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Public Opinion places the comment of one New York paper upon the tariff under the caption: "Foreign Views of the American Tariff." Such a fitness of things should be extended to other Eastern papers.

It is announced that the oldest Democrat lives in Tennessee and takes his whisky straight. There are many younger Democrats who would give nearly all they are worth if there was no sugar in their this year.

If the rest of the world furnished as many scandals as do two or three of the richest families in New York, every family in the land would have one or more. They are the results of aimless lives of leisure which so many people covet.

Ex-Speaker Reed places the Republican plurality in the election which takes place in Maine to-morrow at 15,000, while Chairman Manley, of the State central committee, thinks it will be 18,000. Either would be a good gain over the plurality of 182.

The committee in Washington which offered certain prizes for drills to the Uniform Rank of the Knights of Pythias and then refused to pay under so thin a pretext as it makes, will not win the admiration of the country for themselves or those whom they represent.

Who, with the adoption of a resolution by the Marion County Teachers' Institute and the announcement of the purpose to resist paying over \$1,000 by the Jeffersonville School Board, whereby he may be kept out of a grab of \$1,320, the Hon. Alonzo Green Smith can count last Friday among his unlucky ones.

The recent speeches of the Emperor of Germany read as if they were taken from the treatise of some champion of the "divine right" of kings written two centuries ago. And yet with all these sticklers for the obedience and homage once rendered to feudal lords, he is in many ways one of the most democratic and progressive of hereditary rulers.

A sentence of five days in jail for a man who deserts a family to run away with another woman whom he leaves in a strange place to die, such as was passed upon a man in Elwood on Friday, is a parody upon justice and will tend to lessen the enormity of such crimes and to encourage their frequency. It furnishes further argument that the jury should not be the judges of the law and fix penalties.

The Western Hay Fever Association has been holding its annual meeting at Bay View, Mich. The association is not, as its name might imply, for the purpose of disseminating and promoting the disease, but for mitigating it. As, for some reason or other, the climate at Bay View seems to be a specific cure for it, its subjects gather there in large numbers every year to compare experiences between sneezes, and wonder why fate discriminated against them in making them the victims of so mysterious and distressing a disease.

The hay crop shows a wonderful increase since 1870, when it was 24,525,000 tons, it being, by the census of 1890, 65,796,000 tons, valued at \$70,882,872, which is double the value of either the cotton or wheat crop, and only \$20,000,000 behind the corn crop. The crop of 1890 in Indiana was 1,481,760 tons, valued at \$18,328,128. In 1882 the crop was 2,575,232 tons, valued at \$36,249,240. In 1883 the Indiana wheat crop was 35,579,494 bushels, valued at \$18,867,084. That is, the hay crop of 1890 in Indiana was worth \$7,483,156 more than the wheat. And yet hay is regarded as an inferior crop.

Mr. Wolcott, chairman of the Massachusetts board of arbitration and conciliation, does not believe in compulsory arbitration. "In the first place," he says, "it is a contradiction in terms. Arbitration means a peaceful settlement of difficulties without appeal to force. Compulsion means force, the use of which arbitration is intended to prevent. You might as well compel two men to be friends. Unless you can induce the parties to a controversy to enter willingly and cheerfully upon arbitration you can effect very little." This is sound sense. The Massachusetts law is working well, but there is nothing compulsory about it.

The Count of Paris, whose death is announced, was a foreigner and a prince for whom every friend of the Union should entertain sentiments of respect. At the outbreak of the rebellion he offered his services to the Union and served on the staff of General McClellan and rendered other services of value. Since the war he has written a history of it which is one of the most valuable contributions to the literature of that period. At home he held to the belief in which he was educated, namely,

that he was the legitimate head of the government, but, to his credit, he never sought to disturb the tranquillity of France by an appeal to arms or by conspiracies to weaken the authority of those exercising functions which he believed to belong to him. He cared more for the happiness of the French people than to establish a throne by filling the country with bloodshed. He was a man of high character, of generous culture, and inspired the respect of those who knew him. He did not achieve a throne, but he has stamped his intellectual superiority to many kings upon several contributions to literature and history, the best known of which is his history of the rebellion. He was a member of the Loyal Legion of the United States, and highly prized the honor.

AS TO NOISE.

