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OPPOSED TO THE SCHEME. An effort has been on foot some time in the city of Baltimore to control the traffic of the Richmond and Danville system of roads, so as to secure the trade to Baltimore.

The scheme of lending \$2,000,000 by the city of Baltimore to the Richmond and Danville road, "or to such other railroad company or companies" as the mayor and city council may direct, which has passed the Senate of Maryland, belongs to this class of legislation.

The indications are that the late legal tender decision of the U. S. Supreme court will result in a considerable amount of constitutional amendment talk, four proposed amendments being already introduced, two in the Senate, two in the House.

Here is the way the Chattanooga Democrat puts it: "Do free trade Democrats prefer the election of a Republican President on a tariff platform to the election of a Democratic President on a tariff platform?"

Why Hating Does Not Pay. From the Catholic Herald. It is not worth your while to hate. Your life is not long enough to make it pay to cherish ill-will or hard thoughts toward any one.

France's Vineyards. Cor. San Francisco Chronicle. There are planted in France about 6,000,000 acres of vines, yielding on the average in good years about 300 gallons per acre, or altogether about 1,800,000 gallons, worth about 150 cents per gallon, or altogether about \$300,000,000 at the vineyards.

Not a Thing to be Trifled With. Rochester Post-Express. Those who speak lightly of the wool interests of the country, and of the necessity of properly protecting it, forget that the flock-masters number more than a million, and that every State and Territory in the Union produces wool in greater or lesser amounts, and that altogether there are about forty-five millions of sheep in the country.

Barred in the Back Yard. Fort Worth Gazette. J. Tom Wilson, of Terrell, owned a monkey which died. Its body was placed in coffin, funeral notices printed, and preparations made to bury it in the city cemetery.

A Baltimore Assignment. BALTIMORE, March 11.—Marchant & Co., of this city, shippers of flour, have assigned for the benefit of their creditors. Liabilities stated to be \$30,500; nominal assets, \$45,000.

Edison, the inventor, indulges in the following prediction: As to the changes which will be effected by electricity within fifty years in the city of New York, I would say that I believe electricity will propel the cars of the street and elevated railroads, light the city within and without its buildings, furnish power for all purposes, work telephones and burglar alarms, deliver the opera, convey parcels, detect and signal fires, operate fire engines and possibly displace animal locomotion for vehicles.

Gen. Bob Toombs owns some very valuable land in Texas. A little while ago he refused \$10 an acre for a tract of 4,000 acres, and he owns much more than this. It was to this land the General referred when he answered the inquiry of a Northern man in Paris just after the war.

The American Sentry, published in New York as the organ of the Greenback party, commenting upon the late legal tender decision of the Supreme court, asks: "And now what excuse has Congress for not at once issuing greenbacks and paying off all the bonds now payable, and thus forever ending the payment of interest on more than two hundred millions of dollars?"

A peasant in Holland has discovered a new cure for gout. He was laid up so crippled that he had no use of his feet. A bee straggled around and stung him. It cured him. Then he got a friend who was also a victim of gout to try the experiment and get stung, which he did, and was cured. That's a Holland story, and it was Dutch gout and Dutch bees.

Ohio farmers, taking current low prices at Chicago and the report of the State Agricultural Board, receive on the crop of 1883, as compared with the crop of 1882, at least \$30,000,000 less on their corn crop and \$25,000,000 on their wheat. The actual loss since prices were higher a year ago, is nearer \$75,000,000 on their crops, a loss borne by the owners of about 222,000 farms.

The duty of a country is to build up its internal commerce, and this is perfected the foreign commerce will come as a natural consequence. Because perfected internal industries means the utilization of our natural capabilities to such extent that the cost of production has been brought to a minimum, and we can then offer to the world our products at a price at which they will be bought.

An assertion like the following, taken from a recent number of the Star: "The tariff is the cause of over production, and over production is the cause of the distress," is a bare assertion with no evidence to sustain it. If there are no causes at work to impair the purchasing power of the people, there can be no over production, and no over production, such as the country is now passing through, can be the result.

A few words more in regard to the civilization and growth of England, founded by the Star, and the methods by which she has achieved her position as a nation. We hold the civilization of England to be built on a foundation of sand to be undermined and swept away in time and reconstructed by her statesmen. To achieve the positions she holds among the nations, she has violated principles of justice with her own people and with every other nation which she has overshadowed in her strength and with which she has had dealings.

When, says Carlyle, the English philosopher and historian, a dark human individual has filled the measure of his wicked blockheadism, sins and nuisances; there are gibbets provided, there are laws provided; and you can in an articulate manner, hang him and finish him to general satisfaction. Nations, too, you may depend on it as certain do require the same process and do infallibly get it; wish! Heaven's justice, with written laws or without, being the most independent and the inevitable thing I know of in this universe. No doing without it; and it is sure to come. Ireland, India, Jamaica, Egypt and other nations, whose social condition

THE GREAT QUESTION. HOW THE SOUTH PROSPERS UNDER A PROTECTIVE TARIFF.

