

BULLETIN OF THE ST. PAUL GLOBE.

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EVENTS TODAY.

Met—Prisoner of Zenda, 8.15. Grand—McSorley's Twins, 8.15. Plymouth Ch.—State Teachers, 10, 8. Ryan—Carlton Club, 8.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMSHIPS. LIVERPOOL—Arrived: Bovle, New York. NEW YORK—Arrived: Nomadic, Liverpool.

So the governor finds at the opening of his second term a bed of roses. Queen Lil thinks the sleighing in Boston is ahead of that in Honolulu.

If the coal trust is looking for soft snaps, this weather should just suit. The carnival scheme wasn't kept on ice sufficiently during the warm spell.

Iowa was fifty years old yesterday, but, true to her sex, she isn't bragging about it. Did the weather knock out the ice palace, or the ice palace knock out the weather?

McKinley's inauguration suit is to be all American, but it won't be of Canton flannel. Old Father Time can't be very superstitious, or he wouldn't begin a new year on Friday.

Girls there are only three days of grace before those leap year notes of yours go to protest. There'll be crape on the Chicago city council's door when it is learned that Yerkes is going to New York to live.

Although it's a big bore, the Great Northern has decided it must have a tunnel through the Cascade mountains. Is the czar acting as avenger for King Humbert? He has sent to Menckle a piano, an organ and a brass band.

Good resolutions may be appropriate to the season, but Cuba wants something more from American sympathizers. Manufacturers are now appearing before the tariff committee in the role of Oliver Twist in his great specialty of calling for more.

Gov. Clough isn't sure whether those roses are American Beauties or not, but he is positive that the girls who presented them are. As a result of Li Hung Chang's visit to Europe, China is to be anglicized. John Bull is ready to undertake the work on his well known terms.

The scheme of illuminating the capitol with electric lights for the inauguration is proposed. It would be an improvement on painting the town red. "Pain and anguish" are put in as an offset to a dentist's bill by a New York man. If that claim holds good in court, dentistry will soon be an extinct art.

Kansas is in hard luck when she couldn't find nine "good and true" Bryans for electors. One of them has proved to be a deserter from the Union army. Weyler's pen is truly mightier than his sword. His latest achievement has been to kill off an entire company of Texan rangers who were fighting for Cuba libre.

McKinley isn't saying so, but undoubtedly he isn't mourning over the fact that thirty-foot tin horns was smashed before it reached Canton and was put into use.

Minneapolis is gloating over the fact that St. Paul cannot have an ice palace, while the Mill City is having the greatest show of the year, the aldermanic investigation.

With all this stock of hack number Christmas trees, St. Paul will have to be good for the next few days, or the visiting schoolma'ams will know where to get plenty of switches.

If Astor can't be the queen's grand-daughter-in-law he is making a big bluff to win. He has renounced his allegiance to the United States and become a subject of Great Britain. "America," says he, "is not a fit place for a gentleman to live in."

INCREASE IN TARIFF

ASKED BY ALL OF THOSE APPEARING BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE.

FIRST DAY OF THE HEARINGS

GIVEN UP ENTIRELY TO THE CHEMICAL, SPIRITS AND DRUG SCHEDULES.

CONDENSED BRIEFS SUGGESTED

By Mr. Dingley in the Hope of Saving the Time Required for Oral Arguments.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—The tariff hearings before the ways and means committee began at the capitol promptly at 10 o'clock this morning according to the published programme. There were several large delegations in attendance, and much interest was displayed. The morning was devoted to the chemical schedule, and the afternoon to wines and liquors. Chairman Dingley made a preliminary statement to the hearing which will be held each day from 10 to 4, with a recess from 12:30 to 1:30. He said the committee desired to avoid repetitions as far as possible, and would prefer where convenient, to receive condensed briefs rather than oral arguments.

