

Friday, Aug. 6.

GROSS IMPERTINENCE.

Those Foreign "Protests" Against the Tariff Bill.

The Washington correspondent of the Troy Times justly holds that it is a piece of gross impertinence for foreign countries to file "protests" against the passage of a general tariff act by the United States...

It is interesting to note how the account stands between the United States and some of the countries which, officially or otherwise, have protested against the pending tariff bill. Prominent among the latter are Germany, France, Brazil, Austria-Hungary, Japan, Mexico, Spain, China, Switzerland and Turkey...

McKinley on Labor Unions. The recent declaration of President McKinley with reference to labor unions in an interview with Mr. Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor...

Business Prospects Bright. There has been a steady advance toward a more prosperous business situation, and the sentiment has decidedly improved. The fact that the Senate is at work at last on the tariff bill and that much is being accomplished daily in the consideration of the measure has had a good deal to do with the general restoration of confidence which extends from one end of the country to the other...

Foreign Demand for Our Crops. The preliminary data, however, suggest the probability of a considerable reduction in the yield of Russia, Bulgaria, Roumania and France, and the English crop is likely to be smaller than that of last year. French production is now estimated at 280,000,000 bushels, or about 40,000,000 bushels less than would be required to make France independent of imports...

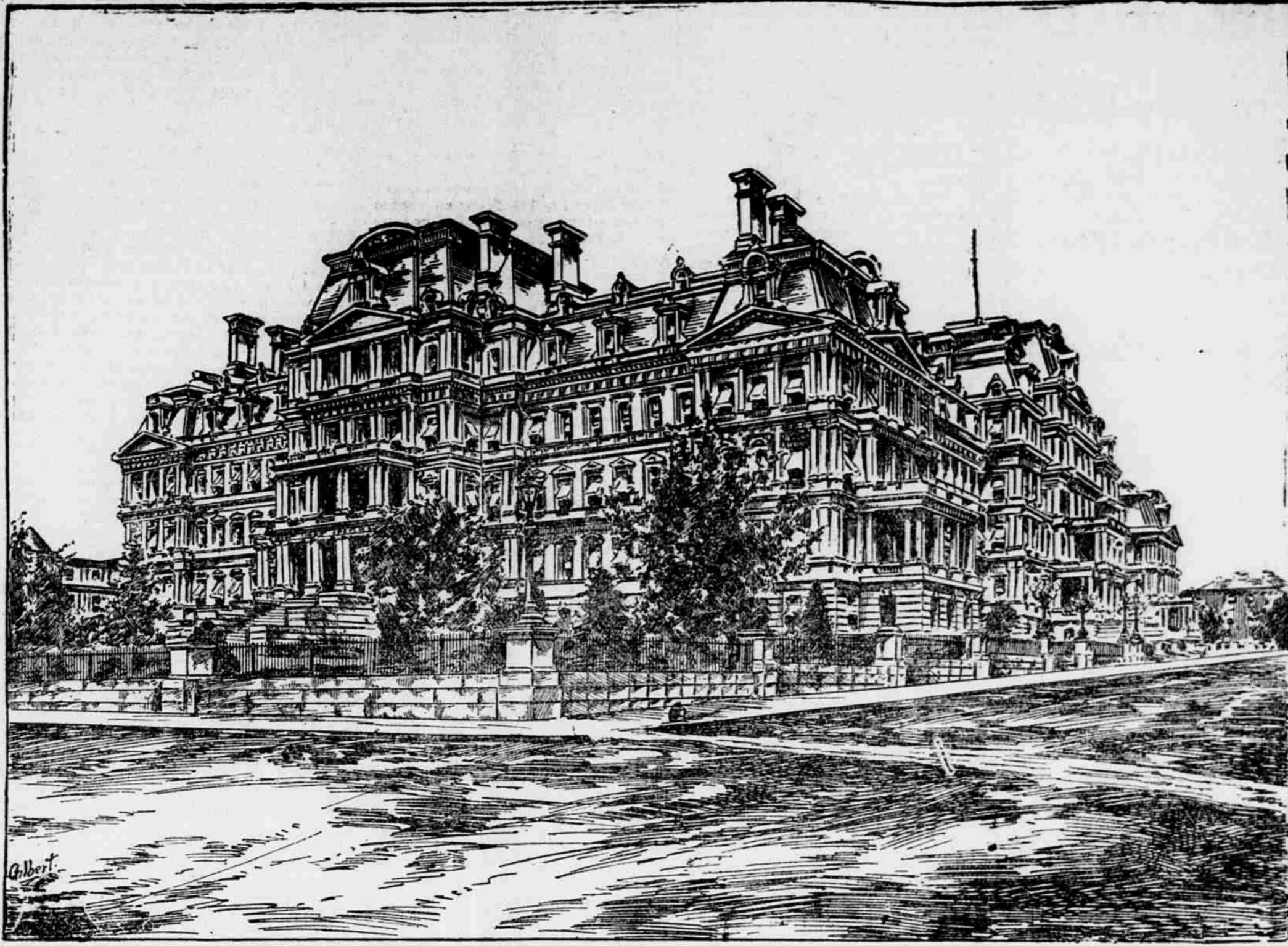
It Was Good Enough for Grant. Referring to the criticism of the amendment of the Finance Committee imposing a duty of 10 cents per pound on tea, that it is not good Republican doctrine, said Harry Smith, ex-Journalist clerk of the National House of Representatives...

