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It will be cooler today.

MINER'S LAW IN COURT.

Colonel Duffield's point against the Miner law, submitted in the supreme court yesterday, is one that will require an elastic interpretation of unyielding law to overcome. Under the federal constitution the rights and prerogatives of citizens are clearly defined and states cannot abridge them by an arbitrary exercise of authority not specifically delegated to them. The constitutional provision cited by Colonel Duffield clothes every qualified citizen with the right to vote for all the presidential electors. The Miner law abridges that right by confining the franchise to a fewer number. This is in direct conflict with the constitution and, of course, one or the other must give way. Mr. Baker also assails the law in a vigorous manner for its inconsistencies, incongruities and palpable incompleteness. From every point of view the iniquitously partisan scheme is held up as a monstrous attempt to secure by party cunning what cannot be secured by numerical strength. It is impossible to anticipate the probable decision of the court on the merits, but it is not reckless to assert that in all human probability the Miner electoral law will not be in force at the next general election. The arguments in support of the measure were the most that could be made in defense of the bungling thing.

IT HURTS THEM.

It is quite remarkable that England should manifest so much anxiety over the iniquity of a protective tariff. If England is one thing more than another she is supremely selfish. If protection is so very bad it would be no more than natural that England should wish us plenty of it. If it injures our shipping, restricts trade and throttles enterprise envious England would rejoice to see us with a stronger tariff than at present. Then, too, if free trade were such a prize it is not reasonable to suppose that England would desire to share it with us. If free trade has built up her cities, peopled her commerce and extended her dominions, it would be just like John Bull to protest against its adoption in his most prosperous and pretentious rival. The idle talk about England's friendliness to America is magnified into the absurd when the real animus is understood. It appears that the manufacturers of Manchester, Leeds, Bradford and Birmingham are reluctant to make exhibits at the World's Fair "owing to the hard hits which these cities have suffered from the McKinley law." It is also represented that they demur because of a fear that the Americans will learn their trade secrets. Here is a direct confession that American protection injures British free trade. It is plain and unequivocal, unmasking the reason why England is so violently outspoken in condemnation of the McKinley bill. It hurts them. To secure it would be to hurt ourselves.

FRESH AIR NEEDED.

According to an eastern exchange one of the most important topics for municipal consideration is that of letting fresh air into the school rooms at this season of the year. It is quite the truth that where a large number of children are gathered in a poorly ventilated school room the air becomes poisoned. In this city great care has been exercised in the construction of buildings to secure perfect sanitation and ventilation, but the ideal has not been attained in every case. It therefore becomes extremely important that careful attention and great vigilance be expended to prevent the breeding and spreading of disease resulting from improper sanitary appliances. Fresh air and plenty of it will produce a livelier, merrier army of school children, fitter for study as well as play. The statement that the "mental strain" of which so much is heard in the case of school students is for the most part due to physical exhaustion from impure air is startling and will set many parents to thinking. Parents may insist that improvements be carried out swiftly and thoroughly, not talked over and laid aside. Children in Grand Rapids' schools will not be allowed to grow up with lowered vitality, and with systems peculiarly susceptible to germs of disease, because their school rooms are ill ventilated. With good food, pure air and plenty of exercise "mental strain" will not worry parents.

HE WILL ATTEND.

Conscientiously believing that no public business is of such a character as to make secrecy a necessity for its consideration, THE HERALD has uniformly deprecated the holding of so-called executive sessions by any and every board whose character is that of a public body. With this belief controlling its action THE HERALD has attacked the practice so long continued in vogue by the police and fire commission, and in doing so discovers that it has accurately reflected public sentiment. The people demand to know what proceedings are held by the police commissioners, and to supply that demand reporters have been compelled to resort to extreme, if not reprehensible measures, to obtain reports or else have been supplied with an illegibly written copy of the routine business transacted, prepared by the secretary. This gentleman has not furnished what the people wanted to know, but what the board wanted them to know. THE HERALD believes that this is wrong and has boldly declared against the continuation of the practice. THE HERALD wants a report of the proceedings for the benefit of the taxpayers, and will have the report unprejudiced by the request or orders of the board, or not at all. In this crusade the only paper in the city to lend its aid is The Morning Press—all the others contenting themselves to remain silent and enjoy the fruit of open sessions when they shall be ordered. In this as in other municipal reforms THE HERALD has been first to throw down the gauntlet. It has been victorious in every battle and intends to be in this. It is waging no war upon the individual members of the board, but upon the senseless, insane and idiotic stupidity of an ancient and obsolete custom. A reporter for THE HERALD will attend today's session of the board as a citizen of this city. It is to be hoped that he will be admitted and assisted to prepare an unprejudiced report of the proceedings.

