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DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

Judge of Supreme Court,
Christopher Heydrick.....Venango County
Congressmen-at-Large,
George Allen.....Erie County
Thomas P. Merritt.....Berks County

It seems to us that if there is one person for whose welfare the community as a whole has no need to specially concern itself, it is the individual who buys a large tract of unimproved land, and withholds it year after year from use, in the hope that the exertions, not of himself, but of the community, will in time give to it a value that it would not otherwise possess.—*Boston Herald.*

ABSENTEEISM is one of the worst faults of the members of congress, and it has become so prevalent of late that business is often suspended on account of no quorum being present. The suggestion of the Philadelphia Record that the members be docked for time lost is good. The rule of "no work, no pay" would make vacant seats very scarce in both the House and Senate.

THERE is a small faction in the Democratic party who are doing all that could be done to prevent the party from committing itself to absolute free trade. This faction consists of a few prominent men who like to pose as leaders, but the rank and file of the organization are not ashamed of the doctrine and are willing to make the coming campaign a battle between protection and free trade.

The prospects of the House bill to put the single tax in actual operation in the District of Columbia are very bright. The commissioners of the district have unanimously approved the measure, after giving a lengthy hearing to its friends and opponents. It is still in the hands of the committee to which it was referred, but will be brought up in the House in a few days, backed by a favorable report. The District of Columbia is an excellent place to put the theory in actual operation.

The grit possessed by the average newspaper publisher was well illustrated by the burning of the Times' \$350,000 building in Philadelphia last week. The fire occurred when about one-third of the work had been done for the next day's paper, and the employees had to flee for their lives without saving a dollar's worth of material, but in less than half an hour the editors, reporters and printers were busy at work in another office and the Times appeared on schedule time, as bright and cheerful as though it's publisher had not lost a cent.

NOTWITHSTANDING the quietness that exists in Republican circles regarding their candidate for President, there is a very still game being played by Harrison's opponents to prevent his renomination. Alger is in the race and intends to stay until the convention knocks him out, and McKinley is in the hands of his friends. It is hoped that the party will not be so foolish as to refuse Benjamin the nomination, for it will be a sad disappointment to the Democrats if they are not given the opportunity to lay him so flat next November that he will never be heard of again.

The greatest political humbug the United States ever produced is the New York Sun. It claims to be a Democratic newspaper, but is really one of the best organs the Republicans could have. It is opposed to a reduction of the tariff in any way, and if Editor Dana had the power he would sink every vessel that dared bring foreign goods to this country. The Sun fought desperately against the election of Tilden in 1876, against Cleveland in 1884 and 1888, and gave Hancock only half hearted support in 1880. Yet that sheet is classed as a Democratic newspaper by some editors.

THERE is one man in the United States to-day probably in a position to "make" the next President of the United States. Senator Hill, of New York, is the man who has that power. If he should attend the convention at Chicago and place Grover Cleveland in nomination it is safe to say that that body would name the ex-President and the next President by acclamation. It is a wonderful opportunity which Senator Hill has, an opportunity to correct all his past errors and make his party as triumphant in the nation as he has made it in the State of New York.—*Omaha World.*

A Single Tax Petition.

The irrepressible Henry George men are now to the front with something new in the way of congressional petitions. For two years they have been quietly gathering signatures requesting the House of Representatives to appoint a special committee for the purpose of making a full inquiry into and report upon the expediency of raising all public revenues by a single tax upon the value of land, irrespective of improvements, to the exclusion of all other taxes, whether in the form of tariffs upon imports, taxes upon internal productions, or otherwise. This is the single tax, and, as nearly everybody about here is well aware, it is also free trade.

