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EDMUND O. DEWEY, EDITOR.  
OWOSSO, FRIDAY, MAY 21, 1897.

Silver dollars to the number of 1,500,000  
were coined during April. Will our silver  
friends make a note of this.

By the time W. J. Bryan gets a chance  
to be the presidential candidate of any party  
again, there will not be a civilized or half  
civilized nation on the face of the earth  
coining silver free.—Jonesville Independent.

What Increased Imports Mean.

The great increase in the treasury receipts  
from importations of foreign goods during  
the month of April, compared with the  
corresponding month of a year ago, affords  
a practical illustration of the necessity of  
some such legislation as was contemplated  
by the retroactive amendment carried in the  
Dingley Tariff bill as it passed the House  
of Representatives. The importers are taking  
advantage of the existing low rates of duty  
on imports to rush in foreign goods in  
quantities far in excess of the legitimate  
wants of trade. The result of this will not  
only be an over stocking of the markets of  
this country, but the aims and purposes  
of the Dingley bill, in giving an increase of  
revenues, will be defeated or postponed for  
many months to come. The increase in the  
receipts from import duties is shown by the  
figures reported by the Treasury bureau of  
statistics. During the month just closed  
the receipts of customs dues aggregated  
\$24,454,352, whereas the receipts for the  
corresponding month of a year ago from  
the same sources were only \$11,000,000.

That the increase in the receipts of  
a returning prosperity will not be denied,  
even by the dissatisfied democrats of the  
country, but it will be difficult to convince  
even the most optimistic and hopeful person  
in the land that the restoration to  
prosperity has been so general and unmistakable  
as to call for a double supply of  
imported goods during April, 1897, compared  
with April, 1896. The manufacturing  
industries of the country are still running  
on short time, wages are still depressed and  
the power of consumption among the people  
consequently remains impaired, while the  
demand for commodities has not yet reached  
its normal state throughout the country.  
For this reason there is no demand among  
the people for the tremendous increase in  
importations, and it is well known that the  
goods now being rushed in are piled in  
warehouses for future delivery to the detriment  
of American labor and industry.

The longer the Dingley Tariff bill is delayed  
in its passage through Congress, the greater  
the stock of foreign goods that will be  
accumulated in the warehouses of this  
country to compete with domestic commodities  
at a time when the industries of the  
United States are struggling to recover  
from the condition of stagnation and  
demoralization into which they were plunged  
by the Democratic Free-Trade policy. The  
other results of these importations will be  
the overstocking of the country with  
commodities, which means a decrease in  
importations under the new Tariff law for  
many months after it is enacted, and the  
expected increase in revenues will, on that  
account, be long deferred. The increase in  
customs receipts from \$11,000,000 to \$24,  
454,000 during a single month of a year  
indicates an inflow of foreign goods that  
will be great hindrance to the return of  
prosperity among the industries of the  
country and among our people.—American  
Economist.

William Allen White, the young Kansas  
editor, orator, and story-writer, who makes  
a distinct "hit" whenever he speaks or  
writes, because there is blood and reality in  
whatever he is moved to say, has written a  
new short-story of Kansas life—a Decoration  
Day story—which will appear in McClure's  
Magazine for June, with abundant illustrations.

**A Well Received Appointment.**

Geo. M. Dewey, Jr., of THE TIMES, has  
received notice of his appointment to a clerkship  
in the office of Auditor General Dix. Of his appointment  
the papers of the county speak as follows:

Corunna Journal: We learn that Geo. M. Dewey, Jr., of THE OWOSSO TIMES, has received an appointment in the Auditor General's office. Mr. Dewey is well qualified for the position and will be a good addition to the official force.

Daily American: George M. Dewey, Jr., has received official notice from Auditor General Dix of his appointment to a \$1,000 clerkship. This is the first official notice given out of the appointment, though the Auditor General told an Owosso man several days ago that he intended to appoint Mr. Dewey. The latter has had a hard fight for the place and was, it is understood, strongly opposed by a former candidate for governor. Mr. Dewey's friends here feel gratified at his success.

Vernon Argus: George M. Dewey, Jr., of Owosso, has been appointed to a clerkship in the office of Auditor General Dix and to take effect at once. A sharp contest has been going on the past six months for this place between Thos. Lawrie, of Byron, Newton McBain, of Owosso, and Mr. Dewey. The lucky man is well qualified for the position and is to be congratulated upon the outcome of the contest.

Evening Argus: The appointment of Mr. Dewey closes a sharp contest for the place that has been waging fiercely for six months. The other contestants were Thos. Lawrie, of Byron, and Newton McBain, of Owosso. \* \* \* The successful contestant, Mr. Dewey, is well known as an active, energetic young man, and an earnest worker for the cause of republicanism. He is to be congratulated on his preferment.

