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Thursday, September 18, 1890.

In the great desert of tariff debate, Senator Vance's wit creates a pleasant oasis. Binding-twine, with which the farmers tie their shocks, was down for a heavy duty, but the senator said, "Blest be the tie that binds" so sweetly that the clause was stricken out by 34 to 24. Considering that the change saves the farmers \$1,500,000 the senator sang to some purpose.—N. Y. World.

Mr. Blaine, in his recent speech, was significantly silent about the wonderful benefits which the force bill would bring to the country in general, and the Republican party in particular, but he was most eloquent in his advocacy of the following democratic policy: "The United States has reached the point where one of its highest duties is to enlarge the area of its foreign trade."

The "infant industry" of maple-sugar making has been going on in this country for two hundred years without other stimulation than that afforded by seductive buckwheat cake and the toothsome waffle. And yet the senate has voted a bounty of two cents a pound to be contributed by the taxpayers to the sap-bollers of Vermont. The "slump" in the late election evidently frightened Mr. Edmunds.

For the first six months of 1890 2550 farms were foreclosed in Kansas. At this rate there will be 5500 a year. As the average family consists of five people these 5500 foreclosures stand for 28,500 people turned out of their homes by the sheriff in a single year; and as the average size of each farm is only 100 acres, the gross acreage foreclosed annually is 550,000, or nearly 3 per cent of the entire farm acreage of the state.

Farmers in Ireland have given up all hope of the potato crop, the disease making it not worth digging. In some places they are plowing the potato land and sowing turnips or setting out cabbage plants, in the hope of growing some food for the coming year. In many places where the tops are large no potatoes are found at the roots. In Cork the price of potatoes is now three times as high as it was at this season last year.

A curious anesthetic used by the Chinese has recently been made known by Dr. U. Lamouth in his third annual report of the Sookchow hospital. It is obtained by placing a frog in a jar of flour and irritating it by prodding it. Under these circumstances it exudes a liquid which forms a paste with the flour. This paste dissolved in water has well-marked anesthetic properties. After the finger has been immersed in the liquid for a few minutes it can be cut to the bone without any pain being felt.

The newest thing in the unique trade architecture of the west is a coal palace which has just been erected at Ottumwa, Iowa. The *Inter Ocean* describing the structure says that it will be truly galatinal in all its architectural details. It has been built in the heart of the city, adjoining the new Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Union Station, and it covers a full block. It rises 200 feet to the pinnacles of its highest central tower, and the style of architecture is a compromise between the Gothic and the Byzantine.

The board of equalization of Lake county made a reduction of \$1,818.18 from its assessor's returns and added \$8109 leaving the total taxable property of Lake county for 1890, as equalized by the board, \$3,395,988.21. This amount will stand as it is unless the county court should conclude to make some changes. The total taxable property for 1889 was \$1,678,556.81, considerable more than this year, which is accounted for by the great loss of stock last winter. The rate of taxation is the same as last year—\$1.75 per \$100.

### COMPLETION OF THE ST. CLAIR TUNNEL.

Canadian engineering skill, enterprise and capital have just succeeded in constructing a new link between the United States and Canada, a railway tunnel under the St. Clair river from Sarnia to Port Huron. The work marks a distinct advance in engineering science owing to novel and successful methods applied in the construction. The tunnel is 28,000 feet long from the beginning of one approach to the end of the approach on the opposite side of the river. Of this distance, more than five miles, of this side, only 6,000 feet, a little more than a mile, are wholly underground, and of this only 2310 feet, less than half a mile, are under the river. There are 2,800 feet of tunnel under Michigan soil and 2,190 feet underground on the opposite side of the river. The following sentences outline fairly the marvelous character of the tunnel: "No brick or stone was used in its construction, and when fully ready for use it will be simply an iron tube made of plates, 6,000 feet long and 29 feet in diameter, perfectly round and water tight; as dry as a street in summer time, lighted by electric light, ventilated by air engines and kept at the right temperature with steam pipes." The tunnel was formally opened on August 25th; its cost will be in excess of \$2,000,000, and although owned by an independent company "it is to all intents and purposes a portion of the railway system of the Grand Trunk R. R. Co., yet no other railroad company," says the *Toronto Enquirer*, "will be debarred from its use." A bridge over the St. Clair at that point would have cost an enormous sum if it were not to prove an obstruction to the very heavy lake traffic passing through the St. Clair river daily during the season. The tunnel is certainly a triumph of engineering, and will probably have a marked effect on traffic between the northwest and the Atlantic seaboard. The delays incidental to shipping trains of cars on ferry-boats across the Detroit and St. Clair rivers are too well known to hold them up in contrast with the improvement incidental to the St. Clair tunnel as a means of rapid transit.

