

REPORTS show that more than half of the imports into the United States come in now duty free, a proportion never reached under any previous tariff bill. But it doesn't lessen the free trade howl! The Democratic shriekers still insist that "the poor laboring man" wants his French champagne and Havana cigars, and won't be content until they are free.

DURING the campaign of 1892 the democratic party of the country will deny it ever said there was no tin plate in the United States. Its speakers will point with pride next Fourth of July to the development of our mines, including the tin mines. Tin is about to put democratic editors crazy just now. It is remarkable how they do fight tin. They write and dream about tin; but tin, American tin, is marching on, and the democrats will be compelled to bow the knee in time. It is only a question of time when the acknowledgement will be made.—Indianola (Ia.) Herald.

COLONEL FARWELL'S rain making apparatus has been fired at the clouds in Texas and ten hours afterwards there was a big rain in all that region, the biggest rain of the season according to the dispatches. But as there were also very big rains in Kansas and Minnesota at the same time, the experiment is not entirely conclusive. Two or three more explosions of a dynamite balloon will settle the question.

The amateur rain maker at Canton, O., was very successful once or twice according to all accounts, but latterly his chemical plant has utterly failed to materialize the moisture and he has subsided.—Lincoln Journal.

TO MAKE MONEY SCARCE. There are a large number of people in the United States who sincerely believe that we have not money enough, and whose chief desire is to increase the amount of the currency. We beg leave to remind them that one of the best ways of doing that is by the protectionist policy. If we adopt a free trade tariff, and buy our manufactured goods in Europe in place of making them ourselves, there will be a constant drain of gold twelve months in the year from this side of the Atlantic, the same as there was during the famous free trade era from 1847 to 1860. President FILLMORE, in his message to Congress in 1852, reminded that body that no understanding the enormous amount of gold furnished by the mines of California, it was no sooner coined than it was shipped to Europe to pay for manufactured goods. Shall we go back to a period of money scarcity.—Toledo Blade.

BECAUSE IT HAS TO. Says the Nashville (Tenn.) Banner: The State Alliance, "a non-political body," which deals very largely if not exclusively in politics, is in session in the city to-day. The delegates will discuss a number of interesting subjects in the alleged interest of the farmers, but among those subjects will doubtless be none bearing on any distinctively agricultural question.

In truth the alliance is a political order with a political platform just like any other political party.

To which we would add no more than this: It is a political body in the South because, in the vernacular of the street, "it has to." It is not a political body in the North because it "doesn't have to."

In the North two great parties always are contending for power and one or both of them is sure to grant any reasonable demand made by any class or condition of men that condescends itself unfairly treated. In the South there is but one party, or rather there is but one party that is permitted to vote freely or to speak plainly. The other party has been proscribed, simply and solely because its members either did not believe in slavery and secession as a means of maintaining and extending it, or, having once so believed, have accepted the results of the war in good faith, and have conformed themselves to the terms imposed on the South after it had made unconditional surrender.

The consequences is that the Southern States are hideously mis-governed, as all bodies under the dominion of an irresponsible and uncriticized potentate or party must be. Wherefore, since the second in age of the old parties has not been allowed to criticize or to contest with the elder, a new and third party has risen. It marks the beginning of the end of the Southern oligarchies. The alliance may perish; the spirit of opposition and an injury which it has worked will endure. And all this because, as we have said, in the nature of things "it has to."—Inter-Ocean.

A large lot of sewing machine oil also needles and supplies for all kinds of machineries just received at Muir's on Sixth street.

IT WAS A GREAT SCHEME. But lack of Capital prevented the inventor from Making a Fortune. My friend B. isn't rich. It isn't likely that he ever will be rich. But he firmly believes that he would have been a very rich man by this time if he had only been able to command a little capital a few years ago.

