

WEST SIDE TELEPHONE.

McMINNVILLE, TUESDAY, JUNE, 22, 1886.

The crop outlook continues most promising. The total area of spring and fall wheat is now estimated at 56,500,000 acres, about a full average. The cables report that early deliveries from the Indian harvest are running nearly twice as large as at the same time in 1885. The promise of a great home crop, taken with this crowding of English markets with India wheat, gives poor promise of remunerative prices for American farmers.

The report of the grand jury at Seattle, Washington territory, makes revelations which seem incredible. That body, which found indictments against ten leaders of the anti-Chinese riots, declares that the evidence brought before them of a convincing character that there exists a secret organization called the "Red American International Workingmen's Association," which is under the lead of anarchists, and which has for its aim the overthrow of the government of the United States and the establishment of a socialist commonwealth.

The total number of immigrants arrived in this country during April was 49,158, as against 46,294 for April 1885. Of this number, 5794 were from England and Wales, 7626 from Ireland, 1830 from Scotland, 11,844 from Germany, 262 from France, 1679 from Austria, 2622 from Hungary and Bohemia, 2205 from Russia, Finland and Poland, 7947 from Sweden and Norway, 1294 from Denmark, 602 from the Netherlands, 4108 from Italy, 570 from Switzerland, and 780 from all other countries.

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PRESS FLASHES

The Herald—Both of the great political parties are pledged to revise the tariff. The democratic party in the clearest language is pledged to free raw materials and lower duties on necessities. Do party pledges mean anything, or are they simply made to deceive the people?

The Herald—This attempt to sling dirt upon Secretary Lamar in the matter of telephone scandal ought, we should think, to convince the president that he cannot afford any longer to maintain that connection between his administration and the pan-electric telephone people, which, without his fault or knowledge, came about as soon as he entered the White house.

The Tribune—By far the most idiotic performance of the allied anti-Blaine press is their painfully fruitless attempt to create a rupture between Mr. Blaine and the republicans of his state. If they keep on in this way they will nominate Mr. Blaine on the first ballot in the next national convention.

The Sun—The civil service law Gen. Butler correctly characterizes as a humbug and a cheat, and here again ninety-

nine out of every hundred politicians in both the great parties agree with him. He is right again in saying both parties are really disgusted with civil service reform, although neither has the courage to say so.

The World—It is a poor argument to say that ex-Banker Fish should be turned out of Auburn prison because a number of men equally guilty with him in the Marine bank and Grant and Ward transactions are running at large. The point is that the men who are equally guilty should be where Mr. Fish is, and very naturally we inquire why they are not.

Blade—There seems unfortunately but little doubt that the life of ex-President Arthur is rapidly drawing to a close. The New York papers agree that he is practically confined to his bed, that his recent rides in a carriage have done him more harm than good, and that his friends have hopes of carrying him through the summer, but the most sanguine of them hardly hope for more than this.

REGAINING THE HOUSE.

The present democratic majority of the house of representatives has demonstrated its utter incapacity to do anything in the way of legislation needed by the country. Its members have devoted their time to a continual siege of the White house in order to obtain offices for hungry henchmen, and have shamefully neglected the business of the nation. The democrats have done those things which they should not have done, as they have neglected those things which they should have done. The trade depression from which the country has been suffering for the past three years, with its resultant strikes and labor troubles, could have been largely modified for the better, had congress but given the assurance to the nation of the stability of certain economic conditions. Let us look, says the Blade, for a moment at the case of The People vs. the Democratic Majority, in the house, and note the point in the plaintiffs' complaint:

First the constant antagonism of the democracy to our protective tariff, coupled with the facts that that party has a majority in the house, and that the republican majority in the senate is very small, has paralyzed enterprise among our manufacturers. No sane man wishes to increase his investment in manufacturing industries that lie almost at the mercy of their inveterate enemies. Not only is the democratic majority in the house opposed to the tariff, but the democratic administration is its enemy, and has lost no opportunity to weaken tariff protection in detail as opportunity has offered. The consequence is, the influx of foreign goods is facilitated, and it is a startling fact that in the first four months of 1886, our exports have amounted to, in round numbers, \$217,500,000, and our imports to \$221,500,000, leaving a balance against us of \$4,000,000. Our net loss in gold to Europe during these four months was \$19,085,687.

