

The Tariff in the Senate

The signs in the Senate are favorable to the speedy passage of a tariff bill. The attempts toward needless delay by academic debate or by frivolous amendment thus far have been avoided.

But the crucial clauses of the measure substituted by the Senate committee for the Dingley bill have not yet been reached. It is when the sugar, wool, and tea clauses of this strange evolution of committee work are under debate that the battle royal will begin.

CHANGE IN THE DRAIN LAW

Township Drain Commissioners Legislated Out of Office. The legislature just adjourned has made a very important change in the drain law. There are several minor changes, but the most radical one is the abolishment of the office of township drain commissioner.

Objection is made to a tariff on wood pulp by a free trade exchange because of the possibility that it would only yield a revenue of \$60,000 or \$70,000 per year. This possibility may or may not exist, but there is one thing the duty on wood pulp would do and that is to furnish a market for many thousands of dollars worth of northern Michigan timber which is now unsaleable because its distance from the eastern pulp mills gives Canadian pulp timber a controlling advantage.

Great progress has been made with the tariff bill in the senate thus far. Senator Vest shortly after the measure was brought up said that more ground had been covered by the senate in three days on the Dingley bill than in three weeks on the Wilson bill. There has been no "let up" in the speed since.

Fifty million dollars is a large lump of money to put into the pockets of the farmers in less than a year's time. That is the increase, however, in the value of breadstuffs exported in the past ten months of the preceding year, the exports of the breadstuffs in the ten months ending with April, 1897, amounting to \$164,239,937 and in the

corresponding ten months of the preceding year amounting to only \$114,348,937.

Our Spanish-American friends at the south of us evidently recognize the fact that the republican party is again in control in the United States. They are sending a delegation of business men here to encourage trade, a step which they carefully avoided taking during the existence of the Cleveland administration, which cut off the reciprocity treaties and thus closed to the United States the markets which those treaties had opened in those countries.

Not a solitary sound money Democrat attended the silverite state convention in Kentucky, and the hard names that were applied to the absent old-fashioned Democrats would create a sense of honor in Billingsgate.

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HURRAH FOR ALMA.

We Hold the Championship of Saginaw Valley Another Year.

Alma Scores 60 Points Out of 108. With a very pleasant afternoon the Saginaw Valley Meet took place at the race track last Saturday afternoon. A large crowd attended and showed their appreciation of the excellent work of the Alma team by loud demonstrations and applause.

Sidebotham was the man to break the mile record, bringing it down to 5:05 with Eastman a close second. Cooper, the crack rider for the National Bicycle Company, was not a little chagrined at his defeat by Bruske in the one-half mile bicycle while Alma people cheered loudly for the winner.

Saginaw West Side was badly crippled by the loss of some of her best men who could not get away, so only scored thirteen points. It might be safe to conjecture that Bay City stood so poor a show that she preferred staying at home to a humiliating defeat which is probably correct.

Too much cannot be said of the praiseworthy conduct of the visitors while in our little village. All were true Y. M. C. A. men in every way and Alma hopes to welcome them again ere long. Below we give the summary of events:

Table with 2 columns: Event and Points. Includes 100 yards dash, 1/2 mile bicycle, One Mile Relay, Hammer Throw, Running high jump, Shot Put, Mile run, and various other events.

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Special Notice to the Public. The Sanitarium Company find that their request, referring to the proper use of the Sanitarium Park, is unheeded by some and especially is this true of bicycle riders on Sundays.

For Sale. Two farms near Alma 40 and 60 acres 100 rods apart. All improved choice land. On account of indebtedness I will sell one or both; exchange for good mortgages, improved or wild land; part town property, here or elsewhere. See or write. W. S. BANOS, Alma, Mich.

Tendered Him a Reception. The reception tendered Dr. H. E. Butler by Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Adams at their residence Saturday evening was a very pleasant occasion. Many members of his congregation and other friends were present.

At the close of the Sunday evening service a large number of the congregation remained to shake his hand and bid him farewell and God speed—Clinton Republican.

College Notes.

Miss Fannie Henyon of Saginaw visited over Sunday with the Misses Bushnell. Dr. Bruske has succumbed at last and now appears on our street riding a fine new bike.

Miss Elizabeth Merrill of Saginaw, a former Alma student, was the guest of old college friends this week. A permanent lecture course has been provided for by the faculty to begin next year.

The young ladies of the Froebel Club were invited to the home of Miss Eda Blanchard last Monday evening for their farewell meeting. An excellent supper was served and the young ladies had a splendid time.

Monday night last being the last meeting of the college literary societies for the year the following new officers were elected: ALPHA THETA—Pres., Miss Adams; Vice, Miss Peters; Sec., Miss Hunt.

