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AFRAID TO TACKLE IT.

Some of the Republican Congress men who have been approached on the subject of repealing the tariff duties on paper and paper-making materials, to break the monopoly of the paper trust, hesitate to tackle the trust because they say it would open up the whole tariff question. That's what they say to placate the Republican newspapers and other publishers who feel the grip of the trust and are now enjoying some of the luxuries of the high protective tariff which they have advocated and which they have done so much to fasten upon the country.

The demand of newspaper and other publishers for the repeal of these duties puts the Republican Congressman in a rather embarrassing position, for they don't want to antagonize the newspaper men and they don't want to tackle the trusts and the tariff. We are not surprised at their hesitancy. How can they put the curb on the paper trust and pay no attention to other trusts which are practicing extortion upon and oppressing other people as the paper trusts are practicing extortion upon and oppressing the consumers of paper? If the paper trust were the only trust they would not hesitate to confront it and call it trusts. to taw, but the trouble is there are scores of trusts, many of them as bloodsucking as the paper trusts, and they all owe their existence to the same cause-the protective tariff -which excludes foreign competition and gives them a practical monopoly of the home market. If they moved to repeal or reduce the tariff on paper to placate the Republican newspaper men, what decent excuse could they offer for refusing to do something to call down the sugar trust, the standard oil trust, the glass trust, the tin trust and the scores of other trusts which are levying tribute on the American people, and annually squeezing millions of dollars out of the American people who are forced to buy their goods? There is the wire trust, for instance, in which every one who has any use for wire and nails (and these are millions) is interested, the operations of which are thus commented upon in an article which we clip from the New York Journal of Commerce and Commercial Bulletin: "This paper commented at the time upon the remarkable admissions of Mr. John W. Gates before the Industrial Commission that his company was exporting 700 tons of wire a day, but that it could not spare tariff protection, that it was selling abroad at less prices than it sold for at home, and that, although his company was making good profits, he had been abroad trying to organize a wire trust of the world in order to advance prices \$10 a ton, but he and the German makers could not agree on the division of business. Mr. John De Witt Warner has used Mr. Gates' statement as an introduction to a striking sketch of the operations of the present Wire Trust and of that of on this line: four years ago, considerable portions of which we reprint. "Why should an American concern that is supplying England with 60 per cent. of the wire consumed there care about tariff protection against foreign competition ? There is but one answer, and that is that while abundantly able to meet foreign competition it prefers the high prices which it can extort by virtue of being a monopoly. Domestic competition being suppressed by consolidation, foreign competition is averted by the tariff, and the trust can fix prices as high as the trade will stand, or in its short sighted eagerness for profits even higher. "Mr. Gates admitted that wire was sold to foreigners cheaper than to Americans. In November, 1896, under the former Wire Trust, one dealer bought a quantity of nails for export at \$1.30, the price to Americans being \$2.70, shipped them to Amsterdam and back, and sold them at home at less than the Trust price. But the Trust was strong enough to prevent his buy-ing any more nails either at the foreign or the domestic rate. Before this Trust was formed wire nails were selling at a "base" price of 75 and 80 cents in Pittsburg. The average price in 1894 was \$1.11. In 1896 it was \$2.54, the price having been held at \$2.70 from May to November. In December it dropped to \$1.60 because the Trust had collapsed. In spite of its exclusive contracts with the manufacturers of nail making machinery the independent production had greatly increased and the methods of the Trust had aroused much enmity in the trade, and the result was disaster. Although the control of wire making machinery by this Trust broke down, the present Trust, which is far more comprehensive and powerful, is believed to have recovered that control and even increased it by acquiring valuable patents for nail making machinery and for making fence wire. The Government, therefore, is sustaining the Trust in two directions; it is ng foreign competition by the tariff, and it is suppressing domestic competition by means of the patent laws. In the suppression of domestic competition the patent laws are often much more effective than the mere fact of consolidation, for they prevent the starting of new competing estab-lishments.