One of the first requisites in the well-appointed modern domestic establishment is that its affairs shall be conducted quietly. Doors are made to swing without noise, the servants move about softly and perform their duties without unnecessary sound, bells ring with a gentle tinkle instead of the old-time harsh clangor; there is no clatter of china on the felt-covered dinner table; in fortunate regions where the fuel question is solved there is no rattling of coal in furnace or grate. Every effort of the housekeeper looks to the securing of peaceful silence for the inmates of the house. The well-bred members of the household instinctively help to secure this atmosphere of repose by their own moderation of voice and action. They do not shout to each other from distant rooms, they do not slam doors, they do not laugh uproariously, they enter and depart in silence and are yet entirely free from restraint in speech or movement. Their quiet decorum proves their refinement of tastes no less than loud conversation and noisy exits and entrances betray lack of cultivation, yet it is probable that this moderation of manner and the demand that mechanical contrivances for domestic use shall be noiseless have come about, in part, at least, from an unconscious desire to escape the nerve-wearing sounds incident to outside city life. For there is no denying the fact that noise reigns on the streets and in all departments of business and public life. Sounds that seem unobjectionable in villages because they are few are in cities multiplied in kind and in number, and become deafening and confusing clamor. Bells which are rather musical and soothing when heard across hill and field once or twice a week become rest-destroying nuisances when jangled at any and all hours in the next block. Steam whistles which can be endured when they proceed from the single factory or the one daily train are sources of distress when factories are many and trains crowd upon each other. Hoof beats that meant nothing on the old "dirt road" are now like ceaseless blows upon the brain as they fall upon stony pavement. Street vendors' cries are no longer an occasional offense, but hourly burden the weary air. No modern improvement mitigates the outdoor uproar in the least, but on the contrary, the very latest achievement of all is the cause of the greatest din. The electric street car with its gong and its rattle and jar and whizz keeps up a noise from which there is no escape. It does what it promised—it brings rapid transit, and in so far as a luxury; but it also brings a strain upon the nervous system of the human creature forced to dwell within its reach the like of which no other invention of civilization can equal. In that respect it is an evil to be dreaded. When escape is impossible it may be wise to cling to the theory that "one can get used to anything and it does no harm," but as a matter of fact it does harm. Physicians say that a constant noise causes an injurious wear and tear upon the nerves whether the individual is conscious of the sounds and the strain or not, and they add that if business men who spend their days among the multiplied noises of "down town" do not have quiet surroundings at night their nervous tone is slowly shattered and their lives shortened. With all the perfection of domestic management the way has not been devised to prevent the admission of outside sounds. As yet there has been no general demand for a cessation of street noises. When it finally comes in unmistakable form city authorities and inventors will set about meeting it. Factory whistles will cease to blow, fire bells, which are a relic of the days when the populace put out fires, will no longer ring; church bells will give way to the family clock, the street scraper will cease to torture the sensitive ear, and some genius will devise a pneumatic tire and other apparatus that will silence the din of the electric car. Horses will give way to electric motors, and peace and plenty will reign where now the friction of existence tends to evil.

THE PROMOTERS OF PAUPERISM.

The person who receives credence as an economist because he has been made a professor, and who devotes himself to efforts to make it appear that poverty and the woes which follow in its train are on the increase, and who prescribes impossible and inadequate remedies, is unconsciously doing the public more harm than good. He influences the more intelligent but inexperienced, and makes converts to his impracticable theories. He is the person who causes emotional people to write and read essays regarding the "submerged tenth," who know nothing of real poverty. Another and more dangerous class are those men who, to present some theory for taxation, like that of Henry George, seek to make it appear that the conditions of all but those of great wealth grow more deplorable as the years pass. To this class belong those demagogues who seek to array wage earners against all others, the advocates of vicious currency heresies and of socialistic and anarchistic delusions and crimes.

If what these agitators so constantly affirm were true, the constant proclamation of it would be injurious, since to make people believe that poverty will overtake them because of the injustice of existing conditions rather than being the result of improvidence, idleness and dissolute practices, is to cause thousands to put such heresies in practice and become paupers who would, but for these false teachings,

have been self-supporting. Coxeyism is one of the latest results of these heresies which such agitators constantly proclaim. Had not these men been made to believe that some power which Congress could reach, and over which they have no control, had made the conditions hard, organized legions would not have resorted to "Man is as lazy as he dares be," and his bringing up does not tend to make him love work, but to regard it as an evil, consequently thousands will take to begging and dead-beating when they can find an excuse for it by placing the responsibility upon social and economic conditions over which they have no control. Thus, all these persons, emotional, sensational or demagogic, who are laboring to impress upon the public the belief that abject poverty is steadily advancing, are the promoters of pauperism, because they destroy individual responsibility for it.

