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There seems to be little danger to the vitality of the seed from the blue stone. A field that has been very smutty during the previous season will be shown on the grain of the next year despite blue-stoning, but persistence in the practice will be more sure to put an end to the fungus germs, so far as they may be furnished by kind neighbors above the wind."

SEQUEL TO THE RICH TRAGEDY. The latest legal complication arising from the Rich tragedy is that TRIMBLE, who was Mrs. Rich's first husband, sets up a claim to her property on the ground that her divorce from him was illegal. He alleges that he was never served with process, and that the affidavit which set forth the fact that notice had been served on him was falsely sworn to.

THE SHELISH STAR CHAMBER. The war of the roses with its succession of bloodless battles still continues in the senate. One of the best points that has been made was scored yesterday by Senator KENNA in his hard, common-sense way of presenting a case when he accused the senate of being possessed of the hogwash disposition to monopolize the star chamber.

WATERED STOCK. To the Editor of the Globe: Would the GLOBE please inform an ignorant reader of the meaning of the term "watered stock" in the hands of corporations? What is its object and effect in this state.

OFFICIAL STRIKERS. Striking seems to be a mania just at present. Even the government employes have become infected with it. The latest move in this direction is an organization of the postal clerks on all the fast mail lines, who have appointed a committee with instructions to notify the postmaster general that unless he gives them a personal guarantee that they are to retain their positions permanently they will quit work in a body.

A SCHOOL FOR INDIANS. The theory held by the Indian affairs committee that the true solution of the Indian question is to be found in the establishment of schools for the children of the red men has many good reasons underlying it. So far as the experiment has been tried it has met with flattering success. The trouble is, however, that it does not go far enough. Not enough children are educated in civilized ways and returned to their tribes to leave the unrighteousness of the remaining savages.

THE BELL TELEPHONE SUIT. THE BELL telephone case will be tried at Columbus, and the bill which the government has prepared is completed and will be filed by Judge THURMAN next week. The bill is a lengthy document covering fifty pages of legal copy closely printed in small type. The suit is brought under section 1 of article 1 of the constitution, and the acts of congress passed in pursuance thereof by which the United States is authorized under certain conditions to restrain all persons within its jurisdiction from exercising their natural rights to employ their industry, ingenuity and means in making, vending, operating or using certain arts, machines, manufactures or compositions of matter.

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TO WHEAT GROWERS. As the time for wheat sowing is at hand, our Northwestern farmers naturally turn their attention to the subject. The first thing to arrest their attention is the matter of selecting seed wheat. Experiments made in England and also tried by farmers in Iowa and Illinois, demonstrated that it was not so simple as it might seem to select the best wheat from the top of the small and imperfect grains, and sow the largest and most perfect berries. This insures a larger yield and better quality. Tests have been made where fields, side by side, were planted three years in succession and both fields treated precisely the same, except in the seed, and the result has been that the field sown with seed carefully selected in the way we have indicated, invariably yielded from three to eight bushels more wheat than the other. It will therefore pay the farmer to take the time and trouble to select his seed wheat.

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the valuable telephone discovery either the property of some one else, or those who discovered it, having been abandoned by the original discoverer, is now free to be used by the people of the United States. It is alleged that the telephone is of great public interest and importance to the people of the United States, and that the Bell Telephone company has no right to oppress the people by charging large sums of money for the use of telephones alleged to be covered by its patents.

