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FREELAND, PA., APRIL 16, 1891.

The Baker Billot bill passed the House on Tuesday by a vote of 173 to 16. Those voting against the bill were Republicans. The pressure brought to bear on the members of the House the past week was too much for them to stand.

GROVER CLEVELAND celebrated his 54th birthday anniversary last month. Ten years ago, when he was 44, Mr. Cleveland was Mayor of Buffalo. At Cleveland was Governor of New York, and at 47 President of the United States. He will serve another Presidential term and still be on the sunny side of 60.

The American hog has not yet been readmitted to Germany, but preparations are being made for taking down the bars. In the meanwhile it has been suggested to the German Government that, while looking so carefully after the character of the American hog, it might be well to turn the microscope on his Schleswig brother.

It may be that nature will help out the McKinley law by reducing the wheat crops of France and Russia and thereby increasing the price of wheat. The logical sequence remains the same, whatever may be the facts. No one can be enriched by the McKinley act except by the impoverishment of some one else. High protection must always have its victim.

The Senate Committee has granted a hearing to the committee representing the Philadelphia Single Tax Society, which was to meet at Harrisburg yesterday. The committee is composed of Messrs. Stephens, Shoemaker, and Mr. A. J. Moxam, of Johnstown, has been invited to join them. They were to oppose the revenue bill, passed by the House, from the Single Tax standpoint.

THE TRIBUNE is in receipt of a copy of the *Factory Times*, published by Wm. Horan, 1341 Arch Street, Philadelphia. The paper is, as its name indicates, devoted to the interest of the factory workers and the workingmen of Philadelphia, affording them a medium of their own, whereby they can make known their grievance. We trust Mr. Horan, its publisher, will be successful in the enterprise.

PRESIDENT HARRISON made six little speeches from his observation car yesterday; and all the day as he rode along through Dixie he was the recipient of flattering and respectful attentions. The President showed while he was a candidate that he was an adept in the delivery of short harangues. He seldom puts his foot in his mouth, confining himself to trite and indisputable observations which sound pleasantly and signify nothing disastrous to a second term.

GREAT BRITAIN'S LABOR COMMISSION, appointed to inquire into the relations existing between capital and labor, and into the cause of strikes and the best means of preventing, has three or four members who may be more or less capable of representing labor by familiarity with workmen and their conditions of life, but the greater number are capitalists, aristocrats and close students of political economy, who have no sympathy with, and therefore no real knowledge of, working people, their prejudices, their aspirations and their environments.

THE practice of coupling cars by hand has resulted in maiming and killing thousands of brakemen in the United States. But an improvement is noted. According to statistic given by the *Engineering News*, railroad companies that practically own half the track in the country and that operate 700,000 cars are now putting the automatic coupler on all their new cars. On the 1st of January, 1891, 99,000 cars, or about one-tenth of the whole number in the United States, were equipped with the safety coupler. Twice as many roads used the system in 1890 as in 1889, and at the present rate of progress it will not be long before all the leading roads will be using this life-saving device.

THE very contrast between Mr. Cleveland's honesty and openness and the politic reserve, not to say crafty shiftness, of some other candidates for the Presidential nomination, cannot fail to tell in the end, as indeed it is telling every day, in his favor with the great body of his countrymen. Mr. Cleveland, it is understood, is not the favorite of the machine politicians. He never has been. He is probably also especially distasteful to a few Democratic leaders who would much prefer to see the President selected from their number—some one whom they know well, and who is bound to them by ties of long and intimate association and comradeship in political affairs, and who, in the White House, could be relied upon to "stand in" with them and gratify their wishes in the matter of the distribution of collectorships, postmasterhips and marshalships, and Federal patronage generally in their respective States.

The Personal Tax Bill.
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any values are to be affixed to these enormous inventories, for the bill regards every taxable as a rogue and will not trust him, but it imposes on the assessor the task of affixing to every item "the price or value for which the same would sell if such piece or parcel of the same were sold singly or separately at a bona fide sale after full public notice."

It seems incredible that so preposterous a suggestion should be made to a legislative body, but I suppose the framer of the bill had in view only the simple contents of a barn or farmyard, with their comparatively easily ascertainable values, and never contemplated the consequences of applying his plan to the complicated interests of a large city. Even here, however, I suppose, can imagine what would be the task of the assessor on whom would fall the valuation of the inventory of Wanamaker's Grand Depot, or Cramp & Son's shipyard, or the Baldwin Locomotive Works. Such a system as this would be inoperative through its complexity and absurdity, and it would disappear under a storm of public ridicule and detestation, but not before it had had time to work an imaginable annoyance to the people.