### PROFITS OF BANKING.

The *Mercur* Financeur gives the following table showing the amount of capital invested and average dividend rate of a large number of banks all over the world, will interest students of financial questions.

Country	Capital Invested	Average Dividend Rate
111 English banks	\$770,000,000	4.2
10 Scotch banks	45,000,000	4.6
9 Irish banks	35,000,000	3.0
20 Australian banks	85,720,000	4.7
23 Canadian banks	7,500,000	3.0
2 South African banks	6,250,000	3.0
8 Indian & East Indian banks	21,200,000	3.9
6 South American banks	14,500,000	3.0
2 Mexican banks	9,500,000	4.0

In the United States the percentage of profits on banking capital varies greatly, the banks in older and more thickly settled eastern states showing a comparatively low rate of dividends, while in the western states where the current rates for money are much higher, the banks earn large profits. For example a five years' average of banking profits in the eastern state of Maine is 6.34 per cent, while during the same period in Kansas the banks earned an annual average of 15.92 per cent, and in states farther west, like Washington, the rate was 18.05, and in Oregon 23.88. In this country the more favorable laws regarding re-creation enable the banks in the face of a somewhat slow business movement, to earn satisfactory dividends. A satisfactory dividend however is not 23.88 per cent. It is possibly to the iron hearted bankers but to the people who constitute our commonwealth it is not. This exorbitant interest hampers activity and instead of building up it pulls down. The difference in the growth of Washington and Oregon is a striking illustration of this fact.

### THE FINANCES.

According to the debt statement for August the debt, less cash in the Treasury, amounted at the end of the month to \$875,566,040, an apparent decrease of only \$889,072. The interest-bearing debt, however, was reduced by nearly \$20,000,000, owing to bond purchases. The aggregate of the interest-bearing debt, exclusive of the bonds issued to the Pacific railroads, amounting to only \$680,978,029 on the 1st inst., as against \$700,760,290 a month before. On the other hand, the net cash balance shows a decrease of over \$19,300,000, standing on September 1 at \$85,318,869. The treasury receipts show a considerable increase for the two months that have elapsed since the beginning of the current fiscal year an increase amounting to nearly \$6,500,000, of which over \$4,000,000 are under the head of customs. The expenditures for the month of August this year were about \$1,000,000 less than those for the corresponding month last year. The coinage of silver for the month amounted to \$2,852,000.

### NOT MEASURED BY DOLLARS.

The following resolution adopted by Phil Sheridan Post No. 24, G. A. R., of Newport, is worthy of note, because of its being the first positive objection made by soldiers to the new pension bills of this administration:

WHEREAS, The constant and persistent arguments made by claim agents in advocacy of liberal pensions has placed the G. A. R. in the position of men who desire their pensions measured by dollars and cents; Therefore, be it Resolved, That this post believes in a pension system that awards speedily relief to those whose physical disabilities render them dependent, and that any other legislation is likely to be destructive of this end, and is unjust, and wholly wrong in principle.

It is very important that a movement should be made to put public improvements under the control of private contractors, and not the war department. The locks would have been completed before now if this plan had been adopted. It is yet time to have a change made in this regard, and united sentiment on the part of the northwest would accomplish this result. The jety at the mouth of the Columbia would progress much more rapidly under a new regime, and all internal improvements in this state. A movement in this regard should have been made years ago, but more effective work could be done; but it is not too late to mend matters. Work under contract is much more expeditious than under control of the war department, and the great necessity of the producers of the northwest is an open river from the highest navigable waters to seaboard.—*Times Mountain*.

