

The New York Tribune recently announced grimly that "Andrew Carnegie is determined that the 2500 employes of his Homestead mills shall either work at the scale of wages published Saturday or quit his employ." This is an alternative which can scarcely be gratifying to men who were assured that it was their first duty to vote for protection, a home market and high wages. The reason assigned for the reduced scale is that it has been rendered necessary by the competition of similar works at Chicago, Pottsville and other places. In the meantime the militia has been called out in at least one Pennsylvania town to restrain miners who are getting so hungry that nothing short of armed force can keep them within bounds and compel them to starve quietly and decently. From all which it is evident that protection has failed to bring the miners and iron workers the wages they were promised, that the vaunted home market is not sufficient to give them remunerative employment, and that the talk about high wages as the natural result of a republican victory was a humbug.

There are certain clearly defined laws which govern business, as fixed in their nature as the code of the Medes and Persians. Over-production must be followed by depression. A system that stimulates over-production must inevitably, in time, bring about a reaction, and with the reaction must come reduction and suffering. These are obvious and self-evident facts, and yet not one of them was admitted by men like Carnegie while the presidential election was pending. There is a grave suspicion, which amounts almost to certainty, that these men knew then, what they openly declare now, that a reduction must come, but that they deliberately put it off until the election should be over. Certain it is, at all events, that soon after the result was known there began a series of reductions which have not yet ceased.

Now, suppose it is true—and there are reasons for believing it to be true—that Andrew Carnegie, knowing the precise condition of the iron market, knowing also that reduction was inevitable through all the months that he was taking his ease in Scotland and coaching Blaine last summer, deliberately permitted the workingman to be deceived, intending, if Cleveland was re-elected, to precipitate reduction after reduction and lay the blame on the democratic policy, and equally confident that if Harrison was elected, as he hoped, that the reduction would come too late to affect the tariff under which he had amassed enormous wealth. Suppose, further, that the leaders of the party generally, including Blaine himself, who in that critical period in republican party politics could scarcely recall the condition of English workingmen in the Black Country without shedding tears, knew that these reductions in wages were as sure to come as the universal laws of supply and demand were sure to remain in force, but deliberately and malevolently deceived American workingmen into voting them into power, what shall those workingmen say to-day?

A year ago Andrew Carnegie could see no hope for the working people of this country save in the present outrageously high protective tariff. To-day he is "determined" that 2500 of them shall work on a reduced scale of wages or "quit his employ."

There was a heavy fog of protection hanging over this country last fall, but it has been lifting somewhat since and is getting quite thin in places. Mr Carnegie's homestead mills are located in the center of one of the places.

Foreign ministers demand the most scrupulous observance of the stereotyped rules of etiquette, and watch with scrutiny every attention and inattention to them. A failure to seat a member of the corps or his wife in the precise seat belonging to his or her rank at the table, would, probably, destroy the pleasure of the occasion. Not one inch farther from the host or hostess than belonged to the country they represent would be tolerated. The placing of the diplomats in line to be presented at occasions of ceremony must be done in strict observance of rank and importance of each. Hence, persons dining or entertaining these dignitaries must first post themselves accurately on the status of every kingdom, province and principality, if they expect to give their guests pleasure and to avoid a scene, such as has characterized occasions where "second-class South America" has occupied positions a few paces above "first-class Europe," or where little European provinces have been given more conspicuous places than greater kingdoms.

Benson J. Lossing, the eminent historian, recently wrote as follows to a friend: "I am, I believe, in sound health of body, mind and morals. I am happy to say that I am an optimist. I see humanity progressing with marvellous strides towards a higher plane, and I believe in the preponderating goodness of human nature when properly developed. I walk serenely amid God's works of every kind, and accept as true his fiat at the creation that all was good and very good. Our country! What a glorious heritage we enjoy and will leave to posterity!"

A Change has been made in the regulations of the postoffice department which has not been generally published, but is important. It is that letters which have a special delivery stamp and no postage stamp on them will be forwarded to the person addressed, from whom the postage will be collected. Heretofore a notice of postage due has been sent out and the letter retained. The change is made for the reason that many people mailing letters with special delivery stamps on them either forget to put a postage stamp on them or think that the special delivery stamp pays postage also. The new regulation is advantageous because it insures the immediate delivery of letters which may be often important, and the payment of postage by either sender or receiver is of small consequence as compared with the prompt delivery of the letter.

It is said that Wm. K. Vanderbilt, of New York, will build near Asheville, N. C., the most magnificent private residence in the South. He now owns 4,000 acres of land there which cost him from \$50 to \$100 per acre. His architect has completed a design for a grand mansion to be 300 feet in length, with gorgeous parlors and reception rooms, conservatories, ball-rooms and fountains—in short, all comfort and appointment to be had by the expenditure of a million of dollars, the amount decided upon.

Senator Riddleberger who dropped out of political life a short time since, is said to be engaged writing a novel—a story of real life, actual experience. It is presumed that it would be full of spirit.

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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.—Notice is hereby given that at the next regular term of the County Commission Court for Linn county State of Oregon, to be held at the Court House in the city of Albany on Wednesday the 3rd day of July, A. D. 1889, Sealed plans, specifications, strains, diagrams and bids will be received for building a bridge across the North fork of the Santiam River about 200 feet below the Stayton Ferry; said bridge to be 510 feet long and 16 feet wide in the clear. Piers to be of sufficient height to bring the bottom of the floor beams at least 22 feet above low water mark. All bids must be filed with the Clerk on or before one o'clock p. m. of the above mentioned day, and accompanied with certified check of five per cent of bid as by law required. The Court reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

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