A minor evil would be the swarm of assessors let loose upon the community like the locusts of Egypt, for it would require several hundred in our own city to value the contents of the houses, stores and factories of Philadelphia, which are estimated, I believe, at between 75,000 and 200,000. Another evil would be the necessity, under Section 5, of preserving all these voluminous inventories, the accumulation of which in a few years would require vast storehouses.

To crown the offensive absurdity of all this, Section 21 requires that of all these lists with their valuations shall be printed, and a copy be delivered to every taxable. With the obscurity customary in the bill it is not stated whether all the items in the several inventories of each taxable, with their valuations, are to be printed in full, or only the totals, but the former is presumably intended, as the latter would fall in the manifest object of setting every man as a spy upon his neighbors. In either case, many volumes would be annually required in a city like Philadelphia, and as there are 225,000 taxables in the city to be supplied, the printing bill would exhaust a notable percentage of the revenue accruing to the city.

I will in conclusion call your attention to one characteristic peculiarly dangerous—its obscurity. The drafting of a bill requires a thorough knowledge of the subject and a capacity for clear thought and expression. The framer of this measure unfortunately possesses none of these faculties, and his work in consequence is almost unintelligible. If enacted it will fill the State with confusion, for its obscure and doubtful points will be interpreted differently by the authorities of different counties; taxables and assessors will inevitably take antagonistic views; the Courts will be burdened with the questions at issue, and, if it is left on the statute-book, years must elapse before the Supreme Court will unravel its numerous doubtful clauses and establish a tax system which will be judge-made, and not the work of the Legislature.

Section 20 is devoted to raising the poll tax to \$1.25, but it requires this payment to be made by "all natural persons over 21 years of age," thus including all strangers who may chance to pass through the State or to reside here temporarily. Fortunately the complications which the enforcement of this curious regulation would create are avoided by the precaution of omitting all penalty for nonpayment and all instructions as to how such a tax is to be collected, whether from strangers or citizens.

It will not do to disregard all this as captions or verbal criticism. Such is precisely the criticism to which all laws are subjected, and which they must be drafted to meet, first from the officials entrusted with their execution, and then from keen lawyers and able judges. The bill fairly bristles with obscurities and incongruities, and this is the more inexcusable, as it effects every household, every store, every factory, and every corporation within the boundaries of Pennsylvania.

The effort in the bill to make the "transportation and transmission" companies pay their fair proportion of the public burdens is a move in the right direction; but I would suggest that much more could be accomplished for the relief of the taxpayer if the Legislature would devise measures for preventing the discriminations in transportation which exercise so baneful an influence on the prosperity of the public for the enrichment of the few.

To Knock Out the Tariff Policy.

A high tariff has now become unpopular everywhere, unless it possibly be in Pennsylvania. Even Ohio is abandoning its support, and New Jersey has ceased to uphold it. But the most fatal blow of all has fallen upon this exploded and defunct tariff policy at the West. At the very time that Mr. McKinley is starting on his preposterous crusade in this section, there is called a convention of the Western States, to be held in Kansas City, that is to deal a blow to the McKinley policy which can hardly fail to convince even the Bourbons themselves how futile are their efforts. It originates with men who have been Republicans. The chief mover in it is a member of the Kansas Legislature, who has been among the most prominent partisans of that party. It invites the entire West to join in a consideration of the commercial, agricultural and mining interests of that section. It is aimed directly at the high tariff Republican policy of the Rehabilitation party.—*Boston Globe.*

Special Announcement.

We have made arrangements with Dr. B. J. Kendall Co., publishers of "A Treatise on the Horse and his Diseases," which will enable all our subscribers to obtain a copy of that valuable work free by sending their address (enclosing a two-cent stamp for mailing same) to Dr. B. J. KENDALL CO., ENOSBURG FALLS, VT. The book is now recognized as standard authority upon all diseases of the horse, as its phenomenal sale attests, over four million copies having been sold in the past ten years, a sale never before reached by any publication in the same period of time. We feel confident that our patrons will appreciate the work, and be glad to avail themselves of the opportunity of obtaining a valuable book.

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Financial Statement

—OF THE—

AUDITORS OF FOSTER TWP. ON ROADS.