ONE of the readers of THE HERALD suggests that much annoyance to the patrons of the street cars would be avoided if women would promptly board the same when stopped for their convenience instead of taking time to kiss their friends good-bye and closing up in hurried exclamations what may have been a pleasant chat. There's lots of ways the women could contribute to our happiness in the theater, street and car, but, bless their dear hearts, they won't do them, and that settles it.

THE Women's club of Chicago is raising funds to erect elegant dormitories for the female students at the Chicago university. The attention of the Women's club is respectfully called to the manner of living in vogue with the "co-eds" at the University of Michigan. It has proved an unqualified success and vastly superior in every way to the dormitory system, which is a curse to any educational institution.

OUR evening contemporary, the Leader, is distressed because a Detroit pearl button factory employs a large number of operatives, and has adopted a system under which higher wages may be earned. It is painful to the democrats to be compelled to admit that there are such things as pearl button factories and tin plate mills in operation anyway.

COLONEL ALDRICH of The Democrat seems to be pursued by bad luck in the matter of accidents. It was only a few months since that he took an involuntary plunge into a baptismal font, and Wednesday night he took a "header" against an unknown pedestrian, badly shaking up his antomy. His friends will be pleased to know that his injuries are not serious.

IGNATIUS DONNELLY'S publishers have obtained a heavy judgment against him, the cost of issuing his "Great Cryptogram," being $4000 in excess of all receipts. Nothing could more plainly demonstrate the utter lack of confidence on the part of the public in the reliability of Donnelly's great cypher.

OUR American method of traveling may not be as convenient and exclusive as the English apartment car system; but a young girl can enter an American railway coach without being haunted by a possibility of being brutally assaulted and ravished before she reches her destination.

WARD MCALLISTER is one of those abnormal developments which occasionally occur even in a free country. His nauseating manifestation of grief over his son's marrying "outside of his set, don't you know," is inexpressibly painful to even read about.

IT is now feared that the entire Mississippi valley will become a vast lake by the constantly increasing rush of water. It will brighten St. Louis up to get a thorough washing.

IT is a difficult matter just at present to determine whether the board of police and fire commissioners exists for the benefit of the public, or the public for the benefit of the board.

IN THE absence of a base ball club to do honor to the glorious Fourth of July a movement has been suggested to organize for a grand old-fashioned celebration of the day.

MR. BLAINE continues to fill a very large place in the calculations of the politicians. If he shall make a sign one way or the other the problem will be quickly solved.

THE number of "Messiahs" springing up around the country this year is almost as great as the number of dark horses in the presidential catalogue.

THE ways and means committee have neither increased nor decreased the salaries of the city officials and were content to cut a few clerkships.

HILL and Cleveland split even in Virginia. The split in Chicago will be so even that David will fall on the under side unnoticed.

THE annual spring lie concerning a shower of frogs' legs has made its appearance, and hails from Missouri this season.

BLAND was again reminded by the house yesterday that the democrats do not intend to trifle with his silver buzzsaw.

CUSTODIAN BRENNER will be boss of the hall hereafter.

HITS US VERY HARD

Mr. Kendal's Valet Pokes Fun at Americans

WHO WORSHIP ENGLISH CADS

Mr. Kendal Was Too "Blawsted Tired" to Be Interviewed and His Valet Talks on American Fool-Idolatry.

