

McHenry Plaindealer.

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Butter was active under a strong demand Monday on the Elgin Board of Trade. Twenty-two thousand, two hundred pounds were sold at 28 cents, and 1,900 pounds at 30 cents. Total sales, \$6,765.

It seems quite certain that the Republicans have carried South Dakota. This is a crumb of comfort. A small crumb, to be sure, such an one as might have been disdained in the better days we've seen, but a crumb is better than no part of the loaf.

The Eighth Senatorial District. The Legislative vote for this District is as follows:
Partridge (Rep.).....7020
Reed (Rep.).....6735
Southworth (Rep.).....5600
Donnelly (Dem.).....7069
March (Dem.).....6530

The Belvidere Northwestern says: "The defeat of George W. March for the legislature, by Donnelly, is a stunner to the decent Democrats in the district. Boone county Democrats did their duty by Mr. March, but when he got over among the 'gang' they were too many for him."

For the past six months or more the New York Voice was engaged in raising a large sum, (\$25,000), to be used in the canvass in Nebraska to defeat the Republican ticket. It was done. But what has Prohibition gained? Just stand back and see the harvest reaped from the Voice fraud.

We last week spoke of some reported chicanery that had been practiced by a candidate on the County Ticket to defeat one of the Republican candidates for the Legislature. We are carefully investigating the matter and when we are sure we are right propose to handle the guilty party without gloves. We have no friends to reward nor enemies to punish, but if facts prove that men who are being honored by the Republican Party are trying to secretly cut its throat, all we have to say is "stand from under."

Charles A. Dana, editor of the New York Sun, is mentioned as being possibly the Democrat who will take the place of Mr. Everts in the United States Senate. It is unlikely that the Democrats of New York will be sensible enough to elect Mr. Dana, but they would be wise in so doing. Though a moderately bad case of Democrat, no one doubts Mr. Dana's great ability and his uprightness of purpose. There is no other prominent Democrat in New York of any thing like his caliber. It is to be assumed, though, that the Cleveland influence is against him and that he is not a part of the "machine" in State politics.

The effect of the recent proclamation of the Mormon bishops that polygamy is renounced and Mormons must have but one wife is to raise a serious question as to the standing of many Mormon women. Where is the line to be drawn which will make some of them legal wives and others "grass widows." The convention of the church made no provision for this. Undoubtedly there must be many separations if the spirit of the Woodruff manifesto is to be observed. But this can scarcely be effected without branding hundreds of women and mothers with the stamp of shame. It is perhaps the clearest commentary upon the infamous character of Mormonism that such an issue should arise.

The New York Herald says: How long will McKinley prices last? The people have raised their voices in thunder tones for cheaper food." Corn two bushels for a quarter and wheat 50 cents would about suit the Herald. But how will the farmer like it? Another Democratic organ remarks: "The farmers were not fooled this time." Wait a bit and see. The real fact is that the cry of "high prices on account of the McKinley bill is false. A dollar per bushel for wheat and 50 cents for corn pays the American farmer for his labor. When the farmer is not paid living prices, every business suffers. The reported high prices for dry goods and the necessities of life were false and made for electioneering purposes and for temporary advantage. Democratic newspapers and orators everywhere encouraged unscrupulous and greedy dealers to advance prices. Many of them did, while others exhorted customers to "buy before the advance." It was by such methods worked all along the line that falsehood took the place of fact.

The Republican party will not recede from its position on the tariff because of the election on the 4th. It will be none the less strong for protection, nor will it lose faith in the McKinley bill. Yet this same bill is largely responsible for the disaster. Congress was kept in session and the passage of the bill delayed until the eve of election. There was neither time for Republican Congressmen to explain the bill nor for the people to fully understand it. Prices of all staples had been advancing for some months and the shrewd but unscrupulous Democracy immediately took up the hue and cry that this bill, which in most instances decreased, rather than increased duties, was responsible. A more foolish claim was never set up, yet it had its effect. This, with the culmination of objections to the President and Congressmen, always greatest midway between Presidential elections, was enough to beat the party. Two years from now it will be different. The tariff bill will be understood and will vindicate itself; the party will be in fighting trim, there will be few stay-at-homes, and victory will be snatched from the jaws of defeat. There will good come from this very catastrophe.—*Courier.*

THE STATE TICKET.

Last week when we went to press the returns then received indicated that the Republican State Ticket had been elected by a handsome majority, and we congratulated ourselves that we lived in a Republican State. But later returns changed the result and proves that we are in the hands of the enemy. In other words "we have met the enemy and we are their's." Wilson, the demagogue, has been elected State Treasurer, and Raab, the man who says the American Flag is only a rag, with a few spots painted thereon, is to preside over the Schools of this State. It is enough to make any loyal citizen of the State of Illinois hide his head in shame.

