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THE TIN FRAUD.

The McKinley tariff is a fraud in various ways, but in none is the fraud more apparent than in the tin-plate feature.

Mr. Neidringhaus, who runs a little shop in St. Louis, which he calls a tin-plate factory, and the Norton Bros., at Chicago, who run another tin-plate factory, have been making tin-plate—genuine American tin-plate—and have been sending small samples of it to Republican conventions to be admired and talked about.

But that is not as bad a fraud as McKinley was guilty of a short while ago in Ohio when he undertook to show the Ohio doubting Thomases that tin-plate is made in this country and at the same time show them how it is done.

It appears they have in the town of Piqua a tin-shop something like that of Neidringhaus in St. Louis, and the Norton Bros. in Chicago. Mr. McKinley thought it would be a visible demonstration and a smart trick if he would make some tin-plate in the presence of the people who came to hear him speak, so he arranged with the fellows who were running the tin shop to bring over some iron plate and a potful of molten tin, &c., to dip it in and show the uninitiated how the thing is done.

Up to 1861, the wealth of this country was more evenly distributed among the people than in any other country under the sun. There were fewer very rich and fewer very poor people in proportion to population than in any other country under the sun and up to 1861 it had made more progress and was then enjoying more prosperity than any country under the sun.

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suitable for the purpose is not made in this country. It can be, but it requires costly machinery to do it. Tin ore has not yet been found in sufficient quantities to justify the putting of this costly machinery.

WHERE IS IT? The estimated wealth of the United States is \$60,000,000,000. If this wealth were equally distributed it would give each inhabitant of this country in round figures about \$1,000.

The cities and the towns have their mortgages, too. Nearly half the mortgage indebtedness of the State of Illinois is on houses and lots in the city of Chicago.

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It is well for an individual or a country to be wealthy. But that country is in the best condition where the wealth is most evenly distributed, and that country the most unfortunate where there is great wealth in the hands of the few and little if any in the hands of the many.

MINOR MENTION. When McKinley and the balance of the high tariff boomers were, through the arbitrary rules adopted, forcing their monstrous bill upon the country, they predicted an era of unprecedented prosperity as the result, when that bill became a law.

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FARMER'S ALLIANCE.

A MASS MEETING HELD AT RALEIGH. In Metropolitan Hall—A Large Attendance—Ex-Senator Norwood's Address, Etc.

RALEIGH, N. C., Oct. 8.—On account of the threatening weather, the Alliance meeting to-day was held in Metropolitan Hall. President Bell presided. There was quite a large attendance. Among the crowd were several ladies, including the Female Cornet Band, which occupied seats on the stage.

Ex-Senator Norwood's address consumed about two hours in its delivery. He gave the origin of the Alliance and dwelt on the wrongs that brought it into existence. He favored the sub-treasury plan, if nothing better could be secured, and suggested as a substitute that Congress authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to issue a sufficient amount of Treasury notes to be furnished in sums of \$50, \$40, or even \$50 per capita; sufficient gold and silver to be retained in the Treasury to redeem the notes.

State Lecturer Bell also delivered a speech which was well received. There was much disappointment at the non-arrival of Senator Peffer.

NAVAL ARTILLERY.

A Few Points About the Drill and Instruction of the Men. In furtherance of the plans of the U. S. government for the formation of a naval militia, a new drill book for the use of the naval reserves has been issued by the bureau of navigation of the Navy Department, and, as since the issuance of the order granting permission for the formation of a battalion of naval artillery in this State the matter has excited no little interest in Wilmington, the STAR has collected a few points that will be of interest.

In the manual of arms there is a considerable departure from the army regulations necessitated in some measure by the fact that the service rifle in the navy is different from that of the army.

The blue jacket of to-day must be taught a thousand and one things that are of vital importance in the practical use of many weapons, great and small, ranging from the revolver to the fifty-ton gun. It would manifestly be absurd to spend valuable time in training him in the complicated red-tape method of shifting a rifle from one shoulder or position to another.

The chapter on light artillery deals with the service of howitzers, Gatling guns and Hotchkiss machine guns, mounted in boats or in field carriages. All maneuvers needed on show are explained, and provision is made to support the guns against attack by skirmishers by arming half the dragoon of the crew of each piece with a rifle, so that three men may be deployed upon the flanks of the batteries for their protection.

The latest about the rice syndicate, mentioned in our paper some time since, is a report that the New Orleans rice mills, thirteen in number, have organized a pool or combination very similar to the cotton seed oil mills. Each mill will be put in the pool at a fixed price, some of them will be closed and others operated, and the profits divided among them in proportion to the amount of stock or certificates each hold.

