

No Rest for the President.

From reports, President McKinley is having a very hard trial with the hungry office seekers. It is like a great army in numbers. The President left on a trip to get rid of the office seekers, for a time, but on his return to the Capitol he found the huge crowd awaiting him. The plea of many-for office is that times are so hard that they can't live without office. The Dingley tariff bill, if passed by the Senate, will prove disastrous to the country and to the party. Already there is kicking and growling. Certain parties want a tariff on all matters pertaining to their own manufacture, but want the raw material free. There is now a big fight over the wool schedule and various other things. The bill as passed the House will be very much changed, but will hardly be bettered owing to the extreme selfishness. Each Senator wants his State protected in everything manufactured. The North Carolina Senators want mica and monozite protected, but cotton and tobacco don't need protection in the raw State, but the manufacturers must have it.

It is reported in several newspapers that an airship has been discovered flying through the air. First notice was several cities in Kansas. A good many people saw the ship flying over the town, and could see the machinery of the ship, and the lights. The next account we noticed the ship was seen at Wilmington, N. C. On the 14th, inst. the ship was seen at Williamston, this State at 9 o'clock at night. We append a special to the Messenger:

Williamston, N. C., April 14.—The mysterious airship seen at Wilmington and other points was observed here last night about 9 o'clock. When first noticed it appeared as a black mass against the moon-lit sky, going slowly from South to North. Its altitude was not great, being near enough to enable the observer to discern outlines of its rigging with the naked eye. As it passed over town it ascended rapidly and a brilliant light was thrown out far ahead of it. The light was seen by some who could not, on account of the great heat it had attained, catch the faintest glimpse of the aerial machine. If it should appear again there will be many to behold it as people are much interested and will watch for its re-appearance.

Fires, floods, fools, radicals and wrecks are ruining the country with a vim. It is hard to tell which is worse in its destruction. Fires, floods and wrecks, are of natural occurrence especially floods and wrecks, fires are mostly caused by negligence. Fools and radicals ought to be legislated against in some way to prevent the much harm they do to the country. Dingley represents both in his tariff bill.

Don't dally with rheumatism. Purify your blood and cure it at once by taking a course of Hood's Sarsaparilla.

Another report says that Gen. Maceo is still alive.

The Greek troops have defeated the Turks at Macedonia in an engagement on the 15th, and the capture of Kipuri North of Baltino by the Greeks is confirmed and that they have advanced as far as Pitavitz. A stubborn fight is also reported at Anakontra and Kanakontra in which the Turks were routed from their strongholds. Italy is giving the Greeks aid. The war between Turkey and Greece is certainly on, and the general result will be looked for with great interest throughout the world. Great results will probably follow this war if it continues long. Surely the great powers of Europe will not look on and allow the Turks to butcher Greece like the United States have done in the Cuban war. We think that our Government has acted very strange if not cowardly in allowing Spain to continue to murder the helpless women and children of Cuba out side of the barbarous treatment of the Cuban soldiers and the cruelty to the Americans who have lived in Cuba and have property there. The McKinley policy is following close in the foot-steps of the Cleveland policy. Why not recognize Cuba as belligerent?

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OBITUARY.

John A. Gryder, was born April 11th, 1813, and died April 2nd, 1897, aged 83 years 11 months and 21 days. Brother Gryder joined the Macedonia Baptist Church, in Alexander county, in Sept. 1847. Hence he lived a member of the church for 50 years and more. Was married Sept. 19th, 1845. He is the father of four children, one son and three daughters. The son was lost in the war; the widow and three daughters survive him.

Bro. Gryder was a good man, an affectionate husband and father. He was a man of whom little, that was heartfelt, could be said. He lived a quiet, peaceful, christian life, and has gone to his reward.

Oh! that we could live so that, after spending fifty years in a christian life, so little bad and so much good could be said of us.

To the friends and relatives we say, let us emulate his examples, following closely his Savior, looking forward so a day when we shall meet again. J. F. DAVIS.

McKinley feels grieved no doubt to see his home, Canton go Democratic, just because they don't like that Dingley stuff.

Wheat still declines in price reaching 4 cents on the bushel but flour is still up. Dingley does things that way.

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The New Jersey city elections, like others, have gone considerably Democratic. Even vice-President Hobarts town went Democratic. The Democrats are feeling splendid over the recent elections, while the Republicans have the dry grins and claim that local causes influenced the elections, but many of their former Republicans say that the passage of the Dingley tariff bill by the radicals was the cause and predict that the Democrats will carry the country next year with a whoop. Many of the best and most conservative Republicans opposed any tariff legislation this summer, and now declare that the last campaign was fought on the money question. Now all legislation is directed to the tariff issue only. The people are clamoring for more currency and Congress is engaged in raising our taxes by high tariff with no money with which to buy. Failures and strikes and general bankruptcy are staring the people in the face, but Congress heeds not, and goes on with raising the tariff. The people are disheartened and much provoked.

President McKinley has appointed Senator Wolcott, J. J. Payne and A. E. Stevenson as commissioners to an international monetary conference. The object is to get England and other European Governments to adopt Bimetallism by an international agreement. So great is the demand by the people for the restoration of silver that the Administration sees "the hand writing on the wall." We all would like to see international agreement which we don't expect ever to come about by agreement with England. The United States ought to have moved in this matter long ago it would have saved many men from bankruptcy and have prevented much suffering among our own people and other nations. If the United States would have restored silver coinage, other nations would have followed and prosperity would be here now.

The Grandest Remedy.

Mr. R. B. Greeve, merchant, of Chilhowie, Va., certifies that he had consumption. Was given up to die. sought all medical treatment that money could procure, tried all cough remedies he could hear of but got no relief, spent many nights sitting up in a chair, was induced to try Dr. King's New Discovery, and was cured by use of two bottles. For past three years has been attending to business, and says Dr. King's New Discovery is the grandest remedy ever made, as it has done so much for him and also for others in his community. Dr. King's New Discovery is guaranteed for coughs, colds and consumption. It don't fail. Trial bottles free at Holsclaw's and Blackburn's.

The recent municipal elections show that two much tariff is not the thing. More money to buy with will fit the times much better.

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The "Dingnation" tariff bill is a radical killing machine.

Personal. Our old neighbor and townsman, Major Scott, was on our streets yesterday, looking as young and spry as though he carried the weight of but two instead of four score years. The old man was being congratulated by all of his old friends and when questioned as to the object of his visit, he said he had walked all the way from Grassy Valley expressly to lay in a stock of that great cough remedy, Symphyx. He said he thought both he and his old wife would have been dead long ago, had it not been for Symphyx, and he had come himself to get the genuine article. Long may the old Major live.

There are still stirring times at Frankford, Ky., over the Senatorial election. No Senator yet named. It looks like Hunter the Radical nominee is as likely to get into the State prison as he is to get to be Senator. Hunter needs three more votes and he has offered \$5000 each. He has been indicted by the grand jury.

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