

THE TARIFF QUESTION

HIDES AND TRUSTS THE SUBJECTS.

Mr. Walker of Massachusetts Predicts That Eventually All Railroads in the Country Will be Controlled by a Single Corporation—Simpson for Hide Duty.

WASHINGTON, March 29.—During a discussion in the House to-day concerning a duty on hides, Mr. Hopkins, republican, of Illinois, said that there was no demand for such a duty, and Mr. Walker of Massachusetts explained that few hides were imported except those used for sole leather, so that a duty on hides would be of little benefit to farmers.

Mr. Simpson of Kansas, after remarking on the conspicuous part played by Mr. Grow during the stirring days of the war, said it was sad to see him now the "defender of trusts and combines, whose purpose was to enslave the American people."

FOR FARM BOUNTIES.

Senator Smith's Proposed Amendment to the Tariff Bill.

WASHINGTON, March 29.—Senator Smith of New Jersey, a Democrat, declares that he will offer an amendment to the tariff bill to provide for the payment of a bounty on wheat and cotton, two of the principal articles of export.

CIVIL SERVICE DEFENDED.

President Proctor Welcomes the Fulltest Kind of an Investigation.

WASHINGTON, March 29.—Mr. Proctor, president of the civil service commission, speaking to-day of the proposed investigation of its methods, said: "We will welcome the investigation, for it is not facts but misstatements regarding the methods of the commission that tend to hold it up to ridicule before the public."

RESERVES ATTACKED.

Five Western Senators Appeal to President McKinley to Annul the Order.

WASHINGTON, March 29.—The President listened to strong representations from Western men respecting the order made by President Cleveland February 22, creating extensive reservations of public lands for forest protection.

Greenville in Great Peril. GREENVILLE, Miss., March 29.—The mayor has issued a proclamation calling on all merchants to close their places of business and every able-bodied man to go to the levee.

Thinks They Should Be Annexed. WASHINGTON, March 29.—John W. Foster, formerly secretary of state, lectured here last night on the subject of "Hawaii." The ex-secretary came out in emphatic terms in favor of the annexation of the island.

CIVIL SERVICE DEBATE.

Some Requirements Brought to the Attention of the Senate.

WASHINGTON, March 29.—Another brief discussion of the civil service occurred during the open session of the Senate yesterday. Mr. Gallinger, republican, of New Hampshire, presented several forms issued by the civil service commission to substantiate his recent statement that certain applicants for office were required to hop on one foot for twelve feet.

GERMANY WITHDRAWS.

Concert of the Powers Goes to Pieces—Are Deserting Turkey.

ATHENS, March 29.—It is asserted here that in consequence of the refusal of Lord Salisbury to join in a blockade of Greek ports, Germany has given notice to the powers of her intention to withdraw from the concert.

The bombardment of Malaxa has produced a painful impression here. The newspapers are filled with indignant protests. The Cretan delegates in Athens have published a pamphlet in English of protest against autonomy and declaring that they prefer the Ottoman yoke.

RUSSIA SORE AT POWERS.

The Situation Regarded as Very Serious—Austria's Aggressive Proposal.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 29.—In high official quarters here much annoyance is felt at the signs of the vacillating policy shown by the powers at a moment when the greatest firmness is necessary.

LONDON, March 27.—A dispatch to the Daily News from Vienna says the Austrian foreign office has proposed to extend the blockade along the entire Greek coast with special stringency at the Piræus and in the gulf of Volo, Corinth and Arta.

BUSINESS THE PAST WEEK.

Gradual Improvement in Different Industries, Says Dan.

NEW YORK, March 29.—R. G. Dan & Co.'s weekly review of trade says: "With confidence that better times and larger business are coming, men are less disposed every day to throw away good investments."

No Ballot in Kentucky's Legislature.

FRANKFORT, Ky., March 29.—There was little excitement attendant upon the fourth joint session of the Legislature to ballot for United States senator to-day.

Whisky to Be Higher.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, March 29.—At an informal meeting of distillers and wholesale whisky dealers here it was unanimously agreed to advance the price of spirits in a few days.

RECOUNT IN PROGRESS.

REPUBLICANS NOT REPRESENTED.

New Board Appointed Under the Last Recount Act at Work on the Ballots—Will Hasten the Count as Much as Possible so as to Adjourn Early.

