tubing at the rate of \$25,000 worth. Now the country and the American manufacturers are supplying the home market and exporting with Great Britain and Germany in the markets of the world. A demand is not long unmet in Uncle Sam's domain.

THE record of exports of domestic products for April of this year was so far ahead of the record for the same month of 1896 that there can be no comparison. This country's business with foreign lands is immense at the present time, and is likely to continue so for some time to come. The foreign demand for American manufactured articles, as well as for grain, is very heavy, and business at every port on the eastern seaboard is very brisk.

It is understood that the debate on the tariff bill will begin in the Senate on Monday, May 24. That will be a little over five weeks before the Fourth of July comes. The Senate can make that holiday a day of thanksgiving as well as of patriotic enthusiasm by passing the bill before the Fourth comes. Senator Gorman predicts that it will be passed by July 1. Let us hope that he will come nearer the mark here than he did in his Byzantine prophecies last fall.

THE Wilson law repudiated in a day the reciprocal arrangements between the sisterhood of American republics under the McKinley law. The Dingley bill, however, is fair to provide for a glorious measure of renewed commercial intercourse. And once established no United States congress will soon again blindly destroy that reciprocity in trade for which the good common sense of American citizenship has always applauded Blaine and McKinley.

ONE reason why most of the great nations are either openly or secretly pleased at Turkey's success is that many of their citizens hold Turkish stocks and bonds. These persons would be financially injured by Turkish defeat, for that would lower the value of their holdings. The class which buy government and railroad securities is a very important element of the population of every great nation of the modern day. In the present conflict most of this element is on the side of Turkey, because Greece has few railroads, its government securities have not been large, and its general credit is low. In a very direct and emphatic degree the financiers open and shut the gates of the temple of Janus these days.

SENATOR ALDRICH has expressed his intention of calling up the tariff bill next Thursday. This does not give a very clear impression of the date upon which the bill will become a law. Very much will depend upon the temper of the Senate. There is abundant material in the Senate bill for controversy. The sugar schedule has aroused discussion in the country, and this will be duly reflected in the debates. One of the misfortunes of a prolonged and excited discussion upon an undesirable feature of a tariff bill is that it hardens opposition to other good features and endangers the measure.

The margin in the Senate for the revision of the tariff is very slender. The Republicans are in a minority, and must have votes from the opposition to pass a bill. They appear to be assured of these votes in certain contingencies: but, when votes are so doubtful, it does not require much urging to swing them in the other direction. It is this that Mr. Young's speech prevents the Republicans from pushing the bill with their accustomed energy. It is given out, for instance, that if Mr. Aldrich does call up the bill on Thursday it will not be allowed to displace other business. This may possibly be a mere threat, but if it is made in earnest it may seriously embarrass the passage of the bill.

THE Senate has a habit of making mountains out of mole hills. The most trivial matter will sometimes occupy nearly a whole session, and there seems to be an unlimited supply of these trifles stored up for production at inopportune moments. There is the hope, however, that the weather will grow warm, and that, as the debate progresses,

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

WASHINGTON, May 17.—The President today sent the following message to Congress: "To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States. Official information from our consuls in Cuba establishes the fact that a large number of American citizens in the island are in a state of destitution, suffering for want of food and medicine. This applies particularly to the rural districts of the central and eastern parts. The agricultural classes have been forced from their farms into the nearest towns where they are without work or money. The local authorities of the several towns, however kindly disposed, are unable to relieve the needs of their own people and are altogether powerless to help our citizens. The latest report of Consul Lee estimates six to eight hundred Americans are without means of support. I have assured him that provision would be made at once to relieve them. To that end I recommend that Congress make an appropriation of not less than \$50,000 to be immediately available for use under the direction of the Secretary of State. It is desirable that a part of the sum which may be appropriated by Congress should be in the discretion of the Secretary of State, also be used for transportation of American citizens who desire to return to the United States are without means to do so. (Signed) William McKinley, Executive Mansion, May 17th, 1897."

Secretary Wilson, the head of the Agricultural Department, having distributed sugar seed to about 30,000 farmers, is now sending out agents to make a thorough investigation as to the sections of the country best suited for best culture, the object being to induce those desiring to cultivate sugar to select the locations in which they are most likely to be successful. Mr. Wilson is evidently a practical man.

President Cleveland's New York speech is proving a great success. Editor Watson is firing at it from the standpoint of the gold Democrats. Mr. Bryan is attacking it from the standpoint of the silver Democrats. Mr. Bailey is jumping on it, sundry Populist leaders are attacking it from their standpoint, while the Republican papers of the country are also making a few efforts at its destruction.