The paper from which we quote is not a political paper, and therefore it cannot be accused of criticising to the nail trust to make political capital. It gives facts and figures and makes such comment as these facts and figures suggest and warrant, and yet the nail trust is no worse than many other trusts which have doubled and trebled the prices of their goods within the

past couple years. But this Republican Congress is not going to tackle trusts nor the tariff, which has called them into existence, for they need the trusts as co-workers in elections, and they need the other beneficiaries of this protective tariff, who chip liberally into Hanna's hat when it is passed around. If they began reducing the tariff on one thing or repealing the duties on one article controlled by a trust, where will they stop without going through the whole tariff business, and by the time they got through with it what would their

protective tariff look like? They would doubtless like to accommodate the Republican newspaper men whose services they need, but they can't very well do that without getting into a tangle in which they would antagonize the trusts whose money they need, and that is about the situation as far as they are concerned. They may do some talking on that line, but it will consist principally of protests against extortion, and professions of a desire for fair play, but that will be simply to fool the victims of the trusts and to stave off action. They are not going to tackle either the tariff or the

GIVING WARNING.

The report comes from Alabama that influenced by the better prices received for the cotton they raised last year the planters of that State will increase the acreage for the next crop, and this, notwithstanding the warnings of friends both North and South, who are familiar with the cotton movement in this and in other countries and have pointed out some of the inevitable consequences of an increased acreage in this country. assuming that an increased acreage

leaves the lungs weak and opens the door for the germs of Consumption. Don't wait until they get in, and you begin to cough. Close

the door at once by healing the inflammation. Scott's Emulsion makes the lungs germproof; it heals the inflammation and closes the doors. It builds up and strengthens the entire system with wonderful rapidity.

soc. and \$1.00, all druggists, SCOTT & BOWNE, Chemists, New York.

DROWNED IN A WELL.

Negro Fell Headlong Thirty Feet and Was Drowned Almost Instantly.

Spencer Stanford, an old negro wood sawyer aged about 60 years and who has spent much of his old age in the station house where he was confined for drunkenness, fell into a well at the rear of the residence of Miss Lou Smith, at corner of Second and Red Cross streets last night about 7.30 o'clock and drowned. The old negro had finished sawing some wood for Miss Smith in the afternoon and at night he returned badly intoxicated and asked Miss Smith for something to eat, which she wrapped in a paper at the same time telling him to sit

down in the back yard and eat it. He

went to the well and sat on the edge of the stone curbing, which is round and which extends about two feet

above the ground. Miss Smith, after handing the lunch to the old negro through the kitchen window, resumed her household duties. when a few minutes later she and an old colored woman living at the rear of the residence were surprised to hear Stanford falling into the well, which is about thirty-five feet deep and curbed in a circular form from the bottom The old negro woman notified some

one, who telephoned the occurrence to the City Hall and to Dr. Price, the will give a proportionately increased coroner. yield. Among those who have raised The body was taken from the we

THE DELGADO MILL. Wilmington's New Cotton Factory Began Operations Yes-

terday Afternoon. THE MILL WAS CHRISTENED.

First Cotton Fed by Mrs. Holt-The Factory Will Employ About 250 Hands and Consume 3,700 Bales of Cotton a Year.

This time last January the "Mineral Spring," two miles from the city, on the shell road, was a lonely but pretty spot in the midst of a young long leaf pine forest. The wind sighed ceaselessly through the pine tops and little

did the people of Wilmington dream that the scene would soon shift. In dustry, however, spread her magic wand over the spring and there has been a change, as sudden as it is aston-

ishing. The cognomen of the "Mineral Spring" has vanished and the Delgado Mill has superseded it. The old spring is still there but enterprise and capital has surrounded it with a pretty village of five hundred people lost his life." and a magnificent \$300,000 cotton mill. It is stated as of a truth that hornets

Yesterday afternoon at 3.30 o'clock of unusual size and valor built and inthe new factory "broke cotton," which habited this big gray shaded nest. They were stern, virtuous, hard-working is mill parlance for beginning operations. A STAR representative was inhornets-and whiter than is the wont of vited out to see the performance and common hornets. All of the nest they built enduringly, with much care and witness the christening of the mill. patience and strength. Then, having When he arrived he found assembled fastened it firmly to a proud young tree in the picker room Mr. E. C. Holt, and having buzzed an inspiring war president of the mill, Mrs. E. C. Holt, song, they flew away and left the nest Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Bellamy, Dr. W. --as an omen or a sign, thinks Col. J. H. Bellamy, Miss Eliza Bellamy, Maxwell At the particular request of the coldaughter of Congressman John D.

