

The New Jersey farmers and Knights of Labor who have notified the Legislature of that State that they want straight Ballot Reform, and will lead their representatives accountable for any failure to pass a proper bill, are on the right track. A secret ballot, giving every voter the opportunity to vote without fear or favor according to his best judgment, would do more to purge our politics from corruption and insure better government than could be accomplished by any other means. It would make "government by the people" something more than a polite fiction.

RECENTLY the Ways and Means Committee gave a hearing to the canners who protested against the proposed additional duty on tin plate. The Republican members sought to embarrass the delegation by asking if they were willing to have free canned goods if tin plate were free. With one accord they answered "yes," much to the surprise of the committee. If American canners could get their sugar and tin free they could beat the world. We hear of industries being built up by tariff, but nothing is said about the many industries which are ruined by having their materials taxed.

Apply the Proper Remedy.

The organization of relief committees in the Wyoming Valley will do much to relieve the suffering among the miners' families. At the meeting of the Scranton Poor Board Mayor-elect Fellows, who is chairman of the Central Relief Committee, said that all the present misery was to be traced to the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Company, which, he said, had opened more collieries than it needs, and he criticised the company for not contributing to the relief fund. If, as Mr. Fellows says, there are more miners in the region than can be given work even when the coal trade is reasonably good, the present unhappy situation is not merely a temporary difficulty, and it will take more than the local resources to find profitable employment for the superabundance of labor in other localities. Mr. Powderly some time ago also attributed the distress of the miners to the owners of the collieries, but he did not say that it was the fault of a single company as Mayor-elect Fellows does. It is Mr. Powderly's idea that the condition of the miners who are starving because the mines are idle and the suffering of the people in the West for want of fuel are caused by combinations which put restrictions upon the coal output. It is a most remarkable state of affairs when at one end of the line people are suffering because their wants cannot be supplied and at the other end of the line people are starving because they cannot supply the wants of the first set, and it appears more remarkable when we consider that this occurs in the same country and that railroads connect the different localities where the suffering exists.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

Correspondence From the Capital.

WASHINGTON, April 1, '90. The premature publication of the provisions of the McKinley Tariff bill seems to have been in the nature of a "ye-ha-ve-interests-to-protect-prepare-to-have-them-protected-now" proclamation, and at last call to the class which has grown rich and wants to grow richer through the favor and partiality of the laws and at the expense of all the other classes of the community. It let them know in ample time what sort of compromise the Republicans of the House thought of making between the party's platform promises to the whole country and its signed-and-sealed contract with the great campaign fund contributors. A very remarkable feature of the bill as published should be noted. The cuts made in the sugar duty, on rice, tobacco, alcohol and a few articles, it is claimed, would affect a reduction in the revenues of \$60,000,000. But at the same time the bill, for the protection of the agriculturists of the West, placed higher duties on eggs, potatoes, hops and some other agricultural products. No attention was paid to the likelihood of these new taxes tending to offset the reduction of revenue effected on sugar, etc. The conclusion is natural that the increased duties on agricultural products were intended merely to pull the wool over the eyes of the farmer in the West. These duties could afford the latter no protection, because when corn is so cheap that he finds burning it as fuel the most profitable use he can make of it, it is not likely any foreign agricultural products could, even without a tariff barrier, come into the country and undersell his own products. The McKinley bill is a more advanced high protection measure than has ever before been presented in Congress.

There is a hopeful improvement in Mr. Samuel J. Randall's health, and the expectation is confidently expressed that he will soon be able to assume his duties in the House. Miss Randall said yesterday that her father was now able to look after his correspondence, and that he was giving close attention to Congressional matters. No attention was paid to the likelihood of these new taxes tending to offset the reduction of revenue effected on sugar, etc. The conclusion is natural that the increased duties on agricultural products were intended merely to pull the wool over the eyes of the farmer in the West. These duties could afford the latter no protection, because when corn is so cheap that he finds burning it as fuel the most profitable use he can make of it, it is not likely any foreign agricultural products could, even without a tariff barrier, come into the country and undersell his own products. The McKinley bill is a more advanced high protection measure than has ever before been presented in Congress.

The defeat of the Blair bill in the Senate, after having in previous Congresses passed that body twice, was no great surprise to those who have watched the trend of public opinion, which in the South especially has for some time past been against the measure.

Advertise in the TRIBUNE.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE

Auditors of Foster Twp. on Roads.

Table with columns for Auditor Name, Amount, and Date. Includes Thomas Elliott, Collector of Road tax, in account with Foster Twp. Total: \$6,905 35.

Table with columns for Auditor Name, Amount, and Date. Includes Peter Burns, Treas., in account with Foster Twp., Luzerne Co., Pa., for the year 1889 and '90. Total: \$1,231 81.

Table with columns for Auditor Name, Amount, and Date. Includes Daniel Craig, Treas., in account with Foster Twp., Luzerne County, Pa., 1889-1890. Total: \$5891 61.

Table with columns for Auditor Name, Amount, and Date. Includes Time worked on roads of Foster Twp., Joseph Iles, Supervisor. Total: \$2,786 62.

Table with columns for Auditor Name, Amount, and Date. Includes Time worked on roads of Foster Twp., Robert Boner, Supervisor. Total: \$2,786 62.

Table with columns for Auditor Name, Amount, and Date. Includes horse, Tagge Gallagher, Jno. McConville, etc. Total: \$3,061 11.

Table with columns for Auditor Name, Amount, and Date. Includes Account of supplies: W. A. Grimes, making duplicate, etc. Total: \$3,389 89.

Table with columns for Auditor Name, Amount, and Date. Includes SPECIAL IMPROVEMENTS: Included in the foregoing statement of expenses are the following sums, which were paid as per vouchers presented: Filling in stone culvert on White Haven road, across Wildcat Run, etc. Total: \$1,716 30.

Table with columns for Auditor Name, Amount, and Date. Includes OUTSTANDING ORDERS: Outstanding Orders of Robert Boner, etc. Total: \$449 80.

Table with columns for Auditor Name, Amount, and Date. Includes Total amount of outstanding orders as per list above: \$267 52.

ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE BOROUGH OF FREELAND For 1889-90.

Table with columns for Auditor Name, Amount, and Date. Includes Township, being duly sworn do certify the foregoing statement to be true and correct according to the figures submitted to us. Total: \$1586 91.

Table with columns for Auditor Name, Amount, and Date. Includes To amt of exonerations on dogs, etc. Total: \$81 41.

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Table with columns for Auditor Name, Amount, and Date. Includes Penna. Globe Gas Light Company, Freeland Water Co., etc. Total: \$3556 63.

Table with columns for Auditor Name, Amount, and Date. Includes Due from Bernard McLaughlin, Col., '89, \$280 23; James Sharpe, 1884, 16 64; Thos. Brown, 1883, 1 11; Council room and lockup, 1675 00; Fire apparatus and house, 2262 75. Total: \$4235 73.

Table with columns for Auditor Name, Amount, and Date. Includes Bonds of 1883, \$290 00; " 1885, 900 00. Total: \$1200 00.

Table with columns for Auditor Name, Amount, and Date. Includes Resources over liabilities, \$3,035 73. Total: \$3,035 73.

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