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The people who blamed the administration for the late frost, will hardly be just enough to give credit for the glorious rehabilitation spring has at last wrought.

Nothing so severe has been heard in the South in a long time as the denunciation of Andrew by Torpie, Monday. The Indiana fairly scorched the Rhode Island senator with the fury of his contempt, but his victim only crouched and covered.

A great meeting representing the business interests of America's metropolis was held in New York last Thursday to urge the senate to act promptly on the tariff. Strong speeches were made and resolutions were adopted expressing the opinion of New York and the country that the tariff bill should be promptly passed.

News-Observer-Chronicle: When the income tax has been sometime in operation and the people all become used to it, they will wonder how it happened that such an equitable tax escaped enactment so many years. There is a suggestion that the period for it to run should be limited to five years; that does not matter. The new tariff act itself is not a finality. It will be modified from time to time, and so will the income tax. But there will be no backward step taken.

News-Observer-Chronicle: Coxy was tried Saturday, and we could wish that this were the last of him, but he has apparently concluded to go into summer quarters at Washington, and will there await results. One gentleman who owned a place in the vicinity which he wished grabbed up, offered to pay his industrial army to go to work there; but their industrial tendency did not go to that extent. They are an industrial army in other lines. They prefer to work on the public roads, when Congress shall pass a bill to so employ them. But as that will never be, their desire to engage in labor may be questioned.

Back of Mr. Cleveland and Mr. Hill who are only individuals, stands the great Democratic party, true as ever to the vital principle which animates it, and ever ready to fulfill its pledges. The reforms to which it is pledged, and for which it is now struggling, may be delayed, but they will be accomplished and that, too, through the Democratic party.

It is the duty of Democrats, while criticizing him who proves traitor to the party, to stand by its principles and refuse aid or comfort to all that is not Democratic, Republicanism and Populism are as much opposed to the true spirit of reform today as they ever were.

As to Immigration.

The Richmond Times says that an officer of high rank in a Western railroad system was recently in one of the large Richmond manufacturing of machinery. He was delighted to see the orderly way in which business proceeded in it, and exclaimed: "Well, if your negroes bring you many curses they also secure you the blessing of keeping away from you the foreign anarchists who are the curse of our lives." This needs to be read in connection with the Associated Press dispatch from Cleveland, O., a few days ago which, describing the street riot there, said: "There were few English-speaking people in the mob. It was a rabble composed almost entirely of foreigners."

The South has not enjoyed the increase of population that the North and West have from the influx of immigration, and we are told, in explanation of this, that foreigners will not come to a section in which the colored population is so large a factor as it is in the South. That is all right. Let them stay away, if they will. We welcome all orderly foreigners, but as between bomb throwing or riot-making foreigners on the one hand, and home-made niggers on the other, we choose the niggers. The fact is that we are getting along pretty well down here. There is no "race problem," except in the imagination of theorists, and the people who are charitably deploring our backwardness and our failure to "catch the tide of immigration" as it comes, had much better be in our situation than to be catching, as they are, the driftwood of foreigners, who are creating riots in Northern streets and are not able to understand the orders of American policemen.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our Regular Correspondent.

President Cleveland and his Cabinet are pursuing the even tenor of their official duties just as though there were no such thing in existence as Coxy's army. The President has promised to attend the unveiling of the Martha Washington monument at Fredericksburg, Virginia, on the 10th inst., and tomorrow Secretary Herbert will leave for the Pacific coast to inspect the Government Navy Yards in that section.

Coxy's march upon the Capitol was one of the most farcical lizzies of the age. Today he and Carl Browne and Christopher Columbus Jones are being tried in the police court for violating the law in attempting to make speeches from the steps of the Capitol. They are not likely to be severely punished—probably small fines as a warning. If the foolish men now on their way to Washington to join Coxy could get within smelling distance of the post-hole in which the poor Coxyites are confined—Coxy says camped—they would turned back at once. Inasmuch as Coxy was told by the Health officer of the danger attendant upon putting these poor devils in a march partially filled with dumpings of city filth, with an open sewer on one side and stagnant green scummed cesspools on the other, and the foul atmosphere thoroughly impregnated with malarial germs, it looks as though he would be glad to gain a little additional notoriety by having a lot of them die like dogs. Nearly all of the four hundred men now there are half sick from exposure and lack of proper food and the daily inspections by the Health officials is followed by the ambulance carrying some of them to the hospitals. Coxy, being comfortably quartered at a hotel, says he intends to keep them here until they are joined by several hundred thousand, but he won't. Those who don't get sick will desert every day some of them get arrested for begging in the streets and are sent down as vagrants.