Midsummer Business Postponed. Midsummer dullness should now be in the business of the country, but, on the contrary, the outlook is steadily improving as the tariff skies brighten in Washington. Bank clearings for the past week aggregated \$1,066,000,000, an increase of about 3 per cent over the week before...

Tobacco and Silver. The Louisville Courier-Journal reads a lesson to the advocates of free silver on the error of their assumption that the prices of staples follow the price of silver bullion.

Lines Closely Drawn. The lines between the gold Democrats and the silver shouters are being as closely drawn as last fall. Chairman Rynum of the gold Democracy has opened headquarters in New York and announces that he and his party are ready to hit a head whenever they see one in the coming campaign...

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BUILDING OF THE STATE, WAR AND NAVY DEPARTMENTS.

THIS vast structure, erected for the accommodation of the Departments of State, War and Navy, consists of three harmonious buildings united by connecting wings, and together forming in design and execution the finest edifice of the kind in the world. It combines the massive proportions of ancient with the elegance of modern architecture.

per cent over May, of 3.7 per cent over June of last year, of 1.2 per cent over June, 1895, and of 2.4 per cent over June of 1894. More activity is manifest in New England manufacturing.—Boston Journal.

The Silver Push for Teller. The Yankton Press and Dakotan, one of the organs of Populism in South Dakota, and presumably close to Senator Pettigrew, gives support to the story recently sent out by the Associated Press from Denver that the silver forces are planning to substitute Senator Teller for William Jennings Bryan in the campaign of 1900.

Activity in Business Centers. Attention is called to the fact that seldom, even in periods of the greatest business activity, have the loans of the New York City banks scored as large a gain as the one reported for the week just closed. They made an increase of \$11,000,000.

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BOLT OF BOIES. Iowa Gov. Boies has made public another statement answering the attack recently made on his position. His statement takes him entirely away from the 16 to 1 doctrine. Among other things he says: Let Congress provide that any person having gold or silver bullion of the value of \$10 or multiples thereof may deposit the same in the treasury and receive therefor United States or treasury notes for the value thereof on the day of deposit, such value expressed in dollars to be determined by the quoted market price of the bullion offered in the great centers of trade in the old world on the day of deposit, and be redeemable on demand in bullion of either metal at the option of the Government at its market price in the same markets on the day of redemption, the notes (not the bullion they represent) to be made unlimited legal tender.