The recount is on again at the state house. The work was commenced last Friday evening under the provisions of an act of the legislature which repealed an act passed early in the session.

"Pursuant to, and by authority of a law passed by this legislature, S. P. 182, at this time becomes my duty to appoint a committee consisting of four members of the house to act in conjunction with a committee of the senate to canvass the vote on the constitutional amendment relative to the increase of supreme judges."

"In naming this committee I desire to say that, while this act provides that one member of this committee may be a republican, yet in view of the fact that the republicans have opposed this recount in every way possible from the beginning, and after having had a non-partisan board appointed under a law passed by this legislature for the express purpose of having this canvass made by such board, they have refused to the courts with injunction proceedings instituted for the purpose of defending and in every way possible prevent the count from going forward to an honest and fair completion, and in view of the fact that nearly every republican member of this house, in the explanation of his vote yesterday, denounced the recount, objected to it, and voted against it; therefore, it seems reasonable to presume that if appointed upon this committee they would continue to delay, obstruct and prevent the recount in the future."

"It becomes my duty to appoint a committee to count the ballots cast on the constitutional amendments providing for increase of the number of supreme judges, at the election held November 3, as provided by the act passed March 25, 1897; said committee to act with a similar committee from the house, appointed for the same purpose."

From 1858 until 1866 Mr. Adams was editor of the Student and Schoolmate, and from 1867 edited Oliver Optic's Magazine for Boys and Girls.

Week at Stromsburg.

Passenger train No. 49 was wrecked at Stromsburg Saturday night. Trainmen and passengers had a narrow escape, but none were killed.

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STARVED BY THE CAPTAIN.

Sensational Charges by Sailors—Accused by Oakes Crew.

NEW YORK, March 29.—The survivors of the crew of the clipper ship T. E. Oakes, which was towed here 250 days out from Hong Kong, allege that Captain Reed is directly responsible for the illness of all but two of the crew; that they were kept on half rations during the greater part of the trip and that the vessel could have made New York much sooner if the captain had taken advantage of favorable conditions which prevailed much of the nine months they were on the water.

"We have not decided just what charges we shall prefer against Captain Reed," said James H. Williams, secretary of the Seaman's union, "but we shall make the most serious charge against him that we can sustain by the evidence."

Joseph Robinson made the statement which will be used by the Seaman's union and the eleven other survivors who are with him in the Marine hospital will subscribe to it. Several were able to sign their names with difficulty and one is still so weak that it is a question whether he will recover.

"OLIVER OPTIC" AT REST.

Popular Writer for Boys Passes Away—Died of Heart Trouble.

BOSTON, Mass., March 29.—William T. Adams, known to all boys of the English speaking world as "Oliver Optic," died at his home on Dorchester avenue to-day from fatty degeneration of the heart, after a long illness.

Mr. Adams was born in Medway, Mass., in 1822. The first of his family to come to America from England was Henry Adams, who settled at Quincy, Mass., in 1630. Young Adams attended the Boston public schools and then worked on a farm at West Roxbury.

Mr. Adams possessed a large estate and lived many years in his large house on Dorchester avenue, which is surrounded by trees grown large, giving the place a pleasant air of seclusion.

Anti-Department Store Bill.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., March 29.—In the House, Mr. Nohe of Cook asked unanimous consent to have the Senate department store bill read a first time. Objections were interposed, and after a short debate a motion to table the measure was carried.

River is Still Falling.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., March 29.—The big river continues to fall slowly and the flood situation in Arkansas, opposite this city, is somewhat improved.

PARLOR OF THE PRESENT.

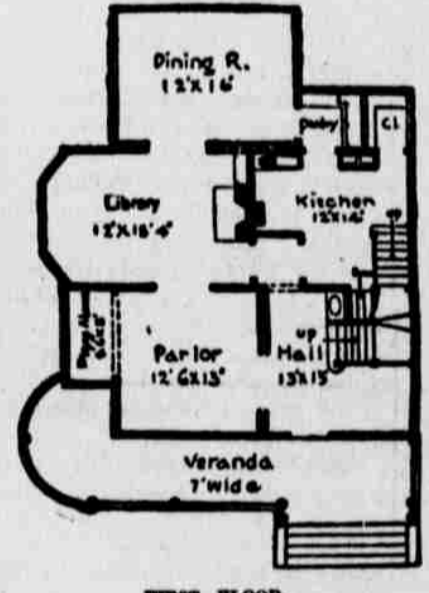
The improvement in public taste in this country, during the past few years, is shown in few ways more strikingly than in furnishing of the parlor. In the olden times, when houses were heated with difficulty by open fireplaces or little wood stoves, it became the custom in winter time to shut off the portions of the house that were not needed for living purposes for economy of fuel.



