

Republican Ticket.

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JAPAN may have no designs on Hawaii, but the crop of claims she has quietly cultivated there is suspiciously large.

OUR navy is in no danger of growing too fast until our fleet available for the Pacific is at least equal to that of Japan.

THE growth of the protection sentiment in the South is a certain indication that the industries of that region are multiplying.

UNCLE SAM has never made a mistake in annexations, and he is not likely to go wrong in the next one after having thought it over for sixty years.

If we had in the Pacific six armored ships instead of three that protest from Japan would never have been written. A sufficient navy means civility and peace.

SOME of the Populist epithets bandied at Nashville were "red-headed sap-sucker" and "mullet-headed buzzard." Yet harmony prevailed to the extent of disagreeing with all other parties.

If Prof. Andree's plans have not miscarried he is drifting in his balloon around the North Pole. It is a fascinating occupation just now, provided the professor is sure about his return ticket.

THE latest collective note to the Porte is said to be "couched in the most severe terms." Mere words have no effect on the Sultan. The big battle-ships should clear for action and send him a message.

THE time is coming when the people of Kansas and Nebraska will ask themselves what they gained by a Populist state government, and the pause for reply will be so prolonged that the silence will be painful.

JAPAN protested against the tax on tea, but this is not the reason the Senate dropped it. The trouble with Japan is a sudden idea that whipping China has made it the peer of any nation on earth. In other words Japan has the big head.

BERMUDA is but a dot in the sea, with an area of 1,500 square miles, yet England spends over \$500,000 a year on its military establishment and more for its naval facilities. Its nearness to our shores suggests that England is not disposed to rely too far on arbitration.

MCKENERY, of Louisiana, who voted steadily with the Republicans on tariff bill, is the only Democratic Senator likely to be received with a brass band on his return home. Before his election he announced that he was a protectionist, so his constituents are on the winning side as well as himself.

SOME curious results of the new alien labor tax are noted by the News of Mount Carmel. Throughout Northumberland and Schuylkill counties, it says, there are men who have held public office, both in the county and boroughs, and yet have never taken out naturalization papers. Naturally it thinks these men are apprehensive as to their future. If the new law will expose such men it will accomplish a great deal and the Legislature was wise in passing it.—Warren Mail.

THERE have been instances in which conference committees have played queer pranks with tariff bills, putting some contested duties higher or lower than either branch fixed them. No irregularities of this sort need be looked for now, however. Arbitrary changes by the conference committee in this case would provoke a contest in one or other branch of Congress when the conference report is taken up, and thus delay the bill. Delay is the thing which the Republicans are determined to avert at all hazards this year.

SOME of the English papers think that in the event of trouble between the United States and Japan the latter country would have the help of Spain. Such an alliance would be exceedingly improbable. Under present conditions Spain may be able, by dodging the insurgents, to hang on to Cuba for a year or two longer, but by assailing the United States, even with Japan as an ally, Cuba would be lost to her in three months. The United States has nothing to fear from Spain in any complication with Japan which this country may have.

THE hopeful tone which newspapers of all parties are showing when speaking about the business outlook of the fiscal year which has just begun is significant. No such note of encouragement has been heard before for several years. In the government's finances, of course, the recent exhibit has been better than at any other time since 1890. In general business the prospects of the next twelve months are bright. Outside of the ranks of the corporal's guard of professional calamities the prevailing view is that an era of business activity and prosperity is close at hand.

ONE of the serious faults of the American system of State and National government is that the people vote for men because they are "good fellows," without regard to their fitness, and then spend their time abusing Congress and the Legislature because the members are not all patriots and sages. Electing a man to an office does not change his nature or provide him with a new set of brains. If you are foolish enough to vote for a man to make laws for you just because he wants to be elected, every word of reproach you have for him is a reflection on yourself. You should exercise better discernment.—Punx's Spirit.

THUS far the strike has had no perceptible effect on the stock market, although in ordinary conditions it would naturally send prices of many shares down. There are two reasons for the steadiness of the stock market in the face of this adverse influence: Speculators, as well as business men in general, believe the strike will not reach the proportions which the miners' officers have predicted, and they feel that, in any event, the settlement of the tariff question will bring business activity in the coming fall or winter. A settlement of this labor disturbance would be very gratifying to the country, but the struggle is not going to delay the trade revival many months in any case.

NO LESS than forty important bills passed by the last legislature failed on account of blunders made by the clerks and others having them in charge. This is a poor showing and should be a warning to all future legislatures to engage only competent men for such work.—Exchange.

THE foregoing is only another sample of the sensational rot that is constantly oozing out of the brain of some "fresh" newspaper scribe. Not a single important bill failed on account of blundering clerks. In nine cases out of ten where blundering was the cause of failure in the passage of a bill it was the incompetence of the particular member having it in charge, and not the clerks, that caused the failure.

THE government crop report, which shows an improvement in the condition of wheat as compared with a month ago, is encouraging. Last month's condition indicated a handsome increase in the total yield as compared with the crop in 1896, while the estimates which are now furnished show that the gain will be greater than was expected four weeks ago. While the wheat crop in the United States is reasonably sure to be 75,000,000 bushels larger than it was in 1896, the condition in Russia, France, Austria-Hungary and Great Britain, as reported by the European agent of the United States Department of Agriculture, indicates a smaller yield in these countries than was had last year. All this is good news for the American wheat grower. He will have more to sell than he had in 1896, and the falling off in the crop in most of the important producing countries of Europe will give him a market for his surplus at fair prices.