Second—The competition of other grain raising countries, especially of India, is steadily increasing, and our sales of grain, even at low prices, are restricted and slow, a heavy surplus being carried over by our farmers from year to year. Yet congress has been temporizing in the matter of railway transportation, practically refusing to do its duty and take hold of the matter of exorbitant rates and unjust discriminations, as it should do—the result being, that a western farmer has practically to give two bushels of grain to get the third to market. At the present low prices of grain, ruin is staring our agricultural communities, west of the Missouri, in the face, and congress will not lift a finger to aid them.

Third—The fall in the price of silver bullion continues, the difference between the gold and the silver dollar in real value grows greater; yet congress allows the silver coinage to continue, increasing the amount of standard dollars, and bringing us steadily nearer the time when in the absence of an international double-standard agreement, we shall drop to a 76-cent dollar standard of values, with a shock that will bring ruin to thousands, and especially be a detriment to the wage-workers of the country.

Fourth—The democratic majority in the house has not the economic discernment nor the patriotic sense to do what lies in the power of congress to vivify our commerce. The Bourbon policy of discriminating against our ocean carrying trade will apparently be maintained so long as the democrats have power to do so, and the people of the country are to be kept from recouping their losses from the decrease in our grain exports and the injury to our industries through the hostility to the tariff by the development of our foreign commerce.

Congress has it in its power to give a strong impulse to the business of the country by patriotic, proper, intelligent legislation. So long as there is a Bourbon majority in either house, the wheels of progress will be locked. The people should consider these things, and determine whether it pays to keep the democracy in power. There is a wide spread feeling of disgust with the demoralizing characteristics of Bourbonism, and the congressional elections this fall will show this clearly. As time goes on the probabilities of a republican majority in the next house grow brighter.

The present democratic majority in the house is 43, which is less than in

the Forty-eighth congress. If the republicans do not lose any districts and gain but 22 they will have a majority in the next house of representatives. It will not be difficult to win this number of districts. In the fall of 1884 seventeen democratic representatives were elected by majorities below 500, and ten with majorities between 500 and 1,500. In these the majority could easily be changed into a minority considering the prevailing dissatisfaction. The seventeen majorities below 500 were distributed as follows: California, 1; Connecticut, 1; Illinois, 3; Iowa, 3; Massachusetts, 1; Michigan, 2; Ohio, 4; Tennessee, 1; West Virginia, 1. Those below 1,500: Indiana, 2; Kentucky, 1; Louisiana, 1; Maryland, 1; New York, 2; Ohio, 2; Pennsylvania, 1. On these 27 districts the republicans will have to concentrate their work. Fourteen of them are in the west and have a strong German vote. There needs but to be a clear, emphatic statement of what democracy has failed to do when it had the power, and a promise of what shall be done if the republicans are placed in control, to revolutionize national politics.

THE LATE FIRE AT VANCOUVER, B.C.

VICTORIA, B. C., June 19.—News from Vancouver is heart-rending. Fully 3000 people are homeless and penniless. The losses will aggregate \$800,000. A steamer loaded down with supplies contributed by the corporation of Victoria left to-day for the scene of the disaster. Among so many the relief will be but temporary. Collections will be taken up in all the churches on Sunday.

Seven bodies have been found in the ruins, and identified by portions of the clothing. Four men who leaped overboard to escape the flames were drowned. A few frame buildings are being run up on the ruins, but most of the sufferers gaze with blank despair on the smoking embers of their once happy homes.

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