Mr. and Mrs. Kendal registered at the Morton yesterday. They arrived at the hotel about noon and occupied those sumptuous apartments known as Nos. 8 and 9. These are the star chambers of the hotel and have been occupied by the most notable visitors Grand Rapids has had within its gates. James G. Blaine toasted his shins in front of the fire place in the corner room. So did the late John McCullough, Edwin Booth and hosts of other prominent players, statesmen and politicians. The Kendals were secluded in these rooms yesterday. In response to a reporter's card a valet of diminutive size, with a cockney accent appeared in the office. "It his himposible you know," he volunteered, "to see Mr. Kendal until hafter 6 o'clock. It was a deuced stupid tedious ride from Saginaw here. There is too much publicity in your bloody railway carriages. You have to endure the gaze of a bloomin' miscellaneous lot of people, you know, and it is tiresome and wearisome." Then a bystander hinted that the valet ought to start out in the show business and take a whack at riding on the pig train at his own expense—just to see the difference. The valet gradually sank into a brown study and soliloquized:

Soliloquy of a Valet.

"The hides of master and missus playing in a blawsted country like this anyway—isn't a body in dunger of one's precious existence in this Mitchhegin? Who knows when you might be tackled with a fiery redskin or some of these Hamerican chaps. I don't suppose master and missus woud hiver cume here at all, because they both sigh for dear old Henglund, but these Hamerican dollars cume easy, you know, and plentiful, and they will be handsome indeed when they are recorded as nice shining sovereigns in the bank of Henglund. These Hamericans are, indeed, a very clever, pliable people, and they just dote on anything that is Henglish—in fact I find it quite the proper thing for the Hamerican young boys to remark that it is raining in London and it makes a bugger homesick to hear them say it. Ah, missus understands these Hamericans, they are so ambitious to become cads, and all you have to do is to treat the newspaper lads with a patronizing air and say something complimentary and flattering about the country and its pretty women and you have got them—as they say in their rude Henglish—'dead to rights.' This is the farewell tour, and we don't have to give up so much time to the blasted interloping reporters as we used to. In fact I was really becoming tired of reading so much silly sentiment about the misses and the three kids at 'ome in England. Surprising that the master and missus should be so well known in this here unheard of town on the borders, you might say, of civilization. They tell me every seat in the theater is sold. A few residents have doubtless traveled and have become posted and gained some knowledge of a higher and intellectual order of theatrical products and have assumed the lead as regards to the Kendals and the greater majority persons have in a cadlike fashion deemed it good form to follow."

"Now, Mr. Porter—oh, I beg pardon, clerk—don't send any more cards to master's room; he must rest all of the afternoon."

AMUSEMENTS.

Powers'—The Kendals.

It was in many respects a remarkable audience that greeted Mr. and Mrs. Kendal last night in "The Ironmaster." It wa a distinguished assemblage and thoroughly representative of the city. The regular habitues of the theater were surprised at the magnificent turnout, for rarely is a meritorious attraction accorded recognition here until it has played as many as a half a dozen engagements to empty benches. Not so with these English players and their talented company. They not only captured, but captivated their auditors. The general work of the company reminds one of the excellently presented plays which were sent out from the Madison Square theater a few years ago. Unfortunately much of the first act of "The Ironmaster was lost to the major portion of the audience through the interruptions occasioned by the rudeness and discourtesy of a number of persons in full dress straggling into their seats in different parts of the theater. The annoyance was provoking, not only to the players but to those who were in the theater in time for the overture. The possession of a full dress suit is common here now; they can be rented at almost any clothing store, and their display in public ceases to be a novelty and attracts little or no attention. But of Mr. and Mrs. Kendal. Mrs. Kendal is very much like unto Agnes Booth. She is intensely emotional. In her pathos there is great magnetism. Her power of repression is intense and impressive. There was also in her portrayal of Claire De Beaupre the evidence of human and natural forces depicting to a nicety all phases and quality of feeling. Who could not be moved in sympathy with such a soul, with a heart whose pain and struggle were so apparent? There is nothing uncertain, nothing that is not distinct and cleverly defined in all of Mrs. Kendal's acting. No matter how swift may be the transition from one emotion to another, each is firmly and delicately defined. She is indeed a lady of rare and attractive graces, and there is in her acting a strong touch of humanity, and it is apparent that she fully enters into the soul and spirit of the character she is interpreting. Ah, there is much magnetism in her emotion, for it is of a far reaching quality. Naturalness describes the beauty and force of her acting. She held the mirror up to the nature and showed the image of the struggling soul, the suffering of a blasted and unhappy heart. Such was the character of work demanded of her last night. It was sympathetic, and she controled the sympathies of her audience throughout. Mr. Kendal is an actor of fine presence, graceful, earnest and conscientious. He has a finely modulated voice, and his treatment of Derblay commanded admiration for its reserve and dignity. Equal words of commendation are due to members of the company who cared for the other characters in the cast. Their contribution to a performance that was artistic, finished and intelligent, was invaluable.