A GHOST STORY. It is remarkable what an amount of superstition there is in human nature. Neither culture nor conservatism which comes of age will wholly eradicate the belief in the supernatural which impressed itself on the mind of childhood. The fact that credence is given to the story that a specter keeps watch over the old Winslow house in Minneapolis which is now being torn down to give room to the new exposition building may not be such a surprising thing in the new West, but it is singular to find a community in so old a Connecticut all torn up by the presence of a nightly visitor, whose mysterious actions have paralyzed a whole township with terror. Near Killingsworth, in Middlesex county, stands an ancient farmhouse, situated on a hill overlooking Long Island sound. Notwithstanding it occupies the most attractive dwelling site in all the county, this venerable mansion has been tenanted for years and years until a Boston family occupied it last fall. Just 100 years ago, according to local tradition, a horrible tragedy was enacted here. The house was occupied by HORACE HIGGINS, his wife and three children. The husband was an amiable, middle-aged man, while the wife was a virago. A more than usually violent exhibition of her temper one day tried his quiet disposition beyond endurance and he slapped her jaws. Wild with rage the irascible spouse rushed into the chamber where her children were playing and with a common case knife cut the throats of all three of them and it was only after a terrible struggle the husband prevented her from cutting her own throat. The woman went mad and was confined until the day of her death in a rear room of the house where the windows overlooked the churchyard, where were to be seen the grassy graves of her murdered children. As the hour of noon and midnight approached the woman would always be seen standing at the window looking toward the clock on the church tower muttering to herself, "When those pointers come together at 12 my sins will be pardoned."

After the HIGGINS family died of the plague remained unoccupied because of the prevailing opinion in the neighborhood that the old mansion was haunted. It fell to a wealthy Boston gentleman by the name of RAY, having occasion to pass through Killingsworth, was so struck by the beautiful location of the HIGGINS house that he bought it. He repaired it and recently removed his family there. The family have had such a uncomfortable experience that they have been compelled to abandon the place and go back to Boston. According to the statements made by the family during the first night's occupancy Mr. RAY was awakened by screams coming from the servants' chamber. Hastily dressing he proceeded to investigate, and in the confusion he mistook the two servants sitting cowering under the blankets in a state of mortal fright. They declared that just as the little clock on the mantel struck 12 a woman entered the door and, proceeding to the window overlooking the churchyard, muttered something, mournfully shook her head, and then glided out of the door again. Mr. RAY laughed at their story and expressed a determination to occupy the room himself the next night. Accordingly he and Mrs. RAY occupied the haunted room the following night. They retired and dropped off to sleep when the husband awoke suddenly. Looking toward the window he saw the apparition of the previous night. Hardly certain whether he was awake or dreaming he nudged his wife and asked her to look in the direction of the window. The specter they saw had the appearance of a common-looking lady whose eyes were fixed on the churchyard, which could be distinctly seen in the moonlight. Together they gazed at the figure until the little clock chimed the hour of 12, when the ghost wrung its hands and muttered: "When the pointers come together my sins will be pardoned," and disappeared. Neighbors were invited to come in and occupy the room the night after next, and the next night was seen. Mr. RAY and his family have gone back to Boston, the house is again tenanted, except by its ghostly visitor, and the conservative people of that part of old Connecticut are all broken up because they can't give an explanation of the mystery.

ALONE AND FRIENDLESS. There is something almost pitiful about the position in which ex-President ARTHUR now finds himself. Living in the chief city of the country, among hundreds of people by whom he was formerly familiarly greeted, he is now almost as much alone as if he were living in a wilderness. Alienated by his coolness while in the White house, the former political friends, by whom he was once regarded as the soul of good-fellowship, now pass him coldly by. The estrangement by his course during the last presidential campaign, and his news and more influential friends regard him as little less than a traitor, and will have nothing socially to do with him. Defeated in his ambition to be re-elected to the presidency, and then to the senate, his public career is closed. With but a modest competence, nothing is left him but to live in dignified seclusion in his wifeless home, the only bright spot in which is his charming daughter, just budding into womanhood. The lot of ex-presidents, hampered as they are by the necessity for maintaining something of the former dignity which surrounded them, and more often than not, with cherished friendships destroyed by unfortunate political complications, is far from an enviable one. The law of compensations is inexorable in its working. It applies to ex-presidents as effectually as to the humblest citizen. In the case of Mr. ARTHUR it would seem that the cross which he is now bearing is hardly worth the crown worn for so brief a season. Eminent so dearly won is hardly worth the price.

