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THIS is good corn weather.

THERE is trouble at Pittsburg among the workmen in the iron manufactuties; a reduction of wages, ten per cent, is the cause.

SUNSET Cox, of New York, who has been a standing candidate for speaker, every time the democratic party gains ascendancy in the house, is again a candidate, and this time the little humorist says its no joke

THE Otoe and Missouri reservation lands are appraised on an average of about $6 per acre.. This means that at the sale they cannot be sold for less than this, but may run up to fancy prices. If we were hunting cheap lands we would forget to attend that sale.

THE republican party of New York has taken steps to settle all differences, and will take the field in the next campaign, with an unbroken front. The experiment of electing a democratic governor and legislature in that state has gone a long way toward convincing the warring factions in the republican party that an internecene war, carried on for the sole purpose of placing their common enemy in power, is neither interesting nor remunerative, in a party sense.

WE notice some of Ex-Senator Paddock's friendly organs are not content to allow that Senator Van Wyck's efforts to see that the Otoe lands are put on the market speedily, and, at the same time, in such a manner as to protect the settler from being frozen out by the gang of speculators who will be on hand at those sales. Everyone who knows the Senator knows that he is not likely to be a party to any arrangement in regard to those land sales which is not favorable to the people.

AN exchange says, it is estimated that 240,000 head of cattle will be driven out of Texas this season. Last year the number purchased and driven from Texas to other localities, to feed, graze, etc., was some 350,000. This falling off is not owing to a decline in the cattle business, but is due to the fact that our ranges are becoming scarce, and driving long distances to more northern pastures much more difficult. It is said Texas is increasing all the time in its production of beef.

Tariff for Revenue (?)—Statesmanship.

In a letter written by Senator Vest, of Missouri, on the 28th of February last, the tarriff question is finished off in the following style; which has "Jackson and Jefferson and Milton of distinction, including *Calhoun*" back of it. * * *

I am a democrat, and for a revenue tariff. I believe that any other tariff is unconstitutional, but I also believe that every tariff for any amount is necessarily protective, and I believe also such a tariff should be equally distributed amongst all the industries of all the sections which need protection. I do not care whether you call it a tariff for revenue, which is incidental protection, or a tariff with discrimination in favor of American industries, or a judicious tariff, as Jackson termed it; but every tariff must protect to the extent to which it is levied or imposed, So said Jefferson, Madison, Monroe, Jackson, Polk, Benton, and every other democrat of distinction, including Calhoun. I can afford to let the little doctrinaries of tariff literature bark at me whilst in such company.

Mr. Bayard moved to reduce the duty on zinc, and I objected, for the reason that the zinc interest was a young interest, peculiar to the west, and that inside the limits of a revenue tariff, protection should be equally distributed between all the sections The wiseacres who now assail me, without one idea on the tariff outside of what they read in some "patent inside" or "outside' paper, thought I was going over to the protectionists because I objected to all the protection necessarily incident to a revenue tariff being given to the Eastern monopolies, leaving out Missouri interests. I ought to represent Pennsylvania or New England, not Missouri. That's *their* opinion, not mine.

Your friend,
G. G. VEST.

The senator is safe; his position is a Gibraltar which the Henri Wattersons, the Geo. L. Millers, and the anti-monopolist Mortons ought to study before they bring their heavy siege guns to the front to dislodge him. We assure these gentlemen that the statesman from Missouri has chosen his position with great care. If the tariff for revenue men carry the convention, Senator Vest is with them, for any other kind of a tariff is unconstitutional. If Mr. Randall and that other wing of the democratic party which believes in protecting American industries, carry the day, Senator Vest is with them also, for all kinds of tariff are protective, and he being a democrat, a tariff for revenue democrat, of course, he is for protection, and so when a prominent democratic statesman defines his position, as does the senator from Missouri, choosing his ground with such consummate care, we deem it our duty to warn democrats at home who have been deluded by the seductive charms of the free trade siren that the doctrinaires of this free trade literature are impracticables, and as sure as the next national democratic convention of meets, their little craft will be foundered before it even passes through the breakers, which will roll mountain high around the political seas of 1884.

