The Bedford Gazette.

Thursday Morning, April 7, 1870.

## TARIFF BUNCOMBE.

The Bedford *Inquirer* discourses, week after week, on the tariff question, in the hope of making a little capital for its party. The dulness of its disquisitions is varied only by the striking inconsistencies which they present. In one breath the editor lauds his partisans in Congress for reducing the duties on tea and coffee so as to save $60,000,000 to the consumers. In the next he praises them for attempting to increase the duties on other articles so as to add $60,000,000, or more, per annum, to the burden of indirect taxation.—Tea and coffee are classed among the *luxuries*; iron, copper, cotton and woollen fabrics, salt, sugar, &c., are among the *necessities*. The would-be aristocrat of the *Inquirer* proposes to allow articles of luxury to be imported at a low rate of duty, but would impose a high tax on those importations which are necessary to the comfort and happiness of the great mass of the people. He would tax the iron and steel in the miner's pick and shovel, in the farmer's plough and spade and axe, in the mechanic's plane and saw and hammer, in the manufacturer's machinery; he would levy a duty on the flannels and cassimeres, calicos and muslins which clothe the people; he would extract the savor from the meat of the day laborer by taxing salt out of his reach; but as for Mr. Silkstocking's coffee and Mrs. Whitekid's tea, let them come in scot-free. In the face of all this, he claims that his party is the friend of the poor man! His impudence is as astounding as his inconsistencies are glaring.

In one of his articles, this wonderful political economist takes occasion to insult the Kemble Coal and Iron Company and the Coal operators of Broad Top, by intimating that they are mere pensioners upon the bounty of the Federal Government and that their profits consist only of the taxes wrung from the people by an exorbitant tariff. This is what he says:

"The removal of the duties which now foster our manufactures would, in a few months, stop the furnace at Riddlesburg, close the mining operations in Broad Top and consign us to the poverty and idleness of the free-trade era of years ago."

Now, this is simply false. Nature has so endowed the favored region of Broad Top that the fortunate capitalists who have invested, and who may hereafter invest, in the coal and iron business in that section, are, and will be for all time to come, entirely independent of the alms of the Federal Government. Furnaces will flourish here because the iron ore is the best in the world and the coal to smelt it is convenient. Coal operations will henceforward be remunerative because the furnaces will afford them a certain, uniform and continual market. The *Inquirer* in declaring that the success of the furnace at Riddlesburg depends soley on the contingency of a continuance of the present duty on iron, has dealt the material interests of Bedford county a severer blow than if it had said, in so many words, that the investment of capital in the iron business in this region is a precarious venture. It has, in effect, advised capitalists that the successful manufacturing of pig iron in Bedford county, depends altogether on the charity of the Federal Government. It will not do, therefore, for the *Inquirer*, in the face of this grave blunder (to call it by no harsher name) to charge the GAZETTE with "opposing the best interests of all our railroad, mining and manufacturing interests." The GAZETTE declares that the God of Nature intends this region to be the seat of prosperous iron works. The *Inquirer* denies that the natural advantages of our section are such as to ensure a fair return to the capitalist on his investment; it scorns "the Divinity that shapes our ends" and affects to believe that the profits of the Bedford county iron-master will only be the crumbs that fall from the Congressional table; it would have the world to believe that our iron men and coal-operators must be mendicants crawling at the feet of Congressmen and exposing their sores to be licked by the dogs of the lobby. The GAZETTE has a better opinion of the spirit and intelligence of the enterprising men who are engaged in developing the hidden wealth of our hills and valleys and a much higher appreciation of the intrinsic value of that dormant wealth soon to be vivified, tariff or no tariff. With this correct statement of the case, we are quite willing that a discriminating public shall decide which of us (in the *interesting* rhetoric of the *Inquirer*) opposes most "the best interests of all our railroad, mining and manufacturing interests."

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Napoleon has conceded something to propriety and decency. He has exiled his imperial cousin, Prince Pierre, from France, and it is reported in Paris that the eminent slayer is about to embark for America. Out West he can indulge his little weakness almost with impunity, and with nought to make him afraid except Judge Lynch.