The tour of the Henschels through this country this spring has been a constant repetition of their triumps in England and on the continent. Grand Rapids should not fail to keep up with the procession by greeting them with Hartman's hall packed next Monday night. Though, of course, of a different character from the Boston Symphony concert, this great vocal recital of Mr. and Mrs. Henschel is fully equal, if not indeed, superior in attractiveness and interest to the Symphony concert. To listen to the wonderful singing of this famous couple in song and duet, is itself an education as well as a great pleasure. Distinctness of enunciation, as well as beauty of tone, are among the achievements of these artists, besides the Oratoria society have provided pamphlets for the evening of the concert, which contain the full text of each oria or duet to be sung.

General Mention.

Capt. H. L. Flint, the mesmerist, will open for a week at Powers' on May 29.

This is Nellie Hesse's fourth week at Smith's, and she continues to be a great favorite with the audiences which nightly assemble there to enjoy one of the best specialty bills of the season. Matinees are announced for today and tomorrow.

WILL HAVE A CAR.

How the Local Delegates Will Attend the Y. P. S. C. E. Convention.

The Grand Rapids Union of Christian Endeavor held its regular monthly meeting last evening in Mission Wood church. Business of more than ordinary importance was brought before the meeting, as the time is approaching when the national convention of the association will be held. The event is looked forward to with a considerable degree of interest and enthusiasm. Delegates from the several local societies must be elected and their reports prepared ready to be submitted at the national convention. The meeting last evening was presided over by M. H. Sorrick, president of the union, and a pleasing literary and musical program was produced. The Rev. W. H Williamson, pastor of the First Reformed church, was present and spoke a few words of encouragement to the members of the society, impressing upon them the grandure and importance of the Christian Endeavor work. Mr. Knox was called upon to explain the facilities for reaching New York to attend the convention to be held there July 7-10. He said if enough people would start from this city to make it an object to the railroad company a special car will be at their disposal. If not, a special car will start from Detroit. The societies here will be represented by fifteen delegates, beside these several will attend as private individuals. They will go via of the Niagara Falls, where they will have a few hours in which to view the scenery. They will then go to Albany, from thence to New York by a river steamer. Delegates have not yet been elected. The next regular meeting will be held in the Wealthy Avenue Baptist church the third Thursday in June.

WE WILL INVESTIGATE.

The Inter-State Commission Will Look After Furniture Rates.

Frank G. Kretschmer, special agent for the inter-state commerce commission, was in the city yesterday to investigate the cause of the protest made some time ago by the millers of this city in regard to discrimination in freight rates. Upon inquiring Mr. Kretschmer learned that the new basis of rates that became operative May 9 was satisfactory to those who made the complaint, so an official investigation was unnecessary. The agent was informed that the furniture men in this city have a grievance and he called on Secretary VanAsmus of the board of trade, and looked over the correspondence that recently passed between the Furniture association and the railroad officials with reference to freight rates. The Grand Rapids rate is considerably higher to eastern points than from Wisconsin and Minnesota considering the distance. Mr. Kretschmer will investage the matter and report to the commission at Washington.

FIFTH WARD REPUBLICANS.

Preliminary Steps Taken Last Evening to Organize a Club.

The republican committee in the Fifth ward called a meeting to be held last evening in Finn's hall for the purpose of organizing a republican ward club. The meeting was not largely attended, but those present talked over the situation and finally postponed organizing until next Wednesday evening. The ward committee, of which Joseph Dillon is chairman, will circulate a paper for membership, making a thorough canvass of the ward until the meeting is held. Nothing was done toward effecting an organization last evening, as it was thought the work could be more satisfactorily done after the matter had been thoroughly agitated. The republicans of the Fifth are determined to make a red hot campaign, and have rented Finn's hall in which to hold weekly meetings during the summer and fall.

AMERICAN ART AND MUSIC.

The Young People of Park Church Entertain.

