

Democratic papers say that the Senate's ultimatum has fallen flat. So it has—fallen flat on the President and paralyzed him.
The house of representatives has passed the Fitz John Porter bill of the present session and it is a somewhat remarkable fact that the closing speech in favor of the bill was made by the ex-Confederate General Bragg, who was a participant in the battle in which Porter disobeyed orders.—Oil City Herald.

The great coke strike came to an end on Saturday, the coke operators agreeing to yield the terms demanded by the workmen. By the agreement, the operators restore the scale of wages paid before the reduction in December, 1884, and they meet the increase of wages by putting up the price of coke. The whole coke region was wild with jubilation when the news became known. This morning over 10,000 coke men were expected to return to work. It is estimated the strike cost the companies \$500,000.—Franklin News.

The Democratic party has its hands full just now in explaining matters. The outrageous frauds in Cincinnati are being investigated and the proven facts are appalling. Then the Pan-Atlantic Telephone scandal overshadows any inquiry ever charged against public officials. Many of the leading Democratic papers are calling upon the President to reconstruct his Cabinet, and, possibly, he may be compelled to do so. The party of Jacksonian simplicity are finding how much easier it is to abuse the Republicans than it is to make a clean record for themselves.—Mercer Republican.

There is a pitiful exhibit Governor Lee's message to the Legislature of Virginia makes, of the actual condition of the State's finances. He recommends a commission to treat the creditors of the State, as the interest coupons falling due, which the United States courts say must be paid, will use up the total revenues, and leave nothing for the current expenses of the State. At the same time he intimates that taxation cannot be increased to an extent that will raise money enough to meet current expenses and pay the interest coupons, too. After all perhaps, the Democrats will have to get out of the way and let some statesmen try their hands at it.

The Philadelphia Record complains that "there is a great outcry whenever an attempt is made to rectify our outrageous tariff rates." The outcry is simply an objection to having the outcry of the Record and others of like notions embodied in the form of law. The real outcry is that raised by the free traders who call our tariff rates outrageous. As long as it is only outcry, little notice is taken of it, for an indulgent community can stand the noise as long as it makes the outcriers happy to hear their own voices.

The industrial people do not believe though that protection is an outrage, in fact they know better, and when the shriekers imprudently attempt to give their outcry the effect of law, they get up and say stop! That is all.—Harrisburg Telegraph.

South Dakota is admitted to have all the population to justify her being made a State and to have filled all the conditions law and customs requires of her. But while she stands knocking at the door vainly for admission, the Democrats are busy getting up a demand for admission from Montana, which has not the requisite population, and has not filled the conditions. With an application got up by men who do not live in the Territory, and a population swelled by good, healthy, robust lying, she is to be dragged in neck and crop. And that is the way Democratic States are made, not Democratic Senators are secured to balance the Republican States in the Senate, and give the ten thousand voters of Montana as many electors as the ninety thousand voters of Dakota. Glorious old Democratic party!

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Table with columns for 'To balance Jan. 1, 1885', 'To George C. Swartz', 'To W. M. P.', 'To Fred. Morck', 'To A. B. Howland'. Total: \$2,842.09.

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