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The Tariff Struggle.

The friends of tariff may as well settle down to the conclusion that the free trade Democrats will renew their attacks on the tariff in 1900. On this question they are more united than on the free silver fallacy, and the money question may be entirely eliminated so as to bring back the gold standard recalcitrants. A free trade writer recently expressed himself that "the Democratic party will make tariff reform a very prominent issue in 1900 instead of a merely perfunctory declaration of traditional principles."

The Democrats do not regard the tariff question as settled beyond the period of President McKinley's term. They are maintaining that the people have very short memories. It was so in 1892, when by the popular vote a condition of substantial prosperity was converted into prolonged disaster and distress. In the face of the extraordinary showing for the year 1898, when all previous records of prosperity were surpassed, the free trade press is fighting protection as vigorously as ever. There is no notion of giving up the struggle. All signs point to the intention of the Democratic party to make the tariff a leading issue next year.

A Strained Situation.

The present week at Charleston will be fraught with interest, as the balloting for United States senator will begin on Wednesday, and before that time, no doubt, some of the election contests will have been settled. The sub-committee of the house committee on privileges and elections which journeyed to Grafton to inspect and count the ballots in the Brohard-Dent contest have found that Mr. Dent is entitled to the seat—that is according to their computation, and to-day he will in all likelihood be sworn in. The report on the Roane county contest will probably be submitted to the house and action favorable to the Democratic contestant taken. The senate has decided that the "war senators" are entitled to hold their seats. No decision has been reached in Senator Kidd's case. The situation is very much strained, and the final outcome will be awaited with much anxiety. Let us hope that it will be settled in a decorous and pleasant manner.

Make it $1,200

It was a grand meeting at the Opera House yesterday afternoon, in observance of the fourteenth anniversary of the Young Men's Christian Association of Wheeling. It was announced that the association was in need of $1,200, the amount of a deficiency carried over from two years ago, and an appeal was made for popular subscriptions to wipe out the indebtedness. From all over the house came responses to the eloquent and witty appeal made by Rev. Mr. Buck, and in a short time $715 had been subscribed.

Although this readiness to help in such a worthy undertaking as the Y. M. C. A., was laudable, the entire $1,200 should have been raised without difficulty, and it is hoped and believed that the balance will be subscribed by the considerable portion of the public which did not attend the anniversary observance, but which doubtless feels as hearty sympathy in the great work of the Y. M. C. A. among the young men of this city. It would be distinctly discreditable to the city of Wheeling if this were not accomplished.

A Constitutional Convention.

At the meeting of the State Bar Association held in Charleston, a resolution was unanimously adopted, recommending the holding of a constitutional convention in the state, and a committee was appointed at the instance of some members of the legislature to propose the proper legislation for that purpose. It seems that about the close of the session of 1897 the late Judge Ferguson, who was much in favor of holding such a convention, drew a bill for the purpose, which he thought would secure the election of a convention which would be non-partisan, or as nearly so as possible. At that late period in the session, though, it was not thought advisable to introduce the bill. It has, however, been brought to the attention of the committee of the State Bar Association, and its provisions will likely be incorporated in whatever is proposed by that committee. As it will thus become a matter of public interest, a copy of Judge Ferguson's bill is appended, to afford an opportunity for general consideration and discussion:

1. That polls shall be opened at each place of voting throughout this state, on the fourth Tuesday in the month of May next, for the purpose of ascertaining the sense of the people of the state on the question of calling a convention to frame a new constitution for West Virginia. And all the provisions of sections six to eighteen, inclusive, and of sections twenty and twenty-one of chapter three of the Code of West Virginia, as the same were in force on the first day of January, 1891, so far as they relate to the powers and duties of each of the officers and persons therein named, and to the holding, conducting, superintending, recording, ascertaining the result of the vote cast at every such voting place, and of certifying the same, and to the canvassing of the votes cast in each county upon said question and recording the result thereof by the commissioners of the county court, at each general election held in the state, shall apply to the polls to taken in each county, and shall have the same force and effect in relation therto, as if the said sections had never been repealed. And any officer or person therein named who shall fail or refuse to perform any duty required of him by the said sections, or either of them, pertaining to the polls hereby required to be taken, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not less than twenty-five, nor more than one hundred dollars.

2. The vote taken at the several places of voting, as required by this Act, shall be by ballot, and every person voting in favor of the calling of said convention shall have written or printed upon his ballot the words "For Convention," and each person voting against such call shall have written or printed upon his ballot the words: "No Convention." And nothing else shall be written or printed on said ballots.