### INTERESTING DISCOVERY.

The biblical account of the stoppage of the sun and moon at the 60th year of Joshua, and the sun's stoppage at the dial of Ahaz and going backward, had been accepted or rejected without reference to any inquiry into the fact whether on those two occasions there was such a startling event as the halting of time. The Boston *Post*, in a recent issue says that Lieutenant Chas. A. L. Totten, professor of military science and tactics at Yale, who recently announced his identification of Joshua's "long day," now claims that he has placed exactly the only other stoppage of time recorded in the bible. This is the revision of the sun's shadow upon the dial of Ahaz which occurred in the fifteenth year of Hezekiah's reign. Professor Totten identifies the day upon which it happened as the 1,202,744th from creation, which was Wednesday, the 18th day of the first civil (seventh sacred) month of the year 2305 A. M. He states that the biblical elements fix the sun dial incident at the absolute instant of autumnal equinox 2596 years ago, reckoning from the approaching autumnal equinox of September 22, 1890. The event took place practically at high noon on that day or at about seven and one half minutes before 12 o'clock and he finds that the total duration of the stoppages—that of the battle of Beth Horon and this later one when Hezekiah was dying—was exactly one day, or twenty-four hours. The moon, though involved in this latter incident, was not mentioned, because she was just short of her entrance into her fourth quarter, and was therefore at that moment (i. e. absolutely below the eastern horizon. There was thus no Palestine landmarks by which to fix her place. That she too reversed her orbital motion, he maintains cannot be denied, since her present place (in A. R.) reverses through both this event and that of Joshua's and strikes creations first hour without error. This could not have happened had she been equally and relatively influenced in Hezekiah's day as well as Beth Horon. Since Professor Totten has conclusively identified these two events, and proved that the sun and moon stopped in both cases, the question now agitating giant minds is whether the earth paused in its orbit as well as upon its axis. The cessation of motion upon its axis, together with its renewal, can be comparatively easily reconciled with the principles of physics, but not so with the arresting of orbital motion. That would necessitate the application of extraneous power to start the planet upon its course again. The idea of a miracle in the case is, of course, left out of the calculation.

### COUNTRY PAPERS.

The old line of country printers are dying out. The "patent side," which is a combined blessing and curse to the country printer, has made it possible for almost any one to start a paper. The starter may be a boy who has learned the "trade" on a three dollar outfit in his mother's kitchen, or a lawyer who wants to go to the legislature, neither of whom could make a roller out of glue and molasses if his life depended on it.

### THE PROSPECT IN MICHIGAN.

The republican outlook in Michigan is anything but promising. At the recent state convention there was a bitter fight between the Turner and Rich factions for governor and the nomination of James M. Turner, of Lansing, for the governorship will cost the ticket a great number of votes that can badly be spared. Mr. Turner is especially disliked by the farmers and the tendency to bolt his nomination is general. He is opposed also by other republicans on the ground that he has not always been loyal to the party and was not in harmony with party sentiment in 1884.

The ticket is unsatisfactory to other particulars. The factions of the upper peninsula entered into a cut throat quarrel for a place on the ticket and as a consequence candidates particularly objectionable to both were nominated from the lower peninsula. The convention was a continuous wrangle and since its dispersion the feeling has not become more harmonious. The defeated factions are sore and angry whilst the victors are anxious and uneasy. The democrats see their opportunity and are as jubilant as their opponents are troubled.

### SUMMONS.

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The benefit to be derived in a possible war from our new warships seems very uncertain and indefinite. Admiral Porter says, "not one of the new vessels is fit for war purposes. Cruisers cannot sail for want of sail power. Battle ships cannot go into battle for want of endurance. We have a squadron of evolution that cannot evolve. We demand for our sea-going vessels 35 feet of canvas for each square foot of the midship section. Under the regime of mistakes, hoisting ashes is the nearest approach to seamanship that a boy can learn."

### MR. REED'S VICTORY.

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