onel, the hornets' nest is to be sent to Bellamy and Mr. J. W. Williamson, Hon. John D. Bellamy, the member of Congress from the sixth district, to be handed by him to Senator John secretary and treasurer of the company. With the party gathered around Morgan, as an evidence of deep ap the picker and the machinery in full preciation of his speech in the Senate motion, Mrs. Holt, for whom the mill in defence of the white people of North is named, tossed in the first handful of Carolina. And already the executive committee have forwarded the nest cotton and christened the mill. Then to Mr. Bellamy, to whom is also sent the following letter: the other ladies added some of the fleecy staple to that thrown in by Mrs.

"Dear Sir: We send you by to-day's Holt, the gentlemen followed suit express a hornets' nest. Please be so kind as to place same on the desk of and then everybody began to fill up John T. Morgan. the "opener" of the machine. The ma-(Signed) "J. D. McCall, Chairmas; F. M. Shannonhouse, secretary; Heriot Clarkson, W. C. Dowd, T. S. Frankchine knew its business, and in a few seconds the picker was delivering

lin, E. S. Williams. "Democratic Central Committee for

Mecklenburg county, N. C." --It is willed and decreed that this house of the hornets-the hornets of Mecklenburg-shall go forth to fulfill two missions. It becomes a message of thanksgiving to Senator Morgan. And on the day that Senator Pritchard makes his speech against the constitu-



is a guarantee of superior worth

In baking powder, in these days of unscrupulous adul-

teration, a great name gives the best security.

There are many brands of baking powders, but "Royal Baking Powder" is recognized at once as the brand of great name, the powder of highest favor and reputation. Everyone has absolute confidence in the food where Royal is used.

Pure and healthful food is a matter of vital importance to every individual.

> **Royal Baking Powder** assures the finest and most wholesome food.

> > Avoid alum baking powders. They make the food unwholesome.

> > > attention than any other. On this

point there was a very general ex-

change of views, the concensus of

opinion evidently favoring the policy

outlined in Senator Bacon's resolution

of protecting life and property in the

slands until quiet is restored, when

the United States shall provide the

opportunity and prescribe the method

for the "formation of a governmeat

by and of the people of the Philippine

islands to be independently exercised

With reference to the financial bill

t was practically decided to offer a

substitute providing for the free coin-

age of silver. Senators Lindsay and

Caffery were present, and while they indicated their intention not to be

bound by any decision upon this line

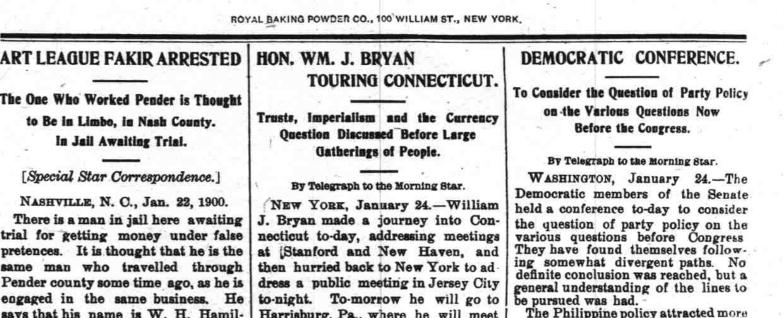
they recognized the futility of any ef-

There will be another conference

NEW COTTON MILLS.

fort to prevent its being pursued.

and controlled by themselves.'



since the middle of last June. It was a stupendous undertaking, and President Holt says it has been one of the The STAR is gratified to see the new mill begin operations, and it heartily bespeaks the splendid success, which the management is sure to achieve. HORNETS' NEST FOR MORGAN

Presented Through Hon. Jao. D. Bellamy by Democratic Committee of Mecklenburg as a Token of Esteem.

of carding and spinning, and Mr. Jno.

