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The partnership heretofore existing in the sawmill business under the style and name of Mull & Lanec has been dissolved by M. R. Lanec withdrawing. The business will be continued by W. L. Mull, who will make all collections due the firm and pay all demands against it.
This July 7, 1904.
W. L. MULL,
M. R. LANEC.

THEORY VERSUS FACT.

The Relation of Wages to the Increased Cost of Living.

WRIGHT'S DIFFICULT PROBLEM.

He Endeavors to Show That the Purchasing Power of Wages Has Increased, While Dun's Figures Show That the Cost of Living Has Increased 40 Per Cent.

The Republican argument for protection has been furnished by the department of commerce and labor, as was foretold by Secretary Shaw in his Wilmington speech. The "highest authority" has, after a year and a half of labor by hundreds of experts, endeavored to prove that wages have relatively advanced more than the cost of living. Those who receive wages and have been economizing to make them meet expenses may know better, but the "highest authority" attempts to prove that, although retail prices for necessities have advanced 19.3 per cent, wages have more than kept pace by jumping up 12.3 per cent.

That is extraordinary good news to the harassed housekeeper, who finds she has been dealing with the wrong shop, where prices have been about one-third higher than they were a few years ago. Most wage earners will be very much dissatisfied with their present wages when they discover that the report of the department of labor declares that the wages paid to others than themselves have been increased 12.3 per cent, while theirs have either been reduced or remained stationary.

But let us hope that the government statisticians have made no mistake in their figures, although the well known facts would seem to indicate they have. Nearly every one is grumbling at the increased cost of living, and wholesale prices have advanced, according to Dun's Index Numbers, 43 per cent up to March, 1904. Dun's figures are admitted by all impartial statisticians to be prepared on the best system possible, as the quantity of each article used by each average individual is weighted according to the amount actually consumed. Wholesale prices are considered reliable, as such prices are universally alike and not like retail prices, different in nearly every store.

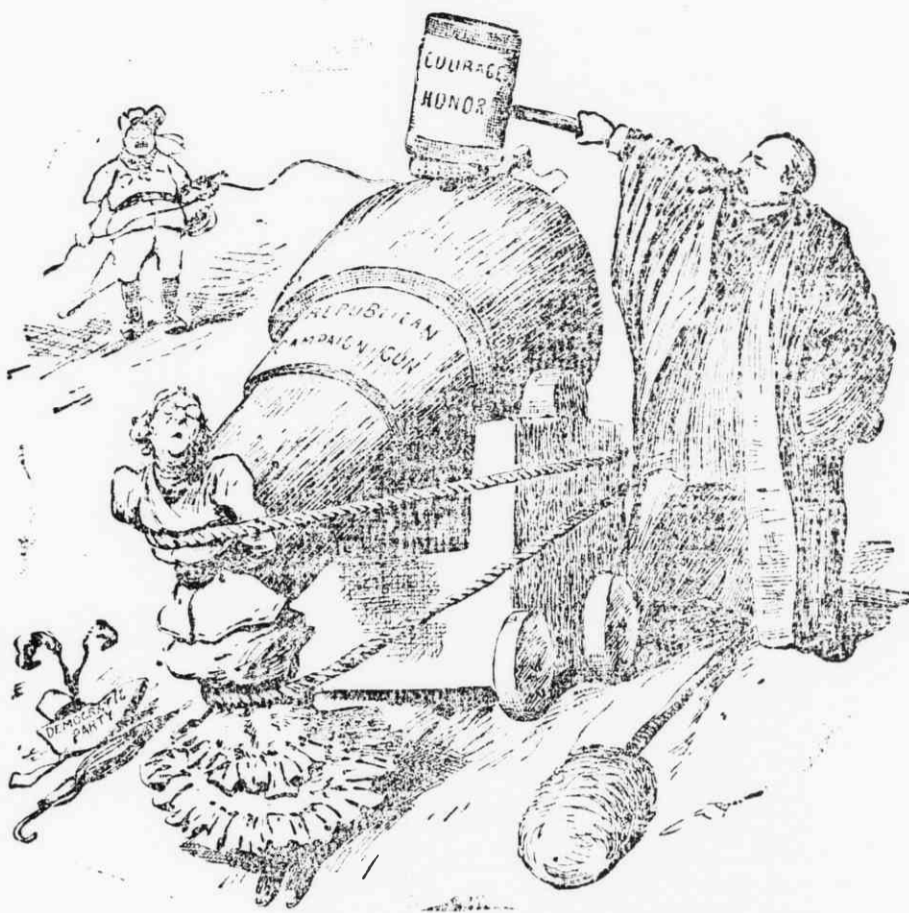
But wholesale prices and Dun's figures were too unstable for the "highest authority," for too great an advance in prices was indicated, so the "highest authority" started out at government expense to make prices of its own by having the clerks of the department of commerce and labor send all over the country to inquire about prices at the retail stores. As every one knows, it is not difficult to find a vast difference in price for the same or a similar article at retail stores, according to their location and style of business. You can buy beefsteak all the way from 10 cents to 40 cents a pound. Many other necessities show very nearly as great a difference.

The "highest authority" saw this opportunity to juggle the figures and prove by them that there had only been a small advance in prices, and therefore the Democratic talk of high trust prices was nothing but partisan nonsense.

It was also incumbent upon the "highest authority," if it would do its duty to the Republican party, to prove that wages have advanced enormously, even more than prices, for the wicked Democrats were pointing to the numerous strikes that are in progress to prevent cuts in wages and to the reductions made that the men have accepted rather than strike. To accomplish this feat the "highest authority" took pains to select for its figures only those industries that had been able to keep up wages, such as the building trades, piano makers, etc., with which the workers are so strongly organized that the masters have so far not been able to make reductions.