PERSPECTIVE VIEW.

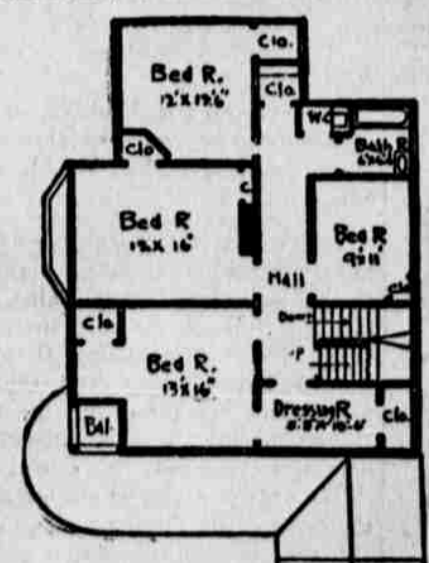
Even in the small house, where every inch of space was needed, this was the "state room," whose doors and windows were not to be passed except on special occasions. Even when coal heating, by hot air or steam, revolutionized in-door life, when it was not necessary to shut inner doors for mere comfort, the traditions of the parlor still survived.

First Floor.



FIRST FLOOR.

can house of moderate dimensions is still that the parlor is made too formal, and is not given the true home atmosphere. A growing tendency to make the room more a part and parcel of the house is apparent, however—to throw it open to purely family gatherings, and to make it reflect the individuality of the owners.



SECOND FLOOR.

ing. Silks and satins have no place there, if the living rooms are given up to cotton imitations and matings. Everything should be tasteful and in exquisite order, for it may be open to the inspection of an unexpected guest at any moment.

From the architectural arrangement of most detached houses the parlor is rarely one of the best lighted rooms—nor is it generally as well provided with artificial heat. For these reasons it is a mistake to furnish in cold tones.

such as white and gold. Delightful as the contemplation of such a room is, it is not comfortable nor homelike, nor is it worth the time and patience required to preserve it in the midst of a full fledged nest of young Americans.

The accompanying plan provides a parlor of attractive shape and size that lends itself to the treatment indicated above. The work is painted in deep cream and the walls, coral; the floors stained deep red brown, or covered with "old rose" or "dark copper" felt, which helps to lighten or soften the effect of the decorations, and can be overlaid with rugs.

Note.—The next article of this series will treat of the plan, situation, decoration and furnishing of the library.

God wants man to be perpendicular, and man requires this of his brother; nothing less will satisfy our ideas of right. Perpendicular living embraces perpendicular acting, the entire absence of crookedness, or such underhandedness as will not bear the light of day.

SOUTHWEST BREEZES.

It is curious that a thing which will lose a man a woman's friendship won't lose him her love.

The devil is never anxious about the man whose hope of heaven is his wife's church membership.

A man's enemies never kick him when he is down; they stand aside and let his friends do it.

As soon as a man shows that he knows much about women a girl begins to think he has a past.

We have rarely known a man to be convinced of the error of his opinions by being called a fool.

A good reputation is a poor recommendation to the society woman who wants to go upon the stage.

If a man has the right sex in him, it's bound to come out. That's what makes some men's noses so red.

It's an ill wind that plays havoc with a woman's skirts and blows dust in a man's eyes at the same time.

Some well meaning people go through life as badly misunderstood as a cross-eyed girl under the mistletoe.

There is no parting so bitter as the parting of a quinine capsule just as you are in the act of swallowing it.

Six things are essential to the formation of a happy home. The first is a cook, the other five are money.

It is the man who has always been accustomed to bread and bacon at home, who does the most kicking at a hotel.

The theater hat nuisance, like most of man's troubles on this wobbly old planet, always has a woman at the bottom of it.

Enter into the business or trade that you like best and for which nature seems to have fitted you, provided it is honorable.

Nothing pays smaller dividends in spiritual results than making a specialty of discovering the shortcomings of others.

There is no good in arguing with the inevitable. The only argument available with an east wind is to put on your overcoat.