The farmers benefit directly and indirectly by the changes made in the tariff bill by the Senate finance committee. The imposition of a duty on hides benefits them directly, and will at the same time be to their indirect benefit by increasing the opportunity for reciprocity treaties with many parts of the world. The same fact applies to the duties on tea. The new reciprocity treaties which it will be possible to make, by reason of the addition of hides and tea to the dutiable list, will be a great advantage to the agricultural elements of the country.

The proposed duties on the quantity of raw hide which would go into a pair of shoes would probably amount to about five cents. As only one-fifth of the hides used in this country are imported, the increased cost of a pair of shoes by reason of it would probably not be more than a cent. The average man probably buys about three pairs of shoes in the year. If he angrily objects to paying three cents yearly to the support of the government in the extravagance to which the Wilson law has driven it, let him stand up and offer his objections. Such a man would be a curiosity, especially in view of the fact that the duty will be of great advantage to the country.

Wood importations continue to pour in from abroad. Latest estimates show that there is fifty seven months' supply of wood in the country and that at the present rate of importation a full year's supply will be in the hands of the manufacturers before the new tariff bill can possibly get into operation.

The Republican party does not control the Senate of the United States, and if the Senate does not make a tariff bill just as the Republicans want it, the public will understand that the Republican party is not responsible, and that the responsibility lies in electing Republican legislators which will elect more Republican senators.

People who are surprised that gold is going abroad at the rate of \$102 million a month should remember that foreign goods are coming in at the rate of 70 or 80 millions a month. The enormous increase in the amount of foreign goods being brought into the country, all of which must be paid for in gold, must explain to a great extent at least the increase in the outflow of gold.

Another evidence of the growth of protection in the south is found in the fact that at least 20 senators from that section will vote for the protective tariff bill. These senators are McHenry, of Louisiana, Prioleau, of North Carolina, Dulles, of Kentucky, Elkins, of West Virginia, and Wellington, of Maryland. When it is remembered that every one of these men was preceded by a man who voted for the free trade law now on the statute books, the growth of the protective sentiment in the south is as clearly seen as it is by the fact that more than 20 southern votes were cast for the Dingley bill in the house.

Set Airing His Wits. EAST SPRINGFIELD, Pa., May 16.—Should a man "set his wits" in the morning three young men—Clinton Raper, Newton Fritz and Harry Hafford—went to the house of Mrs. Henry Van Baskirk, on the outskirts of this town, and demanded admittance. The woman, who was lying in bed with pneumonia, and who, anxious that her noise should not disturb the sufferer, went to the door, on opening it to the three intruders. They were all the worse for drink. Seeing the woman, they attempted to embrace her, but were fought off. With outcries they renewed their attacks upon Mrs. Van Baskirk, who, fast losing her strength, called for her husband, and she, who was lying in bed, the sick man ordered the men from the house. They refused to go. Raper, it is alleged, threatened to kill the man, wife and three small children if they did not make peace. Seeing that the men were determined upon assault, Van Baskirk staggered back into his bedroom and secured a revolver. He then returned to the door, again demanding that the men should leave, at the same time raising his weapon. Raper pulled his gun. Before his finger flew on the trigger Van Baskirk had fired. The man who was lying in the stomach near the groin. Raper fired and hit Van Baskirk in the breast, the ball penetrating the right lung. The man then left, but before Raper had fired three more shots, none of which took effect on the inmates.

After attending to her bleeding husband, Mrs. Van Baskirk came into town for the police. Her wounds were quickly dressed and Officers Weller and Smith located Raper and Fritz. Hafford has so far eluded capture. Raper is now in a serious condition from the wound in his stomach, and his death, with that of Van Baskirk, is momentarily expected. The men claim that they went to the house after two women whom they believed were traitors.

Victim of a Woman's Fury. GREENSBORO, Pa., May 15.—Mrs. Charles Hunter, wife of a leading young lawyer, and a daughter-in-law of the late Judge Hunter, was attacked by Mrs. William Young and knocked down and kicked into insensibility on the street here to-night in front of a store. Mrs. Young accused Mrs. Hunter for wrecking her domestic happiness. Mrs. Hunter subsequently swore out a warrant for Mrs. Young. All are prominent, and numbers of affidavits.

Railroad Trunk Blows Up. JOHNSBORO, Pa., May 15.—Early this morning the people of Spangler were awakened by a terrific explosion. About 90 feet of track on the new Beach Creek railroad had been blown up by dynamite. The staff had been placed in an culvert under a fill and tree an immense hole in the roadbed. The powder magazine of McClain & Co., at Spangler, had been broken into during the night, and this is where the explosion was secured. A determined effort will be made to locate and punish the perpetrators.

INHERITANCE TAX A LAW.

The Direct Inheritance Tax bill, which was passed by the Senate, and the House on Wednesday, and the House concurred in the Senate amendments. Governor Hastings announced his approval of the measure.

