

THE RIOT DAMAGE BILL

The Riot Damage bill was voted down in the House, and frowned out of the Senate during the earlier days of last week; but still with all that, it persisted in intruding its corrupt presence upon the attention of the Legislature, for at the closing session of the week in the House it was again brought forward.

The act of 1849 grew out of religious riots, Catholic and Protestant riots, that are in no way analogous to the riots of 1877; but, should the courts find liability under the provisions of 1849, it will be time enough then for the appointment of a committee to lay damages.

If the courts decide—which may Heaven forbid—that the business interests and the industrial interests of the State must pay damages arising out of the work of bad men, it will be time enough then to appoint a committee of citizens to determine the amount of damage the State must pay.

It is fundamentally wrong for a State or county to permit the honest industrial interests and business interests to be taxed for the outrages of bad men. No State can live long under the application of such a principle.

THE men in and about the Legislature, who favor the \$1,000,000 riot bill, cling to the obvious bill like buzzards to a carcass. From expressions dropped in different ways, the effort looks as if it were a game of "you tickle me, and I'll tickle you" on the part of the bill and you shall have such and such an amount out of it.

Some one in Washington has been counting up the brigadiers. He finds that there are 58 in the House and 19 in the Senate who served in the Confederate Army. The Democrats have 39 Representatives in the House from Southern States, so that about sixty per cent. of their number were in the Army.

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The people have elected the present Congress under the cry of "no more money," and so forth. They were deceived, and if the terms that certain members under in Congress be carried out they will find that the election was most unfortunate and as costly as rebellion itself.

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The moon is a mystery. A French astronomer declares that by recent discoveries he has become satisfied that the moon is inhabited. It is desirable that a fund of two hundred thousand dollars be raised to pay for the manufacture of a telescope by which he will be more fully enabled to learn of the inhabitants of the moon.

THE BIG STEAL

Harrisburg correspondence of the Pittsburg Post.

For once the smell of money failed to entice a majority of the Pennsylvania Legislature, jolly-coked as it was between the solicitations of good men and honest women. The seal in the bill struck out too prominently, the price of votes ran up too rapidly to escape the criticism of even those who have suffered by such transactions, and the dose revolted them.

When Dawodey was told that there was \$1000 in the bill by the holding up of one finger, then two thousand, then three, the rapid rise in the market alarmed him as to the desperation of those engaged in buying it through. When Smith, of Berks, was first gently approached with the information that there was \$500 in the bill for him, and when to convince his obtuseness he was told almost every day that there was \$1500 and upwards, it roused his Dutch obduracy, and he would have none of it.

When these rumors would reach the ears of men like Tom Bradford, of Berks, he would not only vote the bill down in whatever shape it might be presented, but more fully shown.

This much from across the water relative to the present reigning family in Russia: All the children of the Crown Prince of Germany are scrupulously kept in the Prussian Court to marry the young and rich of Germany, and the English Princess, Bismarck opposed the project in these words: "You will ruin the sound and lusty Hohenzollern stock—an expression that the Crown Prince never forgave. As little gallant as this remark of Bismarck may have been, it has nevertheless proved true.

The oldest son, and who may one day be Emperor, is full of talent, but is sickly, and his left arm is withered, distorted and almost unserviceable. All the other children are diseased in one way or another.

CONGRESSMAN BLACKBURN said in his place in Congress: "We do not intend to stop until we have stricken the last vestige of your war measures from your statute books."

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