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The contraction of business is pretty plainly shown by the vast volume of idle money in the east.

The money is still piling up in the New York banks, and presumably in the banks of all the money centers.

Among Port Monmouth's industries is a bologna sausage factory which grinds up an average of ten horses a day together with a little pork and beef.

The Herald says: "There is no scare" anywhere, and in Wall street which is the most sensitive test, there has been a decided improvement in the values of railroad stocks and bonds since the terms of the proposed new law were made known.

The World discourses as follows on a timely topic:

Two distinguished members of the Cabinet, the Secretary of War and the Secretary of the Navy, are profoundly considering the question of whether or not long hair is essential to good foot-ball playing.

There is a rule in the Academies at West Point and Annapolis that the hair of the cadets and "mid-dies" shall be worn short—close-cropped, in fact. It is proposed to enforce this rule even at the sacrifice of the pride and protection of the heroes of the football field.

The boys protest against such cruel violation of the sacred tradition of the game that is impossible to play without long and matted hair. They not only object to the rape of their locks on aesthetic grounds, but insist that to go into a pig-skin battle with exposed scalps would be most hazardous.

A Point for Business Men.

When the free silver lunacy was being harped upon the country over, it will be remembered that the business men of the country argued that the men wanted free silver were ignorant of financial matters and that the men who re- new from daily study of the news, knew that free silver did not mean free money.

Now we come to the tariff matter. This new bill is the work of men who have given years to the study of the tariff question. That has been their business. They know the resources of the government. They know what portion of the people are taxed, how they are taxed and for whose benefit they are taxed.

The Wilson Bill.

From The St. Louis Republic, Dec. No disturbed feeling appears in business circles. The democratic masses feel that the pledges of the party are redeemed by a bill which handles irons and woolsens just about as Secretary Walker handled them in schedule C of the bill of 1846.

surplus revenue, under strict democratic administration of expenditures, as the Walker tariff did. It is a bill which will prepare the way for the lowering of duties that was made in 1857. The bill of 1857 was passed without objection from the manufacturing classes.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our Regular Correspondent. WASHINGTON, D. C. Dec. 4.—President Cleveland's message to Congress is unusually long, but the number and importance of the subjects with which it deals made it necessary that it should be. Like all of his utterances it is straightforward and to the point and even the republicans admit that it is an able presentation of democratic policy.

The opening of the regular session of Congress finds the democrats in much better condition than did the opening of the extra session. A few democrats representing districts that may be temporarily injured by some of the proposed tariff changes are dissatisfied with the Wilson bill, but as a rule the democrats take the same view of the bill that was aptly expressed by Representative Tarsney, of Missouri, who is a member of the Ways and Means committee.

The delay caused by the preparation of estimates by the Treasury department, showing in detail the difference there would be in import duties received by the government under the Wilson bill as compared with those paid under the McKinley law, has revived among democrats the talk of submitting the Wilson bill to a democratic caucus before it is reported to the House. It is argued by those who favor this plan that it would be better to have it determined by caucus whether the bill should be amended than to have the democrats try to get amendments adopted on the floor of the House and that it would also save time in disposing of the bill.

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If a hint from an official source be founded on fact President Cleveland has succeeded in accomplishing something that will make his administration one of the most distinguished in American history and one of the most popular, making a new treaty with China, under which the government of China, agrees to purchase annually silver produced by American mines to the value of \$50,000,000—about our entire product—and to throw its markets open to our manufacturers. It has been the dream of the European statesmen for many years to get the valuable Chinese trade for their respective countries, and if President Cleveland has succeeded he has gained the greatest international commercial triumph of the century, one worth untold wealth to the people of the United States, and one that will soon give us the commercial supremacy of the world.

of the special examiners who have been employed for some months to investigate suspected frauds on the pension roll that Secretary Smith's statement on the subject, in his annual report, is decidedly interesting as well as timely. The much talked of special examiners have unearthed actual frauds in Iowa, New Mexico and Virginia alone, which saved the government more money than the entire cost of salary and maintenance of all the special examiners employed by the Pension Bureau, and to say nothing of cas elsewhere. So the special examiners are money savers for the government instead of money wasters.

MACON MYSTIFIED.