The new factory, which is Wilming-

ton's second cotton mill, has flashed

upon Wilmington like a meteor.

Messrs. Zachary & Zachary of Baleigh,

were the contractors, and under the

management of Mr. H. C. Zachary

the mammoth factory building and

the entire town have been completed

quickest jobs on record.

Barr boss dyer.

Yesterday Col. D. G. Maxwell presented to the county Democratic executive committee of Mecklenburg a large and most beautiful hornets' nest; "the finest," said the gallant colonel "that was ever made on Sugar Hillthe spot where the brave Major Locke

"The average 'base' price of wire

the warning voice is Mr. Stephens, by the Hook and Ladder boys, and president of the late convention of after viewing the same Dr. Price or State Commissioners of Agriculture, dered it placed in the morgue at the of the cotton States at the recent City Hall for burial to-day. There were no bruises on the body and from meeting in New Orleans, who in his the position in which Ladderman address urged the commissioners of Jake Wannamaker found him when the respective States to do all they he went down in the well and attached can to persuade the cotton planters a rope to the negro's body, it is supto keep down the acreage and raise posed he fell headlong and drowned home supplies.

before he could make an outcry. Following on this line ex-Commis-The water is about five feet deep in sioner Nesbit, of Georgia, has pubthe well and the distance to the surlished an appeal to the planters of face of the ground from the water Georgia in which he urges them to line is about thirty feet. Stanford was a harmless old negro keep down the acreage, and gives and his only fault was in drinking too reasons to show that even if cotton, heavily. He weighed over two of the next crop bring seven cents a

hundred pounds and was one of the pound, they will run the risk of losold type of negroes. He has no relaing money owing to the increased tives here. cost of making it. The Atlanta Constitution which agrees with him, Cotton Advancing. and has done all it could to prevent In sympathy with the New York the planting of an increased acreage, and Liverpool markets the local cotton market took a decided advance yesterthus summarizes the points he makes

day, quotations having been posted at the Produce Exchange yesterday af "It is right at this point that the ternoon on a basis of 71 cents for midfarmer needs information and advice. dling, which is as high as recorded lo He has just disposed of his crop at a airly good price. That crop was cally this season. Receipts at this port raised under conditions which gave for the past two weeks have shown a him a margin of profit in its sale. If material increase over the receipts of a he goes into his next crop under the corresponding period last year, and dea that he will have the same advantages, he will soon awake to the speculators are asking themselves the delusion under which he has acted. question if there was not a more gen-Even the current prices for cotton, eral "holding" of the crop by the farwhich have given a profit on the crop mers during the early part of the seaof 1899, will not give a profit on that of 1900. Why? Just let us see! son than was at first anticipated. Yes-"The coming crop will be the most terday's receipts, however, indicated expensive to produce, since those of

a falling off from last year. There is he flush days recalled by Colonel now only one tramp steamer in port Nesbit as the era of speculation. awaiting a cargo of cotton for the for-"Labor will be 12 to 15 per cent. eign trade.

Richmond Dispatch : Governor

not interfere in the case of Wadley,

higher than last year. The fertilizer trust has already evied a 'rake off' of 25 per cent. 'Mules have advanced 30 per cent. Will Not Pardon Wadley. "Plows have made a jump of 100 per Tyler decided yesterday that he would

"Corn is 10 per cent. higher, and thousands of farmers, unfortunately, will have to buy it. "All agricultural implements have

the insurance company president in jail in Wytheville under a sentence dvanced at least 50 per cent. of one year in the penitentiary for em-"It is under such conditions that the bezzling \$196,000. Governor Tyler says the case must take its course in armers have to begin their work of 1900. Can they invest in such levies the courts. After having been to the Supreme Court of the United States as these upon their earnings and come out clear, even upon 7-cent cotton? the case is now to be taken to the Su-This is the problem which they have preme Court of Virginia. to solve before they commit themelves to a course which may mean Master Car Builder Resigned. bankruptcy "race the situation and learn the Mr. John H. Davis, who is Master truth

Car Builder for the Atlantic Cossi "Live at home upon your own sup Line and who has been in the employ "Do not make investments which of the Atlantic Coast Line shops for "Keep within your means, and that twenty-five years, has resigned his which you cannot do to a profit, lay position to General Manager John R. Kenly, the same to take effect Febru aside for something which has profit ary 1st. Mr. Davis has made no an-"Above all-remember the old nouncement of his plans for the Georgia adage that foresight is a long ways ahead of hindsight."