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A BIT OF EXPERIENCE IN CIGAR SMOKING.

"Here comes a big boy; I guess he'll give us one."

As Herbert Raymond looked up, he saw two ragged little fellows, a few paces in front of him, sitting on a stone by the roadside. The smaller one appeared to be about six years of age, and the other not more than two years older.

It was the smaller one who had spoken, and he evidently referred to Herbert as the "big boy."

"Say, won't you give us a match?" asked the larger boy, as Herbert drew near and stood before them.

"What do you want with a match?" asked Herbert.

"Want ter smoke," said the boy.

"What! such a little fellow as you are? Do you smoke?"

"You bet I do. I've smoked for mor'n a year. But I'm not little. How old do you think I be?"

"Oh! about eight," said Herbert.

"Eight! I guess I be. I'm almost ten. But what do you think of this little feller, not mor'n half as big as me. He smokes, and chews, too."

"What do you smoke?"

"Why, cigars, of course.' And he stretched himself up, and thrust his hand deep among the patches of his ragged trowers. After fumbling about for a while, he drew forth three stubbs of cigars, about an inch and a half long.

"You've been using them already, I see," said Herbert.

"No we hain't either. That is what we want the lighters for."

"How did you get the stubbs, then?" Herbert inquired.

"Oh! some fellers was passin' and throwed 'em at us; but the fire had so nigh gone out that we couldn't make 'em go."

"Let's share the cigars with him, if he'll furnish the matches," broke in the smaller boy.

"Of course we'll do that," said the other. "There'll be just one apiece."

"I am just as much obliged to you," said Herbert. "But I don't care for the cigar; and as for matches, I havn't any with me."

"Hain't got a match?"

"No."

"What dye do when yer want a smoke?"

"I don't smoke." said Herbert.

"What! a big feller like you don't smoke? What'll yer do wen yer a man?"

"Indeed I don't smoke. Do you think I would be seen with a dirty cigar or pipe in my mouth? It is a filthy, useless habit at the best; and, if I were you, I would throw those old stubs away, and quit while able to do so."

"Yes, cigars are mean, dirty things," said the boy, "and we are tryin' to get some fire so we can burn these up. But here comes Dick Jones. He's the boy for us. He always carries matches, and he'll be glad to share with us."

At the mention of Dick Jones' name Herbert started quickly along, for he did not care for Dick to hear his lecture againts cigars.

Dick had seen him, one one occasion, trying to smoke, and he might mention it here, and then they would have a good smoke at his expense.

True, Herbert had never smoked but twice in his life; but as he walked along trying to associate the idea of manliness of smoking with the scene he had just witnessed, he felt a keener sense of the ridiculousness of such a thought than ever before, and he felt heartily ashamed of himself for having been so foolish as to try to learn to smoke.

We will let him give an account of his experience with cigars in his own words, that other boys who have never tried them may catch a glimpse of the pleasure they afford.

"It was about six months ago when Dick Jones got me to try one of his cigars. Dick is two years older than I, and learned to smoke when a small boy. We had been over to Medow brook fishing for trout, and had sat down to rest a few minutes before starting for home. Dick drew out a case of cigars and asked me to try one. I refused to do so, when he lighted one and began to smoke. He said they were very mild—wouldn't make a baby sick—and laughed at me for not being able to smoke. He continued to urge me, till, at last, I lighted one and put it into my mouth.

"I can taste it in my mouth now, and it makes me sick whenever I think of it.

"I had not smoked more than a minute before I began to feel a strange sickness at the stomach, and my head seemed to have converted itself into a top, and set itself to spinning.

"As soon as I felt able, we started for home. The first thing we had to do was to cross the brook on a rather shaky log that lay across it. I got along very well until about two-thirds across, when the rocking of the log, the dancing of the water below, and the whirling of my head, were altogether too much for me, and down I went into the stream. The water was quite shallow, but it managed to get all over me, and made me just as wet as though it was twice as deep. After considerable effort I succeeded in getting home, changed my clothes, ate a very light supper, and went to bed much earlier than usual. The next morning I felt as wise as Solomon on the subject of using tobacco.

