

**THE DAILY DEMOCRAT.**

**A SEVEN MILLION TARIFF SWINDLE.**

The Supreme Court of the United States has affirmed the judgement of the Circuit Courts of New York and Pennsylvania in favor of the silk importers whereby the government must refund to the silk importers about \$7,000,000 for overcharged duties. The tariff of taxes on imported silk ribbons were ambiguous, and 50 per cent. duty was charged by the government whereas the Courts have decided that the duty should have been 20 per cent.

This 50 per cent. duty on silk ribbons used for trimmings was paid under protest and suits instituted for its repayment to the importers until the amount of excess paid reached nearly or quite \$7,000,000, when a judicial decision was reached, declaring the proper duty to be 20 per cent. instead of 50 per cent. and giving the importers reclamation against the government for the entire amount of excess of duties paid. Of the \$7,000,000 that the government must refund to importers, the lawyers get nearly one-half under their contract and the importers the remainder.

The swindle in this case is clear to all when it is considered that the consumers of these silk goods have paid the \$7,000,000 of excess duties. The importers added it to the cost of goods to consumer, and now the recovery is had for the benefit of the importers and the lawyers, while the people who paid the whole of it out of their own pockets, do not receive one cent of the refunded duties. It is simply a bald swindle upon consumers and an immense speculation for importers and lawyers.

A like swindle is now being hatched out of the changed duties on worsted goods. The tariff of 1883 fixes the duties on worsteds as plainly as the English language could make it and classifies them separately from woollens. Changed conditions in the production of worsteds made the duties entirely inadequate, and after the inauguration of the new administration Appraiser Leach, of Philadelphia, was induced to increase the duties on worsteds by violent construction and with scarcely the color of law. These increased and unlawful duties are now being paid by importers under protest, as the duties on silk ribbons were paid, and the consumers are charged the full additional tariff tax.

By and by the importers will get the case before the Courts, when the increased duties paid by consumers will be refunded to the importers with six per cent. interest and the swindled people who have bought and worn worsteds will be swindled to the extent of several millions more. Is it not time that Congress should revise the tariff and make it so plain that people cannot be swindled out of millions of money to be repaid by the government to speculate importers?

First Assistant Postmaster General Clarkson in answer to the reports about his resignation in the Chicago Times, etc., is quoted as saying: "It may take, perhaps, until next March before my work is accomplished, and until then I shall remain right here. After that some one else may have the place." Which must be taken to mean that by that time he will have all the important postoffice heads removed from their official shoulders, since that is the kind of "work" to which he has been heretofore especially devoted.

A New York manager has offered Henry M Stanley \$1,000 a lecture for fifty lectures to be delivered in America during next winter, and the great explorer has not yet signified whether he will accept the offer or not.

The first issue of the National Eye, "a negro democratic paper," New York, was issued January 1. The editor is a white man, the business manager a negro. It is well received by the public.

A Pancake machine has been invented to be placed on the table. Turning a handle grinds out the batter between metal rollers that are kept hot by a lamp and deposits the cakes, brown and warm, as they are needed.

Prof. H. C. PALMER'S Conservatory of Music, Tweeddale's block, First street, Albany, Oregon, opened January 20th, 1890. The course of instruction will consist of classes for piano, organ, harmony and voice culture. There will be a normal class and diplomas furnished to teachers. Students graded to insure equality in rendition. Prof Palmer is the only recognized successful system known for a thorough musical education. Send for circulars and references. Office hours 1 to 3 p. m.

**Poor Humanity!**

The common lot is one of sorrow say—at least—the pessimists, they who look at the worst side. Certainly what would otherwise be a bright existence, is often shadowed by some ailment that overshadows it like a pall, obscuring perpetually the radiance that else would light the path. Such an ailment and a very common one, is nervousness, or in other words, weakness of the nervous system, a condition only irremediable where inefficient or improper means are taken to relieve it. The coexistent experience of nervous people who have persistently used Hostetter's Stomach Bitters is, that it conquers entirely supersensitiveness of the nerves, as well as diseases—so called—which are invited and sustained by their chronic weakness. As the nerves gain stamina from the great tonic the trouble disappears. Use the Bitters for malaria, rheumatism, biliousness and kidney troubles.

The Administration, in interfering to screen Dudley from his punishment for corrupting the ballot box in Indiana, has unquestionably made a bad batch of things. Its effect in that State, according to Republican authority there, will be injurious, and in the nation generally it is simply demoralizing, as a piece of party policy. This Administration has less political tact than any that we remember for a considerable time. Small wonder that Mr Blaine holds aloof from actively appearing in its proceedings.

The star of Bethlehem will again be visible in this year, being its seventh appearance since the birth of Christ. It comes once in 315 years and is of wondrous brilliance for the space of three weeks then it wanes and disappears after seventeen months. It will be a sixth star added to the five fixed stars in the constellation Cassiopeia while it remains in sight.

Let me make the rulings in the House, says Speaker Reed, and I care not who makes the rules.

UPS AND DOWNS.—Some of the principal ups and downs in business life or keep quality up and prices down. This is being done very successfully at LaForest & Thompson's, and those dinner sets to be distributed among our customers Jan. 1st creating no little interest as well as our prices.

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