Prevented A Tragedy. To promote purity one of the Timely information given Mrs. New York Solons proposes to re-Heorge Long, of New Straitsville, quire the canned food establish-Ohio, prevented a dreadful tragedy and saved two lives. A frightful ments to put labels on showing the

cough had long kept her awake every year in which they were put up. night. She had tried many remedie The Brooklyn Citizen amends that and doctors but steadily grew worse

future.

otton goes from the picker to the tional at cards, and thence in turn to the drawing frames and slubbers, next to the it likewise becomes the gauntlet of speeders, and then to the spinning war. frames. Having become thread or

yarn, it goes to the warps and then to the looms to be woven into cloth. With the mill running every day from now on, it will be about two weeks before the various processes of manufacture are complete, as sufficient thread has to be spun before the looms can be started up. All the machinery, however, was in motion yesterday afternoon, and with the whizzing of the cards, the whirring of the spindles, and the rattle and clash of the looms, the sense of hearing was lost, and, as it were, only the eyes were left to take in the scene.

large rolls of cotton at the opposite end.

The machinery did its work admira-

bly, and everybody was pleased, in all

probability Mr. and Mrs. Holt being

Thus the new mill begins operations

and henceforth the work of manufac-

turing will go on steadily. To day the

the most gratified of all present.

It will be about a month be fore the factory will be in full opera tion. Until then the mill will only make white cloth, but as soon as al the departments get to running smoothly a specialty will be made of outings and madras cloth, material for shirtings. A fine quality of goods will be manufactured and the company has orders ahead for several months. The mill will turn out a daily product of 25,000 yards of white cloth, and will consume twelve bales of cotton per day, or 3,700 bales per year.

THE STAR has already described the extent of the buildings, and it will be only necessary to repeat that the mill embraces 10,300 spindles and 440 looms. Two hundred and fifty hands will be employed, and the weekly payment will be from \$1,200 to \$1,500. The mill plant now is about com-

plete. The two story brick office build friends. ing is nearing completion, and the finishing touches are being put on the dye house. The company store, which is a nice two-story building with attractive plate-glass show windows, tery. opened up yesterday under the management of Mr. J. H. Stackhouse, a

clever gentleman from Marion, S. C. Like magio the village of Delgado has risen up around the Mineral Spring. The village comprises ninetyfive handsome cottages, with from two white labor would be given the preto seven rooms, all handsomely ference over negro labor. In a number nainted and exceedingly comfortable.

The village has a fine sewerage system, and the sanitary condition have been augmented with about ten miles of ditching. To all appearances the vil- is at this very time being employed in lage is one of healthfulness, and with

its nice houses will be a comfortable abode for the operatives and mill folks. The village of Delgado will embrace population of 500. About forty families have already moved in and about forty five more families will be

domiciled in the next few weeks. Most of the families which have come here are from North Carolina, but there are also families from South Carolina and Virginia.

The Delgado mill is one of the most modern in all respects in America. The machinery is the very latest up to of groceries.

endment, the nest of the ho says that his name is W. H. Hamilnets will be in plain view on the desk ton and he represents the Southern of the Senator from Alabar a. Thus Art League and Conservatory of

Music, of Richmond, Va., who enlarge pictures for \$1.50 and require the payment of fifty cents cash, the balance of one dollar to be paid when the work is done, and this includes a large Death of Mrs. James F. Post. The STAR regrets to chronicle the frame, with gold leaf finish. death of Mrs. Mary Russell Post. In the Weekly STAR of Jan. 19th widow of the late Mr. James F. Post, some of our citizens saw the letter which occurred yesterday at 3 P. M. written by the special correspon-dent of the STAR, under the head of "Fakir Worked Pender Well," at the residence of her son. Mr. James F. Post, Jr., 112 North Seventh street. and they believe that the man The deceased has been in precarious who passed off as Thomas in health since early last Summer, and Pender is the same man who has been was seriously ill when her husband working Nash county. His trial will come up at Nashville, N. C., on the pased away on the 15th of last July. She 26th day of January, 1900, and we will came of a long-lived family and up to be glad to have you notify the corresthe first of last year she bore her adpondent at Point Caswell that we want vanced years remarkably well. a man sent here to the trial who knows Thomas well and has been