THE probability is that the Hon. James S. Beacom, of Westmoreland county, will be the next State Treasurer. His most prominent opponent is Major McCauley, of Delaware county, and as the Major is little known in politics, his principal claim to recognition being the fact that he is a one-armed veteran, Mr. Beacom is feeling easy about the matter.—Punx's Spirit.

OUR usually correct and errorless friend Smith is somewhat mixed in his politics as portrayed in the foregoing item, but it's little wonder that a fellow should get considerably balled up on these matters after a six-month spent in Harrisburg during a legislative session such as has just closed up shop there. And the wonder is that one would ever get entirely untangled after all the abuse he has been subjected to or doing—simply his whole duty conscientiously. Major McCauley is not from Delaware county, but from Chester, and he is in no way interfering with Mr. Beacom's candidacy for State Treasurer, but is making an effort to get the Republican nomination for Auditor General, while Beacom is having practically a walkover for Treasurer.

The Mercantile Tax.

THE mercantile tax law passed in this state by the recent legislature is causing a large amount of dissatisfaction to the large dealers in merchandise. There has been a great amount of discontent heard in many quarters from merchants on account of the establishment of department stores in the larger cities to the detriment of small shopkeepers, and as the proprietors of these large establishments will have to pay according to the business transacted by them it seems that the law is all right in that respect. If they do a large business they should be willing to pay a tax commensurate with their income. It should be given a trial. The Crawford Journal takes a very sensible view of the matter. It says:

"The room of Gov. Hastings at Harrisburg has been the scene of some very angry protests during the past week, made by the merchants of Pittsburgh, Philadelphia and other large cities, against the mercantile tax in this state for many years. It has borne, however, much more heavily upon small merchants than upon those doing a large business. This is not at all unusual in taxation, however. The same unfair rule obtains in the taxation of real estate and all other kinds of property. The largest property holders, as a rule, pay the lightest tax in proportion to their holdings; the larger their property, the less the assessed valuation, in proportion to true value. That is, this is the general rule of taxation the world over. It does not follow that it is right or equitable. In fact, it is neither. The new mercantile tax, graduated as it is in proportion to the amount of business done, is in line with the best economic thought of the day. For that matter, so is a graduated income tax. In trying to escape from their share of the burdens of this, the big merchants of the larger cities of the state are setting a very bad example. They should bear those burdens and bear them willingly instead of trying to shrink them. In a few cases, and in a few lines of business, this new tax may possibly be inequitable, but generally speaking, and in a broad way it is a fair and just tax. The property upon which it is levied, unless owned by a corporation, practically escapes taxation altogether under our present laws.

"The merchants of the smaller cities and of the towns and villages will not be effected by this law to any great extent. Their taxes will not, upon the whole, be increased. It will affect most heavily the great department stores and the immense establishments which have of late been monopolizing the retail trade of the country. It may be necessary for the next legislature, in the line of experience it will gain in the meantime, to modify the law, especially to relieve, if possible, the wholesale establishments and jobbing houses, whose margin of profit is smaller than that of the retail stores. But Governor Hastings need feel no hesitancy and need make no apology in signing this measure. In time it will be approved by the great majority of the people of this state. It is founded upon justice and is an attempt to equalize taxation. As such the legislature is entitled praise, not blame, for its passage."

Death of Mrs. W. C. Arnold.

Mrs. Jane Patton Irvin Arnold, wife of Congressman W. C. Arnold, of this district, died at her home in DuBois, Pa., on Wednesday, July 14, 1897. Her illness was of only a few hours duration, death being caused by puerperal convulsions. So rapid was the progress of the disease, that in order to reach home from Washington before her death, her husband was obliged to travel by special train, and he had been home but a few hours when death ensued. Mrs. Arnold was the daughter of William and Jane P. Irvin, and was born in Curwensville, May 8, 1851; she there grew up to young womanhood and on the 22d day of September, 1874, was wedded to William C. Arnold. In the years that followed there came to the family beside three sons and one daughter: William D. I., now a young man, Ellen Irvin, also grown, and Phillip A. and John C., both young-ers. Of this noble woman the DuBois Courier says:

"The family located in DuBois in January, 1895, a little more than four years ago, and were then virtually strangers to all DuBois people. Mrs. Arnold proved to be a woman of simple, direct ways in which there was an entire absence of those elements which sometimes tend to obscure the sincerity of truly good hearts. Longer acquaintance with her only served to more surely confirm the mind's estimate that she was what she appeared to be—a woman of open, generous, noble character. It was not the wish of the family to have public reference made to Mrs. Arnold's personal virtues, but there are many of her friends in DuBois who would not excuse the omission of a brief acknowledgment of the goodness of one they had learned to love and esteem so well in the short period of four years, the time of her residence here. The home life is private, yet it is pardonable to say that the qualities which made her social relations so pleasant were not character adornments to be laid aside in the domestic circles. No man who knows Mr. Arnold will ever conversed with him many minutes on matters of any concern who did not bear him make some reference to an exchange of views with his wife on the same subjects. This alone indicates that she was the confidante of the household and a helpmeet in the most trying situation of a life led on by high professional and political ambition and the aspirations of a public career."

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