A delightful occasion was that of an entertainment given last evening by the Young People's society of Park congregational church in the church parlors and lecture room. The theme of the evening was American music and art, as illustrated by the productions of eminent artists of our land. Examples from the works of Church, Bridgman, Sargent, Whistler, Abbey and others were presented, with some appropriate tableaux. The evening's entertainment was enlivened by the Beethoven String quartet, which favored those present with many selections. The church apartments were tastefully arranged for the occasion. A large gathering was in attendance.

NEW BAPTIST SOCIETY.

One Will Be Organized in the Berean Chapel Tonight.

There will be a meeting this evening in Berean Baptist chapel, corner North Coit avenue and Third street, to organize a Baptist church society. The church will organize with fifty members, thirty-eight of whom will come from the Fountain Street Baptist church and the remainder by letter from other churches. The Rev. D. M. Canright will be in charge. The second anniversary of the mission and the church recognition will be celebrated Sunday, June 5, at the church on North Coit avenue. The sermon on this occasion will be delivered by the Rev. Dr. Jackson.

FIXED IT FOR HIM

The Committee on Buildings Holds a Session

TO CONSIDER DISAGREEMENTS

Between Custodian Brenner and the Help in the Hall—Work of the Other Council Committees.

The newly appointed council committee on buildings held its first meeting of any importance last night. After the special meeting of the council had adjourned the members of the committee, Aldermen Dregge, Stein and DeGraff did a little business on the assessment rolls and the committees on which they hold places. After this they fiddled around for a while, and by divers winkings and beckonings got themselves into a lump and descended to the office of the custodian of the city hall. Before so doing Alderman Dregge had announced to a reporter for THE HERALD that the committee on poor had already held its meeting and "talked over certain things, but taken no action." Questioned as to what the "certain things" were, he said: "Well, we are going to pay a visit to Mr. Brenner and put a stop to this bickering and quarreling between him and the help in the hall. It has gone about as far as it can. The help are squabbling all the time about the work and Brenner says they won't mind him, and they say he imposes on them. We have decided to call them all down." He was at the time on his way to attend the meeting of the committee in the custodian's office. The members had the custodian summoned before them and proceeded to lay down the law to him. He made a defense saying that the help were insubordinate and and didn't do their work. He stated that the engineer, R. K. Putnam, was always setting the help up against him and was a constant cause of trouble. Alderman Dregge's ire had evidently cooled considerably by this time, for he answered the custodian in soothing words.

They Are Too Reckless.

The help were then discussed individually and collectively, and the committee expressed the opinion that they had got too reckless and were trying to impose on the custodian. It was finally decided that the help should be put on probation for one week and that Alderman Dregge should inform them that unless they obeyed the custodian implicitly in all reasonable requests they would have to quit. Alderman Stein then made an extended peech to Mr. Brenner, in which he warned him that he must not ask the women help to do very heavy work around the hall. He said that the custodian must be considerate and thoughtful, and insinuated that fair women could not be expected to stoke the furnaces or mow the lawns. He suggested that the engineer be directed to work on odd jobs of repairing and cleaning steam pipes and other things around the hall for a week or so, and that if during that time he was not obedient and respectful to Mr. Brenner he should be discharged and the services of an engineer be dispensed with until fall His opinion was concurred in, and amid hoarse mutterings from Alderman Dregge the business of the session was concluded and the aldermen turned to more pleasing matters. The pleasant tinkle of glasses was heard and the gurgle of a liquid poured from a bottle to glasses followed. Alderman Stein said cheerfully, "Well, gentlemen, here's to better acquaintance," and then four big drinks of Grandpa Brenner's best and oldest wine disappeared from view and the love feast was over.

SESSION OF THE COUNCIL.

The Bid of Hayes & Sons for Street Bonds Accepted.