In addition to recovering \$27,513 24 paid out on fraudulent or illegal pensions, the democratic management of the Pension Bureau has saved the Government in the neighborhood of a million dollars during the last twelve months by the discovery of frauds and the stopping of accrued payments on them. That is just the sort of thing that the people have a right to expect from the democratic management of every branch of the government.

They would doubtless resent being called lobbyists, but there can be no doubt that the work upon which the gentlemen who are here representing the various parties interested in Pacific Railroads legislation, now being considered by House and Senate committees, are engaged in is lobbying pure and simple. Each and every one of them is after legislation that will protect the interests he represents, regardless of the interests of the government.

The republicans in congress are not doing much talking this week about the special election Tuesday in the third Ohio Congressional district, at which the democrats elected Paul J. Borg to Congress by a substantial majority, although a week ago they were boasting that the district would go republican as a protest against tariff reform. It seems that the democrats of that district are like those of all the other districts—they want tariff reform and the democratic Senators cannot give it to them any too soon.

The republicans are as quarrelsome and spiteful as a lot of setting hens these days, and all because the democratic Senators do not see fit to take them into their confidence as to the nature of the proposed amendments to the tariff bill. With the exception of the day that the Senate adjourned immediately after assembling, because of the death of Senator Stockbridge, of Michigan, there has not been a session of the Senate for a week at which the republicans have not attempted to provoke the democrats into a row. To the credit of the democrats be it said they have as a rule kept their tempers, allowing the republicans to make a lot of ridiculous statements about something that they knew absolutely nothing about—the intentions of the democrats. The favorite misstatement seems to be that a new tariff bill is being prepared. Although denied when first made, by Senators Voorhees and Harris, it has since been reiterated by half a dozen republican Senators. The democratic Senators will in due time announce the amendments to the tariff bill which will be supported by the Finance committee and they will pass them, too; also the bill. The object of the republicans is to create discussion among the democrats, but it will not succeed. The democrats are today nearer together than they have been during the session, and will remain so.

Our Polluted Pension List.

New York Times.

Last Sunday we recalled the history of the recruiting in the later years of the war under the bounty system and the draft, and today we supplement this with an account of the doings of recruiting agents abroad. When liberal bounties were offered to volunteers to fill up the quota of the several States under the call for troops, it brought forward the riff-raff of the cities and the vagrants from every corner of the North who were attracted by the chance of receiving a large sum of money at the moment of enlistment, as well as liberal pay thereafter. The exploiting of these recruits became a systematic business, and for a share of the enormous funds raised for bounties, "brokers" undertook to supply men to order at the recruiting stations. In the haste and hurry of the business and the general corruption which it stimulated, medical examinations became a farce and men were enrolled who were subject to every sort of disability. Forged and fraudulent papers were presented, and the same men were enrolled over and over again under different names and descriptions. Thousands of these "volunteers," as soon as they were fully enlisted and had received bounties, slipped away; some of them enlisting again elsewhere and receiving another bounty, others keeping themselves in hiding or leaving the country with their booty.

Under the draft law enormous sums were raised to procure substitutes for drafted men, and this kept up the system of brokerage and fraud. Of the men who did not get away as soon as they received their bounty or their substitute's pay, thousands deserted at the first opportunity, and thousands of others were discharged for disabilities existing before enlistment. These operations were not confined to this country, but agents went abroad, and in Canada and several countries of Europe, "sharked up" recruits for the Federal army by an offer of liberal pay and a share in the bounties and the payments for substitutes. This importation of soldiers became a profitable business, and many a State quota was filled up with them. There was no patriotism in the enlistment of any of these "bounty jumpers" and substitutes, domestic or foreign, so many of whom became deserters or were discharged for physical disabilities, and so few of whom ever saw service on the field of battle or in any post of danger. But their names incumbered the rolls of the War Department, and they go far toward accounting for the disparity between numbers nominally in the army, and the effective force during the war, and at the time of muster out the forces.

The "sunny side" of the recruiting and enlistment in the Union cause, when our people were so lavishly expending their substance to meet, one way and the other, the call for troops, and when all the rascality of the country seized the opportunity to make money out of the sacrifices and the generosity of the nation, might well be left in oblivion but for its revival and perpetuation under the pension system that was established and administered for partisan ends. When a majority in Congress and a party in control of the executive the government began to use pensions as a bid for votes and as a means of squandering public money to prevent a reform of the revenue system, the legitimate offspring of the iniquities of 1863-5 came to light.

