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If our friends who favor us with manuscripts for publication will be so good as to return them, they must in all cases send stamps for that purpose.

Advertisements for THE WEEKLY SUN, inserted on alternate mornings, must be handed in this office before 9 o'clock.

An Issue That Won't Admit Compromise.

We hear a Northern cuckoo, the Springfield Republican, scolding all Democratic Senators to "get into line, whatever form the tariff bill may take."

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Our pledges, again? The redemption of our pledges to the people? Why, the Tariff bill as it now stands, without any further protectionist modification or concession, would not even half redeem the pledges which the party would have made to the people had the Democratic National Convention of 1892 adopted the original mildly protectionist plank as proposed by the Platform Committee.

It is when the Secretary reaches the subject of the income tax that the dishonesty of the trick which it is proposed to play on the people appears most clearly.

Mr. Carlisle knows very well that the only Democratic pledges or promises on record concerning the income tax are against that hateful form of tax, and not for it. He says that "some of the methods of ascertaining and collecting the tax are alleged to be arbitrary and inequitable," and adds that, in his opinion, "many of these objectionable provisions ought to be removed, and safely omitted from the bill, and other changes can be made, which the advocates of an income tax can consistently accept, and which will remove the principal objections of its opponents, and secure their support for the bill."

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The obligation of charity rests only on the individual conscience, and obedience to it and the determination of its reasonable limits is purely voluntary; but economic law forces the possessor of wealth to employ his money for the general good.

To strike at the private accumulations of wealth, therefore, is to attack the engine which moves the whole machinery of industry. Its very existence requires that it shall be beneficial to those who do not possess it.

The Authors' Army at Salem.

The Salem Evening News gives interesting particulars concerning the latest modification of the Coxe's idea.

There are some facts about the earthquakes in Greece which seem peculiarly significant.

Earthquakes commonly happen where there is a slow elevation of the crust of the globe going on.

Another interesting fact is that the first shocks were felt on April 20, at the time of full moon.

Our esteemed contemporary, the Washington Post, reports Mr. Cleveland as speaking in this singular manner of a scarcely less eminent apostle of socialism.

It is Mr. Cleveland's custom to attribute to the press most things that displease him; but in this case a little reflection must show that his error.

A Bourbon Lily.

The Hon. WILLIAM CAMPBELL BRECKINRIDGE will address a meeting of Bourbon County Democrats at Paris next Monday.

"I shall submit to the Democrats of the Ashland district the question as to whether the field of labor is being overworked."

The Star Eyed Goddess of Democracy is standing paralyzed under the spell of the Socialist snail.

All attempts made in recent years by the cotton factors of the South to induce the planters to reduce the cotton acreage, in order to raise the price, have been failures.

Our orthodox Presbyterian contemporary, the Chicago Free Press, has surrendered to the seductive blandishments of the Socialists.

Three hundred and thirty-six able-bodied men working a day's work for five weeks at a dollar a day would earn \$1,080.

In the two Middle States of New York and New Jersey, the backbone of the Northern Democracy, are four Democratic Senators—HILL, WALKER, McPHERSON, and SMITH.

New Jersey deserves a better fate. She is the sole Northern State which stood fast to the Democratic party throughout the great convulsion of thirty years ago.

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POLITICAL NOTES.

There are 42,000 more women than male inhabitants in New York State. There are 800 more colored women than colored men in the State.

The term of Senator McPherson, Democrat, in New Jersey expires a year hence, and the Republicans are, since the late decision of the Supreme Court in their favor, very hopeful of securing a Republican successor.

New York city pays its creditors this year for money borrowed for public use \$2,188,000. Of this sum \$775,000 goes for interest on water bonds, \$470,000 on the bonds of the City of New York, \$150,000 on the bonds of the City of New York, \$113,000 on the bonds of the City of New York.

The expenditures of the Aqueduct Commission for the month of March were \$50,000, of which \$13,000 went for salaries. Though the work of the Aqueduct Board gets less and less, the amount of the system are turned over to the Department of Public Works, the salaries of the Commissioners go on as before.

The adoption of the State aid system in political representation by the State Aid Commission has been defended by some of its members on the ground that it is dictated by considerations of fairness.

There are already two vacancies in New York city's delegation to the Constitutional Convention, one by the resignation of the Hon. William K. Chandler, and another by the resignation of the Hon. William K. Chandler.

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