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For the Needy.

The INTELLIGENCER will receive and

acknowledge publicly any subscriptions

that may be sent in for the relief of the

destitute of Wheeling and hand the same

over to the citizens' relief com-

mittee. The following have already

been received:

Amount before reported, \$735.50

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The important fact is now determined

that the President cannot control the

senate. This is what Mr. Cleveland

wanted to know.

They See a New Industry.

Anything relating to tin plate is hard

to get into the free trade mind. Free

traders used to say that tin plate could

not be made in this country, and they

insisted on this long after it was being

produced. The Register is a specimen of

the kind of mind here spoken of.

An industry which in the past fiscal

year, the second of its history, turned

out 50,000 tons can no longer be said to

have no existence, nor can it be said to

begin to hedge, and they are doing it

to the best of their ability. The Regis-

ter, among others, is at it. Of course

"the tin plate industry in this country

does not amount to much," and if it

ever gets to be a respectable industry

"its growth will come about under the

Wilson bill."

The industry, according to this free

trade theory, is to go ahead because of

the reduced duty on the competing pro-

duct—in which respect it is to break

the American industrial record. If the

men who have invested in the tin plate

industry nearly \$1,000,000 could be made

to believe this they would feel much

more comfortable over the prospect of

the passage of the Wilson bill. They

don't feel comfortable because they

don't know so well as the free trade

lawyers in Congress what is good for

them. They will make an effort to preserve

what they have, but they dread the con-

flict.

It is reassuring to find in the Register

even at this late date even a slight and

inadvertent recognition of the existence

of some tin plate mills in this country.

Here is the delicate recognition: "It

will not do to say that such mills as are

now in existence would not have been

started without the McKinley law. The

necessity for them existed; the demand

for tin plate was so great that capitalists

saw a profitable business in prospect,

and the mills were erected to meet that

demand."

Could anything be finer than this? In

all the previous history of the coun-

try, and when tin plate was selling as

high as \$175 a box and the country

was consuming vast quantities of it,

American capitalists did not see "a

profitable business in prospect." These

peculiar capitalists preferred to wait

until tin plate was selling at less than

half the high price before they would

risk their money in the venture and get

ready to meet the demand—which the

Welsh were supplying right up to the

haule.

So we have the McKinley duty, which

increased the duty by \$120 a box, cati-

vely exclaimed away. It was in

obedience to the law of supply and

demand, not to rob the consumer by the

list. If they are right there is in store

for the Wilson bill such an overhauling

as will result in many and fundamental

changes in its character.

If free coal be so important as the

Wilson people say it is to their general

elfare, doubtless coal will knock their

seleme into a cocked hat and will make

it necessary to begin at the beginning.

This is one of the reasons why it is un-

safe to look for a duty on coal.

HILL has sent Peckham to hunt for

Hornblower.

The Defeat of Mr. Peckham.

In the rejection of Mr. Peckham,

nominated to be a justice of the

supreme court, the President sustains

another decisive defeat at the hands of

his own party. How much the result is

due to dissatisfaction with the nomi-

nee, how much to the method resorted

to of bringing about his confirmation,

and how much to the influence of Senator

Hill, is hard to say.

Each of these considerations may have

contributed to the result. Certainly

Senator Hill will find intense satisfac-

tion in a result for which he has striven

with all the energy and cunning for

which he is noted.

Mr. Peckham's rejection, following

that of Mr. Hornblower, nominated from

the same state for the same place, will

widen the breach in the ranks of the

Democracy of New York and increase

the probability of Republican success at

the next election.

It has been understood in New York

that in the event of Mr. Wheeler's re-

jection he would conduct the investi-

gation of the police force of New York

city before the committee of the state

senate appointed for that purpose. Mr.

Peckham's ability and his known hatred

of the Tammany machine, of which the

police force is an essential part, will

not show less conspicuously by reason

of the humiliation which Senator Hill

has sought to put upon him.

If Mr. Peckham shall bring out in the

investigation what it is believed can

be shown, there will be such a rattling

of dry bones as will rip the Democratic

organization wide open. This is one of

the reasons why New York Republicans

have hoped for Mr. Peckham's re-

jection.

