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MANY of those who are now complaining the loudest about hard times voted for "the change." The republican press told them how 'twould be and it "never told a lie."

It is said that death and taxes come to every man. In Paris they have fixed it so that even should death get the start taxes will have an inning before the game is done. The city levies a tax on funerals.

If the president can send a paramount diplomatic officer to the Hawaiian government to supersede a minister, without the consent of the senate, he has the power to send them to any other government.

The most damaging evidence against the Portland smuggling ring was not Blum's testimony itself, but the proven fact that defendants of high business standing had intimate relations with such a scoundrel as the defense proved Blum to be.

"ANOTHER great railroad in the hands of a receiver" is getting to be a stereotyped heading. When this thing runs its course such a lot of water will be pumped out of railroad stocks as will put the properties on the dry bottom foundation of legitimate business properties.

It was an affecting scene when ex-Treasurer Arrington, of Douglas county took leave of his family to go to the penitentiary for larceny of the county's funds. It will also be an affecting scene when his bondsmen leave their homes, sold out to pay the amount of the deficiency.

The war in Brazil is being carried on principally in the newspapers. The amount of matter furnished by war correspondents, compared with the amount of actual fighting done, is about in the same proportion as the Oregon Pacific litigation is to the value of the property involved.

ONE day this week Governor Pennoyer pardoned four convicts. It seems nearly useless for the counties of the state to spend large sums of money to convict criminals when one man is allowed to turn them out by the wholesale.—Eugene Guard. What would you do about it? Would you take the pardoning power away from the governor?—Statesman. Yes, place the power in the hands of the legislature.—Guard. THE GAZETTE would suggest that the criminal courts throughout the state be discontinued during the remainder of Pennoyer's term, or else have the governor committed to the asylum for the next six months.

WHERE THEY COME FROM.

A trade paper publishes the following in regard to the leading members of the ways and means committee who have prepared the new tariff bill, a measure vitally affecting the industries of this country:

- "Here are the names and addresses of the leaders of the ways and means committee: "Chairman Wilson, Charleston, W. Va., population 2,287. "Benton McMullin, Carthage, Tenn., population 478. "Henry G. Turner, Quitman, Ga., population 1,868. "Clifton R. Breckinridge, Pine Bluffs, Ark., population less than 1,000. "Alexander B. Montgomery, Elizabethton, Ky., population 2,260. "We have no advertisers from any of these towns; no trade paper has; there are no manufacturers located there, and yet all the manufacturing industries of the United States must lie idle while these men, who know nothing about manufactures, argue over what they do not understand."

The significant fact which is made prominent in this extract is that these men all reside in small villages of the south where there are no factories and no trade except of the most petty nature. Just as good men may live in small country villages as in large cities; but men are in part the creatures of their environment, and one would not look for expert sailors in Bohemia or vine dressers in Manitoba. Just as little should we expect to find men in these small southern villages, aloof from all the great currents of American business and industry, capable of taking a broad and intelligent view of the policies best suited to promote the general interests of trade and industry in the United States.

FREE SCHOOLS.

Free schools are maintained on the grounds of public policy and all children are afforded an opportunity of receiving an education in the common branches at the expense of the taxpayers. Statistics show that education has a tendency to lessen crime and for this reason alone it might be well to make the attendance compulsory. With the common school education the pupil is equipped to enter upon the duties of ordinary business and further than this the state should not be called upon to assist. Professor Chapman thinks the state is doing too little in this direction. Doubtless he is looking at the situation from an Altrurian standpoint. What we want and what the country demands is more active, energetic persons who will support themselves by productive labor. Higher education means less contentment among the masses, and forces into the professions many who are incompetent and might, if engaged in some other pursuit achieve success. College educations will not make business men. This is especially true of those receiving a higher education at the expense of the public where no exertion or sacrifice is made on the part of the person receiving it. If, after the common branches have been thoroughly mastered, a thirst is acquired for a college course it will be attained through the untiring exertions of the pupil—if the proper mental has gone into his composition, otherwise he would be no better qualified to take his place in the business world than before it had been received. Time was when boys and girls were expected to assist in securing an education, while now they are taught that the taxpayer will provide the luxury. The sooner their minds are disabused of this absurd idea the better. The school of experience is the one that best fits a man for life and if the money secured for the payment of expenses at college is obtained through personal contact with the world such student is more likely to meet with success in after life than those who receive their education at the expense of the state. That life is not all a dream should be learned before old age overtakes us, and no better time is afforded than while attending college.