"The next time I saw Dick, he offered me another cigar, but I firmly refused. I told him that I had concluded to leave off smoking before the habit got too firmly fixed, and advised him to do the same.

"Still he gave me no peace. Every time I met him he would broach the subject, and insist that I must learn. He said it was boyish to give up in that way, that I ought to have the manliness to stick to it. He had promised to say nothing about my smoking affair, but he told one or two of his associates, and they joined with him and laughed at me for my weakness.

"Some time after this one of the boys gave me a cigar, which he said I could smoke when I was alone, and then there would be no one to laugh at me. I thought this would be just the plan. Besides, this boy told me that the first cigar always made one sick, but that there was no difficulty in smoking the second one.

"It was on one Saturday morning, about a month after my first attempt, that I thought I would try again. I thought I would smoke a few times, just to show the boys I could do it, and then I would quit.

"In the afternoon of this day there was to be an excursion to a lake about five miles distant Our whole school was to go, and arrangements had been made for a grand time. I had a few chores to do during the morning, among which was the splitting of a few pieces of wood for starting the fires. Just before commencing this work, I lighted my cigar and puffed away as fast as I could. I had determined to not smoke very much but thought I would do it as quickly as possible and have it over.

"Soon I began to feel dizzy, and throwing aside the cigar, I took the axe and commenced my task. I thought I could work off the ill-feeling; but the harder I worked the more dizzy I got. Soon the wood house seemed the wrong side up, and the pieces of wood appeared to sway rom side to side as though trying to evade my blows. My feet and the wood get badly mixed together, and my axe never would go where I aimed it. Suddenly I felt a sharp pain in my foot, and found that I had made a gash in it, which nearly severed one of my toes . I managed to get into the house, and a surgeon was called to dress the wound.

"That day was the most miserable one I ever spent. The pain in my foot, the dizzy feeling in my head, and the disappointment in not being able to accompany my schoolmates on their excursion, seemed enough to render my misery complete.

"I did not tell anyone of the part the cigar had in causing the accident. None of the boys knew anything about it, and Dick still urges me to try a second cigar. He says unless I learn to smoke that all the boys will laugh at me, and say that I tried to learn but wasn't man enough

"I can now see how much easier it would have been if I had firmly refused at the first. But I can only so act in the future as to avoid getting into deeper trouble. I have decided to let them laugh all they please at my past experience in smoking, but shall furnish them with no more similar matter for sport. They may rest assured that my experience in using tobacco in any form is at an end."

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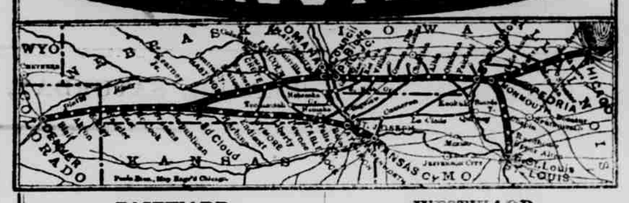

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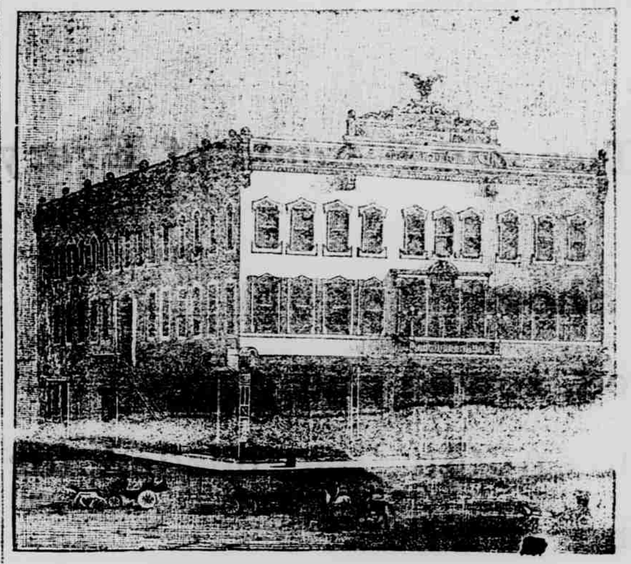

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