IT PLEASES THE GLOBE to observe that with the awakening of new life which the glad-some spring-time inspires, its Third street contemporary has caught something of the spirit of the enterprise. The GLOBE published on Thursday an account of a robbery on the part of the Pioneer with a tact rebuked with the same news yesterday. The GLOBE of yesterday had an extended and exclusive account of a notable robbery in the neighborhood of the Pioneer, and the Pioneer, who are interested in the Pioneer, with commendable deliberation and after a careful reading of the GLOBE, will probably present the same information to its readers very soon. The GLOBE is a newspaper; it is always glad to have its contemporaries avail themselves of its columns.

IT ISN'T often they hang a man in New Orleans according to the forms of law, but when they do it is done in an extravagant way. The report detailing the hanging of FORD and MURPHY yesterday, while in an unconscious state from the effects of belladonna, says that when the trap was sprung "the bodies were launched into eternity." The usual way has been to send the souls into eternity and bury the bodies.

SERVITOR GENERAL DEMENT of Utah has finally been confirmed, but he had a narrow squeak of it. The next time he will be circled about by a swarm of interviewers when half a dozen reputable newspaper men have verbatim notes to produce against him. Perhaps the best plan for him would be to learn something from experience and not again become a party to an interview which is not supported by a hard-rock foundation of truth.

SENATOR WILSON tried to do the sky-rocking act of making remarks in reply to the president, but about those speeches there seems to have been more fix than brilliancy. It is quite supposable that the "protoplasmic presence," to which the former gentleman objects, fills the presidential chair with all the vitality for the fate of the average Republican politician.

IT, DESPITE the distrust which long residence in Washington is apt to engender, the senators, when they look into the open corridors of the capitol, and feel the grasp of his cordial hand, do not pass by as idle charges which has gone on to torture, they will do themselves but little credit as judges of human nature.

THE kind of reciprocity which involves the co-operation of Minnesota and Canadian railway magnates in the building of a new road which will develop a great deal of territory will meet the approval of every one. With its usual enterprise the GLOBE was the first newspaper to inform the public of the scheme.

THE senate committee on commerce has the RAY'S ship railway bill under consideration, and out here in Minnesota there is a burning curiosity as to whether ex-Senator WINDOM, president of the Ship Railway company, is giving any cozy and personal little dinners in Washington just at present.

THE Indian affairs committee believes that Indian schools should be established to civilize the Indians and the lands should be allotted in several courses at a medical school, for instance, would enable the Apaches to remove scalp with much greater neatness and despatch.

IT WILL be a strange thing if after so many years the negro leader of the Sioux massacre in 1863 is brought to justice. And there is no doubt that, if the man by whom the chief of police has been informed is actually the culprit, summary punishment will be dealt out to him.

IT IS reliably stated that the proposed highly moral newspaper which the Minneapolis ministers thought of starting came to an untimely death by so much sermon "copy" being furnished to the proprietors that no news could be printed for several years to come.

SENATOR EVANS is trying to push Senator LOGAN very hard in the presidential race, but until he grows a mustache as luxuriant as Black Jack's the advantage in which he is undoubtedly has over his somewhat more obese and unattractive opponent will count for nothing.

A STRIKE among government postal clerks would certainly be a novel affair. The government is not very likely to be embarrassed by a strike of men in such positions, and the clerks who have disclaimed sympathy with the movement are clever enough to see it.

A COMMITTEE of seven from each house of congress will be appointed to accompany the senatorial commission to the Philippines, and the clerks who have disclaimed sympathy with the movement are clever enough to see it.

THE farmers of Michigan will unite with the Knights of Labor and adopt the platform of the latter. It will be difficult to secure adhesion to the "eight-hour labor" plank, however. To the average farmer that would seem luxurious idleness.

IT MATTERS but little that the New Orleans murderers, Ford and Murphy, almost succeeded in avoiding the hangman's noose by taking poison. They paid the penalty for their dastardly crime with their lives, and justice is vindicated.