**Wool Coming by the Ship Load.**

The reports of the wool sales in three of the principal markets of the east during the past week demonstrate the necessity of prompt action on the Dingley bill by the senate.

In Boston, New York and Philadelphia the sales of the wool amount to 24,036,800 pounds, of which 20,271,300 pounds were foreign, as against 15,906,100 pounds for the corresponding week of 1892, when only 7,574,000 pounds were foreign. This means that the sales of foreign wool last week were about three times as great as in the same week of 1892, when everything was booming in this country and the woolen factories were working full time. Now the manufacturers are doing scarcely anything, and the orders for wools are very slack.

The meaning of this is plain. The importers of foreign wools are rushing them into our markets to get ahead of the Dingley bill, and its higher duties, and if the present rush continues the market of the United States are likely to be supplied before long with enough foreign wool to last at least a year, during which time the government will be deprived of the revenue it should derive from the Dingley wool duties.

If there was a spark of patriotism in the breasts of the democrats, populists, and silver men in the United States Senate they would join with the republicans and pass the Dingley bill as soon as it is reported by the committee on finance.—Cleveland Leader.

Senator Hadsall's bill, making it mandatory for owners of dams in the Shiawassee river to put in and maintain fish chutes, has passed the House and only awaits Gov. Pingree's signature to make it a law.

Grow sunflowers for poultry. Year after year this advice is given, but no increase in the crop is manifest. It is the most valuable and inexpensive crop that grows. The only things to observe are to have ground rich and well worked, to a depth of six inches; to sow the mammoth variety in drills, putting the seeds a foot apart; to cultivate thoroughly, and then to throw the life of the plant into one head by going through the rows and cutting off all the side shoots, which appear at the roots of every leaf stem. One large head holding at least a pint of seeds is far better than a score of small, insignificant heads on branches.

**Shiawassee County Battalion Picnic.**

Comrades:—The second annual banquet picnic of the Shiawassee county battalion of veterans will be held at Caledonia Park on Thursday, June 24th next. It is hoped and expected that every ex-soldier and sailor in the county, with their families, will be present on that occasion. Comrades, come out and let us make this re-union one long to be remembered. Touch elbows and renew old comradeship. Department Commander A. T. Bliss and Asst. Adj. Gen. Col. C. V. R. Pond, will be present to address the veterans. Other speakers and entertainments will be provided for. The battalion will assemble at the park at 10 o'clock a. m. The people of the county are also cordially invited to join in the festivities of the day. By order of H. H. PFLYER, Colonel Commanding.

GEO. F. ROBINSON, Adjutant.

Dr. Jopling and wife, J. H. Robbins and wife, L. C. Hall and wife, Dr. Wilson and Miss Evora Robbins returned last evening from a short outing at Parker's Park. Fred Laible, of Chicago, is in the city.

**THE BIKE A NECESSITY.**

Hence Cyclists Have Rights—Some Important Facts with Which Every Wheelman Should Become Familiar.

That the wheel is no longer considered a fad or a luxury but is now looked upon as a necessity, is apparent from the interest manifest by all classes. The wheel has not only come to stay, but will increase in popularity from year to year until it will largely outnumber the carriages and other vehicles in use during that portion of the year while good roads exist.

The Michigan supreme court read the signs of the times correctly when, in a recent decision, it gave as their opinion that the bicycle was as much a vehicle as a carriage, and, as such, entitled to the same road privileges as are accorded every other vehicle. It is unnecessary to state here that seventy-five per cent of the people who use the highways, especially farmers, seem to be possessed of the idea that cyclists have no rights. Every wheelman who rides in the country knows the above to be true from experience. How often has he been crowded into the ditch or been compelled to dismount and get out of the track in order to avoid accident or damage to his wheel. Cyclists are largely to blame for this condition of affairs themselves, since in wheeling, like everything else in this world, you will never be accorded your full rights until you are willing to insist upon having them.

The custom of giving one-half of the track to a fellow-traveler going in the opposite direction is so well established that the laws of our State hold a person liable for any damage that may result from his failure to observe this custom. To know that this rule applies to bicycles as well as to all other wheels in use, will be sufficient warning to the average citizen, and he will yield gracefully. But the naturally selfish man will take no heed of such a warning, and will only learn that cyclists have rights, protected by law, when brought into court and compelled to pay the damage resulting from his obstinacy. The sooner such a man is taught the lesson the better it will be for all concerned, and the cyclist is the man to give the instruction. Every wheelman should insist on his half of the highway, except in case of meeting a heavy load, when he should give the right of way. The strict observance of this rule may occasionally lead to a controversy, but you will have the supreme satisfaction of knowing that you are in the right, and purchase you will gain a point that will be appreciated by other cyclists.

