

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28.—The tariff bill of 1893 was born yesterday. But little of the excitement which has attended its advent throughout the country at large was manifest at the capitol.

The committee was slow in getting together. When the members were called to order by Chairman Wilson at 11:30 a. m., half an hour past the time set for the meeting, all the democratic members except Mr. Stevens of Massachusetts were in their seats.

The proceedings were very informal. A copy of the bill was presented to each member and Chairman Wilson briefly stated that he would probably be able tomorrow to furnish additional data, which would include a comparison of the new bill with the present law, printed in parallel columns, so that the changes would be apparent at a glance.

The republicans under the rules will have ten days in which to prepare their report, at which time the majority report will be finished and the bill will then be presented to the house.

Accused of Corruption

DENVER, Nov. 28.—Yesterday a petition was filed in the United States circuit court asking for the removal of S. C. Hinsdale, master in chancery, charges of bribery and corruption being made. The title of the case is "Margaret Billings and the Wood heirs against Jerome B. Wheeler and the Aspin Mining company."

Powderly Resigns

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 28.—At yesterday afternoon's meeting of the knights of labor delegates Grand Master Workman Powderly's resignation was accepted by a practically unanimous vote, after that gentleman had stated to the convention that he had tendered it in good faith and that this action was final.

Kept the Books Wrong

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 28.—John Gunn vs. Estate of William Black in the title of a case to be tried here in the United States court of appeals December 7. The sum sued for is \$300,000. The petition is the longest ever filed here and cost \$2,400 for printing.

Uncle Jerry Rusk's Will

VIROQUA, Wis., Nov. 28.—The will of ex-Secretary Rusk was filed for probate in the Vernon county court. The estate is valued at \$60,000. It comprises the homestead at Viroqua, 440 acres of land, stock of the bank of Viroqua and cash.

Great Train Wrecked

NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 28.—A cross-tie placed across the track of the Mississippi Valley road two miles below Lusher, caused the wreck of a gravel train. Fireman Joe Garity of Pittsburg was killed instantly and Engineer Matthew Carey was fatally injured.

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delegates from far away Virginia, Nebraska, Kansas, West Virginia and a half dozen states assembled at the Hotel English yesterday to hold the annual convention of the alliance general assembly. Nothing save that of a routine nature was transacted.

"I am at a loss to understand why it is that the business world is not entering upon an unworked era of prosperity owing to the passage of the repeal bill. I expected to see capitalists unlock their coffers and give money and work to the hordes of unemployed who are crying for bread, but I must say that I have been cruelly disappointed.

"What will be the future policy of the people's party?" was asked. "We will continue to toil along the same lines as heretofore, only our constant aim will be to unite the south and west. In that union lies our only hope for success.

In his address President C. A. Robinson of Fountaintown, Ind., detailed the history of the organization and its work in smashing the cordage trust, providing a market for farmers and purchasing for them supplies on a cooperative plan.

The day was largely taken up in reports, which show the order to be in excellent shape and growing. Much time was spent in trying to formulate a plan for the union of all farm organizations.

Resolved, That we hereby reiterate and affirm our adherence to the fundamental principles upon which our organization is founded.

That we emphasize the importance of a higher education and increased social and fraternal relations among farmers and commend our lodges as the most valuable means to this end.

That we unequivocally condemn the utterances attributed to Secretary of Agriculture Morton in his speech at the world's fair congress, and we feel that his offensive reference to farm organizations should be withdrawn.

Ramsay Sustained by the Committee

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Something of a Politician

DEN MOINES, IA., Nov. 29.—Grand Master Workman James R. Sovereign of the knights of labor of the United States left for Philadelphia, where he will at once assume the duties of his office. He had recovered from the surprise occasioned by his election, which he had hardly dared hope for, and was in pretty good spirits as he received the congratulations that poured in upon him all day from friends in the city and out.

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A New Method.

GOSHEN, Ind., Nov. 27.—This city was thrown into a fever of excitement last Saturday night by a desperate attempt made almost within the city limits to wreck the New York fast express on the Lake Shore road, which is due here at 12:09. At 12 o'clock a whistling in the Lake Shore yards and from the water works plant, which is located very close to the Lake Shore freight depot, brought two of the night police and a number of citizens to the scene.

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A Bloody Deed

SEYMOUR, Ind., Nov. 27.—As the result of a terrible tragedy growing out of a family feud, five people are dead in their country home, seven miles east of this city. Four years ago Clintok Jordan, then twenty-one years old, married a daughter of Joshua Foster, with whom he has never lived happily.

Jordan then turned his revolver toward Mrs. Foster, his mother-in-law, shooting her in the back, the ball ranging downward and causing a wound from which she died. Jordan's wife attempted to defend her mother and he stabbed her repeatedly in the breast, hands and face and ended by shooting her through the head.

