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THE approaching contest is rendered especially important by reason of the industrial and financial policies of the Government being at stake. The popular decision on these issues is of great moment and will be of far-reaching consequence.—James G. Blaine.

Proved by the Enemy. The INTELLIGENCER has before had occasion to draw instruction from the trade circular of Messrs. Trench & Co., of New York, importers of tin plate and American organizers of the foreign association which seeks to discourage the manufacture of tin plate in this country and to array consumers against the effort to establish that essential industry.

From a circular issued by this concern it is possible to draw encouragement as well as instruction. Taking the exhibit made by Colonel Ayres, special agent of the treasury department, Messrs. Trench & Co. endeavor to hold it up to ridicule. Here are the figures showing the production of American tin plate for the periods named:

Table with 2 columns: Period, Pounds. July 1, 1891, to September 30, 1891, 826,922. October 1, 1891, to December 31, 1891, 409,821. January 1, 1892, to March 31, 1892, 7,701,657. Total for the nine months ending March 31, 1892, 8,938,500.

On this the free trade importers remark: The same report states our average yearly imports of tin plates are at 675,000,000. Taking 300 working days in the year gives us a daily consumption in the United States of 2,250,000 pounds per day of eight hours. Accordingly our total American output has for the three months ending September 30, 1891, been less than four hours consumption; three months ending December 31, 1891, been less than five hours consumption; three months ending March 31, 1892, less than three days' consumption of imports.

The total output at present does not therefore seem to equal per cent of our imports and consumption, as proved by these reports, which, coming from the source they do, are unquestionable, and represent the best showing that can be made for the infant industry.

So far from being a fit object of ridicule, the American tin plate industry is seen to be making very rapid strides. At the same rate of increase the production by March, 1894, would be 769,046,372 pounds, a quantity sufficient for all our wants and nearly 100,000,000 pounds in excess of our present annual average importations of tin and terne plates. The free trade figuring is in fact a prophesy of the entire vindication of the Republican policy which seeks to create a new industry through the encouragement of a protective tariff.

The circular of Messrs. Trench & Co. says that in addition to the American concerns using tinning pots "same as used in Wales, one of these firms claim to be using a tinning pot of their own invention." It was a prediction of the advocates of the tin plate departure that in no great time American ingenuity would improve the machinery of manufacture and lessen the cost of production, as has been done in almost everything else that Yankee wit has laid hold of.

The same authority tells us, what we know already, that "galvanized iron is certainly being largely used where tin plates were before." Some of the results of this are seen right under our own eyes. The Atlas and Standard sheet mills have largely increased their output and are enlarging their capacity by the erection of new mills. This means more employment for labor and more money circulating in this community. Protectionists see a distinct gain in these changed conditions. As one of them the INTELLIGENCER thanks the enemy for calling attention to these encouraging features of the new departure.

A Hanging Reform in the South. Sometimes somebody is bold enough to remark that for the Caucasian hanging is about played out in the south. White men murder but they are not hanged for their crime. Colored men furnish the raw material for the southern gallows. But they think they are going to hang a white murderer in a southern state, and the remarkable event is thus celebrated in prospect by the Charleston News:

"We say all honor to the Orangeburg jury which had the courage of its convictions and prosecuted a white man guilty of murder according to the evidence. Of course it is to regret that a white man has to be hanged, but if civilization is to be maintained, and human life is to be protected, then he who takes it must pay the forfeit of his own. The Orangeburg jury has done justice by the prisoner, by itself, and by the state, and its verdict comes at a fortunate time. If our government is to make a full, truthful reply to the friendly inquiries of the Austrian government, he will have to show a long list of capital offenses that have gone unpunished, and the verdict of the Orangeburg jury, and that of the Charleston jury that convicted Lavelle, will afford him the only instances in a series of years to show that the law against murder is ever enforced on white men in South Carolina."

"Of course it is to be regretted that a white man has to be hanged," but it may even be worth while to hang a guilty white man "to show that the law against murder is ever enforced on white men in South Carolina." It does not appear

that this unfortunate white man is anybody in particular, or it is probable that the exhibition of high civic virtue would be postponed to some more convenient season. It was perhaps with the eminent proprieties in view that "a long list of capital offenses" have been allowed to go unpunished. Public sentiment was on that side, as it was on the side of the gallows when a black man brought himself within reach of the law.

A Hint on Silver. Spain has been shoveling silver into Cuba at so lively a rate that money of that metal is now quoted in Havana at five per cent discount. Accordingly dry goods importers in that city give notice that hereafter they will sell on a gold basis, and that they will not accept silver at all in any quantity exceeding five dollars. Those merchants are merely keeping step with the well known law of trade.