A special meeting of the council was held last evening for the purpose of hearing the report of the ways and means committee on awarding the $200,000 street improvement bonds. On motion of Alderman Turner the report of the ways and means committee was read. The committee recommended that the bonds be sold to the banking house of W. H. Hayes & Sons of Cleveland, O., provided that they would furnish bonds in the sum of $5000 as security. On motion of Alderman Anderson the report of the committee was adopted by a unanimous vote. Mr. Fleischman, agent for Hayes & Sons, appeared and asked that his firm be allowed to take the bonds in installments of $50,000 as they would find it difficult to place so large a sum as the whole amount at one time and in one place. He proposed to take the first $50,000 at once, the second in thirty days, the third in sixty and the fourth in ninety days. He said that his firm would pay accrued interest on the $150,000 worth of bonds not immediately taken so that the city would be the gainer by the scheme as it would be drawing 5 per cent. accrued interest until the last installment was taken ninety days from date. He said that if the plan did not please the council Hayes & Sons would call in the whole amount of the bonds at once.

On motion of Alderman Turner the question was referred to the committee on ways and means and the mayor with power to act. The council then adjourned and the various committees went into session.

The bid of Hayes & Sons was $203,720 and interest.

Ways and Means Committee.

The ways and means committee prepared a report ordered by the council on the salaries of the city officials for the coming year. The committee will recommend that the salaries of all city officials remain the same as they were fixed last year with no exceptions. But the committee recommend that the office of clerk in the city treasurer's office be cut off. It is worth $800 a year. The office of clerk in the city clerk's office, $12 a week, is also recommended to be cut off. The offices of cashier in the tax department, $1500 a year, clerks in tax department at $3 a day and boy in the supply store at $4 a week were stricken from the list.

PASSENGER AGENTS.

They Hold a Lively Session in the Morton House.

The May meeting of the Michigan Passenger Agents' association was held at the Morton House yesterday. The following members were present: James Houston of Pontiac, P. O. & N.; Secretary R. E. Doming of Detroit, George E. King of Detroit, M. C.; A. Patriarche of Saginaw, F. & P. M.; E. C. Luce of Cleveland, L. S. & M. S.; W. E. Davis of Detroit, G. T., C. C. Craig of Detroit, G. T.; Ben Fletcher of Detroit, D., G. H. & M.; George De Haven, city, C. & W. M.; J. E. Quick of Detroit, C. & G. T.; C. L. Lockwood city, G. R. & I.; Van Dearing, Jackson, D., S. S. & A.; H. P. Deering, M. C.; J. J. Keeley, T., A. A. & N. M.; Joseph Hall, M. C.

At the morning session it was decided to make a fare of one one-third to the furniture men's convention in this city; also for the July and August races, and for the races at Saginaw and Detroit.

The afternoon session was a long and lively one. The Press club excursion which the D., G. H. & M. road will run to Niagara Falls was the subject of much discussion. It is claimed that the Milwaukee road has cut rates to the detriment of interested roads. After a long discussion it was unanimously decided that hereafter all excursion rates should be made by the mutual consent of the roads interested. A fare of one and one-third was made to the northwestern regatta at Saw Beese lake to be held July 16 and 17. Several reunions and minor fairs were granted reduced fares.

MARRIAGE OF DR. BARTH.

The Ceremony Was Solemnized at 7:30 Last Evening.

The marriage of Dr. Louis Barth and Miss Ella Barth was solemnized at 7:30 last evening. The ceremony was a brilliant one, performed in accordance with the sublime tenets of the Hebrew ritual. Rabbi F. W. Jesselson of Temple Emanuel officiated. C. W. Chauncey acted as best man, and the Misses Mamie and Josie Barth, cousins of the groom, acted as bridesmaids. Relatives from Reading and Chicago were in attendance, and a large number of guests from the city were present.

The floral decorations were superb; roses, lilies, tulips and lilies of the valley being twined and wreathed in magnificent profusion. The affair was one of the most brilliant in the history of Grand Rapids society. The doctor and his fair bride left on the Chicago train for an extended trip to points of interests.

FREE TRADE IS WEAKENING.

Lord Salisbury Says It Is a Failure in England—An Open Admission.

LONDON, May 19.—Lord Salisbury, in a speech delivered at Hastings, counseled the workingmen to follow the example set them by other nations and substitute arbitration for the violent methods which were sometimes adopted for settling labor disputes. He said that a grave matter in which the prosperity of the country was involved was the question of free trade.

