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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12, 1898.

We are told that our friend Mr. T. D. Phelon of Huntington, has aspirations in the direction of a seat in the next Ohio Legislature. Lorain county might look further and do worse.

THE movement to an increase in the earnings of labor, and consequently to enhancement of the comfort and well being of workingmen, is the most cheering phenomenon in modern social progress. Let us all bid it a hearty welcome!—Philadelphia Record.

MANY well meaning people are agitating the question of a trade between Uncle Sam and John Bull. They want Samuel to trade the Philippines to John Bull for his West India possessions, a "swap" which by the way might be a good thing for Sam, but we have misgivings as to how John would view the matter.

MR. BRYAN has been invited to be a guest at the meeting and banquet of the young men's democratic club of Columbus, O., some time this summer. This time is left to Mr. Bryan to suit his convenience. He is to be the star attraction. At present the price per plate has not been definitely fixed but it is understood to be somewhere from one to sixteen.

THE army beef investigation at Washington continues to drag its slow length along. The consensus of testimony develops the fact that the beef was nauseating to the stomach of the soldier, but there is a mental nausea which is being experienced by the public as they continue to omit the reading of the court reports on the subject from day to day.

REV. MARION MURDOCH and Rev. Florence Buck, associate pastors of the church of the Unity, Cleveland, last week presented their resignations as pastors of said church. They had served the church for six years in that capacity, and their services had been highly satisfactory, and the church accepted their resignations with expressions of sincere regret.

NEARLY all the successful mayoralty candidates in the recent election in Ohio, are being mentioned for governor this fall. We know that the Buckeye state is full of men capable and worthy of that high office, but would it be wise to trot out too many of them at once? Some of the delegates to the state convention might become "rattled" on the subject. Go slow friends, "enough is as good as a feast."

MAYOR McKisson of Cleveland, continues to make himself odious to many of his fellow citizens by numerous radical and arbitrary changes in the various departments of the city government. It is a picture of a politician making all the trouble and confusion he is capable of making, knowing that in a few short hours will be accomplished his official death. After Monday next, it will be Mayor Farley.

AND now comes Mayor Jones of Toledo, and offers himself a victim on the altar of gubernatorial aspirations, pledging himself to stand or fall as the people's candidate on the following platform of principles:

1. Municipal ownership of public utilities.
2. Equal opportunities to all.
3. Special privileges to none.
4. Eight hours to constitute a full day's labor.
5. The minimum wage scale \$1.50 per day.
6. The brotherhood of all men.

How any one can find fault with this political creed or confession of political faith is beyond our ken, unless, perhaps some of the "Weary Willies" would be inclined to cut off an hour or two from Article No. 4.

CONDITIONS with respect to imports and exports continue to be decidedly to the advantage of the United States, and fittingly answer the croakings of the pessimistic Cobdenites, who fancy they see in the Dingley Protective Tariff reasons for assuming that the law has proved by its workings that protection is no longer necessary to the development of the industries of this country, and for safeguarding American industrial interests and labor. The preliminary figures in respect to the imports and exports for the past seven months show that we have received from the manufacturers and producers of foreign countries \$17,000,000 less goods and commodities free of duty than were received during the corresponding months of 1897 and 1898. This is evidence that the protective law is working to the continuous and certain advantage of our own people. But what is equally interesting is the fact that our exports continue to increase, even over the record of the great year of 1898. The January exports of this year were \$7,000,000 in excess of those of the corresponding year. Of dutiable imports during the month there was an increase over the corresponding month a year ago, but the receipts of this class of goods were still less by ten million dollars' worth than in the same month of 1895, the banner year of importations of competing commodities under the Democratic Tariff.—Trenton (N. J.) "Gazette."

THE recent election in Cleveland reminds us of a remark made by a dutchman of our acquaintance some years ago, when the state of Ohio turned a political somersault at the state election: "Don't it beat Ohio how Hell went?"

"MUCH ado about 'nothing'" we think were living today would be Shakespeare's comment upon Samoan affairs. Why three great powers, England, Germany and the United States should have so much trouble over a few little islets of volcanic origin in the far away Pacific ocean, having the superficial contents of about five counties in Ohio, and a total population of a village like Dayton, is more than we are able to discern.