Mrs. Post was born at Petersburg, swindled by him, so that we may join Va., and was aged 76 years and 7 hands with the good people of Pender in this prosecution of this man and months. She married Mr. Post at Petersburg in 1842, and that union his associates who we are confident lasted for 57 years up to the death of are now working other sections of the Mr. Post. She came to Wilmington State. I regard your paper as a great ad several years after her marriage and vertiser, as but for the letter in The has resided here for a half century. She STAR of the 19th our people would leaves only two children, Mr. James have been too late, as the people of Pender were. Please have us a man F. Post, Jr., secretary and treasurer of here on the 26th to identify Thomas. the Atlantic Coast Line, and Mr. Thomas R. Post, cashier of the Wilmington & Weldon Railroad Company, both highly esteemed citizens of

Mr. Bellamy's Contest. The deceased was an unostentatious Election Committee No. 2, of the

woman and was devoted to her home House, which will pass upon the circle. She was much beloved by a merits of the contest brought by circle of close friends, and the d-voted Dockery against Hon. John D. Belsons, who have sustained a double belamy for his seat in Congress, will reavement in the death of their father have a hearing of the case and a reand mother within six months, have view of the depositions on Friday. the sympathy of their numerous February 9th. The committee is composed of the

.The funeral will take place at 3.30 following members: Walter L. Weao'clock this afternoon at the residence ver, (Rep.) of Ohio; William E. Olmof Mr. James F. Post, Jr. The intersted, (Rep.) of Pennsylvania; Charles ment will be made in Oakdale ceme-B. Landis, (Rep.) of Indiana; J. M. Miller, (Rep.) of Kansas; Charles H.

The White Labor Movement.

this city.

If anything was emphasied in the campaign of 1898 for the redemption of North Carolina and the achieve ment of white supremacy it was that

of instances, however, the slogan seems to have died away.

The STAR says this much in order to record a complaint that colored labor stringing the new fire alarm wires, when, as the STAR is informed, white labor was ready and anxious to do this

work at the same wages paid for the negro labor.

Store Robbed and Burned.

There was an alarm of fire this morning at 1.28 o'clock from box 16, on Fourth and Brunswick streets. The cause of the alarm was fire in a store on Fourth and Nixon streets, occu pied by J. H. Thomas, colored, and

owned by Mrs. Ahrens. The building was destroyed, together with the stock

Harrisburg, Pa., where he will meet the Democratic leaders of Pennsylvania.

STANFORD, Conn., Jan.24 -- William J. Bryan arrived here at 10:55. A big crowd had assembled on the depot platform and at the Town Hall. where Mr. Bryan spoke to over a thousand people, many of them working men. The speech was about equally divided between the currency question, the trusts and imperialism. "I believe," said Mr. Bryan, "that the tendency of the Republican party is to exalt wealth and to debase com

There was also more or less discussion of the bills providing a form of mon humanity. The dollar is plainly government for the Hawaiian islands stamped upon the Republican policy and for Porto Rico, opinion being most favorable to the bills for absolute and there is no policy of the Republicans to-day that does not bear that free trade between the United States stamp. and these islands as a part of this

He went on to say that the Republican party is not applying to day the principle enunciated in the declaration of independence. That principle applied to taxation would mean that every man hear his share of the burden of taxation, but now an unjust proportion of that burden is placed upon the

"The Republican party is trying to fasten upon the country a system of taxation made by financiers for their own benefit. When the doctrine of favoritism is once started, it cannot be stayed. To fasten upon the country the gold standard means that it will be affected by every change in Eu-

not to the people.

ter he arrived.