The Duty of Democrats.

Every word of the following, from the North Carolinian, is good and sensible:

It will become a Democrat to lay aside his conventions because he does not agree with the administration and go about echoing Republican and Populist abuse of Mr. Cleveland and the party. Such conduct is ill-advised and only makes bad matters worse. It may be well enough for Democrats to criticize the President for his un-Democratic action in vetoing the seigniorage silver bill, passed by the party in Congress; but he should not be censured because he has not removed in a few months the effects of a Republican panic that it took the most abandoned radicalism four years to breed.

It is well enough for Democrats to criticize Mr. Hill, in no uncertain terms, for his traitorous attitude toward the tariff bill which has been put forward by his party; but it should not be forgotten that he is by no means the Democratic party, and he alone is personally responsible for his action in matter.

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The Grand Parade Confederates.

Birmingham Age.

A fitting ending to the fourth reunion of the United Confederate Veterans and by far the greatest feature was the parade and review, followed by the laying of the corner stone of a monument to the memory of the Confederate dead, to be erected in Capitol Park, at the head of Twentieth street. At 4 o'clock the column was formed on Avenue E and Twenty first street and, headed by a band of music from Mobile, marched steadily up Twenty-first street and across the beautiful bridge to Park avenue, where it passed in review before Gen. John B. Gordon, commander-in-chief United Confederate Veterans.

There were camps from all the Southern States in the line and all the surviving generals with their staffs, together with the three local military companies visiting from other towns; the A and M College cadets from Auburn, University of Alabama, (Tuscaloosa) cadets and Howard College (East Lake) cadets and a fair estimate of men in the ranks places it at 4,000. There were innumerable carriages, and the parade was viewed by fully 35,000 people. It was fully a mile long, the veterans and sons of veterans marching in fours. Enthusiastic outbursts greeted the old battle-scarred veterans and the many flags, relics of the "Lost Cause," were the recipients of loving tributes. The bands played martial airs, the "Rebel yell" was waved and it was altogether a sight never to be forgotten.

At Park avenue the column passed between two long rows of beautiful school girls, dressed in white, each with a basket of flowers, which were handed to the battle-scarred veterans and sons of the Confederacy. Passing in front of the reviewing stand, whereon was Gen. John B. Gordon, the Governors of the States, the representatives stars and the sponsor of Camp Hardee, together with their maids, the soldiers greeted them with cheer after cheers of the multitude, made the welkin ring. It was a grand and inspiring spectacle.

Laying the Monument Corner Stone.

After the review the ceremonies attendant upon the laying of the corner-stone were gone through with in an imposing manner. Gen. Stephen D. Lee, of Mississippi, delivered the address, which was a master piece of oratory. Other distinguished speakers were present, and the corner-stone was placed in position in an appropriately solemn manner by the Grand Master of Masons, the Hon. Frank L. Pettus. Thus ended the grandest reunion of Ex-Confederates ever known. The Confederate Veteran, published at Nashville by S. A. Cunningham, was made the official organ of the United Veterans.

The Negro In The South.

Atlanta Journal.

On more than one occasion, The Journal has emphasized the fact, acknowledged by all thinking people, but frequently obscured in the public mind, that the negro has a better chance here in the south than in the north. The Pittsburg Press recognizes this point, and, commenting on an article in a recent issue of the Journal on wealthy colored citizens of Atlanta says: "It shows that the negro business men of that city are worth over \$1,000,000; that eight of them are worth above \$50,000 each, and a large number credited with wealth to the extent of from \$10,000 to \$20,000. This wealth has been accumulated by them mainly by selling provisions. "The complaint is often heard from colored people in Pittsburg as well as elsewhere that there are very few callings open to them, and that they are practically excluded from the ranks of business and professional men, wherein they might accumulate wealth. To such it will be encouraging to know that many of their race in this comparatively small southern city of Atlanta are well to the front as responsible representative men of wealth. The day of the energetic, progressive colored man has dawned, and it is for him to profitably improve the shining hours."

It is undeniably true that, in actual practice, the negro is less discriminated against, has fewer trades and professions closed to him, and has a better opportunity to live in peace and accumulate wealth here, where he is known and understood, than at the North. The attitude of the Press shows that this condition is being realized on our brethren of that section.

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