

The importance of getting the whole civilized world to reckon time in the same way is admitted by everybody, and the feasibility of instituting a system to give up the antiquated system has been a frequent theme of remark in scientific gatherings. After the meeting of the British Association for the Advancement of Science in 1888, an eminent Russian, conceding that the argument was all against his country, intimated that the way to begin would be to get some other orthodox country to take the initiative. This may be the significance of the Bulgarian venture. If it succeeds similar action in Russia would certainly be easier. Indeed, the reform can be effected in Bulgaria only with Russian consent; it would be too much of a blow at Slav solidarity and at Russian hegemony unless Russia were to take the initiative in contemplating for Russia herself later on. Thus if the bill passes the Bulgarian Senate, it may be well hailed as the beginning of a reform which will wipe out the inconceivable and absurd difference of twelve days between east and west.

The British mission in Abyssinia, of which Mr. Kennell Rodd is chief, has been favorably received by King Menelik, it is stated, and hopes to accomplish its task, whatever that may be. It consists of representatives of Egypt as well as Great Britain, and of the British army and navy, as well as of the diplomatic corps. The British mission is understood to be sent to undo the schemes of France and Italy, which have been directed by Menelik from being influenced to make trouble by sending an Abyssinian army westward into the Egyptian or British Sudan. The Nile valley, from the Victoria Nile to Alexandria, is claimed in London to be within the British sphere, but the French would like to see their power planted somewhere along its length.

**WORTH IN RHYME.**  
Drezel Foot Press  
America's youth, on the day that his own will be favored with luck that's immense. If he burns with desire to go alone, And not in a physical sense.  
Chicago Record  
"The new fifty-dollar clerk" things in, with a "dollar" mission. For his thousand-dollar preacher's Summer trip across the sea.  
Indianapolis Journal  
To the optimist the joy is given. Each day of life is a mission. But the pessimist crawls from out his bed In great surprise that he's not dead.

Washington Star  
Property, it's your own more— And none who doubts or fears. Let him who doubts investigate The Irish fire-escape trade.  
Chicago Record  
"I want an American beauty," she said. As they passed at the bar; and, bending his head To her face, with a smile and a sigh He answered bravely: "Yes; so do I."  
Denver Post  
Maud Miller on a summer day. I must go to the office, my dear. But for the judge she did not say— She was hunting for a four-leaf clover.  
Indianapolis Journal  
The sweet girl's graduate's store of lore A source of grief and pain to me. To foolish him, who soon will find That if her flirting she's a mind, I'll like to see her hizz her hizz!

**CHANGE AND REST.**  
Frank Dexter in Time-Herald  
A fool there was and he left his nest (Even as you see the birds do) Somebody convinced him 'twould be for the best. To visit the seashore for change and rest; So he hid himself out of the bounding west. (And now he is wondering why.)  
In a summer hotel he was packed away (Top floor, a corner, a sunny room) In a fifty-cent room at ten dollars a day. They seemed to regard him legitimate prey; Oh, they went for him and he was a wonderful way.  
He went to the seashore for change and rest (The lake was blue and the sand was white) In a week the hotel which claimed him as guest Had most of his "change" and the railroads (Back west) Now he's finding it mighty hard walking back west (If you're wise, try an alibi).

**TRANSVAAL MINES WORKED OUT.**  
Few Are Longer Profitable and a Crash Is Expected  
The mining industry in the Transvaal is for the most part played out, says the London Economist. The position of actually producing mines will, on the whole, as a result of reforms and economies now being put in force in all the properties, be more favorable than for a long time past, but no reforms imaginable would enable a number of mines now crushing to make a profit. As to developing companies, the majority unfortunately, the position is really serious, and may well be serious for the whole industry. Already numbers of developing mines are closed down; at others a merely nominal amount of work is proceeding in order not to lose the rights of shareholders, while nearly all the rest are rapidly coming to the end of their cash. It may be policy to push on with one or two of the richest deep levels, which are almost ready to crash, but otherwise it is sheer folly of the directors to do any further work at present on all these mines.  
Nobody probably realizes the immense sums of money still needed to bring to a producing stage the mines on the main reef, for the fact that most of the mines and present taxation, simply won't pay when they are equipped. The position of many mines in the present moment, which are heavily in debt, and run at a loss, working at a loss, should be enough to cause real alarm to the directors of low-grade mines who are still rapidly spending the working capital on hand or are themselves running into big debts. But the methods of finance on the Rand have been always rotten, and until the directors and managers are brought to their senses they will continue to be so. The financial position of the industry six months hence, unless great reforms are given to the mines, will be thoroughly rotten, and until this is remedied European investors should absolutely refuse to touch a single Transvaal mine.  
The great depression has not yet made itself thoroughly felt in the town and population of Johannesburg, but the mines are already ruined, but thousands are on the verge, and in a month or two more there will be a regular crash. Hundreds of houses are empty, and rents are coming down at an alarming rate. It is easy to see now that the town has been hugely overbuilt and that town property has been much overvalued. A number of the buildings, the relics of last year's building boom, are still going up, but those, when finished, remain half empty, and the owners, who are a number of small shopkeepers who are still sticking business. Of a truth, Johannesburg is about to suffer for its sins, and the extravagance of past years is about to have its reward.