To be Erected In Gaston, Guilford and Mr. Bryan explained his plan for the **Johnston Counties.** regulation of trusts under a law of the

country.

soon.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star. general government. He asserted that CHARLOTTE, January 23.-Capital the Republican party had no desire to has been subscribed for a 3,000 spindle kill the trusts, which were the hens that laid the golden eggs for that party. cotton mill at Lowell, in Gaston Mr. Bryan questioned the right of county. The organization has been perfected. S. M. Robinson is at the the government to rule the Philippines by force, and said the title it obtained head of the enterprise.

to the islands was a title to the land, A large mill is to be erected also at Bessemer City, near by. J. S. Ragsdale, of Jamestown, Guilford county, is organizing a company to erect a new cotton mill at that place. The Holts of Alamance and the Fries of Winston Salem are interested with him in the movement.

organized a company with a capital of 75,000 to build a cotton mill.

CHINESE PIRATES.

His entrance was the signal for a wildly enthusiastic demonstration. Men and women rose to their feet and cheered themselves hoarse. Mr. Bryan bowed his thanks. He plunged immediately into a discussion of the 'three great leading questions of the day; namely, trusts, imperialism and money." Which of them as paramount depends upon the point of view of the individual and, he said, "personally,] do not care to specify.

He believed that to assert that the noney question is a political issue is dead is folly, for the reason that vitally concerns all men, and because they are thinking of it, no matter what their station in life.

Remedies for Trusts.

"The Republican party," he said 'is afraid to kill trusts because they constitute the hen that lays the golden eggs in campaign times; but trusts are bad, intolerable and indefensible But bad things need not be tolerated in America. And trusts, though now only in the intermediate process of development and bad at that, will be much more worse in effect when they reach the consummation of their devel opment. They were bad in principle in 1896; they are bad in principle now, and so long as a principle continues bad the effect will be disastrous. As

They have demanded ten thousand taels from the China Merchants' Steam ship Company and fifty thousand taels each from Reuter, Brockelman & Co. and Deacon & Co., under threats to blow up their offices with dynamite. The Chinese authorities are consult-ing with the foreign consuls. The German gunboat Iltis was telegraphed for and is now anchored off Shameen A tael is about 71 cents. FREIGHT RATES TO CUBA.

An Increase of Twenty to Twenty-five Per Cent. Decided Upon. By Telegraph to the Morning Star

ATLANTA, GA., January 24.- At a meeting of representatives of all the important railroads and steamship

bers composing the committee, six are Republicans and three Demograts. Marriage Last Evening. At the residence of Mrs. A. I. Cooksey, No. 305 Brunswick street, last evening at 8 o'clock, Miss Mattie J. White, of Wilmington, was happily united in marriage to Mr. Charles G. Sellars,

son of Mr. J. F. Sellars, also of this city. The ceremony was performed by Justice J. M. McGowan in the presence of a number of relatives and immediate friends of the bride and groom, after which a reception was tendered the party at the home of Mr. Sellars, No. 1,116 North Fourth street.

Burke, (Rep.) of South Dakota; Lot

Thomas, (Rep.) of Iowa; James M.

Robinson, (Dem.) of Indiana; Charles

E. Snodgrass, (Dem.) of Tennessee;

H. D. Green, (Dem.) of Pennsylvania.

It will be seen that of the nine mem-

R. A. P. COOLEY,

Attorney for prosecution.

Algonquin Back.

The revenue cutter Algonquin. Capt. O. S. Willey commanding, returned

At New Haven, NEW HAVEN, January 24.-William Jennings Bryan arrived in New Haven at 2.15 P. M., and was driven to the City Hall, where a reception was held. After a brief rest Mr. Bryan repaired to Music Hall, where fully 2,000 peo-

Citizens of Clayton, N. C., last night ple awaited his coming. Several hundred more crowded into the aisles af-

Again Attempting to Blackmail Foreign Firms at Canton. By Cable to the Morning Star

LONDON, January 25.-The Hong Kong correspondent of the Times says: "The pirates, emboldened by recent

uccesses, have been again attempting to blackmail foreign firms at Canton.