Harper's Weekly has in its current

number an excellent portrait of Hon.

William L. Wilson drawn from life. It

is by odds the best portrait that has

been published of Mr. Wilson, and it is

given the post of honor in the Weekly.

Coal in Second District Politics.

Mr. O. S. McKinney writes an excel-

lent article in reply to some questions

of the Grafton Leader suggested by Mr.

McKinney's published views on the

treatment of West Virginia coal in the

Wilson bill.

The Leader having asked Mr. McKin-

ney whether he will support Mr. Wilson

in the event of his re-nomination, Mr.

McKinney says he will. This is pre-

cisely the weakness of these Democratic

protests. What does Mr. Wilson care

for the able protests of Mr. McKinney

and other Democratic politicians so long

as he can rely on their support in case

of his re-nomination?

And if Mr. Wilson be pursuing an un-

Democratic course, as Mr. McKinney

says he is, why should he or any other

Democrat feel under party obligation to

give Mr. Wilson a chance to do some

more work of the same kind?

It is just possible that Mr. McKin-

ney pledges himself to the support of Mr.

Wilson because he thinks Mr. Wilson

will not have the nerve to face the

voters of his district. There may be

something in this.

It was predicted that the defeat of

Peckham would show that Republican

senators and Hill's friends had made a

deal on the tariff question. This is

highly important if true.

Sugar Duties and Sugar Market.

It is not at all probable that the

members of the senate sub-committee on

the tariff are juggling reports of their

action on the sugar question in order to

play the market for their profit. The

INTELLIGENCER does not believe that

one of them would be in such disgraceful

business.

It seems, however, that somebody

pretty close to this sub-committee is

within range of communication with

the sugar speculators, and the market

is being rigged from day to day. If

there were less secrecy about what is

going on in the sub-committee this

could not happen, for everybody would

know as much as anybody else.

BREAKFAST BUDGET.

Last Saturday George Steele was a

laborer at the Sharon (Pa.) Steel Cast-

ing Company's works. Today he is es-

timated to be worth \$10,000 left him by

an uncle, who died in England about

two years ago. Mrs. Steele, who is in

England with her children, sent her

husband the good news.

There yet remains uncalled for \$3,000

of the money raised in Brooklyn for the

relief of the sufferers from the flood at

Johnstown, Pa., nearly five years ago.

A French priest stationed at Jerusa-

lem has been the fortunate dunder of "a

talent of the time of King David." It

was unearthed in his dooryard.

At a late banquet in Boston all those

present spoke to the one toast, "My oc-

cupation, its nature, difficulties, attrac-

tions and opportunities."

According to Ward McAllister the

reason why American heiresses marry

foreigners is that American youths are

too busy to marry them.

An Irishman, says the Detroit Free

Press, well describes the grippe "as a

disease that keeps you sick three weeks

after you get well."

The Third cavalry rode 18,000 miles

last year on the border, one company,

from G. accomplishing eighty-five

miles in one day.

Warren Antill, of Henry county, New

York, has a house on wheels and a trac-

tion engine to haul it when he wants

to move.

The valuable collection of autographs

which Charles H. Christian, of Orange,

N. J., has sold to W. B. Derbyshire, a

Londoner, includes, among many others,

an epistle from all but one of the Pres-

idents of the United States.

In Morocco preparing the bride for

the wedding ceremony is no usual mat-

ter. Her face is painted white and red

and her hands and feet are dyed yellow

with henna.

The Kingston (Ontario) school board

has adopted a system by which it will

provide, free to the pupils, paper, pens,

pencils and scribbling books.

The stamp collecting fad is on the in-

crease. Last year two London auction-

ers disposed of about £15,000 worth of

stamps.

THE BOND PROBLEM.

Another Solution of the Interesting Que-

stion Which Has Set a Good Many to

Wringing.

Mr. Clarence R. Laird, bookkeeper for

the Riverside iron works, sends the

INTELLIGENCER a solution of the prob-

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