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Coxey's army has gained notoriety, but it has dearly paid for it, and if the men are allowed to remain in their present camp many of them will surely pay for it with their lives. If the authorities had condemned four hundred criminals to be imprisoned in the enclosure that Coxey's men now occupy the humanitarians of the country would be up in arms about it. Why Coxey took those men there is a mystery. A more unfit place could not have been found and Coxey knew it, because the Health Officer told him. It is alongside of an old canal into which empties a number of the largest and filthiest sewers of Washington. And that is not all by half, the soil is made up of dumpings of filth and inside the enclosure are pools of stagnant water covered with green scum an inch thick. Already a number of the men have been taken to hospitals, and if they are allowed to remain there they will soon begin to die like sheep. Coxey, who stops at a hotel and lives on the best, talks glibly of the men's dying there being an "object lesson," but the men don't seem any more anxious to die than any other men. When Coxey failed in his very mild attempt to speak from the Capitol steps and to get together with Brown and Jones was arrested, the movement collapsed; but he still insists that he intends to keep these four hundred men here until they grow into four hundred thousand, when he will again make the attempt. He charges an admission fee to the camp, but only he and Brown know where the money goes. He says it is used to feed the men, but the men are getting mighty poor feed.

The question of legislation that will make some sort of a definite settlement of the debts due the Government from the Pacific railroads isn't making much noise in Congress, but it is exciting the deepest interest, and the Congressmen know it. The money spent within the last decade in the employment of high priced legal talent by the various interested parties would have gone a long ways towards paying the interest on these debts. Several propositions are being considered by the House and Senate Pacific railroads committees, ranging from ranging from practically presenting the roads with the amount of their indebtedness to the Government's taking possession of the roads and running them. It is not yet certain what will be done, nor even what will be recommended by the committees. These railroads have never yet failed to head off in some way all Congressional legislation that they did not approve, but they will find the job more difficult this time.

Somebody is a long ways from the truth as to the present tariff situation. Although Secretary Carlisle announced the first of the week that a compromise had been arranged that would make the passage of the amended bill certain, Senators still deny it vehemently and even call each other ugly names about it. Senator Voorhees, chairman of the Finance committee, says the income tax has got to stay and that he will make no further concession in the interests of trusts. Senator Teller is the only

Republican who has openly declared in favor of the income tax, although it is believed that five or six of them will vote for it when the motion is made to strike it out of the bill, but on the final vote on the entire bill the Republicans will probably vote solidly against it. As may be inferred from the above the situation is decidedly mixed, and it will probably remain so until the Democratic Senators settle upon their programme

Coxey's Army and the North Carolina Negro.

The movement of "Coxey's Army" toward Washington from the West has a meaning in it, which in conservative old North Carolina, should be taken to heart and seriously pondered. It will be found that there is a contrast so overwhelmingly in favor of our fair land that it should be cause for congratulation and profound thanks to the Giver of all good.

It seems that there are thousands of men in the West and North who have absolutely nothing to do, and nothing to eat. Hence it is found possible to effect a mobilization of the unemployed, an army in numbers hitherto unknown in the annals of American history. When we reflect that these hundreds of men have no means of subsistence in this so-called "army," that they had none when they joined it, and that they are not likely to secure even honest labor so long as they remain with it, the situation becomes one of moment to the Government as well as to the private citizen. How this may terminate is conjecture into which this article has no desire to peer. But we do want to contrast the condition of even the humblest negro in North Carolina with this mass of starving humanity. We do not mention the white population, as there is no need under the circumstances, to interject a comparison as to the whites. But the negro in North Carolina, with all his faults; with his want of energy, frugality and pride of race, yet has a shelter for his head and bread for his sustenance; he has work and can live despite his predilection to idleness, frivolity and improvidence. It does not have to be pointed out that the condition of the negro in this State is vastly superior to that of the men composing "Coxey's army," and the hundreds of the same ilk who have not joined the erratic chief.

While North Carolina invites immigration, it is understood that the class desired is the "home-builder," an honest, industrious and frugal man, who will respect and obey the laws, thus proving his worthiness to become an American citizen.

It has been said that the presence of the negro is an effectual bar to immigration in the South. If this be true, and few will doubt it, the negro has done the South a great service in barring the entrance of the riffraff, the anarchist, the idle and the vicious from the slums of the Old World into our beloved country of law, order and religious liberty.—Bulletin of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture.

Nearly every week, in our State News column, we publish accounts of great catches of fish which have been taken from the waters along the Eastern coast. In this week's

issue we give news of ten tons being taken in one haul of the seine. Such stories must seem marvelous to those who do not understand the wonderful amount of fish that fill our waters. Every year is a revelation even to our own fishermen and makes our fishing interest of more importance than the preceding one. With steadily increasing facilities for transportation and with new men engaging in the business who have both energy and capital, North Carolina's fisheries will soon become the most important in the world. She is a world beater in everything.—Argonaut.

The Asheville Citizen published a last interview by Mr. J. P. Kerr with Senator Vance, which took place three days before his death. In the course of their conversation Senator Vance said:

"The Democratic party is immortal. I have not recently arrived at this conclusion, but since I have been lying here on my back I have thought profoundly of many things, and among them this idea of my earliest manhood has become a steadfast conviction. For thirty years of my life I fought as a whig, the Democratic party and sometimes when it was overwhelmingly defeated I thought it could rise no more, but from its wrecks and disasters it would come forth more mighty than ever before and sweep away all opposition. The word Democrat stands for liberty and human freedom and cannot die. The people believe it, and when freedom is menaced and liberty jeopardized, at one blast that magic name men will come from the mountains and from the valleys and place the Democratic party in power.

The tobacco-growers of North Carolina will be interested in knowing that the Attorney General of Illinois has instituted proceedings to force the American Tobacco Company—otherwise the cigarette trust—out of that State, upon the ground that it is doing business in violation of the State statutes and is obnoxious to the common law. If he will put every devil of them in jail, including those who sit in amen corners, build churches and endow colleges, all will be forgiven.

"The only hope to save the Democratic party is the passage of the Income tax act,"—News-Observer-Chronicle.

What an admission! The Income tax was not in the Chicago platform. The People's party is the only one that had the courage to champion it. And now the only thing that will save the Democratic party is enact into law the platform of the People's party. Let the good work go on. If they steal our platform we will feel toward them like we did toward a man who once stole a Bible from us. We will hope that the article stolen will cure the disease.—Caucasian.

A People's party was organized at Sharon Friday night with 20 members. Another meeting was to have been held Saturday afternoon at Flanigan's school house, when 60 recruits were expected to be enrolled. If the Observer remembers correctly Steel Creek and Pineville were the banner townships last year, neither owning a Republican nor Peoples' Party man.—Charlotte Observer.

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