3. As soon as the commissioners of the county court of any county shall have ascertained and recorded the vote cast in their county, for and against the call for said convention, they shall certify and forward the same to the Governor, and it shall be the duty of the Governor on or before the fourth Tuesday of June next to declare the result of the vote cast in the several counties by proclamation, published in such newspapers as in his opinion will give general information thereof to the people, at least once in each week for four successive weeks.

In case a majority of the votes cast, as aforesaid, be in favor of the call for said convention, an election shall be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November next for the election of fifty-one delegates to said convention, as follows: Twelve of said delegates shall be elected from the state at large, and three delegates shall be elected from each senatorial district of the state. And no voter at said election shall vote for more than seven of said delegates at large, nor more than three of said delegates from any senatorial district. The said election shall be held and the result thereof ascertained, certified and declared under the provisions of said chapter three of the Code of West Virginia, in force on the said first day of January, 1891, as aforesaid, and not under said chapter as now amended. The election of any delegate to said convention may be contested, and such contest shall be commenced, proceeded in and determined, in the manner provided by law for contesting the election of a state senator.

5. The delegates elected to said convention shall assemble at the capitol, in the city of Charleston, on the third Wednesday of December next and proceed to the performance of the duty for which they were elected.

6. The said convention may elect a president and secretary, and such other officers as may, in their opinion, be necessary for the proper and effective performance of their duties, and fix their compensations. They may also adopt such rules and regulations for their own government as they may deem necessary and proper. And each member shall be entitled to the same per diem and mileage as a member of the legislature.

7. The Governor shall have the power to issue writs of election to supply vacancies which may happen in the said convention by death, resignation or otherwise, of any member elected previous to the meeting and organization thereof; but if any such vacancy occurs after the organization of said convention, the presiding officer thereof shall award said writs, and in either event, the election under said writs shall be conducted in all respects as the election hereinbefore provided for.

8. When said convention shall have completed their labors, they shall provide by schedule or otherwise for submitting the constitution framed by them to the voters of the state for ratification or rejection, and for ascertaining and declaring the result of the vote in the state thereon.

Bryan's Egotism.

The egotism of Col. Bryan is something marvelous. He has been pleased to place himself on the same plane occupied by the most notable characters in profane and sacred history, and it will not be surprising if he yet goes to the length of claiming the attributes of the deity.

He reached the height of absurdity in his recent Denver speech, in which he compared himself to Elijah. "We shall yet see him posing as a miracle worker," says the Cleveland Leader. "Surely he would be one if he could make fifty cents' worth of silver equal a dollar's worth of gold in the markets of the world, as he claims to be able to do, and perhaps he is now paving the way for some such demonstration of his supernatural power.

But the Boy Orator is making an egregious ass of himself in his wild opposition to what he terms "imperialism," for he is simply fighting a straw man, and is doing it only for political purposes. It seems that the people must some time discover the true character of Bryan, if they have not discovered it already, and estimate him at his true value. When they do that the eyes of the Democrats will be opened to the utter absurdity of their cause and its leader."

The Register has a deal to say about the refunding measure these days. Someone has been rude enough to suggest that the Register's opposition to this measure was inspired by the fact that Register stockholders and friends of the paper hold high interest bearing bonds of the city. Of course, these people want a 6 per cent bond and do not want to exchange one for a bond bearing only 4 per cent. By the way, a lower rate of taxation would also suit these investors in city bonds admirably; it would mean inability to continue the present policy of rapidly disposing of the city's bonded indebtedness, and certain persons' investments would be continued indefinitely.

To the Register—Why were taxes raised in the year 1895? Will the organ admit that Democratic mismanagement was the cause? With such legacies as the $11,000 overdraft from a Democratic gas board; unpaid bills from the preceding year amounting to over $5,000; default on bonded loan principal to the amount of $16,000—these and many other items of mismanagement made it necessary to increase the tax levy to the extent of fourteen cents in 1895. But after one year of economical and capable administration of city affairs by the Republican party, the rate was decreased to its former figure.

"Citizen and Taxpayer" in the Register, made a cowardly insinuation that reflected upon the honesty of the administration of the water board, but Secretary Schellhase speedily showed most conclusively that "Citizen and Taxpayer," whose identity is known, didn't know whereof he was talking. The Register printed Secretary Schellhase's reply and, although it most conclusively disposed of the insinuation, didn't have the manliness to acknowledge it had printed a malicious campaign fake. But that is not surprising.

