

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, voiced the sentiments of all fair-minded men on this subject that has occasioned so much bitter controversy among students of sociological and industrial problems.

The anti-pooling bill to restrain the operation of pools and trusts has caused the leaders of organized labor some apprehension. Mr. Gompers was afraid that the labor unions might be classed as trusts and that the penalties of the act might be construed as applying to them rather than to the large combinations usually known as trusts.

So fair-minded person will dissent from the views of the President upon this question. The encouragement of legitimate trades unionism is a policy which has been most wisely and faithfully applied to the laborers. Through co-operative combinations they are enabled to lift up the oppressed, to succor the destitute and to aid the unfortunate.

When the trades unions depart from these legitimate and honorable functions they imperil the highest interests of honest labor and invite discord, confusion and disaster. The leaders of the trades unions should dedicate all their energies and powers to the social, moral and educational advancement of labor and should shun the political agitator as they would shun a pestilence.

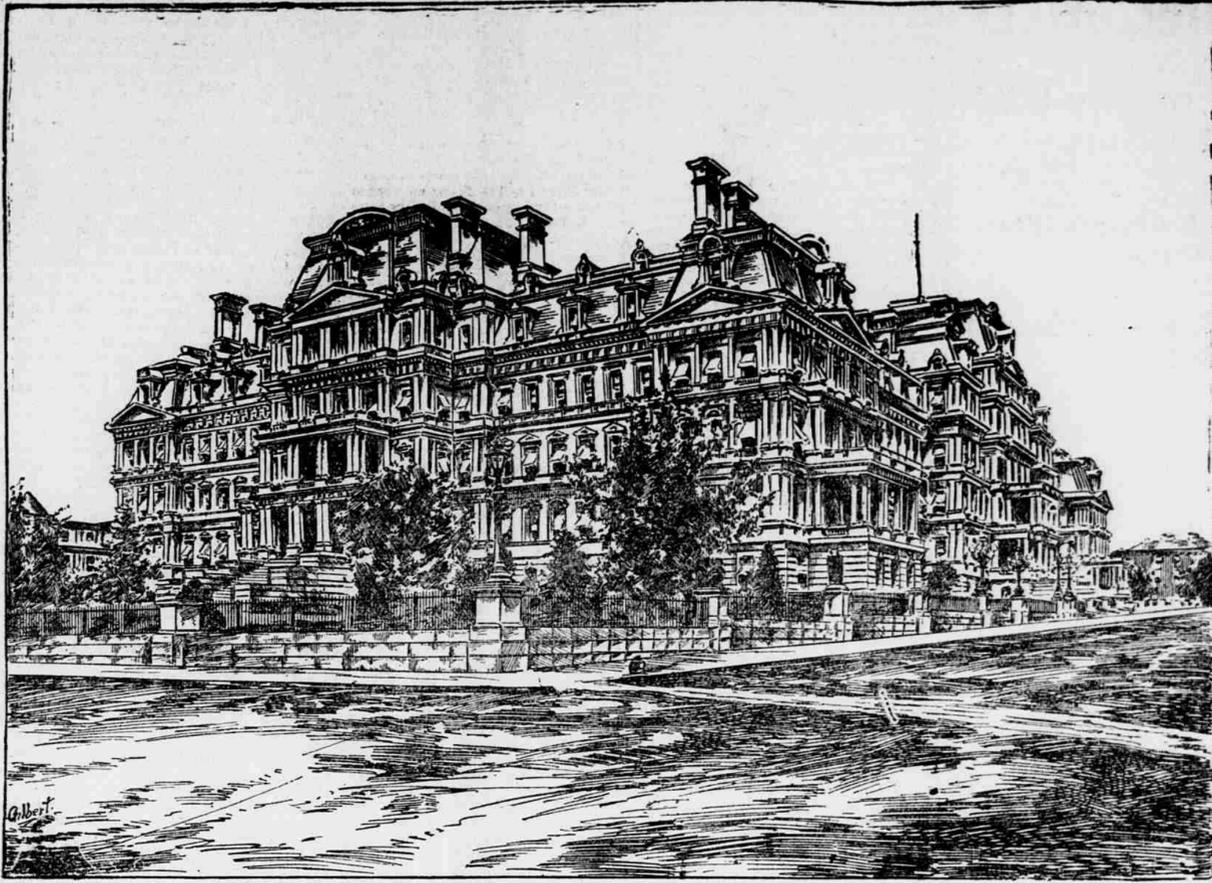
Foreign Demand for Our Crops.

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.

When the crop is larger than the one now foreshadowed France in 1893-4 was obliged to import 50,000,000 bushels, and may be an importer to that extent during the coming year.

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.



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.

There has been a steady appreciation in the value of leaf tobacco, which is one of the chief farm staples of the South and especially of Kentucky. From the low point in February to the second week in June the advance has been as much as 100 to 200 per cent on some grades of burley tobacco...

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.

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, "it is proper to call attention to the fact that a duty on tea and coffee was recommended by President Grant in his annual message to Congress of Dec. 7, 1875 (first session, Forty-fourth Congress), referring to the serious condition of the treasury, he said: 'One measure for increasing the revenue—and the only one I think of—is the restoration of the duty on tea and coffee. These duties would add probably \$18,000,000 to the present amount received from imports, and would in no way increase the price paid for those articles by the consumers.'

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.

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, provided that head favors the free coinage of silver.

BOLT OF BOIES.

Iowan Keeps Getting Farther Away from Chicago Platform.

Ex-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.'

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. Naturally the Yankton organ discredits the suggestion of a conspiracy against Mr. Bryan, and assumes that he "will be one of the first to refuse a nomination if he believes a stronger man can be named."

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. For several weeks past, their loans have been increasing, but the expansion just made was the largest known in any six days in a long time.

Reform is Coming.

People who are anxious to see a general reform in the monetary system of the United States may rest assured that a proposition upon this subject is being carefully framed, and will be presented to Congress either during the special session or as soon as Congress meets in its regular session next December, and that every Republican vote will be cast in favor of some measure of this character.

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.

Result of Wilson's Efforts.

An order for 800 pounds of butter a day from a single London firm is one result 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.

Class Against Class.

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.

Sad News for John Bull.

Mr. Bryan's nightshirt occupies too much space in the newspapers. He has a perfect right, as has every man, to wear what he can afford. The trouble with Mr. Bryan is, he wants to pay for his silk nightshirts in 50-cent dollars.—Dubuque Times.

By the Way.

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Good Crops, Good Times.

The movement of the crops, which now begins, will proceed in increasing volume until the autumn. The wheat harvest begins in Texas and rolls northward like a wave until it ends (in the United States) in Minnesota and North Dakota. It is followed by the corn harvest, and interspersed by the gathering of numerous other crops, all representing vast wealth which must sooner or later materialize in money. With plenty of money in the East to move the crops, and with plenty of crops in the West to move, it would seem that an interchange of the commodities of money and crops must soon set in which will tend to equalize conditions by relieving the plethora of money in the East and distributing it through the sections where it is so badly needed.

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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 grow 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 offices 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.

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"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 say, 'twould be a sin 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 a Democratic ticket.

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