KANSAS CITY is already beginning to be hemmed in from the outer world by her bulk of spring mud. She will have outside connections, however, as soon as the St. Paul extension comes to the rescue.

IT IS unfortunate that the receiver of the Third street railway refused to arbitrate with the Knights of Labor. It is feared that his refusal may lead to even graver troubles.

OFFICE-SEEKERS in Washington who are still among the "outs" find themselves since the return of Logan, who is in the fashion in their enforced habit of fasting.

WITH MARY ANDERSON, the "Mikado" and the Boston Ideas all coming to St. Paul, the chance of a life would be the average maiden are beginning to waver sadly.

AMERICAN GIRLS' VOICES. Paris Morning News. A correspondent asked a visitor from the United States if all American girls did not have fine voices. That depends. When they whisper "Ask papa," it is remarked that they have a voice more enchanting than the strains of the Aeolian harp. When they answer, "I hope we shall always be friends," it is remarked that their voices have a harsh and repelling tone.

THE FARMERS WILL BE THERE. Princeton, N. J. The farmers are organizing and propose to "run" things themselves next fall. It looks now as if the farmers would be obliterated as far as state politics are concerned. Undoubtedly, if the farmers are united, they can elect their men from governor down to pathmaster.

NO MUSIC IN HIS SOUL. Pittsburg Commercial-Gazette. Davenport, Ia., has a family of musical prodigies, 5 to 12 years of age, who perform on stringed instruments. If Davenport will keep her prodigies at home there will be no further objections east of the Mississippi to bilizards.

AND PROBABLY SUCCEEDED. When President Cleveland interjected the words "I am a senator" into the conversation, his message to the senate he probably intended to nip the formation of the new Volapuk in the bud.

BELOW STAIRS. The area bell rings all day. And in a most distracting way; I jars upon the train of thought, With which my poet brain is fraught, And fills me with a mad dismay. Its summons Bridget doth obey, For to the door she goes straightaway, She is considered—as she ought—The area belle. Then back to work she hies so gay, And sings of Erin many a lay. In vain is silence then besought; She thinks her song will be wrought, She thinks she is, I've heard her say, The area belle. —Chicago Rambler.

MIDST THE MADDING THROUGH. I don't know that an early spring and bashful, modest Republican office-seekers have anything to do with each other, but the fact remains that the early breaking up of the present office-holding and the coming of a new spring witness an apparent modesty on the part of the most prominent aspirants for gubernatorial honors. They want the nomination and everybody knows that they want it; and yet they appear unwilling to commit themselves. As they say down in Indiana, "They can't get their own consent to acknowledge their candidacy."

I refer to the ex-Lieut. Gov. Charles A. Gilman of St. Cloud and the retiring Speaker John L. Gibbs of Geneva. Either of them would sooner occupy the executive office than the gubernatorial chair, but those wings in the world to come. The man who ever heard either of them refuse a public office never lived in Minnesota. Yet they would make it appear that they have not fully decided to serve the Republican party as standard-bearer in the coming state contest.

Gov. Gilman represents that his business interests are such that he is not quite sure that he could neglect them to make the race for nomination, or to serve the people as governor if elected in a month's time, he gives it out, that his business affairs will be in such a shape that he will be able to reach a decision. His business interests include a saw mill, lumber yard and a farm. His farm, just now, has new attractions for him, and it is a fair guess that the announcement of his numerous cows. Such talk sounds well out in the country, and no one knows it better than this same coy presiding officer of the state senate. Asking him to accept the nomination would be like asking a duck to take a swim.

Ex-Speaker Gibbs pretends that he is in the hands of his friends and may or may not have his name presented at the coming state convention. He is playing the farmer act, and writes in the name of his pet cows in a conversation with a voter, however brief the confab may be. He denies that there is any truth in the current rumor that he and Gov. Gilman have an understanding, and that, as a result of that understanding, he will make second place in the party ticket and Gilman will take the lead. Mr. Gibbs would desert every cow on his farm, and he pretends at this season of the campaign to be very fond of his bovine pets, if he could only secure the nomination and election as Minnesota's chief magistrate.