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**THREE TARIFF SCHEDULES**

**Senate Considers and Completes a Trio of Subjects.**

**FINISHES UP WOOL, SILK AND TOBACCO**

**All Schedules in the Bill Have Now Been Gone Over Once—Rapid Progress is Being Made.**

WASHINGTON, June 25.—The senate today completed the wool schedule, the silk schedule and the tobacco schedule of the tariff bill, and with this accomplished the tariff leaders had the satisfaction of knowing that all the schedules of the bill had been gone over once. There now only remains to go through the bill a second time, passing on the items passed over. These are very numerous and important, including hides, gloves, coal, tea and beef. After that the internal revenue features of the bill will be all that remain. Progress was rapid today, although every paragraph relating to carpets was sublimely contended. The consideration of the silk schedule led to a strong contest against the proposed duties on silk fabrics, Senators Mantle and Teller joining with the democrats in opposition. The paragraph was passed by a majority of two. The tobacco schedule went through with little friction after the committee raised the duty slightly on wrapper and leaf tobacco.

**Wool Schedule.**  
Consideration of the wool schedule was resumed at paragraph 370, relating to shawl, blanket, rug, and chenille carpets. Mr. Vest of Missouri moved to strike out the specific rate. The vote was 17 to 24, four short of a quorum. There was some delay in announcing the result to the anxiety to secure a quorum, but Mr. Vest insisted on a speedy announcement, remarking that he would not be satisfied until a quorum was announced. Mr. Vest derisively said: "Mr. White, with the country just wallowing and dying while the bill waits."  
"The senator is out of order," interposed Mr. Chandler, facetiously.  
"The senator is in the country," added Mr. Gray of Delaware.

A call of the senate brought fifty-two senators to the chamber, and Mr. Vest's amendment was adopted, striking out the rate. The consideration of the wool schedule was completed at 11 o'clock. Mr. Vest offered a number of amendments, but was defeated in each instance, the schedule being adopted, as suggested by the finance committee. The silk schedule was at once taken up. Mr. Vest introduced an amendment, quite a lively debate, the western and coast senators contending that the committee rates were "excessive, prohibitive, and burdensome." They asserted the rate ran from 70 to 700 per cent. Messrs. Jones, Vest, Mantle, White, Teller and Platt of Connecticut took part in the debate. The latter held that the committee figures showed the rates to average 75 per cent. Efforts to reduce the committee rates were rejected. Mr. Vest then tried to limit the duties to 200 per cent.

Mr. Mantle appealed to his "protection friends" to accept this proviso, but Mr. Platt in a conference declined, saying it was a move to embarrass the whole bill.  
Mr. Allison declined, saying the assertion that the rates reached 700 per cent was mere talk, and that the unfounded assertions on other schedules.  
Mr. Morgan of Alabama declared that the tariff bill marked the entry of the United States into a new era, and that the tariff was a warfare with the rest of the world. He regretted it, particularly as to Japan, just as he was leaving the committee room, he showed the annexation of Hawaii to the United States, on which subject he said he showed Japan had no possible ground of complaint. It was unfortunate at this particular time to have this nation feel this animosity to this tariff bill, although Mr. Morgan declared there was not a nation from Mexico to Turkey which did not know that the United States was about to enter on a war against Japan.  
Mr. White's amendment limiting the duties to 200 per cent was rejected—23 to 28.  
Paragraph 385 (handkerchiefs, etc.) was

