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The Tribune thinks that the merchant who does not advertise in it displays poor judgment; but at the same time it does not for that reason circulate slanders about him and try to injure his business. It does not exist on the proceeds of blackmail.

Mr. Dingley's Own Analysis.

The parent and sponsor of the new tariff bill, Hon. Nelson Dingley, Jr., contributes to the Philadelphia Press an extended review of the revenue features of that measure together with a forecast of the probable results of its operation which greatly illumines and clarifies the subject for those who do not profess to be tariff experts.

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From internal and other sources exclusive of the postal receipts he expects a revenue for this year of \$185,000,000, making \$370,000,000 altogether, or about \$5,000,000 more than the government's annual average expenses.

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and in the light of the past few months it ought to be apparent as a phenomenon of political significance that many Americans, justly or unjustly, view with distrust the effort of bankers to shape currency legislation.

Having come through a long period of agitation and tribulation, during which they were once beguiled into a quagmire under the alien plea for "tariff reform," it causes the people more or less uneasiness to see the same men who betrayed them then approaching them now with another plea for another kind of reform.

Our good natured president has apparently permitted these free trade, gold Democratic allies of lost fall's campaign to persuade him into lending pecuniary support to their latest project for gaining public prominence; but when the time comes for this subject to be taken up by congress there need be little fear that any measure will pass either the present senate or the house until it shall have been thoroughly cleansed of every taint of Mugwumpery.

Not all the labor leaders are against Mr. Powderly. One of his warmest endorsers is President Hatchford, of the United Mine Workers. His antagonists appear to be principally the hot heads and the demagogues. Such opposition cannot prevail in the senate of the United States and is in effect the highest kind of a compliment.

Has Probed a Sore. Sir Wilfred Laurier, Canada's valuable premier, whose visit to London to attend the jubilee and get knighted seems to have constituted the feature of the year, judging from the fuss made over him, has been interviewed by the Times on the blunders of the United States. The cable brings only a line or two of quotation, but from this we gather that our greatest blunders have been: The giving of excessive power to the Republican party after the war; and a too wholesale application of universal suffrage.

It is not important that the premier of Canada thinks concerning the experiment called the United States; and his allusion to the Republican party can be regarded only as playful in view of the unexampled prosperity which attended our people during the post-bellum ascendancy of that party—a prosperity which ever since has been the marvel, not of North America simply but of the world.

As used by Mr. Laurier the term "universal suffrage" is of course a figure of speech, since in this country while we have extended the franchise with a greater prodigality and recklessness perhaps than was ever before known in the history of representative government, even we have not yet made the suffrage literally universal.

Here Canada's premier has surely probed a sore in our body politic. To the average mind the ado which has been occasioned over the alleged receipt of news by carrier pigeons that Andrew has found the North Pole seems ridiculously out of proportion to the credibility and the sufficiency of the evidence.

According to present plans the Democrats of Pennsylvania will endorse the Prohibition nominee for state treasurer, Rev. Dr. Swallow, and spring a highly moral campaign of reform. There doesn't seem to be any inconsistency from which the Democracy will shrink if spurred by the hope of capturing office.

The resignation of President Andrews of Brown university was the only answer he could make to his critics on the board of trustees without sacrificing his self-respect. It probably ends the usefulness of that university but it compensates by offering deserved rebuke to bigotry and narrowness.

There is something truly sad in the serious tone in which the British press dwells upon the possibilities of a war between England and the United States. Have the political morals of England fallen so low that her government would sooner go to war than deal fairly?

The refusal of Senator Scott, of Luzerne, to acknowledge the neat little auditor-generalship boomlet so generously offered to him by the political gossips of Philadelphia will reassure his friend, Major McAuley, and also prevent jealous feelings in the breast of Hon. John Latsinger. Hence there is no apparent reason why gentle peace

should not fold her snowy wings and all the state be calm. An association for the protection of the human race has been formed in New York, one of its ideas including the electrocution of deformed, idiotic and constitutionally diseased children, all maniacs, all persons bereft of any of their senses and all old persons whose faculties show signs of impairment.

The deduction from Hastings' veto of the Becker bill would seem to be that if Penrose wants to unhorse Martin in Philadelphia he must do so through the Philadelphia primaries. That, after all, is the fair way to fight.

Let Annexation Be Our Answer

From the Philadelphia Press. Count Okuma, Japanese minister of foreign affairs, judging from two interviews which have come from him since the question of the annexation of Hawaii has been before the senate, takes the most friendly interest in the affairs of the United States.

The report that Carl Schurz was being considered in connection with the Russian mission is authoritatively denied. We thought at the time it insulted the president.

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Is that Mr. Hawley? Yes, sir. Would you advise one to be a candidate for the office of senator? No, sir. Too expensive. Assessments large? Not particularly, but there are other things. One has to become an... Z-z-z-ing!

Hello! Did you get through at the club last night? No. Committee's report was unfavorable. Why, I thought his social position was first-class. He is all right, but the committee decided that his legs would not look well in golf stockings. Z-z-z-ing!

Say! Bill! Would you like to go fishing today? I've sworn off. You will not need to drink anything stronger than milk. Oh, that's not the point. I've resolved not to tell a lie during the year 1897. Z-z-z-ing!

Hello! Is that you, Sally? Yes. When did you return? Yesterday. Had an elegant time. We rented a cottage, you know. Was it cool up at the lake? Oh, yes. Only one of our party complained of the heat. But there was a cause for that. Yes. You see he wore a suit of sweat-shop cloth. Z-z-z-ing!

From the Times-Herald. A little more than a year ago congress authorized the secretary of the navy to construct three battle ships. Contracts for their construction—except for their armor—were immediately made, one being with the Newport News company, one with the Union Iron works of San Francisco, and one with Cramp & Sons of Philadelphia.

Armor is an extra, so to speak, and it is not a part of the contracts with the ship-builders that they shall furnish it. The armor plate manufacturers, and there are but two of these concerns in the United States, the Bethlehem company and the Carnegie company, and these have really combined as one.

Last winter, when an appropriation was called for to meet the cost of the armor plate for the new ships, a great debate occurred over the exorbitant prices that had hitherto been paid by the government for armor, and a law was passed limiting the price hereafter to be paid by the secretary of the navy to \$300 a ton.

The vessels, after many negotiations with the armor makers, at last procured an offer from above to supply the armor at \$425 per ton, but this has just been rejected by congress, and the \$300 limitation has been retained.

It may be that \$300 a ton is more than the government should pay for armor plate and an excessive price for the manufacturers to charge, but what are we going to do about it? Do we want our ships to rot on the stocks while the government is haggling over the price? Suppose the manufacturers are right and that they cannot make the armor at the limited price, do we want "cheap" armor? In a great battle one defective plate might cost us a fleet, and it is for battle that these vessels are constructed.

The right and proper thing to do is to get the armor at the best price possible and complete these vessels. And hereafter let congress, when it orders new vessels, set its limitations as to price beforehand. It will not then be "put in a hole," as one senator expressed himself, by exacting contractors and manufacturers.

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