"England," he declared, "only maintains the position which she occupies by the vast industries existing here; but a danger is growing up. Fifty years ago everybody believed that free trade had conquered the world and prophesied that every nation would follow the example of England. The results, however, are not what had been expected. Despite the prophecies of the free trade advocates, foreign nations are adopting protection. They are excluding us from their markets and are trying to kill our trade. And this state of things appear to grow worse. We live in an age of war tariffs. Another important point is that while nations are negotiating to obtain each other's commercial favor none is anxious about the favor of Great Britain, because Great Britain has stripped herself of the armor and weapons with which the battle is to be fought.

"The attitude we have taken in regarding it as disloyal to the glorious and sacred doctrines of free trade to levy duties on anybody for the sake of anything we get thereby, may be noble but it is not businesslike. [Cheers.] On these terms you will not get anything. If you intend to hold your own in this conflict of tariffs you must be prepared to refuse nations who injure you access to your markets.

"We complain most of the United States, and it is so happens that the United States maintains and furnishes us with articles, which are essential to our manufacturers. We can not exclude either without serious injury to ourselves. I am not prepared in order to punish other countries, to inflict dangerous wounds on ourselves. We must confine ourselves to those matters wherein we will not suffer much whether importation continues or diminishes.

"While we cannot raise the price of food and raw material, there is an enormous mass of imports, such as wine, spirits, silk, gloves and laces, from countries besides the United States which are merely luxuries, and of which a diminished consumption could be risked in order to secure access to the markets of our neighbors. I shall expect to be excommunicated for propounding such a doctrine, but I am bound to say that I think the free traders have gone too far."

DISMISSED A DEPUTY.

The Queen Disgraces the Brute Who Assaulted a Young Girl.

DUBLIN, May 19.—The Hon. Emelius Neville Nugent, convicted of assault on Miss Marion Price on a railway train, and undergoing six months' imprisonment at hard labor for the offense, has been dismissed by order of majesty from the office of deputy lieutenant for the county of Westmeath.

RIDICULED BY SEXTON.

The Local Government Bill Subjected to Severe Criticism.

LONDON, May 19.—In the house of commons today Mr. Balfour formally moved the second reading of the Irish local government bill. Mr. Sexton, nationalist, Belfast, moved the rejection of the measure and spoke for an hour in opposition to the Irish local government bill. He severely arraigned the tory administration of Irish affairs and analyzed and ridiculed the principal clauses of the bill.

Virginia Democrats Divided.

RICHMOND, VA., May 19.—The democratic state convention was held here today. The Hon. Marshall Hanger presided. There was considerable feeling displayed between the Cleveland and anti-Cleveland men. The following delegates-at-large to the Chicago convention were elected: Senator J. W. Daniel (Hill), S. W. Corbin of Alexandria (alliance, unpledged), the Hon. John Goode of Norfolk (Cleveland), and R. R. Gordon of Rappahannock (Cleveland). This was the compromise reported for the sake of harmony.

Pretty China.

If you have good china which is not in daily use, by all means brighten up your dining room by keeping it in the room. Black and yellow cabinets are very effective, with glass doors, and are very easily made. White and yellow would be nice, if the coloring of the room is delicate, as it probably will be in these days of Colonial revival. In many instances pretty china is more pleasing to the eye than pictures, unless the latter are very good and carefully chosen.—Decorator and Furnisher.

HAS A GOOD NAME

The Effects of the Interstate Law Salutary

WESTERN ROADS OBSERVE IT

Eastern Fast Freight Lines Still Cut Rates, but They Will Be Brought to Terms. Defects of the Law.

Frank G. Kretschmer of Washington, special agent for the interstate commerce commission, is a guest at the Morton. He has been in the city looking after the grievances of the furniture men. Speaking of the matter last night he said: "I don't know whether anything will be done about it or not; but I will lay the matter before the commission. There is certainly a difference in rates between east and west shore points, and the difference is in favor of Wisconsin shippers, but whether there is an unjust discrimination or not must be determined by the interstate commission."

"Is the efficiency of the interstate law increasing?" asked the reporter.

