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Said a thrifty young farmer of Wasco county to the writer today, as he recounted his earlier struggles to procure a home for himself and family. "I tried to grow up with the country—not to dash ahead on borrowed capital in advance of it; and now, while I have not much to boast of, what I have is all my own." Here is sound economy and it applies equally to cities and individuals. Kansas, a great state, but one that has been boomed to death, is said to have twenty will build towns without a single inhabitant to wake the echoes of their deserted streets. Saratoga has a \$30,000 opera house, a large brick hotel, a \$20,000 school house and a number of fine business houses, yet there is nobody even to claim a place to sleep. Her banks remain, but they are silent. Some of her dwellings stand there, monuments of the credulity of man. At Fargo a \$25,000 school house stands on the side of the hill, a monument of the bond-vying craze. Most of the buildings have been removed or are torn down. The hotel keeps gloomy watch over the remaining houses aided by the 'bank.' A herder and his family constitute the sole population of what was once an incorporated city. These towns did not grow up with the country, they were built in advance of it. Hence they are dead. And so it must be always. Sow booms and all but the sharks will reap bankruptcy.

A contemporary deploras the fact that so many ships come to our harbors in ballast to take away our exports to foreign countries. It is too bad of course. Still the evil has its compensations. If the vessels came loaded every time they would frequently bring us commodities that we can just as well produce ourselves. The ballast costs us nothing and no money goes out of the country to pay for it. Then this country is big enough and great enough to be able to produce nearly all it needs. The ballast may be the means of increasing freights somewhat but a country that sells a great deal and buys little can stand a little extra freight. On the whole let the ballast come.

The Bar Association of New York city is after David B. Hill's scalp and the theft of the state legislature is to be investigated by a thoroughly non-partisan tribunal, a majority of which is composed of democrats. The association has been stimulated to this action by the fact that Isaac H. Maynard, one of Hill's gang who stole the election returns that they might be altered, was, shortly after the theft, promoted to the high office of judge of the court of appeals. The action of Maynard had the effect of changing the character of the New York legislature and the crime, if brought home to him, will prove that Maynard is fitter for the penitentiary than for a seat on the bench of the highest court of the state.

Some one has discovered that certain kinds of lamp wicks have been taxed 40 per cent. by the horrid McKinley bill. Now lamp wicks are sometimes used for lighting churches and churches are sometimes used for the worship of the Almighty. And hence certain pious members of the church of Cobdar are breathing out their whiskey soaked imprecations on the ambient air against the horrible sacrilege of taxing the worship of the Almighty, by taxing lamp-wicks.

The student of political history should not forget that Tammany has never yet succeeded in nominating one of its men for president of the United States, much less elect one. Every national convention has resented its dictation, repudiated its methods and spat upon the odor which attaches to it and there is no doubt it will do so again. Several of the many defeats which democracy has suffered during the past quarter of a century may be directly attributed to the infamies of Tammany.

An error in our dispatch from Tacoma yesterday, placed the number of men at work upon the Sault Ste Marie canal, too high. The contractor, Mr. T. W. Hubbell, of Detroit, when in the The Dalles last week, was called upon by some of our citizens, amongst whom was Mr. Shanno, to whom he stated all the facts, substantially as reported yesterday, but the number of men employed for eighteen months averaged \$1,400. Mr. Hubbell believes that the Cascade canal should have been completed, and could have been completed, just as readily, in a year and a half.

Is it not both significant and characteristic that fifty dollars saved on the soap supply for West Point should be the sum total of the retrenchment and reform record of the present congress up to date?

HOW IT WORKS.

Over at Tacoma there is a firm of broad minded, enterprising merchants, known far and wide as Gross Bros. At a recent public meeting Mr. Morris Gross spoke upon political matters. The Ledger reports him as telling how the McKinley law works. Among other things Mr. Gross said: "When I was in Europe I was in St. Gaul, a town in Switzerland where all the embroideries which are sold in this country come from. I went into a manufacturing place and I saw that all the people were Americans. I asked the proprietor why he didn't come to America and manufacture there, and he said, 'We can't work there.' I asked why, and he replied, 'Labor is too high.' This was before the McKinley bill was passed. I inquired what he would do should the McKinley bill pass, but he was sure it would not pass, because said he, 'Europe has a great deal of influence in America, and it will never let the McKinley bill pass.' I replied, 'My dear fellow, Europe does not rule America—you are mistaken. I am watching the papers every day to see whether the McKinley bill passes.' At last he said that if that bill did pass he would move his machinery to America and manufacture there. That is just what we want. [Applause.] Now, my friends, last month I was in New York, and I tell you nothing in my life has tickled me so much as seeing that same man and hearing him say that he now manufactures here and pays out \$50,000 every month to American labor. [Applause.] That is the McKinley bill. There is a small city in Germany (Chemnitz,) of 5000 people, all of whom live by the manufacture of hosiery—men's socks. Every pair of socks used to come to this country, and the whole 5,000 people lived on money from the sale of the goods in this country. But McKinley put a big duty on hosiery, and now all that hosiery is made here. That is the McKinley bill. When I was in Venice, after the McKinley bill had passed, I saw three manufactories closed up, and when I inquired the reason they said, 'The McKinley bill has passed.'