There is a lingering suspicion in the minds of the knowing politicians that Messrs. Gilman and Gibbs will come to an understanding within the next month, and that, at the end of the month, the former will announce his determination to make the canvass for the nomination, while the latter will be accorded the nomination for lieutenant governor. The coy Mr. Gilman is the most accomplished wily pugler in the state, and he is very fond of political combinations. During his visit in St. Paul yesterday he and ex-Gov. C. K. Davis had a long and apparently interesting conversation in the Merchants hotel. Another looker on the two men suggested that perhaps another combination was being formed that would place Mr. Gilman in the east and ex-Gov. Davis in the United States senate.

The Republicans of St. Paul and of Ramsey county are not particularly anxious for a reappointment of the present governor, they rather glad than otherwise that Gov. Hubbard refused to call an extra session of the legislature during the past winter, knowing that such a meeting included a redistribution of the assembly districts. They feared that the reappointment of the present governor would remain about the same, the county being Democratic, and the additional representatives on account of the increased population would be enjoyed by the Democrats. They know that the Minneapolis Republicans would be pleased by such a reappointment, as Hennepin county being strongly Republican its increased representatives would be of that faith. The St. Paul Republicans therefore see a fading away of their numbers in the legislature and an increase of the Minneapolis delegation, and they suggest when they think of reappointment.

THE ONLOOKER. Downfall of the Duke King. New York Letter to Boston Herald. Barry Wall has at last been led to the levee of his own class, and being seized by his tailor. Not so long ago Mr. Wall was regarded as the fag of New York blooded life. He was surrounded by a choice coterie of underdone chappies, and he was looked upon and near as the "king of the dukes." Mr. Wall enjoyed the distinction so much that he blew his fortune as fast as he knew how, and it is to be admitted that he knew how pretty well. It only took him a couple of years to get rid of something over \$300,000, and the youth who can go at that rate is a regular thing, it was the young man's pride that sportsmen called him "game," which they were quite willing to do as long as his money flowed into their pockets. Some of the larks of young Wall, and the immediate followers were extremely amusing—to themselves. At the same time they were expensive. For instance, one night after a long evening at the Brunswick, eight or ten of them started to drink park so as to be in the mood for the next day's sport. Wall's horses put through his exercise. They went up in a coupe and a hansom cab. The coupe had four people inside and four sitting outside on the roof. The hansom was driven by a driver and the roof was part way up Fifth avenue all hands sopped and waited for one of the crowd to go into his house and get an overcoat. He was gone some time, and the people aboard the coupe, including the driver, went to sleep. It occurred to Mr. Wall that his friends in the hansom that it would be a good scheme to play a joke on the other fellows. So they climbed out, and by all getting hold of one side of the coupe they took the bill, and the young man did not go to Jerome park that morning. The young chap is now living, I believe, on an income furnished him by his mother, who is still rich.

UNDERS AT THE OPERA. N. Y. Letter to Boston Saturday Gazette. A favorite to Boston Saturday Gazette is a waist without neck or sleeves, and in some instances not even shoulder-straps. If you can imagine a woman with no other waist than her corsets you can get a good idea of this new cut. Some ladies, whose modesty will not allow them to go the whole length of this fashion, wear feathers instead of shoulder-straps. I heard of one lady, the other day, whose modesty forbade her wearing one of these waists, but who wanted to be thought unfashionable, and who, as a compromise with her conscience, wore a flesh-colored chamois skin that fitted her so tightly the very effect could not tell which was the skin of the lady. It is unfortunate that these ladies of fashion should have any modest compunctions, for it sometimes makes them feel a little uncomfortable in their evening dresses, and the old-fashioned interferences with their connection with the day. The man who said that he was inclined to leave the opera house because he felt that he was playing the role of "Peeping Tom" and looking at the ladies in effect produced by some of these costumes. The worst of it is that the more that is written and the more that is said on the subject only drives these ladies to further lengths.