WHILE the laws of our commonwealth are rightly intended to dispense evenhanded justice between man and man, there is one particular in which it would seem they might be improved. We refer to the long drawn out cases where anything of consequence is at stake. The case at present "dragging its slow length along" at Canton, O., wherein a Mrs. George is on trial for murder, is or will be illustrative of the radical defects of our jury system. While our constitution guarantees that one accused of a capital crime shall be tried by a jury of his peers, yet the laws supposed to be framed in pursuance of the constitution provide for a certain degree of ignorance on the part of those said "peers." So it hardly gives an intelligent criminal a fair show, and the time often required to impanel a jury in such cases is long enough to try the case, to convict and execute the criminal, and to strew flowers upon his grave. It would seem to us very desirable that legislatures would give the matter more attention and see if more speedy and direct methods of procedure in criminal causes may not be devised.

LET no democrat "lay the flattering unction to his soul" that because the recent municipal elections have in many places gone democratic, that it foreshadows democratic victory on state and national issues. The democracy do not succeed in Ohio, nor in the country at large without the help of republicans. Republicans never vote the democratic ticket except for prudential reasons, and always do so on the principle that "of two evils, choose the lesser." This principle availed in Cleveland to elect Farley, and whenever a democratic governor of Ohio, or a democratic president is elected, it is by the help of republicans based on similar grounds. But is Ohio misgoverned at present? Or is the country at large suffering from lack of good government on sound business principles? We opine that it is not. There never has been a time of greater prosperity in our country. The public business is being conducted economically. Instead of issuing bonds in time of peace to carry on the expenses of the government, the public debt has been reduced and the gold reserve continued to accumulate in time of war. But what more shall we say? Time would fail us to point out in full the difference between republican business habits, and general democratic incompetence.

A REPRESENTATIVE ENGLISHMAN'S IMPRESSIONS OF AMBASSADOR CHOATE.

THE public debut of the new American ambassador at the dinner of the Associated Chambers of Commerce was a success of no ordinary kind. Manly and sincere as it was eloquent, Mr. Choate's speech struck the note of literary and forensic distinction that we have come to regard as a natural gift of American ambassadors. Since Lord Dufferin left the service, it would be hard to find a single member of the diplomatic corps who could be relied on to make such an impression on a mixed and critical audience as Mr. Choate produced, apparently without an effort, on his first public appearance in London. He was speaking to the nation as well as to the Chambers of Commerce. There are a rational frankness and a lucid unconvictionality about the new American ambassador's style which are found to be extremely attractive, especially by those who are sorely wearied by the rounded periods and studied impromptus of conventional British eloquence. Mr. Choate was boldly and successfully outspoken about the very things on which educated Englishmen think much but say little, and he expressed average opinion here quite as much as that of his own country. There was more to be found in his speech than the racy adroitness of a trained advocate. It was the utterance of a clear and sagacious mind speaking to one great nation in the name of another; a mind more intent on the realities of things than the glitter and graces of words; and yet with a mastery of style that hid the finished art concealed.—Harper's Weekly.

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A very interesting event is expected to take place in Wellington next week, on Thursday the 20th, it being the seventy-fifth anniversary of the First Congregational church of this place.

An elaborate program has been prepared, and numerous committees have been appointed to conduct the program to a successful termination. There will be both an afternoon and an evening session accompanied by excellent music and good singing, which everybody will be expected to enjoy.

The program almost speaks for itself, as the parties who are expected to participate are so well known here, nevertheless, we give an outline of it, so that the public may be able to judge somewhat of the character of the exercises for the occasion.

The first on the program is Rev. W. E. Barton, D. D., whose subject is "Our Church History." He will be followed by Deacon H. Wadsworth and others in "Reminiscences." Then will come a "Memorial" to Rev. Ansel R. Clark, pastor of the church from 1845 to 1858, by Miss Mary A. O. Clark.

Then follows "Statistics of Membership, Home Expenses, and Benevolences" by Mr. Charles Phelps. "The Women of the Church" will be the subject treated by Mrs. S. K. Laundon; "The Ladies' Benevolent Societies" by Mrs. G. L. Couch; "Our Sunday-School" by Dea. W. H. Fisher; "Our Young People's Societies," by Miss Elizabeth Johns; "The First Congregational Society, Its Relation to the Church," by W. R. Wean; "Out of the Old Church into the New," by Rev. Jas. A. Daly, Muncie, Ind., pastor from 1877 to 1883; "Our Ordeal by Fire," by Rev. A. F. Skeele, Painesville, O., Pastor 1893 to 1898; "The Pastors of the Church," by Rev. A. H. Currier, D.D., Oberlin, O.; "The Tie that Binds," by Rev. H. M. Tenney, D.D., Oberlin, O.; and "The Mission of the Church," by Rev. W. E. Barton, D.D., Oak Park, Ill., pastor 1890 to 1899.