INSANITY AS A DEFENSE. The conviction of Prendergast, following that of the bombthrowers, is a refutation of the charge that the enemies of society are in the ascendancy in Chicago and somewhat revives the public's drooping faith in the jury system. Society demands for its protection a rigid enforcement of the criminal laws. Sympathy for the culprit should not avert the punishment for the crime. Insanity, where an intentional murder has been committed, should not be admissible as a defense. A less revolting means of death than that by hanging should be suffered by the insane murderer, but it is dangerous policy to allow him to plead condition of mind as exculpation of his crime. The jury should be the final arbitration between the law and the defendant. Our own governor and that of Illinois has proven the danger of giving the executive unlimited pardoning power. The judicial and executive branches of the state are intended and should be distinct in these functions; but the governor in using his own discretion in pardoning convicted criminals usurps and annuls the power of both judge and jury. The constitution gives to the governor power to pardon under such restrictions as may be provided by law. The legislature should limit this power to cases where the person convicted is afterwards absolutely proven to be innocent.

CONGRESSMAN W. C. P. BRECKINRIDGE, of Kentucky, assured the country that he would vindicate his name and character of the charge made against him in a suit brought by a Miss Pollard, accusing him with betrayal under promise of marriage. This vindication consisted of denying the charge on the ground that she was immoral before he knew her. It is now understood that there has been a settlement effected by payment to her of several thousand dollars, beside an annuity of \$800 during the remainder of her life. His friends and neighbors consider this a complete vindication. Taking this for an example, the standard of morality in the south has not reached a very exalted position. Those Brazilians can do more fighting with less killing and carry on war longer without doing any serious damage than any people of the comic opera stage.

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EDITORIAL CLIPPINGS.

The turkey was the skeleton at the feast.

The business of receivers is good in these "Cleveland times."

CHINA'S national hymn is so long that people take half a day to listen to it.

The Princess of Wales is said to have been made completely deaf by the grip.

The soup house is the only plant that grows fastest in the shadow of free trade.

The Galveston News has noticed that the faro dealer admits raw material free.

ACCORDING to Secretary J. Sterling Morton, 30,000,000 people live on 6,000,000 farms in the United States.

The newspapers report that the hard times have increased the number of hotel beats all over the country.

WITH the exception of the importers, the passage of the Wilson bill will make every man in the country poorer.

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND and Secretary Gresham have gone for ducks, and the industries of the country are going to the dogs.

ORGANIZED labor in many parts of the country is petitioning congress to defeat the free trade crime proposed by the starvavian wages tariff bill.

The New York Press thinks there is one good thing about the new tariff bill. It will keep the flies away next summer; there will be nothing for them to eat.

GEN. HORACE PORTER might be accused of carrying a joke a little too far when he said that the early New Englander crossed his honey beads with lightning bugs so that they could see to work nights.

It is necessary, in order to educate some people, to give them an object lesson. The object lesson the past year has made protectionists out of a good many that never saw it in that light before. The tariff question is now being studied and the American people are understanding the principle of protection more thoroughly than they ever did.

CARNEGIE has made a magnificent offer to the city of Pittsburgh. He will give \$5,000 a day for two months to put deserving men to work. This means a gift of nearly \$300,000. The only condition being that Pittsburgh raise a like sum. As the smoky city raised that amount at a bazaar during the war, the ability to perform the feat has been demonstrated; and probably the poor of Pittsburgh will be the better off for over half a million contributed by her generous citizens.

BRADSTREET'S mercantile agency has made inquiries from its own representatives, and reports from 119 cities throughout the country show there are wage earners in enforced idleness at the present time numbering more than 801,000, and that there are dependent for support upon these idle employes of industrial and other establishments more than 1,956,000 persons. And more than three years of Grover yet to come.