There is, however, a class of wheelmen who are largely responsible for the antipathy so many people hold against the bike. To this class belongs the idiot who humps himself over his wheel and "scorches" up and down the principal streets in the evening when the cross-walks are thronged with pedestrians whose lives are endangered by what the rider imagines is a very attractive exhibition of fast riding. Such a rider should be promptly arrested and given a lesson by way of a fine.

Then there is the man who rides upon the sidewalk at a breakneck speed, never taking any precaution when approaching a corner, where he is liable to collide with others who may chance to be crossing at that time, he too needs to be disciplined by the police justice. When people are constantly kept dodging while on foot it is hardly to be expected that they will have the kindest of feelings for wheelmen when they meet them on a country road, and practically have them at their mercy.

The Michigan Cyclist offers some excellent rules for bicyclists, and if they are carefully read and practiced much trouble and annoyance might be avoided. We give them in full for the benefit of our readers who ride bikes:

1. In meeting riders, pedestrians and vehicles, turn to the right. In overtaking and passing them, keep to the left.
  2. In turning corners to the left, always keep to the outside of the street.
  3. In turning corners to the right, keep as far out as possible without trespassing on the left side of the road.
  4. Never expect pedestrians to get out of your way; find a way around them.
  5. Never ride rapidly by an electric car standing to unload passengers.
  6. Never coast down a hill having cross streets along the way.
  7. Never ring your bell except to give notice of your approach.
  8. In meeting other riders ascending a hill, where there is but one path, always yield the right of way to the up-riders.
  9. Bear in mind that a rider meeting an electric car carrying a strong headlight is unable to see beyond the light; keep out of his way.
  10. When riding straight ahead, never vary your course suddenly to the right or left, without first assuring yourself that no other rider is close on your rear on the side to which you turn.
  11. Always ring your bell in overtaking riders and pedestrians to give warning of your approach. This does not mean that they are to get out of your way.
  12. Do not ride too close to a novice, and in meeting a novice give plenty of room.
  13. When riding after dark, always carry a lantern.
- If every wheelman in Owosso will commit these rules to memory, and then follow them strictly, there will be some pleasure and safety in riding upon our streets, and a lady may venture out on her wheel in the evening without first going to the trouble of making her will and taking out a life insurance policy.

**American Ship Long Overdue.**

San Francisco, May 18.—The American ship Dirigo, owned by Arthur Sewall of Maine, candidate for vice-president, and commanded by Capt. Goodwin, is thirty-five days overdue on her voyage around the Horn. She sailed from New York 170 days ago, carrying a crew of forty men. The Dirigo is the first four-masted steel ship built in the United States. She is 2,856 tons, and was launched in 1894.

**To Explore Hudson Bay.**

Halifax, N. S., May 18.—The steamer Diana, which is to carry the government expedition to explore Hudson bay, is now being provisioned here for that purpose. The scientific party and crew number fifty odd persons. According to present plans the steamer will leave May 20, and the chief object of the expedition is to discover the period for which Hudson straits are navigable.

**Rebellion in Uruguay Ended.**

Montevideo, May 18.—A battle lasting six hours has taken place between Uruguayan troops and the insurgents under Lamas and Saravia. The government forces were victorious, according to the official report. Later in the day it was officially announced that the insurgents had been completely routed and that the revolution is considered ended.

**Arithmetic.**

The science of arithmetic is attributed by some to the Egyptians, by others to the Chaldeans and by others again to the Chinese. From an early date, probably 1,000 years before Christ, the swanpan, or abacus, was in use in China for performing arithmetical computations. The Chinese also use their fingers for the same purpose, every joint of each finger having a different arithmetical value. Arithmetic was brought into Greece from Egypt by Thales 600 years B. C. One of the oldest known treatises upon arithmetic is by Euclid, in the third century before Christ. The first arithmetic printed in England was in 1522, by Tonstall, bishop of Durham. Until the American Revolution most of the arithmetics used in the colonies were brought from England. One of the earliest American arithmetics was a work called "Arithmetic—Vulgar and Decimal," published at Boston in 1724.

**French Sentenced to Death.**

Rockford, Ill., May 15.—James French was convicted of the murder of his wife, Catherine, yesterday morning, and Judge Gayver fixed the penalty at death by hanging. The plea of the defense was insanity, supported by the testimony of Dr. Charles D. Carpenter, an insane expert of Belvidere, Ill., and witnesses personally acquainted with French and who knew members of the family afflicted with insanity some sixteen years ago. The jury considered the case for one hour before rendering the verdict, and its decision met with hearty approval.

**Chapman in a Prison Cell.**

Washington, May 18.—Elverson P. Chapman, the recalcitrant sugar trust witness who refused to answer a senate committee's questions as to whether he had acted as a broker for any senators in speculations in sugar trust, occupies a cell at the District jail and will continue therein for twenty-five days. He has two cells, one to sleep in and the other to use as an office. There are no luxurious appointments, however.

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