To assure the success of the above proceedings, excellent committees have been appointed, as follows:

Executive—E. F. Webster, chairman; Rev. H. D. Sheldon, Mrs. S. K. Laundon, Mrs. G. L. Couch, Chas. Phelps, E. L. Benedict, and Dea. H. Wadsworth.

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OBITUARY.

It was just when the dead and parched earth was preparing to put on her garments of green; wreathing her brow with garlands of flowers; when the birds were warbling their notes of sweetness clear and melodious upon the morning air; when life seems the most pleasant and nature smiles, all wrapped in her sunny robe of transparent beauty; just at this time passed away the life of a sweet, lovely girl, Miss Ida Wright, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Wright. She was 24 years and 2 months old, just in the spring-time of life, when God blew at the candle of life and the soul winged its flight to Him who gave it.

The monster disease, consumption, for the last six months, preyed upon the vitals of life, till it closed her eyes in the calm embrace of death, April 10th, 1899. Ida no more will speak to father or mother, sisters or brothers, on this old battle ground of earth which has been drenched with blood and submerged in tears of sorrow. Ida endured her sickness apparently without a murmur or complaint, seemingly awaiting the final summons to call her out of the estate of pain and sickness; it's to be hoped into that land where the waters are crystal and the air is fragrant with eternal life; where Christ's presence fills the soul with joy supreme; where tears never come and where we never clasp hands or say goodbye.

Today, beloved Ida is sleeping her long long sleep in Wellington cemetery till Christ shall come and press his animated lips of love against the frozen lips of death. Then her body will plume its flight up through the chilling mists and suffocating damps to stand before the judgment bar of God to hear the decision of the great and just Judge. Weep not, father and mother, sisters and brothers, for your daughter and for your sister, but allow the sympathizing Christ to stoop down, and with the soft hand of love wipe away forever your tears of sorrow and bind up your wounded hearts.

The family wishes to extend to their friends and neighbors their due appreciation for the kindness conferred upon them by those who performed deeds of love and scattered flowers over the bier of the dead.

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Rev. David Myland state superintendent of the society, then delivered a very practical sermon, which was well received by the audience. This man was formerly a methodist preacher. We are not prepared to judge of the tenets of a religious body by simply hearing a single sermon, and that not intended to be characteristic. One or two things that we heard, if we understood aright, we would demur to, but in the main it was very able and acceptable.

These people are represented here by Mr. W. W. Harvey and others, and are seeking larger quarters in which to continue their meetings over Sunday. Tonight the attraction will be an address by Rev. Stanley a recent missionary to the Congo district in Africa.

AS GOOD AS A NATIVE.

How General Kitchener Impersonated an Arab and Convicted Two Spies.

Gen. Sir Herbert Kitchener, the arid commanding the Anglo-Egyptian expedition in the Sudan, is evidently a man of resource, if a story told of him be true. The sirdar is a tall, dark-skinned man who in disguise would easily pass for a native, and his knowledge of the character of the tribes, and of their language, gives him an advantage in dealing with the people.

At one of his camps on the Nile, so runs the story, two Arab chiefs, date-sellers, were on a certain occasion arrested, being suspected of being spies. They were confined in the guard tent, and were not left alone, for soon after their detention a third Arab prisoner was unceremoniously bundled into the tent.

Thereupon an animated jabbering began, and was carried on for a few minutes. The two prisoners were by no means reticent in the presence of one of their own race, who was, like themselves, a prisoner, and they let their tongues wag fast.

After a few minutes' conversation the sirdar was surprised to see the latest arrival draw aside the door and step out.

"All right, sentry," he said. "I am going to the general."

It was Kitchener, and he had himself investigated the case to see that justice was done.

A few minutes more passed, and again the door was opened. This time an orderly appeared. He handed a spade to each of the prisoners, and they were then marched outside, made to dig their own graves, and shot. They were, in truth, as had been suspected, spies, and the general had convinced himself of the fact.

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