When any kind of money goes below par traders are quick to adjust their business relations to the basis of gold. No government can force the circulation at equal purchasing power of two dollars of unequal value in the money market. The owners of American silver mines and the politicians who think it policy to stand in with them want this government to try an experiment which fails always and everywhere, to try it against common sense and the experience of mankind.

Democrats in Congress urged the scheme until their party suddenly discovered that it no longer has a policy on the silver question.

Will Try Sherman. It is given out that as the result of the anti-Harrison conferences the opposition has determined to press Senator Sherman for the nomination.

John Sherman would be a President of whom his party and his country might well be proud. He has all the qualifications for that high office. But all this was said truly of him in other years, notably in 1888, when he might have been nominated if the delegation from his own state had been sincerely for him.

Nominally he was the choice of the state and its representatives. In fact there was in the delegation a considerable element which preferred almost anybody else. The same element did its best to defeat his re-election to the senate.

It is explained that Senator Sherman is not a party to the arrangement to use his name and personality in the Minneapolis convention, which is not hard to believe.

Might be Worse.

Uncle Joe Brown, of Georgia, who has boxed the political compass with distinguished success, warns the People's party men of the south that they may divide the Democracy and give the Republican party indefinite retention of power.

It does look to a man up a tree as though the Republican party will be charged with the government of this country for many years to come. The consolation is that the Republican party understands the business and that the country has been in worse hands.

SENATOR HILL rises to remark that there is no point to the criticisms touching the failure of his February freeze-out convention to mention the name of that distinguished Democrat, Grover Cleveland. He recalls the interesting fact that Mr. Cleveland was not at that time President of the United States; he was a private citizen. It is to be inferred from Mr. Hill's remarks that he thinks Mr. Cleveland is filling the private station so well that he should not be disturbed.

If Senator Teller and his Colorado friends leave the Republican party on the silver issue, whither shall they flee? They can't go into the Democratic party now, for the Democratic party has suddenly ceased to have any silver views which it desires to present to the country. It would embarrass the Colorado friends to be obliged to take to the woods. Nobody in the woods is paying a hundred cents for sixty-seven cents' worth of silver.

WILLIAM ASTON, who inherited an immense fortune and took none of it away with him, left out of all his millions \$145,000 to charitable purposes. The widow's mite was a princely gift in comparison.

THE wool market is looking up. Mills are increasing their output and dealers know that a free wool bill cannot become a law.

WEATHER such as we had yesterday deserves to be spelled with a capital W.

MR. CLEVELAND'S ear is at the phone. Does anybody call?

BREAKFAST BUDGET.

About \$1,000,000 will come into Cleveland's possession for an art school from the estate of the late Moses Kelley. The estate of the late Henry B. Hurlburt, a prosperous merchant of the Forest City, will bring to the city another \$1,000,000 on the death of Mrs. Hurlburt, who has a life interest in the money left for this purpose by her husband. The Hurlburt house and grounds on Euclid avenue are considered worth \$250,000 to \$300,000, and will be the site for the new art school.

Wonderful things are related concerning the work of photography of the stars now in progress at the Cape of Good Hope. One negative, representing a space only one-fourth the apparent diameter of the moon, contained impressions of 5,000 stars, most of which are invisible to the eye even when a telescope of high power is used.

The French prince have a story that the young crown prince of Germany used as a target for his pistol practice an image of a French infantryman, and that he recently asked his father if he would be permitted after his promotion to a lieutenantcy to fire at a Russian officer.

The librarian of a public library says that some of the daintily bound books in his charge are injured when handled

by persons wearing soiled gloves. In some of the European libraries gloved readers are not permitted to handle the books.

An Indianapolis man has invented a process for "aging" violins. He claims that in two weeks' time he can impart to any ordinary violin all the fullness and richness of tone possessed by a Stradivarius.

The Roumanian crown is made of metal from the cannon that were captured from the Turks by the Roumanians at Pleyna in 1877.

MORNING SMILES.

She—"What a delightful old settle this is! It looks as if there might be some real old legend connected with it." He—"Well, there was, but as I couldn't afford to pay the price the dealer asked, he said at last I could have the settle, but he would have to keep the legend and connect it with a sixteenth-century bedstead he had.—Harper's Bazar.

Insurance agent—"I came to call your attention to the fact that your policy expires to-day and beg you to renew it." Economist—"Very sorry, but this is the tenth year that I have insured in your company and nothing has happened, so I have made up my mind to try another company."—Fliegende Blaetter.