**BEIJING SUGAR-BEET BOUNTY**

**Parliament is Petitioned to Modify the Law of the Topic.**

**PRODUCERS HAMPERED BY ITS OPERATIONS**

**Restriction of Product and Exportation by the Government Forces Down the Price in the Home Market.**

WASHINGTON, June 25.—(Special Correspondent.)—The advance sheets of the congressional reports for June are devoted to a very learned article upon the beet sugar crisis in Europe. The report has been prepared with great care by Henry C. Morris, American consul at Ghent, and is a model of clear and logical exposition. It gives a translation of a petition to the Belgian Parliament, signed by all of the sugar manufacturers of that country, requesting certain modifications in the legislation now existing relative to the sugar industry. This petition was adopted at a meeting of the senate on February 24 last and proposing a review, not only of the sugar interests of Belgium, but also of their general condition in all other European countries of production, and for that reason due consideration for its author, the Belgian government. Mr. Morris, in discussing the petition, which is very exhaustive, says that to understand the proposed change in Belgium legislation it is necessary to know that under the present system the government annually fixes a certain quantity of sugar to be produced, and likewise a certain gross sum of \$1,050,000 as the limit. The quantity of export being limited, the surplus of sugar manufactured in Belgium is sold to the government at the rate of 50 cents per pound. A similar increase to 50 to 55 cents per pound will be made on sugar, etc. (213). This completed the tobacco schedule of the tariff bill.

**REQUEST FOR FEDERAL TROOPS.**  
Race Riot Impending at Key West, Florida.  
WASHINGTON, June 25.—This afternoon the governor of Florida telegraphed President McKinley that a riot is threatened at Key West, and asked him that in view of the distance of Key West from the mainland and the difficulty in getting state troops to the scene of trouble in time to be of any avail, to instruct the commander of the federal troops there to act. The president replied to the governor, citing the law in the case, and asked for particulars. Secretary Alger has telegraphed the commandant of the post at Key West, asking for telegraphic advice giving the exact situation. The action to be taken will depend on the response to those inquiries.  
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Iowa—Alonzo B. Arnold, Marshalltown, spring for carriages; William Petzer, Sheldon, stern apron case for vehicles; Louis M. Hakanson, Mason City, rotary impact engine; Bessie Larson, Ruthven, safety attachment for jolt vokes; George P. Randolph, McCausland, hay wagon brake; Dr. Roberts, Havana, pulverizer; Charles N. Stanton, Collins, ventilator for cellars; Joseph Whiteley, Delphos, lifting device.

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**A. HOSPE, Jr.,**  
Music and Art. 1513 Douglas.

We can astonish you—Dentistry does not consist only of extracting and making artificial teeth—don't be too sure a tooth has to be extracted—consult us—and perhaps we can save it—We prefer to save rather than destroy—In fact, we are experts—We can restore broken teeth to their natural shape—by building them up with beautiful contour gold fillings—small gold fillings—\$2.00—Silver fillings—and gold alloy fillings \$1.00—Teeth extracted without pain or gas—no soreness afterwards—A local application to the gums and 50c—that's all.

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Say—advance agent has been here—an' now de prosperity show has cum—a million dollars worth of Armour dollars—two thousand more men at work—dat means four thousand more five-cent Stoeckers cigars to make every day—oh gee—talk about good times—me an' my dad'll wear real diamonds before de expiration's over—den we've got de satisfaction feelin' dat we're makin' an' sellin' de best five-cent cigar dat was ever—ten-centers are taken a back seat since my dad's been makin' dat Five-Cent Stoecker Cigar of his'n.

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**A. C. RAYMER,**  
BUILDERS' HARDWARE HERE,  
1514 Farnam St.

The average man and lots of women folks—sometimes—don't detect the difference between real and imitation—Makers have got the making of lace curtains down so fine that we have to explain that this is not the real—but made just like it—when we show imitations—Of course we have the real—but you can't get them for \$2.50 a pair like you can the Irish point—or Scotch Brussels Curtains—or the fish net—Some curtains are as low as 75c—all new—this season's patterns—for the price you can depend upon the quality being there.

**Omaha Carpet Co**  
1515 Dodge St.

There are thousands wearing improperly fitted eye glasses—if you are troubled with weak or over-strained eyes—use a bit of good judgment when you are going to purchase spectacles or eye glasses—don't go to the first store that sells spectacles—but select to get relief by employing the best eye spectacles—it doesn't say he knows what your eyes require—if you value your eyesight—consult an eye expert—We are expert manufacturing opticians and can fit the most difficult cases—Doctors' prescriptions ground to order—Satisfaction always assured.

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