Each signature is on a separate slip of paper containing the petition in full. The slips number 115,503. They come from all parts of the Union, and are signed by people whose neighbors, in many cases, would be surprised to learn of their sympathy with Henry Georgeism. But it is the form in which the petition is arranged that makes it the most unique thing of its kind. The original slips are bound together in books of which there are 691, arranged by States. The books number as follows:

Alabama, 3 books; Arkansas, 4; Arizona, 1; California, 4; Colorado, 4; Connecticut, 9; Delaware, 3; Florida, 4; Georgia, 4; Iowa, 25; Illinois, 52; Indian Territory, 3; Indiana, 10; Kansas, 15; Kentucky, 8; Louisiana, 5; Maine, 5; Maryland, 7; Massachusetts, 1; Montana, 3; Nebraska, 11; Nevada, 1; New Hampshire, 3; New Jersey, 24; New Mexico, 2; North Carolina, 1; North Dakota, 1; Ohio, 39; Oklahoma Territory, 1; Oregon, 5; Pennsylvania, 47; Rhode Island, 8; South Carolina, 1; South Dakota, 16; Tennessee, 9; Texas, 22; Utah, 2; Vermont, 3; Virginia, 5; Washington, 7; West Virginia, 5; Wisconsin, 6; Wyoming, 1; miscellaneous, 2.

These books are arranged by States in a series of drawers set in a handsome oak cabinet. On the top of the cabinet is an enlarged copy of the slip signed by Henry George, showing his signature in fac simile, and stating that the petition printed on it is signed by 115,502 others. The cabinet, with its contents, was sent to Hon. Tom L. Johnson, the congressman from Cleveland, Ohio, who is to present it in the House, and who expects support from a considerable number of congressmen, who were elected on account of their sympathy with the George idea, and from others who are in favor of a systematic official inquiry into the principles of taxation, regardless of its results.

The originators of the petition say that they will have the matter brought up in congress every year until they accomplish their purpose and obtain the appointment of a committee of investigation.

Prosperity Despite the Tariff.

Our country has the most boundless wealth in agriculture and in minerals of any country in the world; has the widest diversity of soil surface and protection, and it has the most intelligent and self-reliant people to develop it. If we add to this that ours is the greatest free-trade country in the world, we complete the reasons for our prosperity. We have free trade within ourselves that comprehends more of variety, importance and value than the trade of any other country of the world.

To our own people, our own resources and our own free trade among ourselves in view of them, we owe our enviable condition. No possible tariffs can prevent it. The tariffs have increased in unreasonableness for a hundred years, until they have culminated in the most unreasonable one of all—the tariff that now burdens us; but the country has grown in capacity even more steadily to resist their baneful effects.

It takes now upon itself an unnecessary, an unreasonable, and, in the principle of injustice to the many in the interest of the few, a demoralizing burden; but it has the inherent power to prosper in spite of all.—*Boston Herald.*

Opportunity, Not Charity.

The State has laws to punish the poor fellow who steals a loaf of bread. Why not have a law to furnish work at remunerative wages to all idle people and thus save them from the temptation to steal.—*Cincinnati Herald.*

Because that is not the province of government. The purpose of government is to secure justice, protect the weak and restrain the strong, and see that all men have equal opportunities.

Suppose the government should undertake to furnish employment to the unemployed—it would have to do one of two things, either put them in competition with other laborers, thus throwing other laborers out of employment, or else create work for the sake of having something for these men to do, and then their "liberal wages" would have to be paid by other workmen.

What the government ought to do is to stop the monopolizing of God's gifts, so that all men may have an equal opportunity to apply their labor to God's gifts and so secure a livelihood.

Cleveland the Democratic Choice.

The Democratic situation remains unchanged. That Cleveland is the choice of the vast majority of the members of

the party is conceded. He is likely to receive on first ballot most of the votes of the delegates already elected, exclusive of the State of New York. The fact that "the favorite sons" are busily burnishing their lightning rods is really a sign in his favor.

It is safe to say that no man looms up who could take his place in the affections of his party, or supply the courage, stamina and patriotic contempt for intrigue which his name represents. Outside of Hill and Gray, which is the ticket proposed by a few newspapers which seem to have a personal hatred for the ex-President, there is no candidate who does not declare himself warmly for Cleveland.

Governors Pattison, Boies and Russel, ex-Governor Campbell, Senators Palmer and Gorman, and ex-Secretary Whitney, each of whom is more than a Presidential possibility, have expressed themselves as believing Mr. Cleveland to be the logical candidate, and with the possible exception of Senator Gorman, all are outspoken advocates of Mr. Cleveland's nomination.

Electricity from Coal.