The inconsistency of those who desire prosperity and advocate free trade—a Comprehensive View of the Subject. We have been for the past two or three years reading accounts in our newspapers of the wonderful progress the South is making in the establishment of manufacturing industries. And as a farmer, we heartily rejoice in the fact of this growth, because it means agricultural prosperity as well, for the reason that agricultural growth is inseparable from that of the other industries. But what strikes us as singular, or rather inconsistent, in certain leading papers of the South, the News & Observer and Wilmington Star of this State, is the manner in which they shall herald this manufacturing progress in one column and in another heap abuse upon the protective tariff, upon a protective tariff system that agriculture is the basis of all prosperity. Go among the men engaged in the manufacturing, mining and mechanical pursuits and you find a large majority of them favorable to protection. Why? It is just to change them with being influenced solely by selfishness and greed? They are realists as a rule, because they realize the importance of diversified industries to the welfare of the country.

The difficulty with such papers as the News & Observer and Star, is their failure to grasp the real foundation facts upon which it is built: that agriculture is the basis of all prosperity; that there can be no prosperous agriculture without diversified pursuits, and that the latter have been, and are yet, dependent upon a protective tariff system for their maintenance and further establishment. The progress agriculture has made in this country, in the aggregate, has been due to the multiplicity of the other industries. But we are yet, taking the entire country, too agricultural. Taking the South we are too much so, by a large percentage. As we have taken a step in the direction of reducing this excess of farmers in our population, and of the protective system, now in force, why ought we to adopt a free trade system whose tendencies are in the opposite direction? The farmer feeds all, but when all farmers he can only feed himself, which is a necessary operation, but not a lucrative business.

The duty of a country is to build up its internal commerce, and this is perfected the foreign commerce will come as a natural consequence. Because perfected internal industries means the utilization of our natural capabilities to such extent that the cost of production has been brought to a minimum, and we can then offer to the world our products at a price at which they will be bought. Hence the real prosperity of a country is to be gauged by the amount and variety of its internal commerce, and not by its foreign commerce; and, in addition by the minimum quantity of the crude products of the soil sent abroad.

There are no causes at work to impair the purchasing power of the people, there can be no over production, and no over production, such as the country is now passing through, can be the result of the tariff. For production, without the necessary conditions, will keep abreast with the demand because the increase of production diminishes the price of things, and this in its turn increases the consumption, and consequently the evil will work its own cure. But in the case of the country which has been laboring has been caused by the impaired purchasing power of the people. Bad crops for the past three years reduced the purchasing power in the first place, of 50 per cent of the population—the agricultural. Then, in the second place, this condition of things affected the industrial enterprises, and soon a surplus of manufactures began to accumulate. Then prices began falling and the operatives became affected by a reduction of wages and actual loss of work—their purchasing power became impaired, and thus again another element entered to further impair the purchasing ability of the agricultural population. And so on until the demand for the general, which still continues, but with a gleam of hope of a change for the better at an early day. And why? Simply because of the favorable outlook for the iron and steel industry for good or evil is this industry—agriculture! How important to the welfare of mankind!

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she has ruined to make a market for her wares, are witnesses of her injustice and wrong doings. Her millions of paupers and toiling masses are witnesses of the hollowness of boasted civilization. No civilization can be true which produces a magnificent aristocracy, few in number, at one end, and millions of toilers, steeped in poverty, at the other. A civilization must not be judged by the few illustrious names adorning the pages of history, but by the social, moral, intellectual and industrial condition of the people in the aggregate. Let us, then, as a free people, with the power within us of attaining the highest form of civilization the world has ever seen, remember that the goal cannot be reached except by "doing unto others as we would that others do unto us" in our dealings with ourselves as a people, and in our dealings with other nations, and that the free trade policy England and our short-sighted citizens would have us adopt, leads in an opposite direction. C. McDONALD.

Papal Appointments. ROME, March 10.—Cardinal Sacco has been appointed Dean of the Sacred College, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Cardinal Pietro. It is thought probable Cardinal Ledochowsky, the banished Archbishop of Posen, will be made Cardinal-Bishop of Frazia.

The French Successor. PARIS, March 11. Advice from Tonquin reports the French column advancing upon Bac Ninh from Haidzuong and has had a successful engagement with the enemy. Admiral Courbet has taken the Iron Clad to Quinhon and declared that part of the coast blockaded.

Wild Eastern Journalism. Philadelphia Press. Governor Ordway, of Dakota, is cavorting around Washington shouting that he can just knock the everlasting packing out of the numerous charges of irregularity against him. But why doesn't he do it? What to do Them. When rheumatism nicks the joints then ask for Benson's Caprine Force. Prompt, sure, sure.

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