Religious Notes.

METHODIST. Pastor will preach in the morning, subject, "Conversion Essential to Entrance into Heaven."

Sunday school at 12:00. Epworth League at 6:30 p. m. Prayer meeting Thursday 7:30 p. m. Preaching service in the evening omitted to attend union service at college.

M. E. SUNDAY SCHOOL. Meets at twelve o'clock immediately after the preaching service. This school is on the increase both in numbers and in interest in the Sunday school work.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH. Trinity Sunday. Holy Communion at 8:45. S. S. at 8:30 p. m. Evening service at 7:30. PRESBYTERIAN. Regular communion next Sunday morning.

AGENTS WANTED—For Dr. Talmage's "The Earth Girdled" or his famous tour around the world. A thrilling story of Savage and Barbarous lands.

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Excursion to Toledo. Sunday, June 13, the Ann Arbor Railroad will run an excursion to Toledo. Special train leaves Alma at 2:15 p. m. Fare for round trip only \$1.50.

My son was afflicted with catarrh. I induced him to try Ely's Cream Balm and the disagreeable catarrh small all left him. He appears as well as any one.—J. C. Olmstead, Arcola, Ill.

AN AMERICAN POET'S REPLY TO ENGLISH CRITICS.

Of Briggsville and Jacksonville I care not now to sing. They make me mad and very mad. My inmost soul they wring.

At Scrooby and at Gomeby, At Watton and at Simsbury, At Bittered Stotford and Swope, At Bottonford and Runners.

Immense Quantities of Provisions Devoured at the College. A New York Mail and Express reporter has discovered a down town house that rejoices in the honor of supplying the sweet Vassar girls with what they eat.

Keeping a Weathercock. Old Bartle was a perfect example of the type which sees only the present and nearest sides of life and society, and one of his friends, a blacksmith, with a quaint humor, thus accounts, in a conversation with the squire of the English village in which both men lived, for Bartle's idiosyncrasies.

The Ass and the Trap. The Poultry once brought a Petition to the King of the Barnyard, praying for Protection against the Fox.

Freightening a Grizzly. While I believe that a grizzly bear will in a majority of cases wait for a fight with a man and take pains to get in the way of one, there are times when it will seem to think better of it and back out.

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TOWN TALK.

The Public Aroused During the Past Week.

Crowds of People Called at B. S. Webb's Drug Store, to Get Free Samples of

DR. HOBBS' SPARAGUS KIDNEY PILLS.

Hundreds Now Testing the Remedy in this Vicinity. NOW FOR RESULTS.

An intense interest was created in this vicinity by the announcement in last week's issue, that a free package of Dr. Hobbs' Sparagus Kidney Pills would be given away to any person who would call and ask for it at B. S. Webb's Drug Store.

This interest was shown by the unexpectedly numerous calls made at the above store. Many of the callers, who are sufferers from kidney complaints, expressed their astonishment at the offer to make no charge for the samples.

They believe, because it has been demonstrated in every instance, that if those afflicted with kidney troubles once try these pills, they will be convinced of their great merit, and get well by their use.

For this reason they made arrangements with Mr. Webb, to freely distribute as many sample boxes as should be called for, during the last seven days.

Some of those calling for packages, have expressed themselves as follows:—"The science of medicine has certainly advanced when the proprietors of a remedy can stake so much upon a free and universal test of its merits."

"The honest and straight forward manner in which the medicine is offered for trial, gives me confidence to use it. I hope it will prove helpful."

"Dr. Hobbs' announcement that he has made a great discovery which will cure and build up the kidneys, and his offer to prove it free of charge is a novel proposition, and gives me great hope of relief."

"This is certainly a fair proposition. I have everything to win and nothing to lose."

Many will be curious to know what are the results of the test of these pills now going on in the neighborhood. It is a little too soon to look for results, probably another week will make them known.

It is gratifying to learn that wherever similar distributions have taken place, there has followed a large sale of the remedy, and many letters of gratitude have been written by those who have regained lost health.

Every person who knows or suspects that his kidneys or urinary passages are affected; every person who has any of the following symptoms, should make a test of these pills without delay.

Pain in the Back or Sides, Headache, Nervousness, Frequent Thirst, Shortness of Breath, Fullness of the Eyes, Swelling of the Feet and Ankles, Dark Colored or Sandy Urine, with albuminous or too frequent urination.

For the benefit of interested persons, living out of town who, from any reason, failed to get a sample Dr. Hobbs authorized us to say, if you will cut out the coupon below and mail it to the Hobbs Remedy Co., Chicago, Ill., with your name and address, a sample box of these pills will be sent you by mail, postpaid, and free of expense.

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