A French chemist, who has been giving considerable attention to the problem of heating and lighting from a single source, has devised a novel stove, which in appearance resembles an ordinary heating stove. It is so arranged internally that the waste of heat is utilized for the generation of electricity. This is secured by a number of rectangular boxes of sheet iron, containing the necessary metallic elements for furnishing the current. These elements are insulated by asbestos, and the cooling is effected partly by the shape in which the metallic alloys are cast and partly by a circulation of air.

The current obtained is not great in amount, but the result of this attempt seems to be favorable. Accumulators are used for storing up the electricity, and as the heating is required for a much longer period than for lighting, the electrical energy, which would be lost during the hours of daylight, is saved. A point of considerable moment is that the heat utilized in this way is waste heat, so that any portion that can be recovered in the form of electricity is so much gain.—*Philadelphia Record.*

The Brain Jar of the Military Step.
Dr. Colin, regimental physician in the French army, has published the results of his investigations into the effects of regular marching in disciplined bodies upon soldiers. The regularity of the step causes the indefinite repetition of a shock of the bones and brain, infinitely more deleterious than an irregular walk, and to this regular repetition of the shock to the same parts of the body are due the peculiar aches, pains and illnesses of the troops.

In a one day march, he says, this shock is repeated 40,000 times, and often the strongest men, who can walk the same distance without difficulty when not in line, sagcumb to the strain in two or three days. Dr. Colin's preventive is a rubber heel in all military boots. This heel has been tried at his instance in the French infantry, he says, and the result has been found to be a great relief to the soldiers. The experiments with the rubber heel are still in progress.—*Medical Record.*

A Mule Incident.

A characteristic incident occurred yesterday afternoon in connection with Isaac Cochran's sale of horses at the Eagle hotel. A pair of mules were brought out, hitched to a wagon and driven by Harry Cochran. "This is a fine pair of mules," said Auctioneer McFarlan. "Just drive them up the street to let the people see how nicely they can travel." After going a short distance they were no longer of one mind, but one wanted to go one way and one the other. In their efforts to part company they nearly ran into a colored man, who, trying to get away, fell into the water trough. Then they displayed their speed by running off out East Gay street, throwing their driver, Harry Cochran, out and badly breaking the wagon. They were caught out near the nurseries. The mules were not sold that day.—*West Chester (Pa.) News.*

A Belle Marries a Brave.

Honey C. Holt, a full blood Winnebago Indian, has just been married to Miss Mand C. Williams, of New Boston, Ills. The couple met and loved while he was traveling with a number of his tribe advertising a patent medicine. He is not a bad looking young man, has a magnificent physique and is fairly well educated. The bride is a very pretty young lady, and was quite a belle in her neighborhood. She could have selected a husband from among a dozen thrifty young farmers, but preferred to become the wife of the red man, who, she says, has not a single bad habit. The couple left to join the band at Abington, Ills.—*Cor. Chicago Times.*

Lobster Story from Maine.

Lobsters are going into the freak business quite largely this winter. An East-port fisherman secured a white one the other day and now a man on Peak's island has found an even greater curiosity—a veritable blue lobster.

It is a beautiful specimen of the crustacean, and the bright cerulean has extended even to the ends of its long feelers.

The lobsters have evidently been attending a fancy dress party.—*Bangor (Me.) Commercial.*

It is said that many of the German colonists on the Volga river who are suffering from the Russian famine, in order to save fuel, have dug holes in the ground, subterranean shelters in which they burrow like foxes.

THE REAL LOBBYIST.

THE WOMEN ARE NUISANCES JUST THE SAME AS THE MEN ARE.

There Has Been a Great Deal of Romance Circulated About the Lobbyists, and It Is Time That the Truth Was Known. The Real Thing Is Very Disappointing.

"Show me a lobbyist" was the request of a friend who was walking through the Capitol with the writer. This visitor was a reader of the newspapers, a man of intelligence, and a believer in most of the interesting stories he had read about the number, ingenuity, boldness, skill and usefulness of the body of lobbyists that is supposed to be almost a necessary part of the legislative machinery.

I showed my visitor a lobbyist. He was one of the best known of the lot about the Capitol. He was leaning back against the corridor wall, opposite the entrance of the house of representatives, with his hands thrust into the pockets of a pair of trousers that were so raveled about the heels that they might be said to wear whiskers without provoking the remonstrances of the most thorough de- tector of slang.