THE democrats had a hard time to keep Gen. Daniel E. Sickles from deserting the party in 1892, and now they find the old veteran is after their scalps once more. He parts company with the party on the pension question and stands bravely by his old comrades in arms. It will be remembered that he made a couple of speeches just after the Chicago convention in 1892, in which he scored Cleveland severely. To keep him in line they nominated him for congress in one of the New York city districts. Now he is in a position to do them more harm than ever and he seems ready to do it. He made a ringing speech in congress the other day in which he said the question should be kept above sectionalism. He was glad to note that many who were his adversaries in battle showed the disposition to grant liberal pensions to the union veterans. Then the old warrior warmed up and said he did not believe that wholesale frauds existed in the pension roll, and that no party would rule long in this country and no rulers would long survive popular condemnation who cast unskillful slurs upon the integrity and good faith of veterans on the pension rolls.

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WASHINGTON LETTER.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25, 1893.

Can the Cleveland tariff bill be defeated in the house? That was the important question considered at a secret conference of democratic members of the house who are opposed to the bill, or at least to those portions of it that fall heavily on industries in their respective districts. I have learned that the members of this conference decided to take advantage of their visit to the holidays to ascertain the sentiments of their constituents, and determine that if they were, as they believe them to be, against the clauses of the Cleveland bill that effect their own industries, that they combine against those particular schedules of the bill, and if the democratic caucus, to be held as soon as congress comes together again, refused to amend the bill to meet their wishes, they would in a body decline to be bound by the caucus and would vote against the entire bill. The importance of this congress depends almost altogether on the number of votes it can control. Statements as to the number in attendance vary, ranging from 5 to 50. The administration men who have heard about it say that it is only a bluff on the part of a handful of members, to secure amendments favorable to their constituents, and a good many republicans are disposed to regard it in the same light. Republicans do not expect to see the bill either defeated or materially changed in the house; but they have an abiding faith that it will have to be radically changed before it can get through the senate, and they are not without hope of its being absolutely defeated in that body. Closing manufactories, failing merchants, millions unemployed, many of them suffering for lack of dividends by all classes of corporations are bound to have some effect in the senate, if not in the house. Notwithstanding Secretary Carlisle's refusal to allow members of the G. A. R. to solicit contributions in the treasury department for the annual Christmas dinner for the families of indigent members of the organization, an ample fund was secured for that purpose and the materials for a first class Christmas dinner were delivered to the families of 663 comrades this morning, and in addition, shoes and clothing were given to those who needed them. It takes more than the refusal of a request by a member of the cabinet to upset the customs of the G. A. R. An amusing incident of the strange fear of assassination which has taken possession of Mr. Cleveland and the men who are prominent in supporting his policy, even when it is necessary for them to turn complete somersaults to do so, is causing a broad smile all over town. The other day a son of Senator Mills, who comes from a state which has long prided itself on fearless men, applied to the police authorities for a permit to carry a pistol to protect his father from a mysterious assassin, who he said, had threatened to kill him. The permit was granted him, and young Mr. Mills went on his way rejoicing in his license to carry a gun, not expecting that any newspaper man would ever know anything about it. That's where he was mistaken. A newspaper man not only found it out, but he printed it, and the brave Texas senator and his armed body guard became the butt upon which the ridicule which had been accumulating on account of certain more or less absurd precautions which had been taken at the white house and the capitol to keep out men feared to be upon murder bent, was poured without stint. The Texas senator, be it known, is a man of fiery temper. When he saw the publication and observed the manner in which people eyed him he became furious. He claims to have known nothing about the permit until he saw the publication. The sequel came out Saturday afternoon, when young Mills with disheveled hair and wild eyes rushed into the police court and asked that the permit issued to him be cancelled. There is a moral to this story. First, don't get frightened; second, don't expect to succeed in hiding things from newspaper men. The attempt on the part of Secretary Lamont to compel the 500 clerks who occupied the old Ford's theatre building at the time of the awful accident to go back into the old death trap, which has been patched up to the extent of \$6,000, has been temporarily frustrated by a report of the local building inspector, declaring the building unsafe. A resolution is pending in the senate declaring against the use of this building for clerical purposes again. Even if this building were perfectly safe it would still be an unnecessary cruelty to force the clerks who were there when the accident took place to again occupy it.

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