## AN INFAMOUS FRAUD.

During the whole of the present session of the legislature, a contested-election case from the First Senatorial District of Philadelphia, known as the Diamond-Watt case, has dragged its slow length along. It has been proved by Mr. Diamond, the contestant, (who was the Democratic candidate) that the board of return judges refused to receive and count the returns from a number of precincts which gave him (Diamond) upwards of 400 majority. By this outrageous proceeding Watt, Republican, was given the certificate of election, and has been enabled to hold the seat, thus far, in defiance of the will of the people. In order to overcome the 400 majority for Diamond in the rejected precincts, witnesses have been brought before the committee at Harrisburg to swear that their residence was in Baltimore and New York at the time of the election and that they were hired to go to Philadelphia to vote in the names of residents of that city. On the testimony of these self-confessed scoundrels, Mr. Watt principally rests his case, and a great cry has been raised in consequence, by the Republican press, that the Democrats committed great frauds at the election of Philadelphia. But the Republican editors hallooed before they were out of the woods. The police were set upon the track of the knaves who were brought to Harrisburg as witnesses for Mr. Watt. They were ferreted out and found to be pick-pockets and bawdy-house pimps, who deliberately prepared themselves for pay. Their testimony was contradicted by the very best men in Philadelphia, by W. V. McKern, editor of the *Ledger*, by Charles W. Brooke, Esq., Robert E. Randall, Esq., John I. Rogers, Esq., and other prominent citizens of the First Senatoral District. The scoundrels thus contradicted claimed to reside at certain places in New York and Baltimore and to be engaged in certain branches of business. The persons by whom they swore they were employed have since been examined on oath, and in every instance the alleged employer testified that he *knew no such persons*, and police detectives, having been put on the stand, have sworn that no such persons as Watt's witnesses reside, or ever resided, at the places they gave as their residence. It turns out, therefore, that this testimony of these self-convicted knaves, was manufactured out of the whole cloth to meet the necessities of Mr. Watt's case. But *perjury* alone would not keep the sitting Senator in his seat. The perpetration of the twin crime of *forgery* was necessary. The Republican Return Inspector of the Seventh Division of the Third Ward of Philadelphia, was put on the stand by Mr. Diamond, and sworn that the *hourly returns* of that Division, which was in his own handwriting, *has been altered so as to add one hundred votes to Mr. Watt's number more than he received!* In the face of the infamous swindle by which the return judges cheated Mr. Diamond out of 400 votes, in the face of the notorious perjury of the pimps and pick-pockets brought to Harrisburg to swear for Watt, in the face of the forgery by which one hundred votes were given to Watt more than he received, the Repuplican papers, our near neighbor among them, have the hardihood to talk about "Democratic frauds." They should hide their face in shame.

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THERE is an ancient aphorism that what is sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander. The *Inquirer* of last week maliciously seeks to injure the good name of Hon. A. H. Coffroth, our former represen ative in Congress, by insinuating that he appointed military and naval cadets for a consideration. Gen. Coffroth has publicly denied this charge, over his own signature, and in the absence of proof to the contrary his denial must stand as his vindication. But the *Inquirer*, whilst it malignantly attacks Gen. Coffroth, for having, (as it asserts) appointed cadets outside of his district, is dumb as an oyster in regard to the conduct of John Covode, who could not find a Republican youth in Fayette, Westmoreland and Indiana, fitted to be a cadet, but had to go to Philadelphia to appoint a son of the rich and radical Remak.—Will not the *Inquirer* give us a chapter on cadet-auctioneer Covode?

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As the *Inquirer* appears to have a severe attack of the Tariff fever, we would recommend the editor to try a few of Allison's pills, the same to be washed down with Stevenson's bitters. These are Western preparations, recently put up by two Free Trade Republican members of Congress. They will prove an excellent febrifuge in the case of the *Inquirer* man. If these are too nauseous, there are various kinds of Anti-Tariff lozenges prepared by some fifty different Republican Congressmen which might effect a cure. Take a few, Bro. Lutz, and you will feel better.

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A bill has been introduced in the Spanish Cortes providing for a draft for 40,000 fresh troops. It has created a lively sensation.

## THE BLACK MILLENNIUM.

U. S. Grant, who was elected on the platform of the right of the people of the States to regulate and control the elective franchise for themselves, has just issued a proclamation declaring the Fifteenth Amendment, (by which all power to decide who shall and who shall not vote, is taken from the people) to be a part of the Constitution of the United States. This proclamation stamps the Chicago Platform of the Republican party, as a lie, a delusion, a snare, a deliberate and audacious swindle, and brands every Republican politician, every Republican stump-speaker, and every Republican newspaper, as guilty of the most outrageous trickery, deception and falsehood. For the Chicago Platform declares that in all the loyal States the people shall control the suffrage question for themselves, and the Republicans, stump-speakers and newspapers have always made it a point to deny that their party intended to force Negro Suffrage on the country by constitutional amendment.