The books of the city water board, as well as those of all other city officials, are open to inspection by citizens. Those of the gas board will not show an $11,000 overdraft, nor any other Democratic financial miscarriage. On the contrary, all outstanding bills were paid out of the year's revenues, and the overdraft reduced over $3,000. Another year as successful will wipe out that Democratic legacy.

A Republican water board is doing a great work, and a continuance of the present policy means one of the best water works in the country, and paid for out of the board's own revenues. Do the people want to risk the chance of a Democratic water board overdraft, such as that of a late Democratic gas board?

An efficient administration of the city government last year by a Republican council and Republican officials made it possible to reduce the city's bonded indebtedness over $33,000, and at the same time pay over $11,000 to the circuit court on the long-standing Main street stone bridge claim.

There are several ways of looking at the Register's specious and demagogic "lower taxes" howl. For instance, if the situation did actually justify a reduction in the rate of taxation, wouldn't it be to the credit of the administration of city affairs by the Republican council and officials of the past four years?

CLARKSBURG.

The Dates set for Fair Causing Great Dissatisfaction.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

CLARKSBURG, W. Va., Jan. 22.—The directors of the West Virginia Central Agricultural and Mechanical Society met Saturday and fixed the dates of the Clarksburg fair for September 5, 6 and 7. Considerable dissatisfaction is expressed by the stockholders over the dates, as they will conflict this year, as they have in former years, with the Wheeling fair. It would be to the advantage of both associations to agree upon dates that would not conflict with each other.

Corporal Cecil Davis, of the First West Virginia Regiment, who left here with Company D, sailed for Matanzas, Cuba, recently. He goes in the capacity of stenographer, with headquarters First Army Corps, on the staff of Gen. Wilson, governor-general of Matanzas. Mr. Davis is a son of Assessor T. M. Davis, of Sycamore Dale, and is a young man of sterling worth.

Clarksburg had an interesting visitor to-day, in the person of F. E. Simon, of Philippi. Mr. Simon recently returned from the Klondike, where he accumulated a vast fortune. He carried in his overcoat pockets over two hundred dollars' worth of gold nuggets, which he took great delight in showing his friends. He was ablaze with diamonds and wore a watch which he claimed cost him one thousand dollars. Mr. Simon was located at Dawson City for about one year and was proprietor of a large hotel at that place.

Ollie S. Hansford, of Mt. Clare, who was indicted by the September grand jury, for maintaining a nuisance, was tried in the circuit court here yesterday. Hansford conducts a dairy and the stable in which he keeps his cows, it was claimed, was kept in a filthy condition and that residents of that town complained to the county board of health, who notified him of the complaint and requested him to clean up his stable. He failed to do this and was indicted before the grand jury for keeping a nuisance. After hearing the evidence of over forty witnesses the jury brought in a verdict of not guilty and the case was dismissed.

Against "Monkeying"

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

MORGANTOWN, W. Va., Jan. 22.—The students of the West Virginia University took an advanced step yesterday afternoon in an endeavor to suppress cheating in examinations. At least four hundred of them met in commencement hall and adopted unanimously a resolution agreeing upon the honor system which is in vogue in several institutions, notably the University of Virginia. They pledged themselves to put down the practice. The experiences of the faculty have been very unpleasant because of the wholesale "monkeying" and they heartily approve the movement of the students. Dr. Brooke, Prof. Woolery and Prof. McKenzie on behalf of the faculty addressed the students.

Greater Fairmont.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

FAIRMONT, W. Va., Jan. 22.—A number of prominent Fairmont citizens left to-day for Charleston to assist in getting a measure through the legislature amending the city charter so as to permit the union of Fairmont, Palatine and West Fairmont under one charter. The borough would then have a population of eight thousand people. Several citizens also went to Washington to insist upon uniting the postoffices of Fairmont and Palatine in order that all may be served by carriers.

Spirit of Success.

Harper's Bazaar: One of the most potent elements of our success is our expectation that we shall succeed. With hand and brain we may work for success and with all our might; but if we constantly fear failure and mentally prognosticate it, we create around ourselves an unfavorable atmosphere, which will greatly help to fulfill our prophecy.

Earnest and determined faith in our success, while we plan and work toward it, is a powerful factor, against which few conditions in life can long stand opposed. We are daily learning more and more of the reality of thought, learning that our thought about a matter influences it as surely as our action toward it. Belief in the accomplishment of what we desire, and an intelligent planning to act, will often bring about the desired result without our co-operation, while impulsive work without thought will as often fail.