Jacob Fox, collector of road tax, in account with Foster Township, DR.	To amount of road duplicate, \$790 35	To am't of supplemental tax, 74 12
Total	\$7981 47	
CR.		
By am't of exonerations \$580 18	" abatements 357 16	" scattered land tax returned..... 65 66
By am't of abatements of unseated land tax..... 117 32	By amount of errors in assessment..... 25 40	Paid Treasurer..... 6511 05
Paid Collector's commission 324 70	Total	\$7981 47
DR.		
Wm. Gallagher, treasurer, in account with Foster Township, DR.	To amount received from Jacob Fox, collector of 1890:.....	Regular tax.....\$3830 06
Special tax, by order of court to pay debt..... 1632 00	Due Supervisors of 1889..... 1149 00	From County Treasurer, for license account..... 1519 25
From County Treasurer, unseated land tax..... 503 54	Total	\$8533 84
CR.		
New Orders	Hugh Brogan, Supervisor, 2935 73	Wm. Jenkins, Supervisor, 2596 54
Patrick O'Donnell, Supervisor, \$219 00	Joseph Iles, Supervisor, 396 10	John R. Cartwright, Supervisor, 263 75
Robert Bonner, Supervisor, 479 66	Total	\$1008 78
Paid marshalled indebtedness, \$1008 78	Treasurer's commission, 239 65	Total
Total	\$8228 21	

Balance due township, \$305 63

Time worked on roads of Foster Township, Hugh Brogan, Supervisor.

Names.	Days.	Rate.	Am'ts.
Hugh Brogan.....	303	@2.00	\$606 00
" horse, 2544	2 00	5000 00	
Wm. Brogan.....	290	1 25	325 00
Bernard Brogan.....	62	1 25	77 50
Jos. Iles.....	204	1 25	255 00
Jas. Cartwright.....	205	1 35	277 42
Edward Brogan.....	41	1 25	51 25
John McNulty.....	5	1 25	6 25
Pat'k Maloney.....	148	1 25	185 00
Thos. Brogan.....	172	1 00	172 00
Robt. Kirkpatrick.....	4	1 25	5 00
Condy McGill.....	9	1 25	11 25
Denis O'Donnell.....	3	1 25	3 75
Barney Gallagher.....	12	1 00	12 00
John Ferry.....	194	1 25	243 50
Jacob Berry.....	1	2 00	2 00
Robert Handlong.....	1	1 25	1 25
Fred Black.....	1	1 25	1 25
John Metzgar.....	34	1 25	42 50
" team, 4	4 00	16 00	
George Wise.....	11	1 25	13 75
Fred Metzgar.....	13	1 25	16 25
H. Markes, team, 4	4 00	2 00	
Daniel Purcell.....	2	1 25	2 50
Frank Kock.....	5	1 25	6 25
" team, 1	4 00	4 00	
Abel Letenstein.....	6	1 25	7 50
John Strain.....	3	1 25	3 75
John Metzgar, team, 4	4 00	36 00	
Richard O'Connor.....	6	1 25	7 50
John Everts.....	4	1 25	5 00
H. Hegetschweiler.....	1	2 50	2 50
Wm. Wise.....	4	1 25	5 00
Chas. Miller.....	10	1 25	12 50
Samuel Miller.....	3	1 25	3 75
John Waldron.....	6	1 25	7 50
George Gower.....	4	1 25	5 00
John Falcon.....	3	1 25	3 75
Albert Wagner.....	2	1 25	2 50
Robt' Handlong.....	6	1 25	7 50
Wm. Mason.....	2	1 25	2 50
John Fairchild.....	2	1 25	2 50
Z. Fairchild, team, 4	4 00	1 00	
Wm. Moyer.....	7	1 25	8 75
Fred Haiges.....	2	1 25	2 50
Abel Bush.....	2	1 25	2 50
Wm. Metzgar, team, 4	4 00	4 00	
Harry Blakeslee.....	2	1 25	2 50
" team, 1	2 00	2 00	
Chas. Boger.....	1	4 00	4 00
" team, 1	1 25	1 25	

Time worked on roads of Foster Twp., Wm. Jenkins, Supervisor.