Fortunately, all these people are wrong. The "submerged tenth" is not advancing so as to be the submerged majority, as the addresses and writings of these people have led so many to infer. Statistics, facts and experience are against the assumption. Poverty must be considered relatively, not abstractly. The man who says that a quarter of a century ago there were but twenty-five paupers in a town where there are now one thousand needy people seems to have made a case and can count converts by the score as victims of his sensation. But the practical man who has learned the necessity of having all the statistics, seeks further, to find that twenty-five years ago the town had a population of 500 against 50,000 now. Then he remembers the plain arithmetic of his school days and finds that when the town had 500 inhabitants one person in twenty was "submerged," while at the present time the ratio is one to fifty. Scores of intelligent but inexperienced people are deceived by such half truths, and thousands of well-meaning people are rendered discontented and lose individuality by hearing the constant reiteration of such lies by demagogues or agitators whose imagination has strangled whatever judgment they may have had as the rank weeds strangle the occasional spear of wheat among them.

It is not a fact that poverty is spreading and that the conditions of the masses are constantly growing worse. There is scarcely a country, no matter how badly ruled, in which the masses are not now in a better condition than a century ago. There is not a country of civilization in which the wage of labor has not materially advanced during the last half century. All volumes of carefully collected facts, like "Muller's Dictionary of Statistics," prove this statement. It also shows that the masses consume more of the necessities of life per capita than even fifty years ago, and that articles which were the luxuries of the rich a century ago are in common use today. All great inventions have tended to increase the comforts of the masses. Great as has been the increase of population, the ratio of the increase of sustenance has been much greater. Thirty-five years ago Indianapolis would not have sustained two buildings and loan associations; but in 1892 it had a number so large and prosperous that their annual receipts for shares were greater than the annual deposits in the savings banks in any of the Eastern States fifty years ago, with two exceptions. There are periods of depression like the present when the progress of the masses receives a check and even suffers temporary recession, but such seasons are but a brief hour compared with months. The periods of depression are seized upon by the promoters of poverty for active campaigns, and they succeed in their mission and receive the aid of those kind-hearted people who devote themselves to the emotional study of poverty, never profitable, but now disheartening—since the courage of those who would render real assistance is broken by talkers who would lead one to believe that it is useless to resist the on-sweeping tide of pauperism.

NEW LAWS FOR MOSQUITOES.

An Associated Press dispatch from Bluefields says that Commissioner Madrid has issued a decree providing for a new code of laws for the Mosquitoes. This will be welcome news to a great many people in the United States, and New Jersey, among whom there has been a strong and growing sentiment for a long time that something of the kind was imperatively demanded. The present mosquito laws are antiquated and sadly in need of revision. They were none too good when first formulated, and, partly through their inherent weakness and partly through the aggressiveness of the mosquitoes themselves they have become entirely inadequate to the situation. Many of the States in the Union have formed new constitutions since the present mosquito laws were enacted, and the tendency of the times is distinctly towards legal reform. No doubt those who have the framing of the new laws will give the subject careful consideration, but there are some points which are so clearly in need of reformation that it is to be hoped they will not be overlooked. A few of these may be mentioned.

First—The privilege of drawing blood should be transferred from the female mosquito to the male. From time immemorial the female insect has exercised this privilege exclusively, the result being that she has become bloodthirsty and voracious to an almost intolerable degree. People have stood it simply because they saw no means of escape, but now that a new code of mosquito laws is to be framed they will insist on a change. If it has taken generations to make the female mosquito as bloodthirsty as she is there is reason to believe that the male will be far more reasonable in his demands, at least for many years to come, and thus humanity will be the gainer.

Second—Whether the privilege of drawing blood remain with the female or be transferred to the male mosquito, the insect should be limited strictly to that. It should not be allowed to buzz. It is the opinion of many persons who have brought considerable experience to the consideration of the subject that the buzzing of the mosquito is worse than its sting, or, as one might say, its bark is worse than its bite. Hardly any person would begrudge a mosquito the amount of blood necessary to its satisfaction if it would only take its

bite and go. It is the buzzing that exasperates. Medical authorities say the American people are growing more nervous; who knows but it may be due in part to the unspeakably irritating and nerve-destroying buzz of the mosquito? The new code should abolish buzzing altogether.

