

THE TARIFF BILL.

Congress at its last session, in order to avoid taking any action on the tariff question, appointed what was known as the tariff commission, which remained in session during the recess, traveled from place to place taking evidence and listening to long-winded speeches, mostly in the interest of protection. This commission endeavored, so far as it was possible, to create a sentiment in favor of this nefarious system which has robbed the people so long. It will be remembered that just previous to the November elections, the press dispatches were filled with the arguments and expressions in favor of even an advance of the tariff on many imports, especially on the various manufactured articles which are used or consumed by the populace. No sooner had the result of the elections become known and the voice of the people understood in the unmistakable manner in which they had declared upon this question, than the majority of the commission, together with other leaders of the Republican party, busied themselves devising some means of saving the protective feature of this monstrous tariff system which they had so long fostered from the vengeance of an outraged people, who for twenty years had stood this shameful and open robbery. It was immediately heralded from one end of the country to the other that the commission were in favor of heavy reductions of the duties on imports as well as of the internal revenue and that they would so report to Congress. Congress has met and they have made their report, in the form of an amendment to the tariff, which claims a reduction of from 20 to 50 per cent. on the entire revenue, which is true, and the reduction is made so as to prevent the accumulation of money in the treasury. The protective features of the bill is retained in even a worse form than it exists at present, while large reductions are made on very many articles and others admitted free of duty. The bill is so framed that manufactured articles, which are used and consumed by the laboring masses and are actual necessities for the comforts of life, are made to yield almost the entire revenue for the support of the government. We give the following opinion of Morrison, Co. congressman from Illinois, who has carefully analyzed the bill.

Morrison says he was favorably disposed at first towards the tariff commission bill, being stunned by the sweeping reduction the commission proposed. He, like his fellow Democrats, had professed to believe the appointment of the commission was a subterfuge on the part of high tariff interests, which did not propose to submit to any reduction whatever. When, however, it came in and it was discovered the commission's schedule did propose a reduction ranging from 20 to 50 per cent., he yielded gracefully to the requirements and announced that he expected to sustain its recommendations. Now, however, he has changed his mind. He has found, notwithstanding the reduction, that the proposed tariff is still a protective one and not for revenue only. As said to-day:

"This report of the tariff commission is a fraud and a cheat on the face of it. It seems to make great reductions and so far it meets my approval. The fact is, it is a cunningly devised scheme for protection which makes very little practical reduction upon the list as a whole. The free list about which so much has been said is a fraud too, because there is scarcely anything added to it but spices. In chemicals the reduction is considerable, but beyond that I cannot say much in favor of the bill. It recommends the abolition of all charges for fees and commissions, which I have been trying to have repealed for the past ten years. It makes such amendments in our tariff regulations that the administration of the law has shown to have been unnecessary. Again, its groups and classifications are good. So far I like it and when I have enumerated these points I have said all there is to say in favor of it. The ways and means committee is giving the matter very little consideration and is skimming through it without any attempt to investigate the proposed changes. The testimony of persons upon whose statements the lists were prepared by the commission is not read, and I have suggested that if we only to make a consideration of the report shall we not better go right on at once to the house with it and put it in, all just as it is! I think practically it is what will be done in the end."

"Do you think the bill of the commission will pass the house practically as it stands?"

"Yes, I suppose it will, but I will give it a kick as it goes through."

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PENSION DRAINS.

It is said by those who from their position ought to know that about \$150,000,000 will be required during this year to meet the demands for pensions. There has been a considerable noise about fraud on the part of those claiming pensions, and we have no doubt that there is some reason for it; but we believe that the number of genuine claims never presented will nearly offset those which are unlawfully allowed. The fault, says the Examiner, is in the loose and sweeping kind of law that was passed by Congress. It is stated that something like one million possible claimants as yet to be heard from. We think it is absurd and outrageous to put the whole army on the pension list when it is notorious that a large percentage of those serving in it were in no manner injured. We do not object to a just and liberal treatment of those who serve in the armies of the country. The expense on this head is growing at this late day, when it ought to be shrinking, and we cannot promise ourselves much relief from taxation if all kinds of wastefulness are to be tolerated. It is doubtful if any act of Congress now can give anything like a just relief to the treasury from this great drain. It is right enough that those crippled or disabled by disease contracted in the war, should have a pension, and we find no fault with that policy. But the present law ought not to have been passed, and it should have been promptly vetoed by the acting President. The existence of such a criminally-inclined law is a disgrace to the country. It is nothing less than a bait to tempt the people to the commission of perjury and conspiracy to defraud the government. Including this hundred millions and the sixty millions for interest, forty millions for the postoffice department, the charge for the army, navy and civil establishment, a total amount will be required that will call for strict economy in the future. We have evil legacies by which to remember the present profligate era.

The Star Route Trials.

The star route trials and the Jeanette expedition have become to be the most grievous bores that the reporters of the associated press have inflicted upon newspaper readers since President Garfield was shot. The latter was simply an advertisement for the New York Herald. The whole outfit was shoddy and was officered by men who knew nothing of the business in which they were engaged. The less of the vessel was a matter of course, but the escape of any of the crew was almost a miracle. Yet the telegrams are largely filled with a report of an examination at Washington as to who was to blame. The star route trials are only more obnoxious, because the reports are more voluminous. There is not a single man, who is not an idiot, but is aware that the expediting of the star routes was commenced under the Grant administration, continued through the fraudulent Hayes' term, and fell as a legacy to the late President Garfield. The letters of Mr. Garfield prove that he accepted the money of Dorsey; was his intimate friend and intended to continue the business, Dorsey having put up \$20,000 for the campaign. The present administration may make an effort to convict, but we are tired of receiving telegrams in regard to a case which has already been decided.