In reply to the objection raised by Col. Fox that Boies' plan meant virtually a gold standard, the ex-Governor says that in a narrow sense it may be so claimed, but in a broad and practical sense it would result in true bimetalism, not only in law, but in fact as well. Then he says: The Chicago platform is no longer binding upon the conscience, political or otherwise, of any Democrat in the United States. The issues made up by the instrument were submitted to the people.

The Des Moines fusion convention platform and speeches make it evident that so far as the Democratic leaders are concerned the purpose is to excite passion and prejudice and to array voters of different occupations against each other for political effect. The keynote of the speech of Candidate White, the platform and the temper of the convention, make it apparent that the campaign is to be marked by an attempt to array one part of the citizens against the other on the "equitable distribution of property" basis. The convention made an exhibition of demagogism in its declaration of a policy against those who have, by industry and economy, built up the large interests of the State, and contributed to the prosperity of the whole people.

It is one of the dangerous signs of the times that hostility to property and men who own property, is so marked in a great party, and that expressions hostile to the prosperous element in the State were applauded. If it is sincere we have fallen upon evil days. If it is a sham Democratic leaders must wear the mark of the demagogue. Such an exhibition should startle every good citizen into activity against this covert socialism. The mission of good citizenship should be to allay strife and animosity, rather than to arouse it.

Practical Evidence from Missouri. Kansas City is making rapid progress in nearly every line of business. There is scarcely a day but that some striking evidence of this gratifying fact comes to the surface. These indications of better times are galling to the professional alarmists and agitators who insistently put partisanship above citizenship. A contribution to the general prosperity testimony of this town was the report of the live stock and packing interest for the month of June. The receipts of cattle, hogs and sheep at this market for June, 1895, 1894 and 1897, are shown in the following table:

Table with 4 columns: Date, Cattle, Hogs, Sheep. Rows for June 1897, June 1896, June 1895.

The receipts of cattle for the first six months of this year aggregate 742,200, a gain of 165,150 over the same period of last year. The reports of the packing houses show that for the first half of this year there has been a large increase in the slaughtering of live stock at this place. Compared with the same period of 1896, there has been a gain of 357,000 hogs, 43,000 cattle and 106,000 sheep.—Kansas City Journal.

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JOHNNY ON-PARADE.

AN OHIO IDYL OF 1897.

"Wot's all the bloomin' racket?" said John on parade. "We silver-craze are down on Hough," the Danneville said. "W'y are youse fellers sore on Hough?" said Johnny-on-parade. "Cause he ain't sound on silver," the Danneville said. Then Johnny winked his weather eye and closed the outer door. And sent for silver leaders until they came galore. And they took an affidavit that they would nevermore put Hough upon a Democratic ticket.

"Wot's all the bloomin' racket?" said Johnny-on-parade. "The Pops have got their backs up," the Danneville said. "Wot have they got their backs up for?" Johnny-on-parade. "Cause they ain't on the ticket-slate," the Danneville said. Then Johnny grew indignant and said 'twas very plain That Populists should not expect the office to gain; 'Twas honor quite enough for them to vote for John McLean, And not be on the Democratic ticket.

"Wot's all the bloomin' racket?" said Johnny-on-parade. "The Silver Rebs are comin' now," the Danneville said. "Who are the bloomin' Silver Rebs?" said Johnny-on-parade. "They're only just a handful," the Danneville said. "Then give 'em cheers for Bryan," said Johnny with a grin. "Them guys is easy kidded off with anything that's thin. We'll get their votes without the 'ough," 'twould only be a sin To put them on a Democratic ticket."

"Wot's all the bloomin' racket?" said Johnny-on-parade. "The Goldite Dems are comin' now," the Danneville said. "Wot do them dinks expect of us?" said Johnny-on-parade. "They want some crumbs, if they're to stay," the Danneville said. Then Johnny grew furious, and said 'twould never do To let a single Goldite have a smell at office too; 'Twould be a rank impertinence if they should dare to sue For places on the Democratic ticket.