The occasion will furnish the Republican party a double reason for gratulation. The white members of that organization may congratulate each other on the success of their scheme to defraud the people by manipulating and coercing legislatures. The black wing will hold its jubilee to rejoice its enfranchisement. Be it understood that we do not grudge the negro any of his newly acquired privileges. It is not his fault that the people have been swindled out of the right they have hitherto possessed to control and regulate the exercise of the elective franchise. He is entirely innocent and is not at all blameworthy for enthusing over his own enfranchisement at the expense of the loss of a right by the people in general.

But we do condemn, denounce, anathematise, the corrupt and designing demagogues, who, in order to use the negro at the ballot-box, have wrested from the people of the States the great right bequeathed to them by the founders of the Government and enjoyed by them unmolested until the present hour. Let them be anathema maranatha!

'Is there not some chosen curse,
Some hidden thunder in the stores of heaven,
Red with uncommon wrath, to blast the men
Who owe their greatness to their country's ruin!'

## BUTLER, THE CADET AUCTIONEER.

Sixty-eight members of the House of Representives have declared, by their votes in Butler's case, that the appointment of a cadet for money by a member of Congress, is not a crime deserving of expulsion, provided he devotes a portion of his dishonest gain to the "cause of God and radical morality." They have repented of the momentary expression of honesty by which the saintly Whittemore was driven from Congress to the bosom of his sable constituents, and by their votes have shown their willingness to receive him with open arms. That he will return is as certain as it is that not one in twenty of the negro voters of his district will ever learn of his offense, or will appreciate it, if he do.

Not less than twelve of the sixty-eight members of Congress voting against Logan's resolution to expel R. R. Butler are from Pennsylvania.—Their names are Armstrong, Cake, Cessna, of this district, *Covode*, Dickey, Kelley, Morrell, Myers, Mercur, Negley, Phelps and Townsend. Hon. John B. Packer, with Messrs. Donley, O'Neill and Schofield voted with the democrats for expulsion.

Twelve out of sixty-eight are much more than Pennsylvania's fair share of the dishonor of keeping this cadet auctioneer in Congress. It is out of all proportion, but it indicates the standard of public honor which prevails among the radical politicians of this State. It is shameful that nearly one-fifth of the entire number of those who sustained this Tennessee trafficker in appointments should come from Pennsylvania.

For the first time in this disgraceful cadet business the old Westmoreland fox, John Covode, comes out of his covert, and votes squarely No on the expulsion of Butler. "A fellow feeling makes us wondrous kind." Butler, according to the testimony of General Este, received one thousand dollars for his appointment. Millward obtained a like sum for Covode's nomination of an Oriental named Remak.—When Covode's turn shall come up, he will want the votes and sympathy of Butler and his friends, and could, therefore, no longer afford to dodge.—If Butler had been expelled for his conduct, nothing could shield Covode from expulsion except Millward's thin sick-bed story that the Chairman got none of the money; and that would hardly go down among members of Congress by whom ex-Marshal Millward is almost as well known as Covode, himself. It was the danger to Covode that rallied so many members from Pennsylvania in behalf of Tennessee Butler. This was the appeal that made twelve of them vote against his summary expulsion. "Honest John" was in danger. He had appointed a cadet from the far East, because in all his district, among all the sons of his radical constituents, he could not find a youth of sufficient spirit and intelligence to send to West Point. There was danger that this pillar of righteousness would be thrown to the ground in the fall of Butler on account of the ignorance of his radical constituents, and this is the reason why such zeal was shown by the Pennsylvania members in behalf of the Tennessee cadet auctioneer. This it was which won the vote of Cessna, with all that nice sense of honor for which he is so distinguished. Nothing else could have induced the chivalrous Negley to vote in favor of Butler than love for Covode. Morrell could not afford to lose the counsel of a political economist of his knowledge and erudition, and this secured his vote. Dickey would have been rendered disconsolate by the expulsion of one in whose society he enjoys so many pleasant hours. Thus it was that the love with which John Covode has inspired his fellow radical members from Pennsylvania has been made to contribute to the safety of Butler of Tennessee. Covode may now consider his hide pretty safe. Twelve members from Pennsylvania have made a great sacrifice for him. They have declared by their votes in Congress that the sale of a cadetship is no crime, if a fair portion, only, of the money is spent for the good of the radical cause. Noble Twelve! Fortunate Covode in having so many admirers from Pennsylvania!

## CONGRESSIONAL.

WASHINGTON, March 29.