Hence the Tears.

"I know the pumpkin pie was rather thin as to filling," said the landlady, almost crying, "but I don't think he had any right to say what he did."

"What did he say?" asked the second table boarder.

"He asked me if I didn't think that the pie crust would be improved if it had another coat of paint."—Indianapolis Journal.

Shall Porto Rico be a State?

Our public men are trying to decide what action should be taken regarding the status of Porto Rico. We have never before had to deal with a similar condition where nearly a million people of a foreign tongue have been annexed. Neither have we have ever had before such a reliable medicine for malaria, fever and ague as Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. It drives the poisons out of the system, and establishes strength to resist future attacks.

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Don't neglect your family in order to pose as a public benefactor.

Don't sit down and wait for a good job to come along and hunt you up.

Don't talk too freely when you don't know what you are talking about.

Don't tell all your troubles to a policeman; give the reporter a chance.

Don't expect to maintain a wife on "taffy" because you won her with it.

Don't quarrel, but if you must quarrel, don't quarrel with your bread and butter.

Don't think all amateur photographers are pessimists because they take poor views of life.

Don't neglect to keep your shoes polished. You can always shine at one end if you can't at the other.—Chicago Daily News.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

Fools invest first and investigate later.

Learning and wisdom are not always on good terms.

Love in a cottage is but another name for a labor union.

People who live in glass houses should have them frosted.

A wise man prepares for the worst while hoping for the best.

Nearly every married woman thinks a lot of other women envy her.

The inebriate is unable to get sixteen drams out of an ounce of whisky.

At a wedding the men all pity the bride and the women all pity the groom.

Actions speak louder than words, but women will continue to use words.

A wise man never questions a child in public unless he is sure of the answer.

Uneasy lies the head that wears a crown, but some other heads seem to lie easy enough.

The man who has little and wants less is richer than the man who has much and wants more.

About the easiest thing in the world to lose is a diary. It is almost impossible to keep one for any length of time

Only those who dwell where there are mountains without valleys experience joys without sorrows—Chicago Daily News.

PASSING PLEASANTRIES.

"What is rained mostly in damp climates?" asked the teacher. "Umbrellas," replied Johnny.—Tit-Bits.

Proud Mother—"Oh, John, the baby can walk!" Cruel Father—"Good. He can walk the floor with himself at night then."—Tit-Bits.

"If I was General Miles I would make Eagan eat his own words." "Why not make hime eat some of the embalmed beef?"—Philadelphia North American.

Mrs. Skimpen—I think Mr. Smith must have liked the beefsteak pie. He had two helpings of it. The Tactless Boarder—Possibly he did it on a wager.—Boston Transcript.

"I am told that he is her fifth husband." "Say, it must be awful to a man to feel that his wife looks on him as a mere habit.—Indianapolis Journal.

"I suppose," she said, "that you are a close student of literature?" "No," answered the young man, with black-rimmed glasses, "I'm a student in illiterature. I like dialect stories."—Washington Star.

"Beauty!" sighed the gazelle, "is, after all, only skin-deep." "Well, we pachyderms ain't kicking," replied the hippopotamus, being altogether deceived as to the motives of the people who stared at her.—Puck.

"Papa," said Sammy Snags, "the paper says that a phantom party was given last night. What sort of a party is that?" "Oh, it's some sort of a ghost of a show," replied Mr. Snaggs.—Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegraph.

Mrs. C.—I wonder where in the world the alarm clock has gone! I saw it on the mantel yesterday. Mr. C.—It was there yesterday, but I heard it going off this morning. Mrs. C.—Well, I hope it hasn't gone where you told it to go.—Yonkers Statesman.

January.

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And the snowflurries hurry down,
Making all the landscape white,
Just as if it blanched with fright.
You obey no word or law;
Now you freeze, and then you thaw,
Teasing all the brooks that run
With the hope of constant sun,
Chaining all their feet at last
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Months of all months most contrary,
Sweet and bitter January!

—Frank Dempster Sherman.

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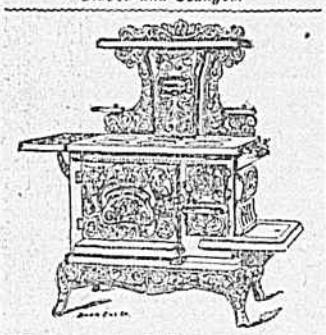

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