"Banks, I am suffering the tortures of purgatory." "What's the matter, Rivers?" "Neuralgia. I am nearly dead with it. And to-morrow we move into a North Side flat." "Going to move, are you? Have you ever moved before?" "Never." "I have. You'll forget all about your neuralgia, Rivers."—Chicago Tribune.

Lady Friend—"So you are going to graduate next month, Maud? Dear me! What a time of it you must have! I suppose you are nearly fagged out?" Maud—"Oh, dear, no! mamma hires a dressmaker, and she does all the sewing. All I have to do is to try on, you know."—Boston Transcript.

Professor—"This eccentricity you speak of in your daughter, isn't it, after all, a matter of heredity?" The mother (severely)—"No, sir! I'd have you to know, sir, there never was any heredity in our family."—Yankee Blade.

Ethel—"I asked George last night what was meant by 'seconds'; he said they were damaged goods and came cheaper." Maud—"I presume that explains his name George Jenkins, 2d."—New York Herald.

"How is old Bronson now, doctor?" "His is an encouraging case." "Think he'll get well, eh?" "Oh, no. But I think I can keep him as he is years to come."—Harper's Bazar.

Young Pharmacist—"Are you often troubled with colic, Miss?" His Partner—"No." "What a pity! I have a cure for it that's simply 'out of sight.'"—Fliegende Blaetter.

Free, But Not to Vote.

Sir:—During the campaign for the election of President Ben Harrison, I was down on the Red river.

I was a passenger on a small steamer, and something happened to the machinery of the boat, which caused a delay. The engineer said that an eccentric had slipped, and the captain informed us that it would take about six hours to adjust the machinery, so if we wished to take a walk to pass away the time, we could do so.

Several of us strolled away from the river, when I noticed a rather neat little cabin standing on the brow of the bluff, and an aged negro sitting on the porch of the cabin. I walked up to her and tipped my hat, and said: "Good morning, auntie." "Good mornin', sah," she replied.

There was no smile on the face of auntie, she had a care-worn look, and seemed to be unhappy. I asked: "Are you not feeling well this morning, auntie?" "Yes, sah; I is feelin' well enough, but de old man is sick."

She invited me into the cabin. I walked in and there sat an old negro in a split bottom chair, and if he was not sick he was very much discouraged. I asked about his trouble. He said he was "done gone done for."

"How is that?" I asked. He said he went out to vote and they told him he was too old to vote for Harrison.

"Why didn't you go and vote anyhow?" I asked. "Well, you see, de white folks hab so many shotguns here. You see, de colored folks am free, but dey am not free to vote."

I picked up a book just then. It was the life of Fred Douglass. I read his Fourth of July speech, in which he spoke about the boasted liberty of the United States with four millions of slaves. While I was reading the old man began to sing very low. I could scarcely catch the words of his rhyme, but the last verse ran thus:

Everything peans dark just now, De days turned into night, All things will be right; And I see de freedom Lincoln ober on de golden shoals; A beekinin' to dis darkey, come an' vote for evermore.

Wheeling, W. Va., May 14, 1892.

A COWARDLY POLICY.

The "Register" Advises West Virginia Congressmen to Straddle the Silver Issue. Wheeling Register.

We believe the West Virginia delegation will do their party a great service and themselves credit by voting to-morrow to postpone the consideration of the bill at this time. Such a vote would not commit them for or against free coinage. It would simply put them on record of placing the question on the shelf for the present, and where it belongs—until more vital and important legislation is considered.

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DEMOCRATIC SPLIT. Ex-Gov. Brown Thinks the People's Party Will Disrupt the Georgia Democracy. ATLANTA, GA., May 15.—Ex-Senator Joseph E. Brown, the War Governor of Georgia, who hauled down the flag before the state had seceded, and who took the leadership of the Republican party as soon as the war was over, later becoming the boss of the Democratic party, has written a letter which will appear to-morrow. In it he recognizes the fact that the government of the United States is one of party, that there will always be two main parties, and that other parties are always merely side issues to be absorbed at a convenient time by one of the great parties. The present movement of the People's party, he says, will be a feeder to the Republican party. He adds: "For the present the Republicans will not attempt to absorb them, but, as they will be more unfriendly to the Democrats than the Republican party, they can more readily be induced to unite with the Republicans, and we may expect, if the third party is successful this fall, or if it polls a strong vote, to see it unite with the Republican party a year or two hence, and then, by the union of the white and colored Republicans and the People's party Democrats, who are all fused together in one party, they may have strength enough to take control of our affairs in the South, and the result may be the almost indefinite retention of national power by the Republican party."

"It seems to me, therefore, that nothing is more to be deprecated than a third party movement, which has resulted or may result in a division of the Democratic party and a division of the white race in the South."

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