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WEEKS board of education yesterday reported \$24,138.00, that amount being equal to \$1.50 for each of 16,092 children.

A FASCINATING young German lady who has been teaching school in Connecticut is said now to be no less a personage than a princess of Prussia and to be on the point of marrying a son of Gen. O. O. Howard.

CONGRESS will re-assemble today and it is to be hoped will get down at once to work on the stoppage of the surplus revenue and the reduction of taxation to the point of the actual needs of the government only.

WE commend to our readers the good talk elsewhere printed of the bright and level-headed mugwump Mr. Starnes delivered at the banquet of the Massachusetts Tariff Reform League in Boston a few evenings since.

THERE is nothing to equal the educational system of Yankeeedom. In answer to an examination question a high school scholar of Auburn, Me., wrote: "Anglo-Saxon was the first man who wrote the alphabet."

MR. WM. H. EDMONDS, late of the Baltimore Manufacturers Record has purchased the Anniston, Ala. Hot Blast and becomes editor as well as proprietor of the paper.

PETERSBURG'S new Academy of Music will be inaugurated next Monday evening by the Petersburg Musical Association with a programme of exercises appropriate to and worthy of the occasion.

THE failure of a pathetic incident—the failure of a veteran at all of the war of 1812 to appear at the President's New Year reception. Last year there were but six of them.

MRS. "BUCK" GRANT wants her fortune. She asks a settlement of the estate left her by her father, who it will be remembered was Jerome B. Chaffee, formerly United States Senator from Colorado.

up to \$1,500 for a bond whose principal is \$1,000 not due for twenty years yet. \$1,250 at 8 per cent interest in twenty years would be worth to the people about \$5,000—and this is to be paid for a 4 per cent bond of which the principal of \$1,000 is payable in 1907.

As soon as the government sets out on that course these bonds will begin to rise, and they will go up to \$1,500. The people will then pay \$1,500 for the pleasure of taking up a \$1,000 bond twenty years before it is due.

The surplus in the Treasury ought to be returned to the people, and no more ought to be collected until the bonds can be paid dollar for dollar. The Secretary of the Treasury is ready to do this with his surplus, and in order to keep it out of the Treasury has deposited \$11,738,000 in certain banks.

It is fashionable in some quarters to say that Northern enterprise and capital have rehabilitated the South so far as rehabilitation has been accomplished. The events of every day contradict the statement.

Judge Russell, of Wilmington, has written a letter to the voters of Onslow county on the subject of the proposed Wilmington, Onslow and East Carolina Railroad which we find published in the New Bern Journal and in which he says: "The court has decided that the Wilmington election was void on account of irregularity in the registration—but this does not apply to your election."

The railroad company has succeeded in obtaining the promise of capital sufficient to build the road—provided the city township and county bonds should be voted and delivered according to the terms agreed on. This ruling of the Supreme Court, while it will delay action, is not necessarily fatal to the enterprise.

The New Bern people have withdrawn their application to Craven county for the present. That will be renewed under such auspices as to insure its success should Onslow vote favorably. So the fate of the enterprise depends on the action of Onslow, and you as a leading man of the county, will be an important factor in the determination of the issue.

Big Row in Gaston County. There was a big row at Frank Rhyne's grocery, at Wooten's on Saturday, December 24th, in which firearms were extensively used and blood drawn from nearly half a dozen persons.

Bill Williams, it appears, commenced the trouble by knocking down a negro named Newt. Lockhart, who was at work near the grocery and whom he attempted to run off, falling in this, he pulled his pistol and shot him, the ball penetrating and passing through the fleshy part of the leg.

Now what does it all mean? Here is the government with \$100,000,000 in money taken from the pocket of the boiling millions, and the republican leaders say, pay it over to the bondholders giving them from \$1,250

A GOOD TALK. Made by George M. Starnes. IN BOSTON ON FRIDAY EVENING, THE 27th OF DECEMBER, 1887. THE MEMBERS OF THE MASSACHUSETTS TARIFF REFORM LEAGUE.

Mr. President and gentlemen of the Tariff Reform League! I read in your newspapers a professional newspaper—that this was to be a gathering of free traders and superlatively uneducated mugwumps. I have visited a number of the institutions of this State which are assembled in your midst, and I have come back through the snow to look upon the gathering of men so far apart in social status with the representatives of God-forsaken laughter.