The pool hopes to entirely control the rice trade, and to fix the price of rough and cleaned rice not only for Louisiana but for the greater portion of the country. So far it is confined to Louisiana, but it may be extended so as to include all the other rice mills in the country.

The British steamship Newby cleared yesterday for Liverpool, Eng., with a cargo of 6,800 bales of cotton, valued at \$259,925. Vessel and cargo by Messrs. Alex. Sprunt & Son.

NOTICE. NEW YORK DEMOCRATS.

A GREAT RATIFICATION MEETING HELD AT COOPER UNION.

This is intended only for subscribers whose subscriptions have expired. It is not a dun, but a simple request that all who are in arrears for the STAR will favor us with a prompt remittance.

We are sending out bills now a few each week, and if you receive one please give it your attention.

Reduced Rates on Seaboard Air-Line. The Seaboard Air-Line will put reduced rate tickets on sale to following points for occasions named:

Atlanta to Piedmont Exposition, on sale October 20 to November 4, on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, only, good to return till November 9th. Price from Wilmington, including one admission, \$16.90.

At the annual meeting of stockholders of this road held in Fayetteville the following were elected directors: Col. K. M. Murchison, New York; Charles Richmond, Va.; J. E. Gilmer, Winston; W. A. Moore, Mt. Airy; Dr. W. A. Lash, Walnut Cove; J. T. Morehead, Leaksville; R. P. Gray, O. D. Reynolds, Greensboro; G. W. Williams, Wilmington; R. T. Gray, Raleigh; J. D. Williams, E. J. Lilly, Fayetteville. This is a re-election of the old board, except in the case of R. P. Gray, in place of his father, the late Julius A. Gray, and of J. E. Gilmer, in place of Dr. J. M. Worth, who declined a re-election.

The Eastern Baptist Association. Held its 48th annual session at Dobson's chapel, which is eight miles from Magnolia, and six from Keenansville, Duplin county. The opening sermon was preached by Rev. O. P. Meeks, of Clinton. The old moderator, Rev. J. L. Steward, was elected, and so was the old treasurer, S. M. Carlton, but the former clerk, J. T. Bland, Esq., at his own request, was not chosen, but J. T. Blackburn was elected in his place.

The past year has been one of great prosperity, there having been baptized nearly 700, and a considerable increase in the contributions to almost all the churches. The aggregate amount reported to the body of the association was \$14,938.81. The First Baptist Church of Wilmington reported 488 members, and the other churches an aggregate of \$7,576.02.

The Brooklyn Baptist Church reported 395 members. Dr. Pritchard preached the missionary sermon Wednesday at 11 a. m. and at Keenansville that night, and sermons were preached by Revs. M. T. Kessler and R. C. Landrum.

The Southwick Items. The Brunswick Ferry, operating between Wilmington and this county, will reduce all ferry rates to one-half the regular rates, during the Jones river meetings, which will begin to-morrow, Friday, at Wilmington.

The Norfolk Virginian mentions the arrival there Wednesday of a party of visiting capitalists interested in the Norfolk, Wilmington & Charleston Railroad. They will proceed South as far as Charleston, S. C., some of them driving over the line of the proposed road.

Lexington Dispatch: Revenue officers Field, Patterson and Walker, of Greensboro, made a big haul of opium county last Monday evening, resulting in the seizure of about 400 gallons of blockade brandy.

Concord Times: This week a little girl at Forest Hill that was supposed to have catarrh, and had been treated several months for that disease. On making a close examination a shoe button was found in the child's nose, and promptly removed. The button had been there about a year.

Raleigh Chronicle: Governor Holt yesterday honored the requisition of the Governor of South Carolina for Sam Wright, who had been arrested for some petty crime committed there.

Statesville Landmark: Miss Belva Murdoch died of consumption at the residence of her father, Mr. Murdoch, in this city, on Monday morning. Miss Murdoch was about 23 years old and up to about a year ago, when the fatal disease manifested itself, was apparently in perfect health.

Raleigh News and Observer: Claims for the direct land tax still come in. Mr. Andrews informed our reporter yesterday that several warrants had been issued, and claims paid to the amount of something over \$3,000.

Asheville Citizen: There was a wholesale poisoning at the residence of Mr. J. V. Brown, on Montford avenue, Sunday. Sunday morning the family became very sick, vomiting violently, and Drs. J. A. Burroughs and J. E. Williams were called in. On Monday evening Dr. Scott's report was that the family had recovered, and the case was pronounced cured.

Charlotte News: There were no burglaries in the city last night, and none are likely to occur for some time. A hanging generally has a good effect for some time, and the hanging of Monday night was no exception.

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