But then we are thankful for small favors. We live in a Republican county, and in two years from now the grand old State of Illinois will redeem herself from this disgrace, and once more put herself in the column of Republican States.

The opinions as to the cause of the cyclone, as it is called, are varied, but in our opinion there was but one. We may discuss this matter later on.

THE COUNTY TICKET.

The official vote shows that McHenry County held her own for an off year, notwithstanding the terrible cyclone that passed over other portions of the county. James B. Perry, candidate for County Treasurer, received the largest vote of any one on the Republican ticket, while Asad Udell, candidate for Sheriff, received the smallest, every means known to tricksters being used to defeat him, but they did not succeed. The Republican county ticket was elected entire, and those in our own ranks who attempted to defeat it will be remembered in the future.

A Public Calamity.

The defeat of a man like Dr. Richard Edwards for the office of Superintendent of Public Instruction by such a man as Henry Raab is a public calamity. This is the one result of the recent election of which it is most difficult to speak with patience, and the one most calculated to impair confidence in popular government. It is enough to weaken any man's faith in popular suffrage when the people of a great commonwealth like Illinois will discard Richard Edwards for Henry Raab. It demonstrates the fact that Democracy is a disease, a constitutional infirmity, and that Democrats, whether high or low degree, vote for their party, right or wrong, and without regard to the character of the opposing candidates.—*Illinois State Journal.*

Sitting Bull has become cramped in his position of inactivity and again has an itching for the war path. He is very busy stirring up his braves. The millennium craze is upon them, and Captain Huggins is reported as saying: "This millennium craze is not a new phase of the Indian question. The Indians feel their inability to cope with the white man without supernatural assistance, and their desire to receive such aid has long since developed into the belief that it will come. Sitting Bull is quoted as saying that aid will be received when the grass grows, and that the whites will be wiped from the face of the earth, leaving the red man once more in possession of the country. I have known of this doctrine being preached for at least ten years. An Indian known as Smoholla has been preaching a millennium for years, and holding secret meetings and ceremonies which had their origin in this belief. In the Crow Agency a local disturbance was caused about a year ago by this Messiah excitement, and two or three Indians were killed."

Col. Robert G. Ingersoll said in his speech at Toledo, Ohio last week:

You know the Republican party believes in the gospel of education everywhere. [Applause] You know if the schoolhouses are sustained in the United States it has got to be done by the Republican Party. Let that party stop, and the free school would die in the United States. [Applause] You know that the schoolhouses you never would beat the Democratic party. Never! [Laughter and Applause.] And do you know, there is the trouble about it. You have to do something to make a Republican. You just let a fellow alone, he is a Democrat—kind of. [Laughter.] You know wheat and corn; you have to plant the ground, and you have to hoe it, and take care of it, and work about it every minute, nearly; and on the other hand, weeds grow right in the middle of the road, with the horses trotting up and down on them. Anything in this world that is good, has to be cultivated. Anything that is of no account will grow in spite of the devil, anyway. [Laughter] And that is the reason we have to work to keep the Republican party up. We have to raise them; do something with them; cultivate them.

Blaine has contended that a large measure of free trade has been granted to Brazil and Spanish America without securing adequate compensation, and he is satisfied that by reciprocity a means of securing a return is opened. There is no man who is in a better position to judge candidly of this than the Secretary of State. The time and conditions are most favorable to a trial of this idea. The following by an exchange shows the nature of the advantages to be derived from this policy:

Venezuela is a country with which reciprocity ought to be arranged. That country is hostile to England, and predisposed to trade with the United States and France. It has practically enjoyed free trade with the United States, only \$8,000 of \$10,400,000 as Secretary Blaine shows, being subject to duty. In return it has taxed flour over 100 per cent, and put high duties on everything else imported from the United States. The operation of the reciprocity amendment will be in the direction of the abolition of the duties on American food products. The same result is likely to follow in the Spanish West Indies, where a strong public sentiment in favor of reciprocity with the United States has already been developed. Mexico is another sugar-raising country which has everything to gain from improved commercial relations with the United States. Negotiations for a renewal and extension of the recent treaty which was signed but not ratified between the two countries can be opened with reasonable prospects of success.

Is a Hen a Bird?

