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New-York Daily Tribune.

FOUNDED BY HORACE GREENE. SATURDAY, MARCH 27, 1897. THE NEWS THIS MORNING.

FOREIGN.—The Greek Government has protested to the Powers against the blockade of Crete; the international forces in Crete have occupied the town of Malaxa, the scene of desperate fighting; letters from Crete and the Turks. The South African Committee of Parliament regarding his raid into the Transvaal. Lord Salisbury and Mr. Hanotaux, French Minister of Foreign Affairs, were in conference in Paris. The French Government has decided to ask for a Naval estimate of 800,000,000 francs.

CONGRESS.—Both branches in session. Senate: Mr. Gray spoke against the Chilton amendment to the Antitrust bill; the question of committee members was discussed; Mr. Gallinger made an attack on the Civil Service Commission. House: The Tariff bill was discussed under the five-minute rule, and a long and bitter political controversy ensued.

DOMESTIC.—The Raines law amendments will probably be made a caucus measure by the Republican Senators at Albany. President McKinley nominated Ferdinand Edman for Collector of Internal Revenue for the 11th New York District. The dissenting opinion of Justice White in the Transmissary Freight Association case was made public.

CITY.—The annual dinner of the Phillips Exeter Academy Alumni was held at the Windsor Hotel. A dinner was given at the Arena in honor of John P. Windolph, vice-president of the Board of Aldermen, by his friends and associates, who also presented to him a handsome emerald. General William Cutting died.

THE WEATHER.—Forecast for to-day: Partly cloudy. The temperature yesterday: Highest, 45 degrees; lowest, 36; average, 40 1/2.

THE RAILROAD QUESTION. The opinions of Aldace F. Walker, of the Atchison, and Chamney M. Depew, of the New-York Central, on the existing railroad situation, as given elsewhere in this paper, will be read with interest. They are the first fruits of the article on the railroad situation in Friday's Tribune, in which we endeavored to point out the mistake which we believe railroad managers are making in treating the Supreme Court decision against traffic associations as a disastrous blow to railroad interests for which they could find no remedy except in legislation.

BETTER PAY FOR TEACHERS. Agitation for an increase of school-teachers' salaries is renewed, for perhaps the thousandth time. The public has heard of it before; so often that it may now regard it with some degree of weariness and indifference.

TARIFF BUILDERS AND CRITICS. Mr. Dingley and his associates of the Ways and Means Committee are veterans much too experienced in the tricks of political warfare to be confounded by the senseless pretence that "they are yielding" if they find an error to correct, or that "they care nothing about public opinion" if the clamors of importers and their agents do not move them from their duty to American industries.

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named which have not yet appeared of such importance as to need legislative notice. But in either direction the wisest man living may be found imperfectly informed, whether he deems a provision necessary or not necessary, too high or too low. The wisest man living will be considerably more ready than the self-satisfied donkey to seek further light.

THE PEOPLE WANT IT. Opponents of Governor Black's sagacious plan for the enlargement of the Adirondack preserve and the protection of the forests for the benefit of all the people are making their protests heard at Albany. It is their undoubted right to do this, but there is some danger that their loud chorus of dissent will produce an erroneous impression and have an undue influence upon members of the Legislature. It is not unnatural, though it is unfortunate, that supporters of the bill do not gather at the Capitol to urge its passage; for there is no compact organization of interests to back it up.

But the tariff framers know that importations will not remain the same, distinctly intends that they shall not continue to prostrate American industries as they have, and next proceeds to calculate what decrease from the imports of 1896 may be expected. Thus Mr. Dingley arrived at the conclusion that about \$700,000,000 increase of revenue might be expected, unless considerable delay should enable importers to defeat it during the first year. But that there will be some delay is probable. A gain of over \$50,000,000 compared with the revenue of the last calendar year would barely prevent a deficit.

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City must make up his mind in advance, and that is that he will have to do something more, or rather something less, than "just drive around and yell at my friends." That ingenious method of appealing to an intelligent electorate answered very well in his present badluck, as the counting of the votes conclusively demonstrated; but he couldn't possibly cover the ground of the consolidated municipality in that way. Besides, he would probably get lost in the jungles of Richmond County before the campaign was over.

Greater New-York will not be an accomplished fact until January 1, 1898. Chicago may improve the intervening time by annexing the few remaining fragments of Illinois prairie, and negotiating for a cession of the Canadian half of Lake Michigan. Then, with a census of the gophers and fishes, she may keep somewhere within sight of the procession.

PERSONAL. Governor Budd of California, president of the Board of Regents, has accepted the gift of Levi Starr, of San Francisco, turning over \$3,000 annually for scholarships to the University of California, to be equally distributed to deserving youths in the seven Congress districts of California.

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AT THE OPERA. "Lohengrin" was repeated at the Metropolitan Opera House last night with the same cast as before this season, except that Herr Kraus, tenor has the titular role in the opera. This young tenor has obviously been laboring under a peculiarly unfortunate disadvantage, if we are to judge by what has been said about him since he came to this country. Certain it is that he is greatly favored in voice and figure. He is a tenor whose voice has the characteristic quality that one is accustomed to associate with the term, without detriment to the capacity for heroic expression, and also a most impressive personality; but in respect of both voice and personality he is unable to compel forgiveness of artistic shortcomings which mar the efficiency of his impersonation. As a singer he has not yet learned what to do with his admirably voice, so learned what to do with his admirably voice, so learned what to do with his admirably voice.

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