PAN-ELECTRIC LIGHT. The House Smelling Committee Begins Its Investigation of the Famous Telephone Affair. Editor Pulitzer Says He Held His Sensational Reports Three Months Before Publication. He Regards Garland's Action as Not Venal or Corrupt, but of Questionable Taste. Rogers, the Inventor, Gave Letters to the Press to Vindicate Himself and Father. Tracy Pan-Electric Testimony. WASHINGTON, March 12.—The house telephone committee began its investigations today. Mr. Joseph Pulitzer of the New York World took the stand. He said: My name has been connected with the publications touching certain telephone stocks, I assumed the responsibility for those facts, and I also assumed the responsibility for no human being has tried to influence me in any manner whatever. I do not know a human being to-day, so far as I am aware, who is a stockholder or interested in the Bell Telephone company. I have no motive other than that arising from the feeling that the publication of these facts were in the nature of news, and in the nature of a public service. All my books and papers, private and otherwise, are at the disposal of the committee. The publication of my reports, being hastily and carelessly ventured upon, were very carefully considered. I had the manuscript for three months in my pigeon-hole before publishing it. My correspondent at Washington, who furnished the manuscript, was instructed frequently during that time to ascertain whether the matters therein stated were true or not. Only after I had ascertained from the correspondent that he had made every effort to verify the correctness of the statements, and that he was satisfied that everything was correct, and only when the hope I entertained that certain gentlemen might rid himself of the possession of the stock, which, while not involving any venality or other improper motive, was a matter of public indiscretion; only when that hope, entertained three months, had been disappointed, and I felt assured that the correct only the truth, and that the publication of these reports, as they might be termed, he expressed a willingness to answer upon cross-examination. Mr. Pulitzer said he did not know any of the parties in the Bell Telephone company, the Pan-Electric. He desired even more than the committee to ascertain whether any papers had been improperly influenced. Mr. Rogers asked if Mr. Pulitzer knew any one who had been improperly influenced by the Pan-Electric. Mr. Pulitzer replied that he did. Mr. Rogers—Any one you connected with either house of congress? Mr. Pulitzer—Senator Vest, who himself stated that he held some of the stock, not donated but bought. I have been strictly introduced to Senator Harris, and know Mr. Harris, but I do not know any other members of the committee. Outside of these gentlemen named in the publications, I do not know any persons in congress who had any interest in the Pan-Electric company, and I do not think there are any. The committee know everything I know about that.

A LEADING QUESTION. Mr. Rogers—You do not own any Bell Telephone stock? Mr. Pulitzer—I do not own a single share of any of the stock of any speculative stock of any kind. I made it my rule and principle to teach any speculation whatever. I not only do not own any Bell stock, but I have never had any interest in the company. I never thought or said that there was any evidence of any venality or other improper motive in the purchase of the stock, but only as a matter of official propriety or indiscretion—of questionable taste. In the publication of the letters I printed every word that I felt justified in publishing as a public standpoint. Everything else I tried to exclude. A motion was made to put Mr. Casey Young on the stand, but he protested against the proposition, as it would require him to refute charges before he knew what he was charged with. The committee finally decided to hear J. H. Rogers, the inventor of the look-alike stock, but Mr. Rogers had been transferred to the Pan-Electric company. He gave a history of the company, and stated that he had been advised by Joseph E. Johnston, Gen. Atkins and Senators Harris and Garland as incorporators, who were not to pay any money for their interest. Gov. Brown of Missouri came into the company on the same terms. Some other parties embarked in the enterprise, but Mr. Rogers had no interest in the state rights usually for \$5,000 to \$10,000, a royalty on the instruments and certain proportion of the local stock. Mr. Rogers said that the total value of the company was between \$30,000 and \$50,000. Witness believed that the stock had been sold for \$100,000. Mr. Rogers said that he had been advised by Garland's opinion as a lawyer. He had depended not only on Garland's opinion, but on the fact that the Pan-Electric company was a legitimate business instrument, and on the possibility of selling it to the Bell company. The suit brought by the government last summer against the Pan-Electric was the subject of investigation, and the witness said that the only concern he had had with any of his associates prior to the trial was that the government would bring suit, and that the government would bring suit. Rogers, Sr., asked whether Garland had promised to bring a Young motion, "Yes," Rogers, Sr., said, "If Garland has promised, he will do it." Young said that Garland had a delicacy about continuing the trial, and that he would like to go to Goode. Rogers, Sr., asked whether Goode would act if the matter were left with him. Young said that he would not act if the matter were left with him, and that he would not act if the matter were left with him. Rogers, Sr., asked whether Goode would act if the matter were left with him. Young said that he would not act if the matter were left with him, and that he would not act if the matter were left with him.

