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CONGRESS PETITIONED.

Pennsylvania is leading in the number of petitions sent to congress asking that the revenue measure, known as the Wilson bill, be defeated. It is not strange either, when we consider that it changes the import duties on all of the most important products of the State and makes uncertain the industries by which a great majority of the people of this commonwealth subsist. We do not read of any petitions rolling in from toilers or employers urging the passage of the bill. If we did they would be noticed in this paper as well as the protests, for party lines are not recognized in the contest over the proposed legislation, nor do they mark the latitude of the COURIER. From the writings of one who faithfully chronicles events at the capitol in Washington it is learned that "During the past week petitions against the Wilson bill have been presented from Minnesota, New Hampshire, Maine, Massachusetts, Vermont, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska, South Dakota, Oregon, Washington, Wyoming, California, Michigan, Kansas, Missouri, Colorado, Wisconsin, North Carolina and Texas. These represent almost every department of American industry—farmers, wool growers, wine producers, tobacco raisers and manufacturers, coal, ore and lead miners, textile, iron and glassworkers, millers and laboring men employed in other than skilled industries.

"Among the recent petitions from Western Pennsylvania were 10 from employers of labor, workingmen and citizens of Pittsburgh, presented by Mr. Dalzell; a petition of the coal miners of Huntingdon county, presented by Mr. Mahon; memorial of citizens of Pennsylvania, by Mr. W. A. Stone; citizens of Butler and New Castle, by Mr. Phillips; laborers and producers of oil of Oakdale, Shannopin, Smith's Ferry, Murdockville, Corsopolis, Taylorstown and Crothers, and citizens of McKeesport, Pittsburgh and Canonsburg, the Manufacturers Natural Gas company, Canonsburg Light and Fuel company, Budke Manufacturing company, Lodge No. 46 Amalgamated Association of Iron and Steel Workers of Hammer, employes of the Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, Chicago and St. Louis railway at Pittsburgh, and tobacco manufacturers of Broxville.

"The representatives from Eastern Pennsylvania are practically deluged with petitions from the employes in the different manufacturing industries and the tobacco growers of Lancaster county. All these protest against the passage of this measure. And yet Prof. Wilson and his free trade colleagues would have the country believe that this general uprising against his bill is but an evidence that American labor lies bound at the feet of its employers, and only protests because it is commanded to do."

In order to convince Republicans and Democrats that many sincere men disregard party lines in acting and speaking upon this matter, we quote the following from the Clarion Democrat, one of the staunchest party journals, and one of the fairest, published in Western Pennsylvania:

"During the past week several days' time was lost in congress by the action of the Republican side of the house obstructing the consideration of the tariff bill by dilatory tactics, in which they were aided by some Democratic members absenting themselves so a quorum could not be secured without counting the Republicans. The principal question before congress, by long odds, is the new tariff bill, and there is not a Democrat in the house but who was elected on a platform of tariff reform.

"The interests of the country and Democratic party demand that the tariff question be settled at the earliest moment possible and every Democrat must understand that he is on trial, and there is no shirking of duty. It is not presumed that every Democrat must endorse every feature of the Wilson bill, but he is bound by his honor, and patriotism toward the country and loyalty to his party to stay at his post until the tariff question is settled. The Wilson bill is open to careful consideration and amendment. But it must be apparent to all that neither the country nor the Democratic party are in a humor to stand any fooling about the matter.

COALPORT WITHOUT A PATRIOT.
A new burgess is to be elected next month. Thus far no one has been found who will consent to assume the duties. If there was a salary connected with the office there would be lots of applicants. As it is the office must go a begging.—Coalport Standard.
In these later years it is only where patriots are wanting that the office must seek the man. The greatest scheme known for instilling patriotism in citizens of boroughs eligible to the office of burgess is for the town council to vote a salary to the incumbent of that office. Let Coalport give it a trial and be convinced.

We HAVE been informed that there are no less than ten speakies in the borough of Patton. If they do exist they should be suppressed.

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INDEPENDENCE IN POLITICS.

There seems to be wisdom in the movement headed by the Knights of Labor for greater political independence among the men composing the various labor organizations. The proposition to hold a meeting of the representatives of all orders the first week in February may not be well received by the labor leaders universally, but since the chief advocates are such men as General Master Workman Sovereign and President Gompers, of the Federation, all branches of labor should have confidence in the good faith with which they are asked to give hearing.

Some people are quick to say that fraternal labor organizations have no business in politics; but political independence is wherein their greatest power for self preservation and to aid their integral parts lies. More than half of the aims of all labor organizations can be secured only through legislation.

ONE HUNDRED and nine transient customers registered at the Hotel Beck during a period of one week, from January 6th, to January 13th. What better sign of interest in Patton shown on the outside than this could be given? We did not learn how many the other hotels had but we understand they were very largely patronized. When one goes to the trains and notices the people who get off the cars, he will wonder where they all find a lodging place. "We are the people" and Patton is the town for the people.

THE MONITOR, the only red-hot Prohibition paper in this section, was issued at Clearfield last week, having been moved from Curwensville to the county seat town. It appeared last week enlarged to a seven column paper, printed in new type and greatly improved in makeup. Mr. S. C. Watts, the editor and proprietor, is giving his party a creditable publication and is deserving of its support and encouragement. The COURIER does not have party propensities and would be gratified to see The Monitor grow in influence.

MAHAFFEY.
MAHAFFEY, Jan. 16, 1894.
A. D. Lydick has moved into his fine new store room.
Miles Wigley has a crew of carpenters putting the shelving into his new hardware store.
Mahahey now has the largest brick building in the county, which was built by Messrs. Wigley & Lydick.
There is some probability that a new national bank will be organized here in the spring.

Work is progressing rapidly on the large hotel which is being erected by W. S. Mahahey, of this place. It will be the largest hotel in the county when finished. It has been licensed.
There has been a great deal of sickness in town, and our physicians have been very busy, but at this writing there are no serious cases, with the exception of an infant child of Joseph Butterbaugh.
Mr. Alex. Hepburn, constable, was fined \$5 and costs Monday for leading a horse on the pavement.
We regret to say that Mr. James Johnston, who had his back injured more than a year ago, is still completely paralyzed from his waist down and is lying in a helpless condition. He was in a Philadelphia hospital for some time and had an operation performed, without any benefit.
Mr. Lloyd S. Pringle has given up building and will leave soon for West Virginia, and try his luck in new fields.
The Aldine hotel in this place, of which J. P. Hepburn is proprietor, is doing a land office business. It is without question the best paying house in Clearfield county.

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