Pretty Rough Treatment

COLUMBUS, O., Nov. 27.—Three men assaulted Daniel Thomas, a farmer and capitalist living a half mile from this city, as he went to his barn early yesterday morning, and binding him securely carried him to the house, where Mrs. Thomas the only person on the farm, was also seized and bound.

A Boston Firm Falls

BOSTON, Nov. 27.—The firm of Lely & Collins has assigned to B. P. Wilbur, J. B. Ainsworth of the firm of Brown, Durrell & Co., and lawyer C. F. Donnelly. Liabilities are about \$500,000, assets unknown. The assignees are empowered to carry on the business for the benefit of creditors.

Not Very Reliable

LONDON, Dec. 1.—A dispatch has been received in this city from Rio Janeiro, dated November 29, saying that the insurgent Admiral Mello, with several of his ships, had left Rio Janeiro for the coast.

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He Has His Own Ideas.

CHICAGO, Dec. 1.—There is not a word of truth in the report that President Cleveland turned me down in the Topeka postmastership," said Senator John Martin of Kansas at the Great Northern. "The selection was practically made last June, before Mr. Cleveland knew of my silver sentiments, and my candidate being passed was for entirely different reasons. I have not found fault with the president, nor is he seeking to treat me with disrespect.

Carlisle Opposes Income Tax

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—Mr. McMillin's sub-committee of the democratic members of the ways and means committee on internal taxes was in session at the capitol two hours Wednesday. At 3 o'clock the democratic members of the committee held a conference. Mr. McMillin submitted the data which he had secured from the treasury department and census touching the question of an income tax.

After the Anarchists

PARIS, Dec. 1.—The German embassy has not yet been instructed by the German government to approach the French government on the subject of the infernal machines sent from Orleans to Emperor William and Chancellor von Chlodwig. It is expected, however, that the boxes containing the machines and the letter which accompanied them will be sent to the French police, to assist in tracking the persons who sent them.

Persecuting the Catholics

BERLIN, Dec. 1.—The Vossische Zeitung publishes a dispatch from Kovno capital of the government of that name in Russia, stating the imperial authorities recently ordered the local authorities to close the Catholic church at Krosche. What prevented the order from being carried out was that a large number of Catholics occupied the church day and night.

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TOPICS OF THE TIMES.

A CHOICE SELECTION OF INTERESTING ITEMS.

Comments and Criticisms Based Upon the Happpings of the Day—Historical and News Notes.

The ladies' tailor has a hard lot. He has to reform so many of his customers.

"The Babies in Our Block" have organized a bawl club—Binghamton Republican.

The only thing which has been broken as frequently as bicycle records the past season is the moral law.

The assassin, Prendergast, is fearful he "cannot get justice in Cook County." That is the only fear entertained by the people generally.

EVERY man takes care that his neighbor shall not cheat him; but a day comes when he begins to care that he does not cheat his neighbor. Then all goes well. He has changed his market-cart into a chariot of the sun.

EMPEROR WILLIAM has been unveiling a bronze monument of his grandfather in Bremen. When they come to make effigies of the young war lord himself to preserve the unities they will probably use brass, not bronze.

The Illinois naval militia is to be given the brick and tin battle ship Illinois with all her wooden guns. This will relieve many Chicago mammals of a harrowing terror lest a too indulgent paternal government might give their boys a real floating ship of some kind and guns that might go off and hurt them.

MODERN appliances for extracting gold have recently been set up at Mount Ophi, whence Solomon brought a vast amount of gold for his famous temple. The crude appliances of those elder days left much gold in the "tailings" and it is now claimed that a mining company has recently taken \$50,000 from Solomon's old "dump."

It is noticeable that when a government insults the American flag it is some insignificant little power like Honduras that the United States could "cuff up to a peak" without calling out any fighters more formidable than a sheriff's posse. The countries that it would be no disgrace to whip show the highest respect for your Uncle Samuel.

CONGRESSMAN DE FORREST, of Connecticut, has a most remarkable memory. He memorizes all his speeches, and gives the manuscript to the official stenographers so that they may save the trouble of shorthand. The stenographers, who follow the speaker to insert any impromptu remarks, declare that Mr. De Forrest never omits or misplaces a word, no matter how long the speech may be. Ex-Speaker Reed is credited with a similar faculty, though in a less degree.

WILLIAM WALDOF ASTOR, by some course of reasoning which he does not fully explain, reaches the conclusion that the assassination of Carter Harrison is a conclusive argument against municipal government in this country. While the powerful mind of Mr. Astor is focused upon this subject, will he think it too much trouble to recall some form of government under which the assassin has not done his "good and perfect work," with more or less regularity.

