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CLASS LEGISLATION.

All opposition to the income tax and to the reform features of the tariff bill comes under one head—it is the struggle of a class to get the benefits of taxation and to make other classes pay the bills.

New York argues that the income tax is class legislation. The fact it brings forward to substantiate this argument is that property already pays state and municipal taxes.

Ad valorem tariff duties are changed to specific duties by the same pressure and the same geographical section. An ad valorem tax makes everybody contribute to the federal expenses in proportion to the cost of what he uses.

Northeastern politics is governed by special and powerful interests. The southern and western democracy follows broad general principles.

THE KANSAS SITUATION.

The following on the political situation in Kansas from the Chicago Times is equally applicable to Nebraska:

"The state of Kansas will elect this fall a full state ticket, a full delegation to congress, and a legislature by which a successor to United States Senator John Martin will be chosen. The congressional delegation of the state as it stand today is made up of one democrat, three republicans, and four populists.

"With another campaign approaching certain dissatisfied partisans in Kansas, arrogating to themselves the title 'stalwart democrats,' announce their purpose of repudiating the fusion policy and putting a straight democratic state and congressional ticket in the field.

"Neither in Kansas nor in any other western state normally of republican complexion should democrats quarrel with populists. Particularly in congressional tickets is fusion wise and necessary. Upon most economic and financial questions your true populist and your true democrat are one.

in name. Thomas Jefferson called himself a republican, but the principles he so fitly represented now form the fundamental code of the democratic party, the name of which he never heard.

CAPITAL CORRESPONDENCE.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 9, 1894.—The twelve "good men and true" who tried Coxe and his two lieutenants in police court for not obeying the injunction to "keep off the grass," have convicted them, under the instructions of the court, and it is now regarded as an administration victory.

The democrats in the house are in an excited state of mind over the numberless amendments to the tariff bill proposed in the senate, and I predict that if these amendments are adopted they will never get through the house. Why, some of them simply discount the McKinley bill by their monstrous rates.

It is, to my mind, somewhat doubtful if the party can win the next house at any rate, for the president is using the public service, not as if it were a "public trust," but as a private perquisite, and as a means of promoting goldbug sentiment in all of the states south and west.

The house yesterday, in committee of the whole, had under consideration a bill for the erection of a new printing office building, when there occurred one of the nicest contests of the session over the question whether the site proposed by the committee should be purchased at the rate of \$3 a square foot—making the block cost \$300,000—or should the committee be instructed to select a site on ground belonging to the government.

SOMETHING is wrong with the Nebraska City News. It hasn't harped against fusion in Nebraska for at least two weeks. Speaking seriously, however, the antagonism of a demo-republican sheet like the News should have no influence with the democracy of Nebraska.

"The seventeen-year locusts may be coming, but Coxeyism will pass away and the senate debate can not last all the year. Of course Mrs. Mary Yellin' Lease will be a candidate for congressman-at-large if she is a candidate at all.

augurated, hope to strengthen itself and become popular with the people when it refuses to render aid in causing the downfall of that antagonist of honest government—republicanism?

STAND FOR THE WILSON BILL.

The amendments to the tariff bill as it came from the senate finance committee, presented Monday by Senator Jones and agreed to by the democratic senators known as the compromise committee, are not at all in line with the party pledges of tariff reform or with the policy and desires of the democrats in the house.

In almost every instance the tariff figures of the original house bill, called the Wilson bill, are greatly increased, and in many cases even the figures of the senate finance committee's amendments are raised.

Now what in the name of all that is asinine and Danaesque does this from the New York Sun mean? "We have long known that in Grover Cleveland, a platform unto himself and a crank at that, was the seed of political incoherency and disorder.

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The sensational news comes by telegraph that the republicans have elected the mayor of Evanston, Wyoming. We have a vague impression that the republicans carried some other town, somers-er-ruther, this year, but we are not quite sure where the pesky place is or what its name would be.

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IS CLEVELAND A POPULIST?

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"We have long known that in Grover Cleveland, a platform unto himself and a crank at that, was the seed of political incoherency and disorder. His fate has made him for the moment a populist. But we deny the right of responsible democracy to turn somersaults after an eccentric and irresponsible executive, and to make itself doubly anarchic by adopting the wealth-plundering principle of anarchy without the popular sanction of a national election."

The Sun's eccentric editorial was drawn out by a mild and guarded suggestion in the Washington correspondence of the Times—a portion of this paper, by the way, in which nothing mild, guarded, and eminently just ever appears—to the effect that the west would force the retention of the income tax for decades yet to come.

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The rumor that the latest senate compromise on the tariff bill took wool from the free list is not verified by the list of alterations confessed by the majority of the finance committee. How free wool escaped the general wreck of democratic pledges which the finance committee has been accomplishing during the past two months may be set down as the eighth wonder of the world.

The Fitchburg (Mass.) Sentinel lets the cat of sectional selfishness out of the protection bag. It notes the placing of a large order for southern yarns by a Fitchburg company "because the southern mill, by running sixty-six hours a week, can undersell similar concerns in our own state," and remarks that this incident "should lead workmen to see that in the end they will be the ones to suffer if laws are enacted that will prevent local mills from competing with those of other states."

It is not cheering to note that the officials of the navy ordnance department sent to investigate the Carnegie armor plate frauds have been accepting hospitality at the hands of the people they were detailed to investigate. They were met at the railroad station in Pittsburg by Chairman Frick and other Carnegie officials, driven to Carnegie's club, the Duquesne, and there installed in sumptuous quarters as guests.

From the club they were taken to Homestead and conducted inside the fortifications, where the investigation was begun. Mr. Wallace, the attorney for the informers, begged the officials of the investigating board to stop at a hotel during their stay in Pittsburg, but the seductions of the club were too much for them.

The navy department would better investigate its investigators. If their methods and course have been as reported they should be recalled to Washington and kicked out of office.

Acting on THE JOURNAL'S suggestion a movement is on foot to organize a bicycle club in this city. A meeting has been called for tomorrow night at eight o'clock at the gymnasium in the basement of the Sherwood block, and all wheelmen are invited to be present.



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