

Republican Ticket.

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WHEN the Populists carry a state they are conservative to the extent that they are unable to agree on what they want, and if they happen to pass a bill their Governor kills it.

If Spain attacks us on the east, Japan on the west, Canada on the north and Chili on the south, Uncle Sam will begin to get mad and annex something more than Hawaii.

AMERICAN weather is sometimes pretty warm, but drouth never destroys our wheat crop, as happened last season in Australia. This favored country is supplying the Australians with their breakfast rolls.

The deepest hole on earth is the 4900-foot shaft in a copper mine in the upper peninsula of Michigan. As the rock at the bottom is worth \$8 a ton the hole will be continued indefinitely, much to the delight of geologists and other scientists.

No tariff law passed in the memory of this generation has been as thoroughly acceptable to the people as the one to which President McKinley attached his signature more promptly after inauguration than any President ever had done since Washington.

The promptness with which President McKinley signed the new tariff bill was in striking contrast with the suspense which followed the passage of the Wilson bill by Congress. President Cleveland allowed the latter measure to become a law without his approval.

The fact that the farmers of the West are paying off their mortgaged indebtedness has put such quantities of money into the markets that the loan agencies are offering loans on farm property at reduced rates and on terms more favorable than those of last year.

WILLIAM MCKINLEY took the oath of office March 4 and the new tariff bill was signed July 24, 1897. President Cleveland took his seat March 4, 1893, and the Wilson bill was completed August 28, 1894, nearly 18 months later. Yet some persons complained about the slowness of the Dingley bill.

THE Democrats of Montgomery have a big notion to come the whole length of the State for a candidate for Judge in that county this fall. There is strong talk that they will ask ex-Supreme Justice C. Heydrick, of Venango county, to stand as their candidate. Though they are going a good ways from home, they could still go very much farther and fare very much worse in their selection of a candidate. Their judgement is excellent whether they have enough votes to elect him or not.

It is noted that the big city dailies are still hammering away at the new mercantile license bill now awaiting the Governor's signature. The reason for this is obvious. The big department stores, which reach out into every nook and corner of the State and gather in the shekels which should of right go to the home merchant, are the ones most affected by the new law. These great concerns that cover acres of territory do a great advertising business through the city papers, and it is perfectly natural, looking at it from a selfish standpoint, that these papers should think the bill "is all wrong," to be sure. We don't think the Governor can afford to veto the bill. It is a fair one and will raise the much-needed revenue.

The Governor has vetoed the Kunkle fire alarm bill. This is what is known in legislative parlance as a "snake," and no one who was aware of its sneaky character can believe that the Governor ever entertained the slightest notion of giving his approval to it. It was of such a notoriously indecent character that upward of 125 members of the House, many of whom had, in an unguarded moment, voted for the bill, promptly petitioned the Governor to veto it. We hope to hear that the Governor has written "veto" across the face of that other equally vicious and notoriously corrupt "snake" known as the Simon electric light bill. He disapproved a bill of similar character two years ago, and as this one is much more rank in its tendencies it will undoubtedly meet the same fate.

WHEAT is now about 20c a bushel above the price where it stood a year ago. Wheat goes up while Bryanism goes down. If Bryanism had gone up wheat would have gone down. This is the relation that exists between the two. A good many farmers in the west voted for Bryan, but they have good reason to be thankful that he was beaten. November 3, 1896, was a great day for the country.

EVERYTHING is going against the silverites. They have been insisting that the world could not get along without large additions of the white metal to the currency of the world, and now here comes the gold mines of the world this year with their largest production in history, while on top of that comes the news of the discovery of the richest gold mines in existence in our own Alaska. Add to this the fact that the whole world is likely to send us gold in exchange for our splendid crops this year, especially because of the shortage of the crops in other countries, and it is apparent that there is to be no scarcity of gold and no lack of prosperity in the United States during the coming year.

The late Isham G. Harris, of Tennessee, was a member of the National Legislature at an earlier date than any man who is now in public life, but his aggregate service did not cover so long a period as that of Morrill, Sherman and a few other men. He entered the House of Representatives in 1849, six years before Sherman and Morrill, but he dropped out after a short service, and did not reappear until a quarter of a century later, when he went to the Senate. When Harris became a member of the House the first time, Webster, Clay, Calhoun, Benton, Cass, Andrew Johnson, Seward, Chase, Horace Mann, Fremont, Hale, Houston, Giddiogs and other men who filled a large place in the country's politics of half or two-thirds of a century ago were members of one or the other branch of Congress. The Free Soil party had just come into existence when Harris was first elected, the Whig party was in power, and the Know Nothing, the Republican and all other parties which the present generation of men recollect, except the Democracy, were still unborn.