THE ladies of California, in their attempt to "purify the press," are with great gravity continuing to obtain names to a monster petition addressed to the editors of the daily newspapers. Why to the editors? The editors have not the power to purify the press, and would not exercise it if they had. Even if they were to sign it, the proprietors would not listen to them, as the editors control no advertising. Now if the ladies were to address their petition to the dry-goods dealers, the proprietors of the newspapers would incline to it a respectful ear.

WILLIE WALDOF ASTOR says that, "although the Valkyrie did not win, she has crossed the Atlantic, and that is more than the Vigilant will ever do." Well, the Vigilant doesn't have to. The America crossed the Atlantic a great many years ago and brought back the cup with her. The English yachts have ever since been imitating the army that marched up the hill and then marched down again. When they get that cup back it will be time, and not till then, for an American yacht to cross the Atlantic again. And when one does she will not go in vain, nor return with colors at half-mast.

THOSE thirty-five girls of Chicago who had more faith than good sense, and waited in a church looking their prettiest while waiting to be trans-

lated direct to the celestial abode, have afforded material for a good deal of gossip, but have added nothing valuable to the world's volume of religious knowledge. They were banded, powdered, and in their best bibs and tuckers; but they were not taken in the expected chariot, nor was there any sign given them that they had made a mistake in consulting the time table. They were only led astray by a fanatical faith, and now they are enjoying the world on a good deal the same plan as the rest of erring mortals.

If the proper authorities of the World's Fair conclude to give honors to whom they are due they will forthwith honor every man and woman connected with the Chicago press, from the managing editors down. Take a big building when empty and give them a grand barbe-cue. Never mind the champagne or terrapin; they get that every day or so. But they would enjoy an informal day. A free-for-all, so to speak—no weight for age or sex; a sort of Clover Club affair with dress coats and decollete dresses barred. They deserve it all, and more. They made the fair. If they had received regular advertising rates for all the free puffs given, true and untrue, the Vanderbilts and Astors would be in the gallery and the newspaper men in the boxes.

TOO OFTEN international congresses have had their ludicrous aspects. M. Edouard Rod tells of his own experiences at a Peace Congress held at Berne a few years ago. First they had some general and eloquent remarks on the horrors of war and the blessings of peace, and then they took up the practical question of "neutralizing" various countries so as to withdraw them from the possible range of a general war in Europe. Egypt was satisfactorily neutralized by acclamation, and Tunis by resolution. So was Roumania by a good majority, and Norway and Sweden by a close vote. After that, affairs grew critical, and the Peace Congress was in danger of becoming a general scurrilousness, being saved from such a painful ending only by a strategic motion to adjourn.

THAT infernal machine, the electric trolley is sure to make trouble wherever it is used. Its sins are, both of commission and omission. One of the latter descriptions was the failure of the trolley to stick to the wire while a Calumet car was crossing the Fort Wayne tracks at Chicago the other day. The slipping of the trolley left the car standing half way across the tracks of the steam railroad, inert and without motive power, while a few hundred yards away an express train thundered down upon it. Fortunately the occupants of the car got out in safety by the narrowest of margins, the car itself being smashed to kindling wood. Their escape was due to good luck or Divine Providence. The next time luck may not be so favorable and Providence may be otherwise engaged. The trolley, however, will continue in business at the old stand, and people whose worldly affairs are not in shape to be speedily wound up will do well to fight shy of it.

CHICAGO Herald: Thieves and other lawless characters will do well to give Chicago journalists a wide berth. (Only a few days ago a burglar who broke into Editor Van Benthuyzen's house was chased several blocks by that molder of public opinion and lost his hat, coat, shoes and burglarious implements in his flight. Sunday night Editor Siler thrashed three highwaymen who fell upon him with evil intent, and went on his way rejoicing. These are only specimen bricks. The entire journalistic profession of this city is made up of stalwart, muscular men who delight in feats of brawn and battle. They are not unduly pugnacious, but they are terrible when aroused. Sandbaggers and thugs should be warned in time. They will gain no glory by attempting to rob Chicago editors. It is violating no confidence to say that they will not get much money either.

How Animals Expire. That beasts and birds go aside from their comrades to suffer the extreme trials of death is a pathetic fact not generally known. Whales come ashore when they feel ill, so that the waves may dash out the life that is fast ebbing away—de- liberate cases of suicide, you will say. Sometimes, no doubt, their friends desert them. The healthy ones feel that the companionship of an enfeebled individual is a possible source of danger.

Or it may be that the sight of death is intolerable to them, just as it has been to many human races. Whatever the explanation, the fact remains that in the animal world, as a rule, creatures go away and die by themselves; the denizens of the water commit what might be called suicide by leaving their own elements for one in which they cannot exist.

There are a thousand ways of being a fool, and they are all easy to find.