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The Senate is still hammering away on the tariff schedule. The republicans are contesting every inch of ground to retard the final passage of the bill. It has become very tiresome to read the proceedings in the Senate, as there are so many dilatory motions, roll-calls, etc. Why should these things be? Over the entire country all the parties are clamoring for the speedy settlement of this vexed question—the tariff. It is high time that something was done. The Populist Senators seem to be more interested in this crazy Coxey move than anything else just now, and they are introducing various resolutions for Coxey's benefit. Still none of them will endorse his movement, but the main object seems to be to get up some cheap political notoriety for the benefit of the Populists in the coming campaign, and it now appears that they are behind the crazy move.

The Republicans still refuse to set a day for debate to close and a vote to be taken on the tariff bill, and still the time for a vote is uncertain. It may be that when the weather gets real hot there will be a greater anxiety for them to go home, and a vote will be reached.

The House is debating the Navy appropriation bill, and is having a stormy discussion over it. Almost every question discussed in general debate in the House results in the tariff discussion and the members are going over the same ground time and again. The country is suffering, and times are getting worse every month and Congress is discussing the tariff over and over and nothing yet done. The Republicans North and the Democrats of the South and North are becoming disgusted with the United States Senate for its slow action, and the Populists North are looking after Coxey's welfare and claiming that he ought to be allowed to walk upon the grass about the grounds of the Capitol and make speeches from the steps and harrangue Congress on his pet scheme to issue $500,000,000 in greenbacks to build good roads in all the states, and put him in as boss, perhaps. This puts us in mind of Nero's fiddling while Rome was burning. But the end will come sooner or later, and we must wait and see how it turns out.

A great calmity has befallen Venezuela. On the 28th of April a terrible earthquake took place. The cities of Merida, La., Gunillas, Chiguaro and San Juan in the region of the Andes are reported as having been totally destroyed. Many villages are said wrecked. It is probable that 10,000 people have perished and great suffering prevails in the places visited by the earth-quake. This is indeed sad to think of so many lives being lost and suffering worse than death attending the living. Think how we are blessed in this country and how happy and grateful we ought all to be that we are not subject to such calamities.

On the 10th at Fredericksburg Va., the monument to Mary Washington was unveiled. A white marble monument 50 feet high was erected. A very large concourse of people was present. The monument was erected by women, the first of the kind ever done in this country by women. Many patriotic speeches were made. Senator Daniels was the orator of the day and of course made a fine speech. President Cleveland and Vice-President Stevenson made orations and were greatly cheered by the large throng of people.

It is stated as a curious fact that there are now, nearly thirty years after the civil war, 200,000 more persons getting pensions than there were troops in the field on the Union side at any single time during the war. Yet there are 700,000 applicants for pensions yet to be acted upon. In June, 1893, the pension roll had 966,012 names and 711,150 claims were pending. The outgo for pensions was $158,155,324 a figure which exceeds all the pensions paid by all the nations in the world for all their wars.—*Charlotte Democrat.*

We have received from the Vance Memorial Association a circular letter asking every body to subscribe to the fund for the purpose of raising a sufficient sum to erect a monument to the memory of the late Senator. We hope that our people will donate what they can for this object. County associations are desired and committees appointed in each township to collect funds and forward the same to the State association.

N.-O. Chronicle: The Chief Justice and Justices Avery and Burwell, whose opinion was asked by the Governor as to whether certain of the Judges appointed to vacancies held for the term or only till successors should be elected at the approaching election, have given an opinion that they do not hold for the term and that successors are to be elected at the approaching election. In reaching this conclusion they say that they are governed largely by the construction which the legislature has put on the Constitution. This opinion settles the matter, and the people will nominate and will elect in November.

The majistrates of the county are all expected to be at the annual meeting of the Board on the 1st Monday in June for the purpose of electing a Board of county Commissioners. The Superintendant of public schools, county road surveyor levying the taxes etc. All the majistrates should be present and assist in the important matters.

The Republicans in the Senate are acting very strangely in keeping back legislation and the country going to distruction under the old robber McKinley law.

"The flowers that bloom in the Spring" are not more vigorous than are those persons who purify their blood with Ayer's Sarsaparilla. The fabled Elixer Vitæ could scarcely impart greater vivacity to the countenance than this wonderful medicine.

From Banner Elk, N. C.

Editor Democrat.