The Oregonian of today says: "Wasco county is said to be so deeply in debt, an increase in the assessment rate is contemplated." Where the Oregonian got its information we know not, but the statement is wholly without foundation. We have just learned the following facts from Judge Thornbury and County Clerk Crossen, each one of whom confirms the others statement. Four years ago the indebtedness of Wasco county was in the neighborhood of \$80,000. The present indebtedness, making allowance for available assets, is in the neighborhood of \$55,000. A statement of the financial condition of the county will be furnished by the county clerk for publication on the first of April next, and the clerk and judge both believe that it will show an indebtedness somewhere between fifty and sixty thousand dollars. This is a showing that no county officer need be ashamed of. A reduction of \$25,000 is no small testimony to the efficiency of the present county court.

The gallant and persistent struggle of Mr. Hermann before the river and harbor committee of the house, that has just ended by his having the sum of \$435,000 placed in the bill ordered reported to the house for the Cascade Locks, and better still the work being finished by contract merits the deep gratitude of every friend of an open river. Now let the bill pass the house in this fashion and it will certainly pass the senate and then there is hope that the present generation will realize a hope so long deferred that it has made the heart sick for many a year to think of it. The state can build the dalles portage and, better still for Wasco and Sherman counties, build it on the Oregon side of the river.

An enterprising paper in New York city lately engaged, at its own expense, in the work of cleaning the streets in order to demonstrate the cost at which the work could be done and make comparison between that and the actual cost paid by the city. A street cleaning force was sent out each day, for a number of days, and their work as to quantity and cost was carefully noted. On this basis it was found that the city could be completely swept every forty-eight hours, for an entire year, at a saving below the present cost of no less than \$1,618,379.40. Great is Tammany.

The quarantine officials in British Columbia have received orders from the acting minister of customs at Ottawa to enforce in future the regulations against American cattle imported into Canada. This action will make it necessary for such cattle to undergo ninety days quarantine and will thereby practically prohibit the business, as it is doubtless intended to do. The cities of Victoria and Vancouver draw their beef supply wholly from the United States and the enforcement of the orders is in spite of vigorous protests from the people of British Columbia.

A free trade exchange says: "The duty on wool increases the cost of woolen goods to the manufacturer and hence to the people. * * * The price of wool has dropped with every upward bound of the tariff." In that case a protective tariff has a sort of double action. It raises and lowers the price of commodities at one and the same time.

Death in a Big City. The shadows of metropolitan life could scarcely have a more ghastly illustration than in the case of the corpse of the old man at a Greenwich street window staring into the windows of the elevated cars for two days, the butt of the trainmen's Christmas time humor. A little while before was the killing and mangling of another man on the elevated almost immediately opposite a window where sat his wife and child looking innocently out and wondering who it was being carried away under the protecting blanket. We are wont to look upon the extraordinary situations created by the novelist and playwright with satirical severity, but the pen of Sue, Dumas, Dickens and of a host of imitators never conjured up from imaginations vivid with research and practical observation a more pathetically impressive picture than is presented in the dead man at the Greenwich street window. Yet such things are so common in New York that they are swallowed up in the great maelstrom of metropolitan events—forgotten in a day. —New York Herald.

Dividends in Philadelphia. The January payments of interest and dividends in this city are the heaviest of the year. Upon Jan. 1 interest matures on a large portion of the national debt, and the government pays the quarterly interest on the 4 per cents., about \$5,596,000, and also \$1,938,705 semiannual interest on the Pacific railroad bonds known as the "currency sixes." The semiannual interest on the debt of the city, due Jan. 1, is now being paid. The city interest due is \$1,516,075, of which \$589,773 goes into the city sinking fund. The principal of the city debt upon which interest is disbursed is \$32,417,300. It is estimated that all the money paid in Philadelphia for January interest and dividends exceeds \$10,000,000.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Knew About Servants. Little girl to her nurse, who has told her the story of Adam and Eve's dismissal from the garden of Eden—I suppose they were both sent away without a character.—London Truth.

Experiments in France on the velocity of propagation of electric waves give a mean velocity which is almost exactly that of light.

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