

ARE WE A NATION OF BEGGARS?

The regularity with which the great monopolies and highly protected interests bob up to greet the various senatorial committees that during the vacation season are perambulating the country seeking after information and the unanimous cry for more protection, higher duties and subsidies, is attracting the attention of all observant men. This feature is all the more striking as it brings out in strong contrast the activity of the tariff industries as compared with the comatose state of the consumers, and common people who must of necessity suffer if the demands are granted. The result of the organization of capital is apparent, for the cry is a uniform one to the extent that more tax is desired upon foreign articles that they may be excluded and great subsidies required to support foreign trade. Thus, in San Francisco, the senate committee is informed that Mexico and British Columbia will destroy us unless we shut them out entirely, while the committee that is considering the way to head off the Canadian Pacific railway and its enterprise learns of the danger that confronts us from other countries. This wall calls forth an indignant protest from many sources but nowhere have we seen a more pertinent one than appears in a recent number of the Allie California, which says: "The spectacle is calculated to humble American pride. We are afraid to deal with other people on the basis of exchange of products and insist upon being paid in cash for what they get of us. We bite every coin for fear it may be counterfeit and sit and snivel over the results of enterprise in other countries and ask our government to give us money to stop our crying and complaints. Next 4th of July, instead of sewing red stripes down our trousers legs and straddling holiday car horses and be-goshing at all mankind, let us meet and pass resolutions that we are equal to none and excelled by all and will go to the poorhouse unless we are protected and subsidized. Let us take the goddess of liberty off the shield and great seal and put Oliver Twist there with bowl and spoon asking Uncle Sam for 'more.'" The picture thus presented gives us a unique representation of our position, but is it not deserved? Our orators tell us that there is no land like ours, that no other country has such a wealth of fertile plains and valleys, such stores of precious metals, such magnificent rivers, beautiful lakes and lofty mountains; our citizens are the most ingenious and patriotic; our government the pride of liberty loving people all over the world and our flag floats over a nation the grandest on the face of the globe; yet we appear by the records of the senate committees as a nation of beggars and cowards, praying for governmental aid and protection, afraid of our own shadows and trembling at every spook that party necessity raises. It is time that the common people of the country rose and repudiated such attempts to degrade the standard of American manhood, since they come only from sources that would build themselves up at the expense of the great whole. Let the rank and file declare the continued force and power of the country, regardless of those who would even drag the dignity of a great people down if thereby they can reap the rewards. But not only the dignity but the true prosperity of the people is assailed. Everything that leads to the building up of classes tends to destroy the interests of the people as a whole and turns the government from its proper course.

VITAL STATISTICS.

The attention of the medical profession is called to the following circular letter from the superintendent of the census. Upon the profession will depend the completeness of the census of vital statistics. Let all assist in the work:

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 1, 1889.

To the Medical Profession:

The various medical associations and the medical profession will be glad to learn that Dr John S Billings, Surgeon U S Army, has consented to take charge of the report on the Mortality and Vital Statistics of the United States as returned by the Eleventh Census.

As the United States has no system of registration of vital statistics, such as is relied upon by other civilized nations for the purpose of ascertaining the actual movement of population, our census affords the only opportunity of obtaining near an approximate estimate of the birth and death rates of much the larger part of the country, which is entirely unprovided with any satisfactory system of state and municipal registration.

In view of this, the Census Office, during the month of May this year, will issue to the medical profession throughout the country "Physician's Registers" for the purpose of obtaining more accurate returns of deaths than it is possible for the enumerators to make. It is earnestly hoped that physicians in every part of the country will co-operate with the Census Office in this important work. The record should be kept from June 1, 1889, to May 31, 1890. Nearly 26,000 of these registration books were filled up and returned to the office in 1880, and nearly all of them used for statistical purposes. It is hoped that double this number will be obtained for the Eleventh Census.

Physicians not receiving registers can

obtain them by sending their names and addresses to the Census Office, and, with the Register, an official envelope which requires no stamp will be provided for their return to Washington.

If all medical and surgical practitioners throughout the country will lend their aid, the mortality and vital statistics of the Eleventh Census will be more comprehensive and complete than they have ever been. Every physician should take a personal pride in having this report as full and accurate as it is possible to make it.

It is hereby promised that all information obtained through this source shall be held strictly confidential.

ROBERT J. PORTER, Supt. of Census.