When he conceived the great scheme which ought to have realized a fortune for him he was a clerk in a gas works. It wasn't one of your new fangled works where they make gas out of water, and heaven knows what besides, but one of the old fashioned, honest sort in which gas was extracted from coal and nothing else. Everybody is supposed to know, and of course doesn't know, that one of the chief impurities of the crude gas, after it is expelled from the coal by the fierce heat of the retorts, is sulphur. This sulphur, or the larger portion of it, is got rid of by passing the gas through a series of boxes called purifiers filled with lime. When the lime has absorbed all the sulphur that it is capable of holding it is removed and fresh lime is substituted. The sulphur saturated lime emits a very pungent and disagreeable odor, especially when the cover is first lifted from the box and the lime, being hot, throws off clouds of steam.

Some doctors have a notion, whether well or ill founded I don't pretend to know, that this hot, foul smelling vapor is a capital remedy for whooping cough. At all events lots of mothers believe them, and when whooping cough is prevalent bring their afflicted little ones to the nearest gas works to inhale it. It was when several suffering youngsters were snuffing up the vapor and the odor around one of the purifying boxes where he worked that the inspiration seized him. It was nothing less than to take this foul lime, bottle it up, give it a high sounding name and sell it as a specific for whooping cough, offering a reward of \$500 for any case that it couldn't cure, and all that sort of thing.

"Jeewhittaker!" he exclaimed, enthusiastically, when expounding the scheme to me. "Just think of the dead loads of money that is in it! The lime doesn't cost anything; the company pays to have it carted away. I can make a contract with them to do the carting and make some money out of it. Then all the expense I will be put to will be for bottles, labels and advertising. At fifty cents a bottle it is bound to go like hot cakes. There is always more or less whooping cough around, 'tis an ill wind that blows nobody good.' If I am not a rich man inside of twelve months my name isn't B."

He invested fifty dollars—the sum total of his accumulated savings—in bottles. Then he sought the assistance of capitalists. That is where he struck a snag. He found their lack of faith was proportionate to the extent of his resources. His name is still B.; he still has the bottles, but not even the beginning of a fortune yet.

But it was a big scheme, and he was very proud of having hatched it and delights to talk about the millions that are still in it—for somebody with faith and capital.—New York Herald.

Shooting Guns at Night. Illuminated night sights are now in use on the guns of many of the British warships. The front sight consists of a pale green glass, point up, beneath which is placed a small incandescent lamp. The rear sight is similar in principle, except that instead of the cone there is a metal crossbar with a V notch in the middle.

There is a polished under surface to this sight from which light that first passes through ruby glass is reflected. In sighting the pale green point of light which constitutes the forward sight is brought to the bottom of the V notch in the rear sight and the line of the ruby light is brought into coincidence with it. The electric current for each gun is supplied by a battery of two elements, so arranged that the action may be stopped by turning the battery upside down.—Philadelphia Record.

The Effect of Travel. It is impossible to compare nations as if they were individuals. Each nation has, so to speak, grown up in an atmosphere of its own. We must recognize the peculiarities of other people as necessary features of them, and by no means as characteristics meant to excite laughter in the rest of the world. When first I traveled abroad I was much amused by the way the common German eats with his knife. But habit and a measure of experience have toned down these feelings until they hardly exist in me. And nowadays I am as much at home with the long haired woodman of a Sardinian forest, in his grimy little hut, as in my own English den among my books and pictures.—All the Year Round.

Nose Ornaments of Barbarians. The ornaments put through the walls of the nose vary greatly. There may be but one perforation in each wall or there may be several. In New Zealand flowers, in New Guinea a boar's tusk, in the Solomon islands a crab's claw, in New Britain thorns, set upright, are the objects thus worn. These are all original and primitive; after the natives come in contact with whites, these give place to metal buttons and rings. In the Sturges collection is a rather pretty nose ornament from New Guinea. It is V shaped, and the arms fit by stud shanks, one into each wall of the nose.—Professor Frederick Starr in Popular Science Monthly.

An Estimate of Woman's Value. A young Scotchman was once halting between two loves, one possessed of beauty and the other of a cow. In despair of arriving at a decision he applied for advice to a canny compatriot, who delivered himself thus, "Marry the lass that has the cow, for there's no the deference of a cow's value in any twa weemen in Christendom."—San Francisco Argonaut.

A Good Opinion of Himself. Snodgrass (after Snively finishes a fish story)—Well, I like a liar. Snively—You egotist!—New York Echo.

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