Names.	Days.	Rate.	Am'ts.
Wm. Jenkins.....	297	@2.00	\$594 00
" horse, 263	2 00	526 00	
Jas. Wilson.....	252	1 35	340 20
Harry Jenkins.....	135	1 25	168 75
Robert Jenkins.....	100	1 00	100 00
Fisher Bros, team, 7	7 00	28 00	
Theophilus Gibbon, 3	3 25	3 75	
John Kehoe.....	30	1 25	37 50
John Ferry.....	64	1 25	80 00
Wm. Smith.....	17	1 25	21 25
Bert.....	93	75	70 12
Pat'k Boner.....	2	1 25	2 50
Condy McGeahan.....	8	1 25	10 00
Jos. Birkbeck.....	2	1 25	2 50
John Metzgar.....	57	1 25	71 25
" team, 6	6 00	24 00	
Robert Handlong.....	24	1 25	30 00
John Fairchild.....	1	1 25	1 25
Charles Boger.....	94	1 25	117 50
John McGinley.....	794	1 25	992 50
John Iles.....	61	1 25	76 25
John Tully.....	36	1 25	45 00
Pat'k McFadden.....	11	1 25	14 37
John Evert.....	3	1 25	3 75
Fred Metzgar.....	15	1 25	18 75
John Felton.....	5	1 25	6 25

Expenses of auditing last year..... \$55 50

John D. Hayes, costs paid by in suits against twp..... 23 80

T. A. Buckley, publishing notice..... 3 00

John D. Hayes, part salary..... 37 50

Alfred Widdick, witness in regard to special tax levy..... 3 00

Jos. Birkbeck, witness in regard to special tax levy..... 3 00

W. B. Koons, witness in regard to special tax levy..... 3 00

W. B. Koons, part salary..... 10 00

Frank Sweeney, writing duplicate..... 26 00

Wm. Williamson, supplies..... 14 62

Upper Lehigh Coal Co., lumber..... 38 03

Sandy Run Coal Co., lumber..... 49 87

J. P. McDonald, supplies..... 1 00

Jacob Fox, blacksmithing..... 18 80

Alderman Parsons, cost of suit, Baskin vs. Foster twp..... 38 00

Joseph Shatzle..... 2 15

\$ 327 27

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John Felton.....	5	1 25	6 25

Ziba Meixler.....	3	1 25	3 75
Isaac Moyer.....	7	1 00	7 00
Adam Deckert.....	4	1 25	5 00
W. H. Davis.....	2	1 00	2 00
Fred Mitchell.....	2	1 25	2 50
Thomas Horn.....	2	1 25	2 50
George Wise.....	10	1 25	12 50
William Davis.....	2	1 25	2 50
George Wise.....	2	1 25	2 50
Jos. McDonald.....	8	1 25	10 00
Richard O'Connor.....	5	1 25	6 25
Chas. Lilly, team.....	2	4 00	8 00
Wm. Meyers.....	3	1 25	3 75
Pat'k Campbell.....	4	1 25	5 00
Owen Fowler.....	5	1 00	5 00

Lumber, supplies and other expenses, Wm. Jenkins, Supervisor.

Paid to Mrs. Peter Burns balance commission due Peter Burns, ex-Treas..... \$48 19

To rent of room..... 6 50

John D. Hayes, part salary..... 37 50

Freeland TRIBUNE, publishing audit..... 30 00

W. B. Koons, part salary..... 65 00

W. B. Koons, books and stationary..... 7 23

C. L. and A. S. Keck, slabs..... 60

C. D. Rorrbach, taking testimony in regard to special tax..... 6 00

John Quigley, serving subpoenas..... 3 00

G. B. Markle, lumber..... 3 42

David P. Jones, supplies..... 5 22

T. A. Buckley, order book..... 1 50

Jacob Fox, blacksmithing..... 22 75

Upper Lehigh Coal Co..... 13 24

C. D. Rorrbach, supplies..... 2 55

Coxe Bros. & Co., lumber..... 1 90

Wm. Eckert, supplies..... 4 34

Wm. Diehl, water trough..... 5 00

James Evert, water trough..... 5 00

Lewis Stringers..... 1 00

John Shatzle, blacksmithing..... 2 15

\$ 272 09

OUTSTANDING ORDERS.

Outstanding Orders of Hugh Brogan.....

Order No. 42.....	\$ 5 00
" 43.....	" 2 20
" 44.....	" 1 87
" 45.....	" 2 50
" 46.....	" 1 35
" 47.....	" 2 50
" 48.....	" 4 00
" 49.....	" 4 00
" 50.....	" 2 50
" 51.....	" 4 00
" 52.....	" 4 00
" 53.....	" 5 00
" 54.....	" 3 00
" 55.....	" 5 00
" 56.....	" 5 00
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" 58.....	" 5 00
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" 94.....	" 5 00
" 95.....	" 5 00
" 96.....	" 5 00
" 97.....	" 5 00
" 98.....	" 5 00
" 99.....	" 5 00
" 100.....	" 5 00

Outstanding Orders of Wm. Jenkins.....

Order No. 1.....	\$ 2 20
" 2.....	" 1 35
" 3.....	" 4