The Canadian papers are all broke up over the question, "Is a Hen a Bird?" The officials of the customs department at Ottawa have thoroughly examined the McKinley Bill, and they observe two features about it worthy of being recorded. In the first place, according to their reading of the act, hens' eggs must be admitted to the United States free. The grounds for this belief are these: In the list of dutiable goods appears the item, "Eggs, five cents per dozen." In the list of free goods is this item: "Eggs of birds, fishes and insects, free." "Now," said Mr. G. W. Jessup, Dominion appraiser and one of the best authorities on tariff matters in the Dominion, "if an American importer enters a consignment of hens' eggs as eggs of birds, who can say that they are not birds' eggs? No one will have the hardihood to say that a hen is not a bird. Even if the collector decided against the interpretation the importer would be entitled to get a ruling of the courts on the question. In Canada, the courts interpret our tariff strictly according to its wording, and I suppose the same would be the case in the United States. The intention of the legislators would have no weight whatever. It has no weight or standing with the courts here. They simply take the tariff act, read the disputed paragraph, and decide according to the wording. The question in this case, I suppose, would be, is a hen a bird? and it is not difficult to see what the ruling would be."

Ingersoll on Deck.

For the first time in ten years he makes a political speech, and Toledo gets the benefit. We quote sections of this powerful argument.

REGARDING PROTECTION.

I want to tell you to-night that no man and no nation ever produced and sold raw material that the man and the nation don't grow poor—every time. You let this country sell all its raw material; let it be manufactured by England, France, Germany, and the result will be that the American people will be ignorant and poor. But if the American people manufacture their raw material themselves, and sell the manufactured article, they will grow rich and intelligent. And why? We want to make everything in the United States that we can make, for the reason that we want to use all the brains that we have got, and we want to develop all the brains we have got, and the more the diversity of industries the greater the development of the American brain. We want a chance for everybody that has got an aptitude, who can do anything, or invent anything, or make anything, and the glory of this United States is that we will raise great men and grand women, the divinest crop in the world—an intelligent people.

THE QUESTION OF PENSIONS.

"Ah," but they say, "you are not only ruining the country by this tariff, but you are throwing away all our money in pensions." Well, I never got any pension. I never wanted any pension. But I have of an thought, when I have heard these old skinflints talk about pensions what the American people would have said to the army on the third day at Gettysburg. Would we not have said to those poor soldiers, "Stand firm! Drive these hosts back, and we will pour the treasure of a nation at your feet." [Loud applause] "Carry the flag high. No matter how shot and shell destroy and tear, carry it high, and never one of you while you live, shall want of the luxuries of life!" This is what we would have said to them. What would we have said to Farragut and his men when they passed Forts St. Philip and Jackson, and the shot and shell were going through their vessels? We would have said, "Sail on! Don't waver a hair, and by the gods you shall have all we have got!" I would have put down the lust dollar, and so would everyone of you. And then think of getting rich and forgetting all about it! The roar of guns all out of your ears; the enthusiasm out of your blood; no more throb in your heart, and they say: "Well, I think we have given them too much." I say no. It is a disgrace to this nation if any man ever dies by the wayside in hunger that ever fought for the honor and glory of the Republic. [Applause.] I don't know much about the subject; I don't know how much we pay; but I have heard people say we pay too much; I don't think we pay enough.

ABOUT REED.

There is another trouble the Democrats have had—about Reed. Well, you know that "thing Reed" has always troubled the Democratic party. [Applause.] It has been a little more than they could do as a party. Now you know as well as I do that there is not a board of directors in the world that would think of carrying on business as Congress used to do it. Here is a board of directors, we will say of the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern—thirteen of them. What would you think of that board, if they would come together, and allow three or four fellows to just keep them months trying to vote on something, and then the fellows would come in and sit down, and wouldn't be counted, and say, "there is no quorum here."

"You are present."

"Well, we won't answer."

What would you think of it? Why, nobody would put up with it for one moment, not an hour. And all that Mr. Reed has done in the world is to say: "When you are present, whether you answer or not, you shall be counted." Now, that is all there is of it. If the fellow don't want to be counted, let him say he isn't there. Now just think of it! A Democrat objects to be counted! [Laughter and applause.] He says: "I am in my seat, help to make a quorum but by keeping still I am the same as though I didn't exist; I am a nonentity!" Well, there is some truth in that! [Laughter.]

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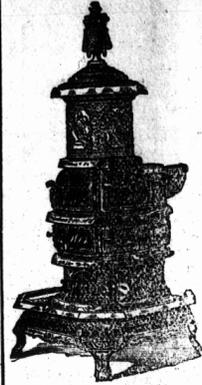
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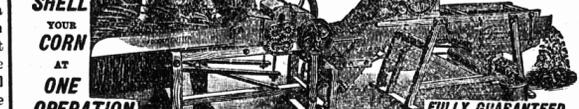
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