Thomas F. Harrison, of Philadelphia, representing the Manufacturing Chemists' association of that city, first made a brief statement to the committee to pave the way for a brief which will be submitted by that association later in the week. In a general way he said the manufacturing chemists would ask for moderation in schedules, and as far as possible a change from ad valorem to specific duties. He called attention to the fact that \$150,000,000 worth of investment in the manufacture of chemicals, and that the product annually approximated the same sum. Those whom he represented, he said, asked no favors, they only desired justice. They were not being crushed between the textile manufacturers and importers. He said that some data would also be submitted relative to the competition they had to meet from China and Japan.

H. Krebs, of San Francisco, submitted the first formal argument. It is a brief statement to the committee of the act of 1894, relating to borates and borax, and two cents on refined borax. This duty, he argued, did not fulfill the intent of the act, and he proposed a new classification of the compounds of borax to prevent avoidance and evasion of duty with higher rates. The schedule he presented was as follows: Borate of soda 3 cents, borate of lime containing not more than 44 per cent of boracic acid 3 cents; borate of lime containing more than 44 per cent, 4 cents; anhydrous borax 5 cents; boracic acid 5 cents, and any borax borate 5 cents.

In answer to a question from Mr. McMillin, Mr. Krebs expressed the opinion that the schedule he proposed would be a relief to the producers at the present schedule, and afford much better protection to the producers. Practically all of the 20,000,000 pounds of borax are produced in California, and he thought, could be produced here.

J. S. Page, of New York, representing color manufacturers, said the present duties on color pigments, and on chemicals were increased, they desired a relative increase on colors. H. C. Stewart, of Philadelphia, appeared in behalf of the color manufacturers. He said that the duties on pigments, earths and all oxides of iron used in the manufacture of paints, which, under the present law, are admitted free, would be a serious loss to the color manufacturers. He proposed a relative increase on pigments, earths and oxides of iron. Mr. Hillier presented comparative statements of the duties on pigments at home and abroad, showing an advantage of 300-100 cents in favor of the foreign manufacturer. Under the present law, the duties are 10 per cent ad valorem, and the manufacturers recommended a change to specific duties, wherever possible. The tariff, Mr. Hillier said, should cover the difference between the cost of grinding and powdering abroad and in the United States, but it was developed by questions, that the cost of grinding in the United States is 10 cents per pound, while the London price for other drugs ranged as high as 64 cents, the United States price being 25 cents per pound. Mr. Dingley suggested the prohibition of importations of adulterated goods, but the drug representatives held that such a law was impossible to enforce. Frederick Jacoby made a statement on behalf of the wine growers on the Pacific coast asking for a specific duty on 50 cents on wine, instead of an ad valorem duty. It was desirable to create a taste for high class native wines. There was an existing presumption, he said, in favor of wines bearing foreign labels, whereas, he said, these were often inferior to native goods. Native growers, he said, opposed an reciprocity arrangement as wines were always a source of revenue wherever produced, and were always taxed at high rates, also because there could be no guaranty that when imported from any country had been produced in that country. Under the 50 cent rate American producers would be able to cultivate better varieties of wines, and to age their goods.

Mr. Jacoby was accompanied by Edward Fraunfeld, of the California Wine Association, F. L. Crovat, manager of the Island State estate. Much interest was manifested during the day and the room was constantly thronged with delegations and the representatives of various trades. Owing to the brief time allotted for hearings and the desire of the committee, as expressed by Chairman Dingley to avoid unnecessary repetitions many of those who appeared simply filed their briefs and made no oral arguments. Mr. Dingley expressed the opinion that the present tariff schedule was a source of revenue and the purpose of the committee better than argument, and advised the filing of such briefs where possible.

BLUE EARTH CITY, Minn., Dec. 28.—A third newspaper will be started here about Jan. 1 by V. R. Ellis, who had from Iowa. It will be called the Blue Earth City Globe, and will be independent Republican in politics. It is a copy of machinery and type has already arrived.

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