POSTAL SAVINGS BANKS. Arguments in Favor of Their Establishment. WASHINGTON, March 12.—The house committee on postoffices and postroads today had a hearing this morning on a number of people who appeared to advocate the passage of the measure which have been introduced providing for the establishment of postal savings banks. The committee was called to order at 11 o'clock. There was not a quorum present at that time, but it was decided to go on with the hearing. Assistant Secretary Fairchild, speaking in behalf of the State Charles' association of New York, addressed the committee briefly. He made a forcible argument in favor of the measure. The government, he said, had the machinery which, with very little expense, could be used to take the savings of the poor and give absolute security. President Gilman of Johns Hopkins university spoke as the representative of the Charity Organizations society of Baltimore. Representative Thomas of Maryland, the author of the bill, spoke in behalf of the measure, and he earnestly defended and explained his measure. Mr. Willis S. Payne of New York opposed the establishment of postal savings banks on the ground that it would injure private savings banks.

A LABOR PLOTTING. WASHINGTON, March 12.—The house committee on ways and means gave a hearing today to representatives of the Amalgamated Association of Iron and Steel Workers. Mr. Welby of Pittsburg, president of the association, said that the agitation of the reduction in the iron and steel

REDUCTION OF WAGES. Invariably followed a general reduction of tariff duties. Mr. Stewart (referring to a remark made by Mr. Breckinridge of Arkansas relative to the conduct of Gilman under the policy of shutting itself out from foreign intercourse) said that when the American workmen came down to the Chinese policy and carried everything on their backs, the wages would come down to the same rate as in China. The American workmen had genius. The Chinaman had not. Mr. Breckinridge of Kentucky inquired in regard to the general condition of labor in this country, whether it was in a better relation with the employers. Mr. Stewart replied that the relations were satisfactory, and that was the cause of the organization of so many labor associations. The workmen recognized that the laws of the state were not made in the interest of labor, but of capital. They were going to give congress a chance to help them. If this was not done a movement would be set on foot which would enable them to help themselves through the ballot-box. Mr. Breckinridge inquired whether there were not other causes of complaint among workmen growing out of the reduction of the tariff. Mr. Stewart replied that the reduction of the tariff was the sole origin of the whole movement of labor organizations.

FIVE CENTS A BUNCH. Is the Value Set on Chicago Christians by Sam Jones. Special to the Globe. CHICAGO, March 11.—When Sam Small concluded his sermon at the Farwell hall Monday prayer meeting to-day, Sam Jones arose and said he wished to make a few remarks before the meeting closed. He said: I was reading in the Daily News last evening a notice of a prayer meeting at the Farwell hall, and I was pleased very much to see that the prayer meeting was so plentifully attended, and it was learned that 2 cents a head was the rate contributed by those who attended. I thought I would give a hand to drive down pegs. I believe it is pretty near time to take our bearings. Where are we? Are we getting on? Are we getting on? If all we have done is included in the report you had better receive the benediction and get out. 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