If this man had an overcoat it was hung up somewhere, but the dusty condition of his rather thin frock coat, which carried the polish on its back that ought to have been on his very disreputable looking shoes, justified the conclusion that he was not finding an overcoat necessary this winter. He was a spare man, with a gaunt face, crossed by a white mustache stained at the ends with tobacco juice. His shirt was not clean, and he showed a good deal of it, but he wore a white tie, which only added emphasis to his otherwise forbidding lack of neatness. When he moved away from his place against the wall to meet a member of congress who had come out of the chamber upon the call of one of the doorkeepers to see him, his gait was a slouching one, and he might have been mistaken for any other loafer about the hall if he had not been so much more repulsive than the others.

My friend was disappointed. He could not understand when I told him that this man was one of the best of the lot of lobbyists about the Capitol, that he had been a member of congress, that he was, therefore, entitled to the privilege of the floor, and that the house of representatives has never yet had the sense to make its rules so strong as to keep out this man and several others just like him who are well known to be nothing more than strikers and lobbyists who linger here to pick up odd jobs to help them hang on to a miserable existence. They do not, one ought to be thankful, thrive as they are popularly supposed to do. If the public knew what a mistake the professional lobbyist is they would be driven to sawing wood or working on the railroads, or into doing some other useful and laborious business.

Then I showed my friend another lobbyist. This was a thin, sliding fellow, with a gray close beard, who toed in as he walked quickly along the passage, and who glanced furtively about as he went, as if watching to pounce down upon some one. This man was not an ex-member of congress; but he had been an employee of the house many years ago, and had been caught taking money to enable a corporation to reach, through the door of which he had charged, the men who were to be purchased to get through a subsidy bill. He was dismissed, and he at once went into the service of the corporation that had led to his disgrace.

He is in that employment still, and he associates with a great many senators and representatives who do not know, or have forgotten that others know, his odious history. He is an errand runner and a sneaking watcher of members who are to be encouraged to vote this way or the other on bills to be reported or killed. He would buy a member without hesitation if it were safe to buy him, but he is cautious. He finds out his venal man before taking any risks. He follows the instructions of the corporations that keep him busy, and he gets off in the course of the year very well indeed if he does not get kicked out of a gentleman's house more than half a dozen times.

The female lobbyist is, generally speaking, a myth. The women who come to the Capitol as promoters of the bills for pensions or for claims, come on their own account, and the only skill they exhibit is that which consists in so persistently bothering the members who have introduced their bills for them that they undertake to have them passed in order to get rid of terrible afflictions. The marvelous woman of charming manners that cannot be resisted is to be found only in the syndicate stories. The women who undertake to promote legislation are, almost without exception, bunglers and failures. Few women know enough about the ways of legislation or the ways of the legislators to qualify them to undertake lobby work or to approach members to direct their actions, except by the most vulgar species of blackmail made possible by contributory immorality.

Generally speaking, the lobbyist is a fraud and an unnecessary nuisance. He exists mainly because most people do not know anything about the methods of legislation, and because nearly everybody interested in a bill not public believes that the lobbyist is a creature who can tide over difficulties and remove them. As a rule the employment of one of the throng of disreputable lobbyists, and most of them are disreputable on their faces, is prejudicial to the legislation they are employed to promote. They thrive on account of the general ignorance about the legislative methods of procedure.—*Washington Cor. Providence Journal.*

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1 can sardines.....	5c
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300 clothes pins.....	25c
3 pounds good raisins.....	25c
4 pounds raisins.....	25c
1 pound coffee.....	20 and 25c
1 pound good tea.....	25c
5 pounds soda biscuits.....	25c
5 sticks stove polish.....	25c
3 pounds mixed cakes.....	25c
3 pounds coffee cakes.....	25c
5 pounds best sugar.....	25c
6 pounds rown sugar.....	25c
3 pounds lima beans.....	25c
5 pounds bologna.....	24c
3 cubic lime.....	25c
3 boxes axle grease.....	25c
3 dozen pickles.....	25c
2 quarts baking molasses.....	25c
2 quarts best syrup.....	25c
3 quarts cheap syrup.....	25c
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