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The financial distress of 1875 contributed very largely to the popular vote received by the National Democratic candidates in 1876. If the hard year of 1883-4 will perform the same service for our candidates in 1884, we will have a very considerable compensation for our privations.

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We publish a sensational communication to the New York Times about prospective Democratic trouble, which are to be brought about in the present Congress by obstruction tactics to be resorted to by Mr. Randall to prevent tariff action at the present session.

The Spring Investigating committee if vigorous in its work will do more for the Democratic party in the coming campaign than any tariff bill which can possibly be passed or agitated at this session of Congress.

ANDERSON COUNTY IN 1884.

A Statement of its Industries, Condition and Prosperity. The following statement of the agricultural, manufacturing and other industries of Anderson County was prepared by Hon. B. F. Crayton for publication in the News and Courier's great review of South Carolina, which has just been published, and will doubtless be of interest to our people.

MANUFACTURES. Number and kinds of manufacturing establishments: Cotton mills, 2; flour and grist mills, 8; lumber, 19; and other manufactures, 18. Total, 38. Capital employed, \$761,300. Value of annual product, \$1,029,000.

Number of persons employed: Whites, 747; colored, 178. Total, 925. NOTE.—Part of the above statement is based upon approximate estimates, as no statement could be obtained from the Anderson cotton mills. No statement is given of the annual product of the lumber mills, as no statement for "lumber manufactures" further than the number of establishments and the character of products. The estimates given have close relation to the reports of like industries furnished from other counties.

TARIFF REFORM.

On last Monday Mr. Morrison, of Ohio, introduced into Congress his much talked of bill for the reduction of the tariff. Its title is plain, and appeals to the taxpayers. It is "a bill to reduce import duties and war-tariff taxes." The bill provides that on and after the first day of July, A. D. 1884, only eight per cent. of the duties and rates of duties now imposed shall be collected, which effects what is termed a horizontal reduction of twenty per cent. on the present duties. No duty or rate of duty shall, after said first day of July, 1884, be levied, collected, or paid in excess of 40 per centum ad valorem or its equivalent on cotton and cotton goods, 50 per centum ad valorem or its equivalent on metals, and 60 per centum ad valorem on wool and woollen goods. Provided, That no duty shall be reduced below that imposed by the Morrill tariff Act of 1861. The following articles are to be admitted free under this bill:

Iron ore, copper imported in form of ore; lead ore, nickel in ore, malleable cast iron or chrome ore; coal, timber, wood, manufactured or unmanufactured, enumerated or provided for in this Act; hay, chicory root, ground or unground, burnt or prepared soot, and sundries of iron or prepared soot, and all other articles used or intended to be used as coffee or as substitutes therefor, not specially enumerated or provided for in this Act; jute bales, bristles, beeswax, lime, glycerine, crude fish glue or fish glue, spruce, dentine, tar, starch, gum, substitutes or British gum, extract of beehive and other bark used for tanning, not otherwise enumerated or provided for in this Act; indigo, tartaric acid, refined, coarse, white and black, and other articles used in the manufacture of dyes, and other articles used in the manufacture of dyes, and other articles used in the manufacture of dyes.

Number of mines in the county? Mines, coal, iron, copper, lead, zinc, silver, gold, platinum, and other. This county contained among the largest and most valuable mines of any county in the agricultural States of the South. Number of quarries? There are numerous quarries in the county, notably at Pendleton, Simpson's Mill, Williams, and other places. The principal quarries are at Pendleton, Simpson's Mill, Williams, and other places.

bulbous roots and excrescences, such as nut galls, figs, flowers, dried herbs, gums, resins and gum resins, ferrous, leaves, lichens, mosses, nuts, roots and stems, spices, vegetables, seeds, (aromatic, not garden seeds) and seeds of morbid growth, were most extensively used, dried and dried insects—many of the foregoing of which are not edible but which have been advanced in value or condition by refining or grinding or by other process of manufacture and not specially enumerated or provided for in this Act.

The propriety of interfering with the tariff at this session of Congress is also problematic in its effects upon Democratic prospects, but we believe Mr. Morrison's plan of handling the subject is the safest and best for the present. It assumes that the adjustment of the Republican tariff is relatively correct, but that it is excessively high. Therefore, without interfering with the proportion, which would provoke a very uncertain and dangerous issue, he merely proposes to bring the duties down to a revenue standard. It, in effect, makes a tariff for revenue with incidental protection, and comes as near presenting common ground for the protection Democrats and the low-tariff Democrats to stand on as any that can be devised. It is certainly a great improvement upon the existing law.

THE WEST AND THE SOUTH.

The Charles City (Iowa) Intelligence copies our article of two weeks ago on the presidential outlook, and says: The following from the ANDERSON (S. C.) INTELLIGENCE states the presidential outlook from a Southern standpoint. It is, too, a very correct diagnosis of the Democratic case generally, and it is true to the letter except where it says the "feeling of the West towards the South is bitter and unrelenting." This is a mistake; nowhere in the country, we believe, are there as genuine a feeling of good-will towards the Southern people than here in Republican Iowa.

In what we said about the Western feeling towards the South, we were governed principally by the attitude of the leading men from that section towards the South. From those men we have reached the conclusion that the embers of the war of twenty years ago are fresher in that section than any other part of our country. We said this feeling was temporary, and would give place, upon better acquaintance, to more amicable relations. We are glad to have the assurance of our contemporary that there is already a good state of feeling there towards the South. We had no doubt that a paper as conservative and fair as the Charles City Intelligence, although Republican in politics, had none of the feeling of antagonism of which we spoke. We have never seen an unfair or sectional article in its columns, but we cannot say so much for some of the other Western papers—evils some of them claiming to be Democratic. It is only a question of time until the bitterness of the past shall give place to mutual feelings of friendship and respect.

