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The New York World of Saturday had nearly a column of telegrams from 16 cities and towns telling of reviving industries.

It may be said of Senator Hill's speech, or, at least, the personal parts of it, that he seemed to agree with the President, but said so in a highly disagreeable way.

Mr. Wilson, the administration mouthpiece in the House said Saturday that after the repeal of the Sherman law there would be an endeavor to "enact legislation looking to the continued use of silver as a money metal." It is a pity this announcement had not been made in the message and the aforesaid legislation made part of Mr. Wilson's bill.

PANIC LEGISLATION.

W. T. Crawford said in the House Thursday:

"Here we are struggling and trying to adjust this legislation to a panic, trying to quell a panic. Wait until the panic passes away, and let us legislate so as to prevent panics. That is my theory, and I believe the people of this country will stand by this idea."

Mr. Crawford is quite right. Legislation carried through at a time of such unrest as the present is pretty certain to be of a kind that will have to be done over again. As well show a new kind of fire engine to a man in a burning building and expect him to comprehend its good qualities, as to expect well-considered legislation to come out of a lucid and easy session of Congress.

The great blunder was in not calling the extra session last March or April when the Democratic party could have gone to work carrying out the promises of its platform without the painful consequences of Republican legislation roaring in its ears.

THEY LAID A BRICK.

They have had a great day in Knoxville where great days are not common unless we except the times when an Asheville baseball club is butchered to make a thrilling holiday.

It will surprise many to learn that the day was great because it witnessed the beginning of paving in Knoxville. But the fact is the old town is little blown, and it was not till Asheville led and had miles of streets paved that Knoxville began to think of getting out of the mud. This Critzer is indebted to the Journal for an account of this most momentous occasion. The story opens with a most delicate and deserved tribute to the power and popularity of the evening paper:

"Though definite announcements were made only in the morning papers still at the appointed hour there was a crowd on hand numbering fully 1,500 people. Every window in the court house and other surrounding residences presented bunches of faces."

The inference from this is that if an announcement had been made in the evening paper the crowd would have been much larger. Notice, too, that in Knoxville they grow faces in "bunches" as we grow carrots and onions "Nint" let that pass.

The fire department was present, but the enthusiasm should become too fervid, and the city band was there to play at the wrong time and drown the voice of the orator of the day. The exercises were opened by prayer. Then came the speaker of the occasion. He called Knoxville the "Queen City of the Mountains"—which she isn't; then admitted that Rome was dead, but asserted that her roads were better than those of Knoxville, which is true since she hasn't any, and concluded with:

"Mr. Mayor, no enterprise however exalted, no endeavor however noble, is perfect in purpose if it lacks the approval of good women. In token of their appreciation of the public spirit of your board and hearty sympathy with the improvements today formally begun, a queen rose of Knoxville's roseland girls graces the occasion with her presence and assistance."

To the "grand-daughter of the oldest living Mayor of Knoxville" was then handed a brick, and, says the classic account in the Journal, "the young society queen inbedded it in the sand with the sweetest grace and the minutest precision." (This is a distinct advance on the Asheville method, for it will be remembered that Mayor Blanton, lacking precision if not grandeur, laid the first paving stone wrong end up.) Then, says the Journal—and no one who has ever been in Knoxville on a summer day will ever think of questioning the probability of the statement—"the assemblage slowly melted away." Let us hope, however, that the life of the "young society queen" was saved. They may wish to lay another brick in Knoxville some day and her services will be needed, perhaps.

MADE A MOUTH

Remarkable Operation on North Carolina Girl.

From the Charlotte News. A few weeks ago Mrs. Mischneimer and Gibson, Jr., undertook to furnish a 19-year-old girl with practically a mouth. The girl lives near Davidson, and was born with a fearful deformity of face. There was no roof in her mouth, she had no upper lip at all, and but a fragment of gum, from which three teeth protruded almost straight out. Before the doctors took her in hand, they photographed her as she was. Then they took out the teeth, set them back in a natural way, made the girl a lip and gave Dr. Blaud plans and specifications for a roof to her mouth. The dentist filled his contract well and the roof was found to fit all right. The deformity was obliterated, and only a slight trace of an operation was left.

Dead Loss of \$5.

From the Yorkville, S. C., Register. Thieves made a raid on Colonel W. B. Wilson's poultry one night last week. Among the fowls which turned up missing next morning, was an old gander that was hatched in 1857. If the gander is still living, it is 36 years of age, and if the thieves attempted to boil it, they are out about two cords of wood.

FROM SENATOR HILL'S SPEECH.