The "railroading" of this bill, which is now the law, was due to the energy of its author, Mr. Elkins. At 10:30 a. m. it was passed by the Senate. Then the House had to concur in the philosophical amendments, which was done by a vote of 147 to 16. Mr. Elkins then got six transcribing clerks at work on the bill, and by 2 o'clock the governor had signed it.

Mr. Elkins says: "It will mark an epoch in revenue legislation. Such taxation is spreading in many states, and in the 'Old World.' Property that could be hidden away under former tax laws must come to light after the owners' death.

"It is not an unfair law, because much of the property to be taxed has already been taxed by the State. It does not oppress the poor, as all inheritances under \$5,000 are exempt.

This bill puts a tax of two per cent on personal property of all kinds directly inherited, even such legacies as insurance policies to direct heirs. Mr. Elkins says the tax will raise not less than \$1,000,000 and perhaps \$2,000,000. Real estate is not included in the bill. Inheritances are taxed under a former law.

In Philadelphia alone, it is estimated by Chairman Bolles, of the ways and means committee, the Register of Wills estimates, the letter being designated as the collector of the new tax as well as of the collateral inheritance tax, the law will raise at least between \$400,000 and \$500,000.

TWO NEW REVENUE MEASURES. The ways and means committee of the House has reported two new revenue bills. The first is a tax of one-half a cent a gallon on domestic beer and one per cent on beer manufactured outside of Pennsylvania. Another bill provides for the payment of a four mill tax on capital stock and surplus of banks. It is estimated that these two bills, if passed, would net the state \$3,000,000 per annum.

TURKEY'S GRAB. Wants Big Money and Treasury From Greece. CONSTANTINOPLE, May 17.—The Porte has replied officially to the note of the Powers and declines to agree to an armistice until the following conditions are accepted: 1. The annexation of Thessaly, an indemnity of 20,000,000 Turkish and the abolition of the capitulations. The Porte proposes that the capitulations of the Powers should meet the financial needs of the empire, and declares that if these conditions are declined the Turkish army will continue to advance.

The "longer" for the annexation of Thessaly is based upon the fact that the province was originally ceded to Greece on the advice of the Powers with the object of ending brigandage and Greek lawlessness in the province, and the efficiency of the Powers in the time that the province would attain these objects, but the recent incursions of Greek bands and the events immediately preceding the war have proved to the contrary. This is the substance of the reply.

The bicycle is no experiment but an established fact as evidenced by the line of pretty girls on the street every day. Get a wheel from Jas. B. Holderbaum and join the procession.

Another Airship. In the little mountain town of Boncher, Westmoreland county, lives Abram Beas, who for the past year has been at work on an airship, and so vigorous a man that he was able to plant Thursday, May 20, has been set for a public trial of the invention. So much confidence has Mr. Beas in his aerial conveyance that he has placed the trial of the construction of the machine very little is known except that the motive power is compressed air applied to a great fan. The whole machine acts against the force of gravity by a parachute arrangement, so that it can be just to different wind velocities. Much interest is being taken in the matter by the people of Loganville, since Mr. Beas has made public his intention of giving his neighbors an opportunity to view the results of his many weeks of secret labor. Great crowds are expected to view the starting of the ship.

A Valentine Led to Suicide. LEWISBURG, May 12.—Philip Shuck, a farmer near Mazepa, this county, committed suicide by shooting himself with a revolver Monday night in an open field and died soon afterward. It is believed the deed was a result of sending a scandalous valentine last February to a neighbor with whom he was on bad terms.

The letter or valentine was sent to the United States Post office Department, and a detective traced the letter to the author. Shuck was frightened so badly that he committed suicide. He was about 50 years of age and had a family.

Bulls Not Worth Fighting. MEXICO CITY, May 15.—The city government forbids any bull fight today. The authorities claim that the bulls provided for the price of admission asked by the management. Enrique Merino, a Spanish bull fighter, has visited the famous bull breeding farms, and his judgment is that none of the bulls shown him were worthy of the ring. The possession of the animals is getting to be a serious matter, and it is being fought as it has been fought for lack of animals to fight. A ship load of bulls has been ordered from Spain to meet the emergency.

A Millionaire Behind the Bars. SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., May 15.—Millionaire W. B. Bradbury, who was recently fined \$5 for spitting on the floor of a street car, was arrested again last night for the same offense, and today was sentenced to 24 hours in jail. His lawyer will sue out a writ of habeas corpus. Bradbury declares that the ordinance is idiotic, and any free-born American has a right to spit where and when he pleases.

There is a Class of People who are injured by the use of coffee. Recently there has been placed in all the grocery stores a new preparation called GRAIN-O, made of pure grains, that takes the place of coffee. The most delicate stomach receives it without distress, and but few can tell it from coffee. It does not cost over 1 cent. Children may drink it with great benefit. 15 cts and 25 cts per package. Try it. Ask for GRAIN-O.

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