THE HOUSE PASSES THE BILL FOR THE REPEAL OF FITZ JOHN PORTER.

The morning hour having been dispensed with, the House at 12:45 p. m. went into Committee of the whole, with Springer, of Illinois, in the chair, on the Fitz John Porter bill—general debate being limited to three hours and forty-five minutes.

Wolford, of Kentucky, resumed his argument, begun last Saturday, in support of the bill. He criticized the speech made by Herr, of Michigan, lecturing ex-Confederates for voting against the bill. That gentleman had said that ex-Confederates had no right to vote upon this proposition.

Wolford explained that he had argued that good faith should prevent them from doing so. Wolford was happy to hear that it was only a lecture on faith. The gentleman was interested in the question of self-respect should prevent them from taking part in this debate. The gentleman would have no respect for the ex-Confederates if, like himself, he had been a soldier and a lover of the country; that they were here saying to-day and for the future that they had left behind them the bitter feelings engendered by the war and everything that divided the country.

Wolford replied that he asked it on the highest grounds ever presented. He demanded it only as an act of justice to a long injured man. [Applause on the Democratic side.] Wolford passed on to a review of the case, and was frequently applauded by members, who collected around him in the center aisle, but his remarks were at times so low as to be inaudible.

Calkins, of Indiana, began his argument in opposition to the bill by the offer of his arm to Mrs. Carlisle and escorted her to the head of the White House. The lady, given to the White House this morning, had a short consultation with his sister early in the day. It did not take him long to decide the question. Who is the first lady? The title properly belongs to Mrs. Carlisle, and she shall have it, cost what it may. Mrs. Frelinghuysen stood waiting expectantly in the reception room before dinner was announced. The guests were chatting pleasantly together. A look appeared in the doorway and here, to the surprise of Mr. Arthur arose and gracefully tendered his arm to the Speaker's wife. Mrs. Frelinghuysen was the third on the list. She looked for a few moments as if she were not to come, but the cloud soon passed away.

Under Mississippi law a woman is liable to indictment for assault if she strikes her husband; but the man is not liable for assaulting if he uses a switch or a stick. It is now proposed to amend the statutes so to give the wife the same immunity that her husband enjoys.

Rivers and Wilson's Creek. The latter has been used for mill-tons. AGRICULTURE. 1. Number and kind of improved agricultural implements? Grain sowers 10, reapers 200, sulky ploughs 75, stump pullers none; total, 1,685.

2. Head of improved stock, &c.? Very few sheep. Cattle: Jerseys, 135; Ayrshires, 25; total, 160. 3. Efficiency of colored labor as compared with last year and with efficiency five years ago? About the same as last year and better than five years ago.

4. Supply of colored labor as compared with the demand for any one year? The supply and demand last year and five years ago? The supply is about equal to last year and better than five years ago.

5. Condition of colored farmers as landowners and tenants? Very few have been successful. 6. Number of hours to full day's farm work? In winter from 9 to 10 hours; in summer from 12 to 13 hours.

7. Percentage of loss in raising, packing and ginning cotton? About 50 cents per hundred is paid for ginning and packing cotton. 8. Extent of field work done by women and children, white and colored? The white women and children of the country work in the fields when driven by necessity. The colored women and children out of the towns generally work in the fields.

9. System of labor most in use? Laborers usually work for a part of the crop, though many hire for wages by the month or year. Pay about 10 cents. 10. Cost of producing merchantable cotton? Can't say definitely, though at the present prices many think it not remunerative to grow cotton.

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13. Progress of colored farmers in saving money and acquiring land? Do not think colored farmers are making any progress. 14. Number and nationality of foreign-born immigrants in county? Number, 150, pretty equally divided between Irish and German. They receive from \$12 to \$15 per month, are good laborers and seem anxious to acquire homes.

15. Quantity and price of land for sale? Quantity, 178, 200, 250, 300, 350, 400, 450, 500, 550, 600, 650, 700, 750, 800, 850, 900, 950, 1,000, 1,050, 1,100, 1,150, 1,200, 1,250, 1,300, 1,350, 1,400, 1,450, 1,500, 1,550, 1,600, 1,650, 1,700, 1,750, 1,800, 1,850, 1,900, 1,950, 2,000, 2,050, 2,100, 2,150, 2,200, 2,250, 2,300, 2,350, 2,400, 2,450, 2,500, 2,550, 2,600, 2,650, 2,700, 2,750, 2,800, 2,850, 2,900, 2,950, 3,000, 3,050, 3,100, 3,150, 3,200, 3,250, 3,300, 3,350, 3,400, 3,450, 3,500, 3,550, 3,600, 3,650, 3,700, 3,750, 3,800, 3,850, 3,900, 3,950, 4,000, 4,050, 4,100, 4,150, 4,200, 4,250, 4,300, 4,350, 4,400, 4,450, 4,500, 4,550, 4,600, 4,650, 4,700, 4,750, 4,800, 4,850, 4,900, 4,950, 5,000, 5,050, 5,100, 5,150, 5,200, 5,250, 5,300, 5,350, 5,400, 5,450, 5,500, 5,550, 5,600, 5,650, 5,700, 5,750, 5,800, 5,850, 5,900, 5,950, 6,000, 6,050, 6,100, 6,150, 6,200, 6,250, 6,300, 6,350, 6,400, 6,450, 6,500, 6,550, 6,600, 6,650, 6,700, 6,750, 6,800, 6,850, 6,900, 6,950, 7,000, 7,050, 7,100, 7,150, 7,200, 7,250, 7,300, 7,350, 7,400, 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