Now, the proof of the pudding is in the eating, and those who receive wages know better than the highest authority whether they are getting more or less than they were. The wife who has been going to market for years keeps pretty close run of prices and can tell with much more certainty how much the beef trust, the oil trust, the sugar trust, the steel trust, the hardware trust, the coal trust, the fruit trust, the salt trust, the biscuit trust and the numerous other trusts have advanced prices than the "highest authority" can. If wages have advanced more than prices, so that the purchas-

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—New York World.

\$70,000,000 to \$200,000,000 on account of falling customs receipts. This he explained by the illuminating statement that "the Dingley tariff is a tariff for prosperity," and, these not being very prosperous times, it is not a "good revenue producer." Its main purpose is to restrict importation and so check foreign trade, and it is only when we import largely in spite of it that sufficient revenue can be counted upon. Mr. Shaw admitted that the deficiency of 1891 under the Wilson-Gorman law was less than it would have been under the Dingley act, by way of accounting for the shortcoming of the latter when prosperity wanes, but that he considered really a merit. The less he secretary manipulates and explains his statements the more charitably will they be judged by those who understand them.

PARKER'S RESIGNATION.

It Adds to the Favorable Impression Made by His Telegram.

Judge Parker's resignation from the bench adds to the favorable impression he created by his message to the Democratic national convention in regard to the irrevocable establishment of the single gold standard.

By this action he practically eliminates himself from the political field as a possible candidate next year for the recent judicial office which he held. Had he not resigned that position before Aug. 9 he would have been eligible for re-election to it next year for a full term of fourteen years in case he defeated in November for president the United States. His successor as chief judge of the court of appeals for full term will now be elected next fall.

While Judge Parker's resignation is in strict line with the attitude which he has all along held with regard to the dignity of the judicial position he occupied, it is a stroke of broad politics. It amounts to a public announcement that he is strong in the belief that he will tenant the White House after March 4, 1905, and in fact can hardly fail to inspire Democrats with added aggressiveness and enthusiasm. The incident serves as a reminder, although the master of Rosemont is a statesman of high ideas, there is little of the "rainbow chaser" in his composition.—New York Commercial.

Self Investigation.

Bourke Cockran declared in his Boston speech that an honest investigation of the departments at Washington could be fatal to the Republican party, and the departments investigate themselves does not hurt the grafting old rye by any startling exposures, but it rts it just the same.—Atlanta Constitution.

Pierpont Morgan is for Roosevelt. It was given the handling of the Panama canal payment with the understanding that he would "let up on Roosevelt," which goes to prove that all have our price.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

Ten carloads of black walnut logs were sent recently in Kentucky for export abroad, principally to London, Glasgow and Hamburg.

Only in New York, Buffalo, Yonkers, Boston, Chicago, Brookline (Mass.), Providence, Philadelphia and Worcester are public baths maintained.

The growth of popularity of the Tyrol as a summer resort is shown by the fact that the number of tourists increased from 100,000 in 1902 to 1,400,000 in 1904.

A toboggan slide in St. Moritz, Switzerland, extends three-quarters of a mile, and is said to be the longest in the world. The descent has been made in 71 seconds.

The national government will have five buildings at the Pan-American exposition, and it is possible that its exhibit will be a better one than that at the Chicago fair.

Among the points dwelt on at the recent tuberculosis congress in Berlin were the facts that more than 40 per cent of the printers of Berlin who had died were phthisical.

The best price ever paid in Berlin for property was for a corner consisting of two buildings and two windows which a cigar dealer a few years ago paid \$1,500, and which he sold the other day for \$12,000.

A Georgia convict, working with others in a contractor's bakery, escaped recently by piling bricks in a hollow square and thus shutting himself in until the convicts had been locked up for the night.

Every sailor is aware of the absolute impossibility of exceeding rates from a ship. They seem, however, to have a special liking for the maddest battle-ship. It is not long since the battleship wood had to be sent to Liverpool in order that the rats might be removed from it, and now it is the Deutschland, at Gibraltar, which is infested. It is said that in this case the rats have become so bold that they will even bite the sailors in their hammocks.—London Letter.

There's Many a Slip.

There's many a slip, old boy, I'm afraid, though, these are not very good, in fact they may be worse than those I give you next.

Friend, a burst of politeness—Impossible, my dear boy, impossible.—N. Y. Weekly.

Lack of Knowledge.

The want of acquaintance with different foods, their chemical elements, uses and value in the body, together with the false impressions acquired through lack of knowledge of one's self, has much to do with early breakdowns. More than half of the diseases which embitter the middle and later portions of our lives are due to avoidable errors in diet. Old age is certainly not desirable unless it be accompanied by perfect health. As civilization increases, and our knowledge of how to live becomes better and clearer, health and length of life must also increase. A perfect old age has its foundation laid in youth. One cannot dissipate for 25 or 30 years and then expect happiness and health for the asking. Where repairs seem quite perfect, trouble is continually cropping out. Despite old age has frequently its origin at birth. These so-called inherited troubles are, in nine cases out of ten, not inheritances, but contaminations. The old-time nurse, with her sugar and water, or still more deadly paregoric, or opium tea, planted most firmly the first step to much suffering in the years to follow. Happily for this generation, the intelligent training of the modern nurse removes such dangers.—Ladies' Home Journal.

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