Third—There should be a limitation of the hours in which mosquitoes may prosecute their vocation. They should not be permitted to transact business, as they now do, from sunset to sunrise. The fact that the life of the adult insect is very brief should suggest the propriety of its devoting a portion of the night to rest. No mosquito should be allowed to sting after midnight. From sunset till 12 o'clock is ample time for any mosquito to satisfy its natural wants, especially as each one has only itself to provide for. The mosquito is not like most other animals that provide for their families. He has nobody to take care of but himself, and there is, therefore, no reason why he should devote the entire night to the pursuit of prey and the drawing of blood. All operations to cease at midnight should be incorporated in the new laws. Other points may and probably will occur to the commissioners, but it is to be hoped the foregoing will not be overlooked.

In this issue may be found the portion of Hon. Charles W. Fairbanks' speech delivered at Evansville last evening, which is devoted to the gerrymander and State affairs. It is an able and candid presentation of these important topics, and one which should not be forgotten in the campaign. The gerrymander in this State has destroyed representative government in Indiana. Such destruction is not only an injustice to the disfranchised, but legislatures chosen in pursuance of a fraudulent apportionment of members are sure to contain reckless majorities, because they can count upon the advantage they have in the disfranchisement of their opponents to sustain them against the will of the majority of the people. All the facts Mr. Fairbanks brings out and arrays in a manner which must convince candid and intelligent men of the great wrong and danger which gerrymanders involve.

The United States Coast and Geodetic Survey at Washington has received notice by telegraph that the six parties, commanded by members of the survey, have completed the mapping of the vicinity of the boundary line between Alaska and British Columbia, on which they have been at work for the past two years. The work has been difficult and laborious, and at times dangerous. Its completion is not a matter of much popular interest, but it is a step in geographical progress, and, as an international work it was necessary that it should be done. The boundary line to be settled was the eastern boundary of Alaska, where, for a distance of more than six hundred miles, it adjoins British territory. The expedition to determine the boundary was sent out in June, 1888, so that the surveying and mapping of the country has occupied about five years.

There could not be a more striking illustration of the influence of education and environments in shaping men's opinions than the fact that the German people, who are among the most intelligent in the world, could listen patiently and even approvingly to Emperor William's speech delivered a few nights ago. Never was there a more arrogant assertion of the doctrine of the divine right of kings or a more contemptuous denial of the right of any of his subjects to think for themselves. It is difficult for Americans to understand how an intelligent and liberty-loving people like the Germans can tolerate such doctrine, and yet it does not seem to shake their loyalty to the king a particle.

A "Dancing Faun."

Another Englishman has written a novel which is considered worth republishing in this country, and, for some inscrutable reason, is regarded by professional critics as quite noteworthy. It is, in one sense, remarkable in that it does not follow the custom set in other novels written by Englishmen of treating of social evil, or of a repulsive physical disease. It is a tale of high life—at least the heroine is from high life, being "My Lady"—and only two personages are given much prominence. The first of these, of course, is Lady Geraldine, the heroine; the other is Mr. George Travers, an adventurer. Travers is a married man, though he keeps that a secret on his introduction into the heroine's household. He has no evil designs in regard to the young woman, but intends to use his acquaintance with her family as a means of social advancement, which he thinks would be hindered by bringing his wife forward. Lady Geraldine, however, falls violently in love with him at the first interview. There is no love making on his part, but the utmost indifference, and he is apparently unaware of her feelings. In the course of two or three weeks his true character is disclosed, and she learns at the same time of his marriage. Thereupon she writes to him, offers him money and makes an appointment to meet him at a secluded spot in a park. He comes, she proposes that they elope together, he to share her eight hundred pounds a year, with four hundred more at her mother's death. He is somewhat surprised, but declines her offer, not on the ground of any thought for his wife, of whom he confesses he is tired, but because her income is not large enough to satisfy his wants. Thereupon occurs this scene: "She was sitting to his right. Her fingers closed on something that had been hidden in her handkerchief. Then came the loud report of a pistol, a puff of smoke, a groan from Travers as he fell sideways with a crash in a heap among the brackets." 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