A PHILOSOPHER'S VIEW.—The noted English scientist Herbert Spencer, has this been not on American politics, which comes through the medium of the London Telegraph. It is of some importance, as Mr. Spencer has been a recent visitor to our land and is one of the deepest thinkers of modern times: "The American people are ruled by their sympathies and prejudices. Before the assassination of Garfield the people as a whole were about equally divided in their allegiance to him or Senator Conkling. The fatal bullet that made Garfield a martyr sealed the fate of Conkling. His following was reduced to his personal friends and the great heart of the republic went out to the dying President. What would have been the result to the Garfield administration if Conkling had been the victim of a crack-brained 'half breed,' requires no foresight to tell. The sympathy of the people would have been for the Senator, and the administration would never have recovered from the shock. Sympathy, not justice, rules America."

GENERAL SHERMAN doesn't want to be the next President, and no one else wants him to be, and the Detroit Free Press can't see where there is any chance for argument about it.

The expenses of the Garfield fair at Washington were about \$16,000, and the receipts about \$22,000. The result was not nearly so good as expected.

The Prohibition Amendment.

It may be stated as certain that the report published some days since to the effect that the proceedings taken by the Legislative assembly at the recent session on the prohibition amendment were defective, is well founded. What has been done is of no effect whatever. The constitution requires that an amendment or amendments may be proposed in either branch of the assembly, and if the same be agreed to by a majority of all the members, such proposed amendment or amendments, with the yeas and nays thereon, shall be entered on the journals of the houses and referred to the legislature to be chosen at the next general election. The proposed amendment in this case was not entered upon the journals. It was an accidental omission, arising from the fact that the constitution was not specially examined to see what course it was necessary to take. The consequence is that the proceeding thus far is a nullity. It will be necessary for the next Legislative assembly to begin with the matter again. On inquiry about the omission the proof is clear that it was the result of oversight and not of design. We are told that the proposition to amend was in the form of a bill. When bills for laws are passed it is not required to enter them upon the journals; and so the form which the constitution requires in dealing with amendments was, in this case overlooked. No doubt there will be more vigilance next time in attending to constitutional form.—[Oregonian.]

AMONG the features of the new criminal code which has just gone into effect in the State of New York are the provisions that intoxication cannot be pleaded in defense of crime; that he who bribes State officers must go to the State prison for ten years, and pay a fine of \$5,000; that the jurors taking bribes must go to prison; that bribing witnesses is a felony; that attempts at suicide must be punished by imprisonment for two years, and a fine of \$1000; that parents abandoning children under six years of age must be imprisoned for seven years; that a person whose husband or wife has been absent five successive years, and not known to be living, may remarry.

A Nice Fight.

The Senatorial contest in Colorado promises to be the liveliest faction fight ever seen outside of Tipperary. The Democrats elected their governor, but the legislature is Republican. There are at present in the field six Republican candidates for United States Senator, to-wit: Ex-Senator Chaffee, Governor Pitkin, Tabor, Bowen and Hamell, all bonanza millionaires with more money than brains, and all determined to cut each other's throats. The sixth candidate is Belford, who hopes to slide in between the other candidates. It is announced that money will be spent without limit until the election is over. Such an undisguised attempt at bribery has never been exhibited in any State in the Union, and indicates unmistakably that no honest man will be elected.

LIVELY.—Certain people in Portland who had no faith in the late temperance movement headed by Dr. Watts, now charge that the defeat of the measure was due to political manipulation, for which the Doctor himself is accountable. The Telegram also charges the Doctor with the blame, and when that gentleman has had time to collect his thoughts and essays to meet these charges, there is going to be a howling in the wilderness which will startle the untamed animals and cause them to flee unto the mountains of Hepaidam.

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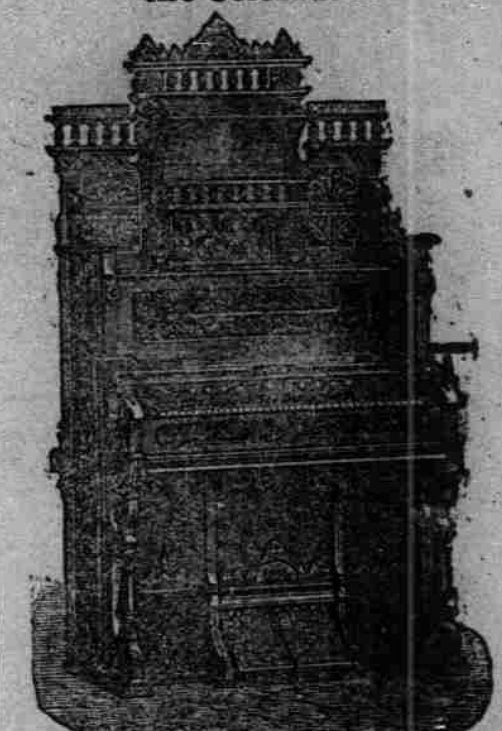
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