The San Domingo treaty was again considered in the United States Senate in executive session, yesterday. The President sent a special message to the Senate in the announcing that he had obtained from Baez a thirty days extension of the time for the ratification of the treaty. It is thought that this news will increase the chances for indefinite postponement. Little of interest was transacted in the open session of the Senate. Mr. Drake endeavored to hurry up the consideration of the bill admitting Texas. The Radicals are very nervous about Connecticut, and, as the President refuses to proclaim the fifteenth amendment until Georgia and Texas are readmitted, an effort will be made to rush the bills through this week, in order to gain the negro vote in Connecticut next Monday.

In the House of representatives resolutions favoring the imposition of a ten per cent. tax on United States bonds, and declaring that the Bible should not be driven from the public schools were virtually defeated by the refusal of the House to second the previous question. The Tariff bill was debated in committee during the afternoon and evening sessions. Hon. S. S. Cox of New York, delivered a powerful argument against the fallacies of the pig-iron party.

WASHINGTON, March 30.

Texas was pushed through the United States Senate yesterday, the Radicals having suddenly taken the alarm about the negro vote in Connecticut, and the delay in the fifteenth amendment proclamation. The bill was sent to the House, where Butler made an ineffectual attempt to put it on its passage. It was referred to the Reconstruction Committee, which will probably report to-day. In the House, after a sparring between Generals Slocum and Logan upon the staff feature of the Army bill, the debate was resumed in committee upon the tariff bill, and Mr. Marshall, of Illinois, made an elaborate speech against the protection swindle. The Senate was in executive session for some hours on the San Domingo treaty.

WASHINGTON, March 31.

The President sent a message to Congress yesterday, announcing the promulgation of the ratification of the fifteenth amendment to the Constitution, and appending the certificate of the Secretary of State. The message which is an absurb bit of clip-clap, and quite uncalled for, characterized the ratification as a measure of grander importance than any of the kind from the foundation of the government, and called on Congress to do all in its power to encourage popular education throughout the country. The amendment thus declared to be part of the Constitution owes its existence to the pretended ratification by the States of New York, Indiana and Georgia, and the Southern States which have been under duress since the close of the war. The Radicals may howl with delight, but for all that they are conscious that the validity of the amendment is in doubt.

After a short open session yesterday the Senate doors were closed, and the consideration of the San Domingo treaty was resumed. Mr. Casserly, of California, spoke against the job, and Mr. Stewart, of Nevada, in favor of it. The House of Representatives received the bill admitting Texas to representation in Congress from the Reconstruction Committee, and passed it by a strict party vote. Mr. Lawrence (Rad.) announced that the passage of the bill was necessary in order to secure the immediate proclamation of the fifteenth amendment. The act was forwarded at once to the executive Mansion, and in less than two hours a messenger appeared with the President's message, announcing the desired proclamation. Mr. Wood arose and denied, emphatically, that New York had ratified the amendment. Mr. Niblack also pronounced the representation that Indiana had ratified the amendment to be a fraud. The Radicals attempted to refer the message to the Judiciary Committee, but the Democrats were determined to have it debated, and, showing a disposition to filibuster, it was finally agreed to lay it on the table for future action.—The House then went into committee upon the Tariff bill.

WASHINGTON, Apr. 1.

Texas got back into the Union yesterday, but for how long is uncertain. The instant she exhibits Democratic tendencies Congress will begin to talk of reconstructing her over again. Senators Flanigan and Hamilton were admitted in the Senate, and four representatives from the State in the House. Objection was made by Butler to Mr. Conner (Dem.), ostensibly because he was cruel to soldiers during the war and denounced certain acts of Congress in his campaign speeches. Butler wished to have the case referred to the Committee on Elections and have his accusations examined. Mr. Stevenson of Ohio, Mr. Orth of Indiana, and other Radicals denounced Butler's proposition that the House could go back two or three years prior to a member's election and inquire into his moral or military conduct, especially on the assumption of *ex parte* affidavits, as unprecedent and preposterous. Butler was badly beaten, there being only twenty-one votes in favor of his motion. After Mr. Conner had taken the oath, he rolled up his sleeves and gave the spoon connoisseur a handsome flaying. The House, in committee, resumed consideration of the Tariff bill, and Mr. Schenck closed the case for the Ways and Means Committee in a long speech. In the Senate, the admission of carpet-bag Ames was under discussion until the hour of adjournment, several Senators taking part. Ames will probably be admitted by a party vote to-day.

## PERIODICALS.

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Assurances have been received in London, from Rome, that the Ecumenical Council, yielding to the representations of the European powers, will adjourn the discussion on Papal infallibility until the latter part of May. The Catholic laity of Switzerland are dissatisfied with the ultramontanism of their bishops in the Council.


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