It is not refreshing to know that the great American financial renegade, John Sherman has at last opened his eyes to the true situation? He virtually admits that the single gold standard without a gold currency is a blooming fake. It came about in this way: On May 3rd when the Bimetalic League of London met, several Senators sent a cablegramme of congratulation to the Lord Mayor, who presided. John Sherman was the first Senator to sign this, and the surprise was general. He was approached by an Associated Press reporter, to know why he signed the message, and replied in these words: "The best thinkers, the best writers, the best statesmen and the best financiers, are gradually but surely realizing the fact that a single standard of gold means the impoverishment of the people everywhere, and that some adequate relief from present conditions is essential." That is plain, flat-footed common sense. Our friend, "S. M. D." is a sweet skimmer, and glids gracefully along the surface without touching any of the bottom facts. He says the panic was the cause of the shrinkage of values, and not Cleveland, and that the President did not know anything serious was going to happen. Grover has never been accused of being a fool, and he knew perfectly the situation at the time he was inaugurated. The goldbugs whispered "unseemly haste" to him, and he immediately adopted a couse of "masterly inactivity," and refused to do anything to avert the panic, when he was urged to do so. He is clearly responsible for present conditions. Suppose "S. M. D." were to throw a bomb into the midst of a large assemblage of people, and the explosion should kill and wound a great many, According to his idea, he could throw himself back upon his innocent dignity and exclaim: "It was not I who did it; it was the bomb." And then he gives us to understand that he can "see by the golden light of the sun" where the single gold standard is the proper thing to assume prosperity, and that he has been a goldbug from childhood. But the masses of the American people do not see by his "lights" anything good in the store for them. Disclaiming any degree of acrimony, whatever, I will simply suggest that we have a scriptural illustration of the fact that "the ass saw the light"—when his master could not do so. He also declares the widening of the chasm between Grover and the people, when it is already about as wide as it can get. The good old volunteer State of Tennessee held her Democratic convention recently, named her State ticket, and adjourned without passing a resolution of endorsement of Grover's administration. Every other Southern State, and perhaps a majority of the Western States, will doubtless follow the lead of Tennessee, and it will be the proper caper, too. This straw shows how the administration stands before the people, and further shows that the people believe what is really a fact, that bimetalism means prosperity, and a single gold standard means anarchy. Our friend, "S. M. D.," although he disclaims any desire for a controversy, says he will enlighten us some more "in the future." I hope he will be able to demonstrate, in the light of passing events, just how far a *Democrat* can follow up the goldbug idea without losing his identity. As for myself, I am through, and the curtain falls just here.

PHANTOM.

May 14th, '94.

A Great Fall in Silver—How It Tumbled in the Philadelphia Mint.

An avalanche of silver dollars that came down with a roar and a force that shook the mint building caused the counters of the vast piles of money in the famous $50,000,000 vault to flee for fear of bodily harm to-day, and made necessary a complete change in the method of counting the treasure so that instead of the count being finished July 1st it cannot come to an end in less than six months, and possibly a whole year may be consumed in tallying the dollars.

The silver was all in bags, and piled up to a height of ten or twelve feet, and with a width of eight or nine feet in the immediate centre, but also having immense pressure on the sides. The bags having become moldy a number of the shining pieces of metal broke from their confines and made a field of glistening white on top of the musty canvases, so that it became necessary for workmen to climb these tiers of bags in order to do what is termed "terrace off" the silver so that it can be conveniently handled.

Just about 3 o'clock there was an ominously loud clinking and a shout to those at the bottom to beware. This broke into a warning to flee, and while Dr. Whitehead was calling vigorously to the man on top to look out for his life, the bags all over began bursting and pouring their quota into what was fast becoming a mighty avalanche of silver.

Dr. Whitehead and Examiner William E. Morgan both estimate that the amount that fell was fully $2,000,000 and weighed 112,000 pounds. —*Philadelphia Letter to Baltimore Sun.*

Coxey's army has marched out of Washington, and we hope that from now on the country will have rest, and that the papers will have more important matters to discuss. It is not probable now that Coxey will ever pay a visit to President Marion Butler, of N. C., as he had stated he would on leaving Washington.

Will Congress do anything to relieve the pressure now upon the country, if so why don't they go about it? If Congress can't devise some means of relief to quiet the condition of the country they had better adjourn and camp with Coxey and declare that a Republican government is a failure, especially when there is no money to run it.

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Boone, April, 12, 1894.

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