The first paper mill in America was built at Roxborough, near Philadelphia, in 1690, and the first paper maker was William Rittenhouse. Steps are being taken toward the celebration of his bi-centennial, and a gathering of paper makers and printers is urged. Horatio Giles Jones has sent circulars to those interested, calling for expressions of opinion relative to the character of the observation.

The commercial associations in the grain trade in London are considering the measures to be taken for diminishing the impurities in East India wheats exported to Great Britain. This dirt sometimes amounts to between eight and nine per cent, of the total weight. France and Italy refuse to import such dirty wheat, giving preference to American and Russian wheats.

About 10,000 Democrats have been removed by Harrison's headmen since March 4. As a Democratic administration was about 8000 behind this record in the same length of time, we suppose this demonstrates the truth of the allegation that civil service is only safe in Republican hands.

An extensive deposit of mineral wax that has been for a long time overlooked was discovered in Utah three years ago, on the line of the Denver and Rio Grande railroad. Over 1000 tons a year are secured. It resembles beeswax and may be used for the same purposes.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

GIRL WANTED.—To do general housework in city. Call at DEMOCRAT office.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS AND BUILDERS.—Notice is hereby given that bids will be received until Saturday, June 5, 1889, at the hour of one o'clock P. M., for the construction of a two story brick building on the real property owned by the Masonic Building Association in Albany, Oregon, in accordance with plans and specifications now on file in the office of Charles E. Wolverton, secretary. The right is reserved to reject any and all bids.

Dated May 21, 1889.

By order, L. SENDERS, G. F. SIMPSON, G. W. MASTON, Committee

FOR SALE.—A phaeton. A grade, full leather top, good as new. For sale cheap. Inquire of M. J. Montelth.

1849-1889.—The days of '49 are gone and a new era has come. We must keep up with the train and hence note the great reduction in prices at the Albany Bath and Shaving Parlors. Shaving 15 cents. Baths 25 cents or 50 cents for \$1. Children's hair cut, 15 cents. Hair cutting 25 cents. Hair or whisker dyeing a specialty. Hair oil and Sea Foam for sale. Razors honed for 25 cents. Jos. WEBBER, Proprietor.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.—Notice is hereby given that at the next regular term of the County Commissioners Court for Linn county, Oregon, to be held at the Court House in the city of Albany on Wednesday the 5th day of June, A. D. 1889, sealed plans, specifications, strains, diagrams and bids will be received for building a bridge across the South Santiam at Waterloo; said bridge to be about 180 feet long and sixteen feet wide in the clear. Also for the building of a bridge across Crabtree Creek where the County Road crosses said creek; or the saw mill of Deakins Bros. and J. E. Cyrus; said bridge to be about 100 feet long and 16 feet wide in the clear. Also for the building of a bridge across Muddy Creek at the place known as the Wilson ford. Bidders to submit estimates on this bridge for construction of same at Waterloo ford and also where the old bridge washed out said bridge to be about 50 feet long and sixteen feet wide in the clear. All of said bridges to be covered. All bids must be filed with the Clerk on or before 1 o'clock P. M. of the above mentioned day. All bids must be accompanied by deposits of 5 per cent of bid. The Court reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Plans by order of the Court this 5th day of May, A. D. 1889

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In colors and blacks. Seersuckers, ginghams, chambrays, French prints and wash fabrics. All the novelties of the season in black and colors. I will have something further to say about those in a few days.

EMBROIDERIES, SKIRTINGS

Flouncings, and all overs on cambrics, Swiss and India Linen. I have just opened the largest invoice of novelties in this fine ever exhibited in this city, and at greatly reduced prices.

Piques, Lawns, India Linens,

Nansooks in white, ecru and colors, all at prices very much cheaper than ever before offered in this city.

TABLE LINEN,

In brown and bleached. This stock I bought in New York at less than importers' price, and am able to give good bargains. 58 inch all linen bleached at 50 cents per yard and others in proportion.

TOWELINGS, CRASHES, ETC

All these goods I buy direct from importers by the bale, and can sell them much cheaper than if bought of jobbers—towels I buy in quantities in New York, and am offering them at prices that are sure to sell the goods.

Ladies Cotton Hose.

Are cheaper this year than ever before. I have succeeded in getting some good bargains, all of which I am offering to my customers—the same in

MISSES AND CHILDREN'S,

The above is an outline of the policy I am going to do business and will endeavor to do my part towards securing the trade in Linn and adjoining counties to Albany, and to keep up with the procession of the lively and growing city of Albany. I will have something to say about

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