THE alien tax law requiring employers to deduct three cent per diem as a county tax from the wages of every unaturalized alien employed in this state, has been taken into the courts both in Pittsburgh and Philadelphia to test its constitutionality. It is very important that the validity of this act should be settled at the earliest period. Employers are now required to deduct the tax from their employees who are liable to pay it, and if the law is unconstitutional the courts should facilitate the final determination of the question. Being a constitutional question, no matter how decided by the lower courts of Pittsburgh or Philadelphia there will be an appeal to the Supreme Court of the state, and there is little doubt that when that court shall meet in Pittsburgh, on the 1st of October, it will advance the case involving the validity of the alien tax law and thus dispose of it without delay. The case is not sufficiently urgent to require the Supreme Court to hold a special meeting to consider it, but it can be fully argued in the lower courts within a few weeks, giving ample time to prepare the case for the Supreme Court at its regular meeting in Pittsburgh. Final decision of the question may be expected before the close of the year.—Phila. Times.

Hard on Skepticism. The figures which represents the growth of the Christian Endeavor societies, as given in the great convention in San Francisco, are strikingly suggestive of the hold which Christianity has upon the American people, notwithstanding all the talk of the spread of "modern infidelity," says the Philadelphia Bulletin.

The total membership represented in the convention includes upward of 3,000,000 men and women and they constitute a live, vigorous and aggressive force, working through almost every channel of religious culture in the Protestant churches of the United States. And this great growth has been the result of the activity of a little more than a decade—an activity such as has never before been manifested in like degree in the whole history of religion in this country.

It is not the Endeavorers alone, but other societies of a kindred character in the various denominations which attest the advance of Christianity among the people as a social, moral and educational power and which will be noted as among the most interesting phenomena of American life in the closing years of the century.

The New Tariff Bill Signed. The Senate passed the new tariff bill on Saturday afternoon last a little after 3 o'clock, and within an hour later President McKinley attached his signature to the bill. Thus the work begun a trifle more than four months ago, has been brought to an end, and the country will not now be subject to the uncertainties surrounding a further discussion of a measure so vital to all interests of trade; not at least for some time to come. Of the new measure the Pittsburg Dispatch, non-partisan, says editorially:

The record of that four months' work on the bill contains many things that have provoked criticism. Some of that criticism was partisan and exaggerated; some of it was not without foundation. The sober sense of the country approached the subject with the belief that the wisest course was to pass a moderate tariff bill that would permit the subject to rest until future changes could be made by the expert work of a tariff board or commission. The high rates that formed salient points of the House bill were a disappointment to that conservative view. The Senate took up the work with the avowed intention of re-tifying this feature. But while doing so it loaded the bill with favors to special interests, at the dictation of Senators supposed to hold pivotal votes, that were even more obnoxious. This caused public opinion to swing back to the hope that the House in conference would correct those evils.

The outcome of it all has been that the conflicting forces have to a certain extent neutralized each other. The bill is not a perfect one. No omnibus tariff ever was, or ever will be, passed without features that are open to objection. But it is a satisfactory result that the Senate has mitigated some of the extremities of the Dingley rates; while the influence of the House has cut down some, if not all, of the special pieces of favoritism incorporated in the Senate draft of the measure.

Business is now free to go forward without fear of tariff disturbance for years to come. That it is taking advantage of that relief from apprehension is fully shown by the unanimity of the trade reports on the increase both of confidence and of actual transactions. It is not hazardous to predict that the restoration of a sound and conservative prosperity will be so unmistakable during the next year or two that before there can be an other national election the disposition to upset things will have disappeared. This will be less a demonstration of the exact correctness of every schedule in the new tariff than renewed evidence that what the material interests need more than any other one thing is freedom from the fear of such overturnings as has been either inflicted or threatened during the past four years.

But the time may come when changed conditions may require further tariff revisions. The means should be provided of making those changes without visiting the uncertainty on business that has accompanied the late tariff fights. An expert commission to correct inequalities on scientific principles and to dispose of each subject by itself should be one of the first provisions for stability and safety in the future.

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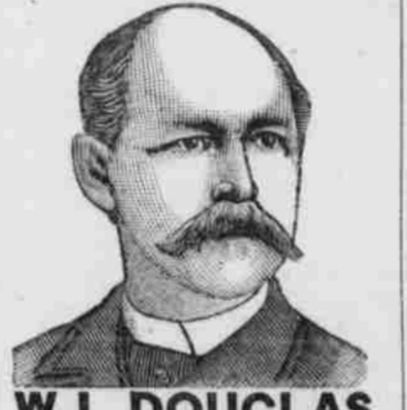
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