To me one of the most remarkable spectacles, bordering on the miraculous in this generation, is this present—the man coming from the management of the Buffalo (applauded and laughed), with no training in stateship, with no experience in politics, without the advantages of a college or of polishing in the arts and crafts of election, but equipped with an honest and fearless intellect, and with an integrity of integrity, stepping boldly into the wilderness at Washington (laughter), the wilderness of political shams and humbugs, and tinicorn rings, and money doctors (more laughter), crying out: "Repeat ye, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand!" (loud and prolonged laughter, followed by great cheering.)

And now this disturber of the peace has thrown another thunder-bolt among those who wonder why things cannot be left alone. (Laughter.) He has announced, with the directness and distinctness which present the necessity of tariff reform. He tells us that we are taking \$100,000,000 from the people by needless taxation, that this money is accumulating in the Treasury; that it is difficult to get it out; that by and by commerce and trade will suffer from want of the means to transact business, and he says: "Take this off, and take it off so that it will help most those that need help. Take away these burdens from those upon whom they weigh most heavily."

There is \$100,000,000 in useless taxation. We must get rid of it, and how shall we do it? Now we say: "Take off that \$100,000,000 in such a way that will benefit the people. Let them have the good of it." But they say: "Oh, no; keep on, keep on taking it, just as you always have, and let us fritter it away—let us fool it away—let us do anything in God's world with it, only do not disturb the holy, sacred tariff." (Laughter.) We say that we want the people to receive and experience immediate benefit; but they say: "Let us devise and see how we can keep on." And so they have become impressed all at once with one thing, and that is that this country needs fortifying inland, notland, everywhere (laughter), and I heard a Senator of the United States a year ago, here in Boston, send a thrill down every Bostonian's back by telling in what great danger we stood—that Peru or Chili was coming up here to invade this country and bombard the United States of America! (loud laughter.) They cry for that, although they know that experience has taught us that the ever present dirt all around us, and the ever present shovel and a few hours' work, make a fortification that beats all the expensive structures of masonry and stone.

Use it they say: "Let us subsidize us to subsidize." He that is in your line, my professional friend, set up and maintain and foster a new set of monopolies—that is what that means. "Anything in the world," they say, "only do not give it to the people." They go on the principle that a boarding-house master did who got rich on his business and was asked how he did it. He said: "I found out what did not agree with the boarders and I fed it to them." (Great laughter.)

The President suggests that a very beneficent way in which the people may feel the blessing of this reduction is to take the tariff from wool, and thereupon we suddenly learn what we never knew before, that the whole basis and structure of our national prosperity rests on the fleece of wool (laughter), and to hear them talk and read their writings we should suppose that whole droves of sheep were bleating on every plain and hillside, and that at every school-house door a hundred lambs were patiently waiting for Mary to appear. (Loud laughter and applause.)

Did we stop to consider for a moment all the propositions of the President, that long series of far-faring patriotic means? Do we think, not only of the wool that is raised, but do we appreciate that from \$30,000,000 to \$100,000,000 worth, and I do not know but more of woolen fabrics are imported into this country every year, robbing the American laborer of their manufacture, paying our money to foreigners to make our goods for us because wool is prohibited to them. Think of the army of men it would take to handle that wool to comb it to card it to spin it, to dye it, to weave it, to sell it, and think of all the ramifications of trade it would enter, of the mill engineering involved, the steam engineering and the new factories to be built, and the steamships to be employed to help that industry, and the employment it would give certainly to 200,000 people at \$1.50 per day, the percentage of labor that would enter into the amount of money—and that the wool itself would cost each one of them 50 cents per ton. There are 500,000 men that this United States needs to support, and pays foreign people to do their work for them, in order that Ohio may con-

tinue a republican State. (Prolonged laughter and applause.) Why, they have had this tariff on, and that has been the result to the American laborer. There are today 567 less woolen mill mills in the United States than there were in 1860. What a commentary that is upon this prohibition upon the obtaining by our manufacturers of the raw material upon which to work.

All this is worse than rot—it is wickedness, and we mean to make use of this opportunity, this surplus, for better things. We mean a reform that shall sweep away useless taxation from coal and salt and sugar and lumber and wool and clothing—the grand universal necessities of life. (Applause.) We mean a reform that shall give relief; we mean a relief that shall stretch out to every cabin and every humble home, to every kitchen and chamber, to every table and every fireside. (Loud applause.)

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