"To a wonderful extent. One who knew its workings three years ago and then could watch its operations now would be astonished. Throughout the west the law is obeyed literally. All the great trunk lines going out of Chicago—the C., B. & Q., the Rock Island, the Milwaukee & St. Paul, the Northwestern, the Chicago & Alton—favor the law and insist that its provisions shall be lived up to. The great shippers of Chicago—Armour, Fairbanks and others—will no longer accept rebates. They have been shaken up once on account of it and are well satisfied with their experience. This is wonderful testimony to the efficiency of the law. There is no city in the land that would be more benefited by a wholesale slashing of freight rates than Chicago, and there is no place in the country where the provisions of the interstate commerce act are more conscientiously lived up to. Mr. Blanchard, the chairman of the Central Traffic association is an ardent believer in and supporter of the law.

"It is in the east that the trouble is, and where the provisions of the law are totally disregarded. Those fast freight lines are regular scalpers that fear neither man or ghost. They are totally regardless of anybody's rights and privileges except their own. Now that the western roads are ready to uphold the law, it is time to get after those eastern sharks and put them under subjection.

"The great defect of the inter-state law is its lack of power. The board has no authority to enforce its regulations. It will probably be amended before long, and when it is its practical value will be doubled. The law has been sneered at for the past three years, but anyone who will take the trouble to look into the matter cannot fail to see that it is the very salvation of the smaller shippers."

Talk of the Lobby.

H. W. Peck of Petoskey, northern agent for the Hazletine & Perkins Drug company, was at the New Livingston yesterday.

J. Cummer and wife of Cadillac and Mrs. F. A. Duggies of the same place, were at the Morton yesterday.

Dr. C. P. Bigelow, one Big Rapids oldest citizens, was a guest at the Morton yesterday.

A. Patriarche of Saginaw, general traffic manager of the F. & P. M. road, is at Sweet's.

T. W. Hayden, president of the Belding Silk company, dined at the Morton yesterday.

George Parker of Lowell, a prominent stock breeder, is at the New Livingston.

The new tiling will be laid the office of Sweet's Hotel today.

UNION OF UNIONS.

It Holds a Delightful Social at the Residence of Dr. DeVore.

The Union of Unions gave a delightful social last evening in the residence of Dr. DeVore, No. 18 Bostwick street. The pleasant parlors of the house were appropriately arranged for the occasion and presented, when thronged with the numerous attendants, a brilliant scene. A program of music, recitation and readings, supplemented by informal social intercourse, furnished the entertainment. A very large gathering was present. The program of the occasion was as follows: Piano solo, Miss F. B. Shirley; selection, Arion quartet; vocal solo, Mrs. A. M. Phillips; recitation, Miss Violet DeVore; piano solo, Miss Betterly; selection, Arion quartet; recitation, Miss Fanny Dunbar; piano solo, Miss Van Valkenburg. The music of the Arion quartet was especially enjoyed. Froederich, the Canal street music dealer, furnished a magnificent Fischer piano for the occasion.

YESTERDAY'S BASE BALL.

The Rain Interfered with Many of the League Games.

LOUISVILLE, May 19.—It was more luck than anything else that won the game for the Colonels today, which local enthusiasts attribute to the release of the club's Jonah, Peter Browning. Score:

										R	H	E
Louisville	0	0	0	2	1	1	2	1	0—	7	9	0
St. Louis	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1—	5	11	4

INDIANAPOLIS, May 19.—Indianapolis-Omaha game postponed—rain.

PHILADELPHIA, May 19.—Philadelphia-Washington game postponed—rain.

PITTSBURG, May 19.—Pittsburg solved Chamberlain's delivery in the ninth inning of today's game, and batted out three earned runs and won the game.

										R	H	E
Pittsburg	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3—	3	9	2
Cincinnati	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0—	1	4	5

BROOKLYN, May 19.—The Bostons did not play in championship form today, and the Brooklyns in consequence scored an easy victory. Eight innings called account rain.

										R	H	E
Brooklyn	3	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	1—	8	9	1
Boston	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	0—	4	4	6

NEW YORK, May 19.—The New Yorks and the Baltimores played in a drizzling rain today, and the former showed themselves to be the best rainy weather players. Eight innings called account rain.

										R	H	E
New York	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0—	3	1	1
Baltimore	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0—	1	4	3

The great bell of Monmouth, melted in miniature form, to a rare ornament for the buffet, which gives a fashionable Russian cast to the room.—Decorator and Furnisher.

On the once famous Orchard farm in Massachusetts stands a pear tree which was planted in 1630 by Governor Endicott.