Why should we be surprised at the present lack of confidence everywhere manifested? Our financial centres have been flooded with watered stocks of every description in which innocent people have been induced to invest their means by the glittering promises of enormous dividends with are not forthcoming. It has been the fate of the times to organize corporations and issue bonds and stocks to an amount ten times the value of the property, and by such questionable enterprises paupers have suddenly become millionaires. The country has been surprised with such schemes, whereby honest and confiding investors have been virtually defrauded, and confidence has thereby been impaired.

Besides, we are suffering from the evils of over production. We have raised more than we can profitably sell, and the markets of the world have been closed to us owing to our restrictive tariff laws. The balance of trade has unfortunately been against us. We have sold our railroad and other securities abroad instead of at home, and the interest, as well as a portion of the principal, have been accumulating and are to be paid in gold, because it is so "abundant" in the bond, and hence our gold has been hoarded, leaving us for foreign shores. If we contract enormous debts abroad they must be paid in gold.

Unquestionably some of the present difficulty may be attributed to the unbusiness of our protected industries, which have been accustomed to rely to a certain extent upon governmental favoritism to support them, and whose prospects naturally are somewhat dim, such favoritism may be withdrawn under a revision of the tax laws, which will be accomplished by the party in power. I do not dispute the fact that such measures will be accomplished, but I believe it is shortsighted to the general existing disturbance of financial affairs.

But there is no relief for this situation unless the dominant party, abandoning its principles and surrendering to advances to the interests which were defeated at the last election. The Democratic party is pledged to tariff reform, and it must recede in its pledges, come what may, if it cannot be prevented, but must be endured. The people perfectly understood the question last fall, and they voted with their eyes wide open. Our course is onward, and we shall not recede.

Free silver coinage in India seems indispensable, and not absolutely necessary to free India from the "ruined States, independent of India, and to the perfect satisfaction of every one. I gold and silver, either in the ratio of 15% or 16%. Free bimetallic coinage is not unworkable. It is business, and it cannot be prevented, but must be endured. The people perfectly understood the question last fall, and they voted with their eyes wide open. Our course is onward, and we shall not recede.

If even gold free coinage were to become established, confined to one nation, free bimetallic coinage that nation alone would be impossible. If free silver coinage were isolated confined to ourselves, as it would almost be isolated now, I fear that free bimetallic coinage would be impossible even in these great United States. Especially would it be impracticable at the present time and under existing conditions.

If pledges in platforms amount to anything, unless they are to be regarded as mere phrases with which to catch votes and not to be fulfilled, then both the great political parties are solemnly pledged to return to that bimetallic system which existed prior to 1873.

If the existing ratio is to be changed at all, the feasibility of which at the present time is of great doubt, it should not be enlarged, but diminished, and put at 15%, so as to correspond with the ratio under which the silver pieces of the countries composing the Latin union were coined.

It is not the quantity of silver in a silver coin piece that absolutely determines its value—it is the legal tender quality which is given to it by law. The trade dollar contained considerably more grains of silver than did the standard gold piece, and yet because it was not legal money it soon became worthless, while its bullion was worth in the market. Our silver half dollars do not contain in proportion more grains of silver than the standard gold piece, and yet because they are legal money they are worth in the market. Our silver ten cent pieces, and yet everywhere ten times and two half-dollars are interchangeable for each other and for a silver dollar, because they are legal tender, each other by law and are a legal tender.

There is no price of gold where gold has free coinage, nor of silver where silver has free coinage. There is no price, but ratio only for either metal where both have free bimetallic coinage.

The temporary relief which the country needs at this hour is the prompt repeal of the Sherman law. We can discuss our monetary theories afterward. Our duty now is to stop further silver purchases and release the government from the drain of gold out of its vaults. It is not wise or feasible to couple with such repeal any new or affirmative financial legislation, but it is desirable and all important that the repealing bill should itself declare in general terms what the future financial policy of this government is desired or intended to be. Such a course prevents misinterpretation of our action abroad, and reassures our own people as to the policy to which our efforts are proposed to be directed.

SOMEWHAT UNUSUAL.

—Shelby Aurora: L. V. Warlick happened to a very painful and serious accident last Thursday while plowing plunk at D. B. Alexander's mill. One of the bells broke and struck him in the face, knocking him senseless, lacerating his nose, loosening his teeth, and even tearing away part of the cartilage from his nose.

—Durham Globe: Mr. Wren, who lives near Roxboro, sold tobacco and other things and got \$242 last week. Mr. Wren claimed that he would not loan money to any living man—that he did not believe in the business, and that he would keep his stuff—pure and unadulterated. While he was at church, worshipping the golden calf, or what not, his money was stolen.

—Charlotte Observer: A party up from Union county yesterday was telling a strange tale of a little girl there, the 11-year-old child of Mr. John F. Bell, who has never spoken to her father in her life. She is not dumb, talks to other people easily, but even at night, if aroused suddenly out of sleep by her father, recovers him immediately and her lips are sealed.

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