

WELL, to use a homely phrase, the Republicans have bitten off more than they can chew—the Tariff bill is too much for them.

ENTRANCE is the Republican synonym for economy. The enormous surplus in the United States Treasury has been a problem perplexing two administrations.

THE Republican party has become anxious concerning the large appropriations for public buildings, etc., which have already been made or for which bills are pending in the present Congress.

WHILE the new ballot reform act, which has just received the approval of Governor Hill, in New York, is without some of the features which have been regarded as important in the sense of real reform, the measure will be welcomed as offering something in the right direction.

WHAT has become of the boom which was started by the people of the Five Points some time ago for the annexation of their territory to the Borough of Freeland? The town council of the borough gave their assent to the measure, and it now lies in the hands of those who favor the movement and are residents of the Points to urge the project to a final conclusion.

THE Chambersburg Spirit has the following to say on behalf of ex-Governor Pattison and the success which the Democratic party would encounter with him as their next candidate for Governor: We would not belittle Mr. Wallace's past.

Isn't it a rather singular spectacle which the country presents to-day, and one which shows the self confessed impotency of the ruling classes to govern, when we see large communities convulsed by labor troubles, causing paralysis of business and industry, and the solution left to haphazard.

see a system which vaunts itself as the best in the world—and really has no superior—so powerless in Freeland in matters which so closely concern the well-being of the community?

A \$60,000 Bribe Takes for Governor.

Quay's candidate for Governor of Pennsylvania is being pretty thoroughly exposed to the public, even by Republican politicians and newspapers; in fact, as this is a struggle for the Republican nomination, the Democrats have had no occasion to discuss Delamater, and must wish that the Republicans would do so.

The Democratic Course in Congress.

Advices from Washington announce the determination of the Democratic minority of the Ways and Means Committee to refrain from proposing a substitute to the McKinley bill, while opposing mercilessly the deformities of the Republican "What is it."

Shake the Files Off.

This is a progressive age. The business man who sits down and expects business to come to him is sure to get left. The time when the mere hanging of a sign, and standing behind a counter constituted a merchant has passed.

How She May Be Recognized.

We have, in our time, adverted, reverted, and animadverted to the fact that when a young lady puts on her fall uster and her Derby hat one cannot tell whether to offer a caramel to her or to beg a hunk of tobacco from him.

San Diego's Park.

San Diego, Cal., has a public park 1,400 acres in extent, and the ever vigilant despoiler is now striving to get hold of it and to cut it up into 6,000 building lots at an annual rental of \$25, which would yield \$150,000.

A Thing of Shreds and Patches.

After four months of tinkering the tariff bill of the majority of the Ways and Means Committee has been presented to the House. The popular demand for a reduction of taxation has been responded to by an increase of taxation. Every schedule but one increases existing rates.

With all their efforts to secure harmonious action the Republican members of the committee were unable to agree. Mr. McKenna, of California, dissented and presented a bill protesting against the sugar schedule and the proposed bounties on that product and raw silk.

"The bill in its sugar schedule," he says, "makes an arbitrary and invidious distinction between the sugar industry and other industries, a distinction inconsistent with the principle upon which the bill is framed and upon which it can alone be justified."

Speaking of the best sugar industry of California, Mr. McKenna says: "Must an industry be able to supply the home consumption before it is entitled to protection? Other industries have not done this, industries that have been protected in every tariff bill and are protected in the present bill."

Of Mr. McKenna's argument it is sufficient for the present to say that from a protectionist standpoint it is utterly unassailable. No protectionist can successfully attack Mr. McKenna's position. He is wrong, not because he dissents from protectionist doctrine, but because he agrees with and upholds it.

The committee has vacillated to such an extent that it has lost the confidence even of the Republican party. Nobody would venture to predict whether its bill will receive the approval of the House or undergo further changes in that body.

The Agricultural Situation.

A number of farmers, reputed rich men, in the wealthiest farming region of Pennsylvania, have lately made assignments. Everything with which the farmer is connected has gone down in the past few years except taxes, and they are the same where they have not been increased.

They Don't Know Their Real Enemy.

A number of farmers of Montgomery, Bucks, Chester and Delaware counties held a meeting at Norristown last week and completed the preliminary steps for the formation of a Farmers' Union. The object is to obtain relief from the present excessive taxation which they declare is a burden upon the agriculturists of the country.

Correspondence From the Capitol.

WASHINGTON, May 13, '90. Why there should be any exaltation in the diplomatic rank of our Representatives abroad, with a multiplication of pay to go with it as has been suggested from some quarters, is an incomprehensible thing to the average American mind.

On the first Monday in December the Republicans organized the House of Representatives with a majority of eight—the membership consisting of 169 Republicans and 161 Democrats. Since then the labors of the committee on elections have increased the Republican majority to 17; the figures being: Republicans, 172; Democrats, 155; Independent, 1. The places held by Wilber (Rep.) and Randall (Dem.) who died are still vacant, but these two elections are not likely to make any change in the political complexion of the House.

Representatives Sayers, of Texas, and Bland, of Missouri, have covered into the Treasury the money stolen by Silcott, which the Court of Claims determined was due them. During the session he would have hardly laid down the doctrine of the visible quorum. It is a noteworthy fact that the whole seven-contest were raised against the Democrats.

A pleasant event of the past week was the visit to Washington of ex-President Cleveland. The many friends and admirers of the distinguished gentleman were glad to perceive by the brightness of his eye and the vigor of his appearance that he was in better health than when he left the White House.

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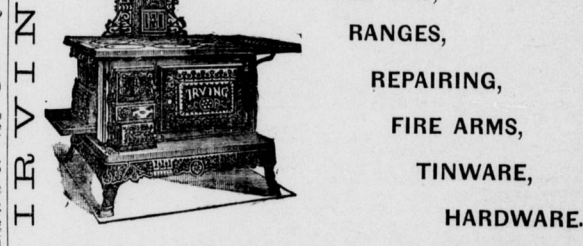
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