Macon, Ga., December 1.—(Special.)—Macon experienced a sensation this morning that has thrown the whole city into a fever of excitement. It was certainly a strange mystery that this city had to think over for a long time and surpass all understanding or explanation.

This morning about nine o'clock Mr. Will Ervin of the Georgia Music house, with several employes of the store was in the tuning room in the rear engaged in tuning several instruments, when their attention was attracted by a peeping noise of something falling on the floor like rain pattering on a roof. The men all stopped and began to investigate. The result of the investigation soon had the hair of every man present standing porcupine fashion, and their face covered with a thousand little bumps raised by sheer fright.

It was raining shot. A sterdy shower of No. 6 bird shot was raining from toward the ceiling all over the room.

The shot came peppering down thick and fast, from whence no one could tell, and rattled on the exposed string boards of the open pianos and stiff bats making a noise that tended, under the circumstances, to further increase the fears of the frightened men.

The most thorough investigation revealed the fact that there was no one up-stairs and the upper floor was swept clean of everything. The ceiling is sound and tongued and grooved so as to render it even water and air proof.

Several well-known people were telephoned and called from the street to witness the strange phenomenon. All were mystified beyond expression.

For more than two hours the shot shower continued unabated. During that time a large number of people, who had heard the strange story, visited the scene. The verdict of all was the same, that it was the strangest mystery in the history of Macon and surpassed all understanding and explanation.

As soon as the afternoon paper came out with the story the visitors to the scene began to increase and the room is continually full. Several people have gathered up hands full of the shot and taken them home.—Atlanta Constitution.

A Lawyer's Stratagem.

A Well-known Kansas citizen tells this story: Fifteen years ago Judge McSweeney was a famous criminal lawyer of Southern Michigan. He was called upon to defend a young woman from the charge of having poisoned her old husband. It was a question of whether or not she had placed poison in a cake of which the old man had eaten. A portion of the cake had been analyzed by a chemist and found to contain a great deal of deadly poison. The chemist testified to this in court. Other witnesses succeeded in making a chain of damning evidence against the pretty young widow.

One could almost hear the quiet it was so intense. He began in a low tone to sum up the evidence in defence of the prisoner. He had been allowed an hour in which to plead his side of the case. He dealt with everything but the cake. It rested upon the table just at his right hand, where it had stood during all the weary trial. Thirty minutes passed and the people were still motionless, charmed by the sweet eloquence of the gruff old lawyer. Three-quarters of an hour passed by, then another ten minutes.

When the clock over the big desk told him, there were but five minutes left, he reached his hand out to the cake, half of which stood upon the table, and broke off a ragged chunk. He held this in his hand and between sentences took great mouthfuls of it. During those five minutes he calmly argued the case and ate cake. He demolished more than half of it.

The chemist had declared that there was poison enough in it to kill fifty men. The good people looked at him in amazement and the jurors turned to each other and whispered. McSweeney wiped up his speech, took another chunk of cake and walked quietly from the court room eating it. He closed the door behind him, ran into a small room close by and locked the door. Two physicians stood ready with a stomach pump, and in ten minutes the cake was all in the sloop jar. The jury returned a verdict of "not guilty" without leaving the courtroom.

RESOLUTIONS.

Whereas in the unerring wisdom of Almighty God the home of our beloved teacher has been entered by the destroyer, death, and has taken there from his loving, tried and true companion, and whereas it is the desire of the pupils and the assistant teacher of the Monterey Graded School to express the deep sympathy they feel for their teacher in this the greatest of all earthly sorrows:

Resolved 1st. That by the death of Mrs. J. M. Colaw, her many friends have been bereft of a friend indeed, a devoted christian whose life is worthy of imitation; the church of which she was a member, a consistent worker, and her family a kind and dutiful wife and mother.

Resolved 2nd. That we tender to the bereaved husband, (our loving and respected teacher) our sincere sympathy in his sore affliction and commend him to the loving care of Him who is too wise to err and too good to be unkind.

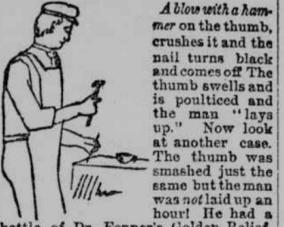
Resolved 3rd. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the afflicted family.

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