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THE WEST IS GROANING.

The West is still groaning over the tariff. It made a wonderful fight against the Payne tariff bill, but with Democratic deserters to the camp of the enemy, the fight was lost, and the present tariff inequity became a law.

The people of the West do not object because they think plain citizens are getting poorer, but they do object because they think that the average citizen is not getting his just share of the great profits of industry to which his common citizenship entitles him.

He calls attention to the fact that five out of seven members of the Senate conference committee were from New England, and that the House conference committee was almost equally as skillfully appointed, and that there never was a moment when an honest effort was made to revise the tariff downward.

He winds up by stating that for a time these Western States may be outvoted, but they do not expect to change their minds nor be driven out of the Republican party, in their effort for fairer laws.

The railroad building from Gassaway on the Elk river in W. Va. toward Sutton, has six miles in operation and the residue being pushed to completion.

AN IMPORTANT CASE. A short time ago Hon. Samuel W. Williams, the Attorney General of Va. elect, was attending court at Welch, W. Va.

It is very apparent that had there been a revolution in Great Britain, Germany, France, Russia, or even Austria or Italy, and two Americans figuring in it had been captured and executed, Mr. Knox, our premier, would not have talked as saucily as he has done to Nicaragua.

that Judge Williams would not, in his opinion, get a fair and impartial trial, that there is a feeling against Virginians generally in many portions of West Virginia and in that section particularly, and the higher the position they hold and the more genteel they are, just so much more are they disliked; that in this particular case there seems to be malice in the prosecution, and that the indictment and subsequent requisition coming so promptly evidence a disposition to treat Judge Williams as a common felon, dangerous to a community and a fugitive from justice.

The impression with many of Judge Williams' friends is that he ought not to go to Welch for trial, and under the circumstances that Gov. Swanson should not honor the requisition, inasmuch as the whole affair must be inspired by Judge Saunders the man who was hit, and who has great influence in McDowell county, inspired it is believed to wreak vengeance through the law for what he was unable to work with his own hands.

The case, however, may be taken out of the hands of the Governor since Judge Williams' counsel has stated that he will appear at Welch when the indictment is to be heard. It is to be hoped there is no just cause for dread on the part of Judge Williams' friends, and that the fear that he will be treated with unfairness or malice may soon disappear.

NOT A DEMOCRAT. The appointment of Judge Lurton to the Supreme Court to fill the place made vacant by the death of Justice Peckham has given no pleasure to Democrats, but a very great deal to corporations, especially to the railroads.

The Ballinger and Pinchot controversy will not down. It continually crops up. This week Mr. Hitchcock, of Nebraska, brought it up in the House and it is sure to be heard from in the Senate.

Mr. Bryan practices prohibition, but to the disappointment of some does not preach it. Here in Virginia we have some leading citizens who preach it, but do not practice it. Which make the better citizens?

It is asserted that a straw poll of the Virginia Legislature has been made, and that it shows that local option will prevail over Statewide Prohibition by a large majority.

Various gentlemen have appeared on the House Floor who have not appeared in the Congressional Record.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

From Our Regular Correspondent. Washington, D. C., Dec. 18.—But a few more days remain to Congress before the adjournment for the Christmas holidays.

The city of Washington is growing very rapidly and larger and larger areas are being collected in the way of taxes. The national government owns and controls the public parks, public buildings and streets.

The Secretary of the Navy, Mr. Meyer, was before the House Committee on naval affairs on the 16th inst., and was so urgent in explaining the necessity for the changes which he made in his department in his advocacy that these changes shall be confirmed in legislation that he prevented the committee going to luncheon until long after their usual hour for refreshment.

General Crozier, one of the few rapidly promoted young officers of the United States and who was much appreciated and trusted by President Roosevelt, says that there is no first-class respectable power with whom we may possibly have unpleasantness but that can put into the field almost immediately three millions of men.

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Officers Elected. Central Encampment No. 24, I. O. O. F. elected the following officers: Chief Patriarch, S. W. Shifflett; Senior Warden, M. A. Rexrode; High Priest, W. W. Brown; Junior Warden, John W. Bright; Secretary, W. A. Kidd; Treasurer, R. J. Kenney.

At a meeting of the Workingmen's Fraternal Association held Saturday night the following officers were elected: W. W. Wheeler, President; Charles McGuffin, 1st Vice-Pres.; Thos. J. Lohr, 2nd Vice-Pres.; James W. Blackburn, Secretary; Henry Liekhter, Assistant Sec'y; S. R. Smith, Fin. Sec'y; David O'Rork, Asst. Fin. Sec'y; Jno. Hemp, Treas.; W. J. Clemmer, Chaplain; Jno. Hage, Warden; Wm. Lawrence, Guard; C. E. Ashburner, J. J. Pruffer and R. H. Bell, Executive Committee.

International Conventen Student Volunteer Movement for Foreign Missions, Rochester, N. Y., Dec. 29, 1909—Jan. 5, 1910. Account above occasion Southern Railway will sell reduced fare tickets December 28, 27 and 29, 1909, only, final limit for return January 6, 1910, from points in Virginia. Consult agents.

Famous Puzzles. The puzzle corner of "The Philadelphia Press" is at interesting and popular as ever. It is a regular feature every Sunday, and the contest is open to everybody.

Mr. J. E. Hahn qualified in the circuit court this week as constable for North River district.

How's This? We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Dr. J. C. Hayes, Co., Prop., Toledo, O. We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by their firm.

The Cause of Many Sudden Deaths. There is a disease prevailing in this country most dangerous because so deceptive. Many sudden deaths are caused by it—heart disease, pneumonia, heart failure or apoplexy are often the result of kidney disease.

It came out in his report that the reserve ammunition has been fixed tentatively at about three hundred rounds, each for six hundred thousand rifles and it was further elicited that owing to the limited appropriations it would take six and one-half years to accumulate the necessary reserve ammunition for war.

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