"Wot's all the bloomin' racket?" said Johnny-on-parade. "The Prohibs want a sniff or two," the Danneville said. "Who are the Prohibs, anyhow?" said Johnny-on-parade. "They're just them temp'rance fellers," the Danneville said. Then Johnny roared with laughter, his very sides they shook; The Prohibitionists' demand, he thought, the season's joke. And said a dose of water would very likely choke. The men who vote the Democratic ticket.

"Wot's all the bloomin' racket?" said Johnny-on-parade. "The labor gang is comin' now," the Danneville said. "Wot's labor got to do with me?" said Johnny-on-parade. "They'll bust you if you fight 'em," the Danneville said. Then Johnny grew serious, and thought he'd make a bit. And give 'em Chapman for a "stiff," and Chapman quickly bit. And promised he'd put up the stuff, if he could only get A place upon the Democratic ticket.

So now the bloomin' racket which John and Dan parade Is sugared for the workingman with silver and free trade; Two millionaires to lead the fight, with Bryan on parade. And Silver Barons crack the whip as they go down the grade. But Silver Rebs are 'sore on Hough," the Danneville said. By the Way.

The late Popocratic party, having lost its Pop, has adopted a more appropriate prefix, and is now the Anar-cratic. "The Democratic party will go to destruction surely if it does not reject the 16 to 1 doctrine. It is not a vote getter."—Macon Telegraph (Dem.). The A B C of the Democracy of 1896-97:

- Altgeld Bryan Coxey Debs Anarchy Bombast Communism Demagogism

The anti-trust proposition has been omitted from the tariff bill in order to save the time which would be occupied in its discussion, and the proposition will be pressed by the Republicans in the Senate as a separate measure.

The people who hoped to bring about an issue between the Republicans and the sound money Democrats upon the tariff question find that they have not been successful. The gold Democrats are at work to defeat the silver wing of the Democracy wherever it is making a campaign this fall.

Tom Watson has a poor opinion of a party which serves another party for a "consideration." In a recent issue of his paper he remarks: "Our own belief is that no gentleman will remain in the People's party if the idea once gets abroad that Populism and Hessianism are synonymous terms."

"For one, I do not believe it possible to succeed upon a platform that demands the unqualified free coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1 with gold. We have fought that battle and it is lost. We can never fight it over under circumstances more favorable to ourselves. If we hope to succeed we must abandon this extreme demand."—Ex-Gov. Horace Boies of Iowa.

The administration is still developing plans in favor of a general monetary reform, and whether they are presented to Congress at the special session or permitted to go over to the regular session, there is an official assurance that a measure for a currency reform which will obviate former currency troubles will be presented and doubtless be made a law, if the united support of the Republicans is sufficient to carry it through the Senate.

From High Authority. Secretary Gage, who has exceptional facilities for testing the business facilities of the country, said in a recent statement: "The evidence I have obtained from all sections of the country, from the press, from callers, from persons, and from correspondence, all points in one direction, an actual improvement in trade and manufactures."



Result of Wilson's Efforts. An order for 800 pounds of butter a day from a single London firm is one result of one of the efforts of Secretary Wilson's late experiments in making a better market for our dairy products abroad. He has just received a communication from a London firm asking that the entire butter product of the Iowa State College, amounting to about 800 pounds per day, be forwarded to London regularly until further notice.

The Passing of Bryan. Signs multiply that the schism in the party which marched under the name of Democracy until the revolutionists triumphed in 1896 is growing wider and deeper. The average Popocrat hates the Democrat more heartily than he hates the Republican. The average Democrat sees far more to condemn in the Chicago platform than in the St. Louis platform. If this bitterness has grown to its present proportions in seven months, who can measure the magnitude it will attain by 1900? So sturdy of heart are the sound-money Democrats that they are seriously discussing "the passing of Bryan."