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"We have the tariff yet," in congress, and the past week has been one of the most interesting and exciting of any in the session. The spectacle of Senator Hill, who has carried a knife unsheathed for two years for the president, now posing as the defender of the chief executive fairly approaches the spectacular in politics and Hill is doing the unsavory work to a finish. The conservative democrats, those who do not propose to jeopardize every business interest in the country by passing a free trade bill have been ordered to lie down by the president and the house. Whether they will do this or not remains to be seen, and just at this writing the prospect is that there will be no tariff bill at all.

Why this would not be a good thing for the country is not answered. There is no doubt but that the agitation of the last year has greatly unsettled business, and it has been at the point for some time when people have demanded a settlement one way or the other. There is no doubt but that the McKinley bill left alone would be to the permanent business advantage of the nation, but it is simply a delay. At the present time delay is dangerous. One very level headed republican has expressed, from a political point of view, the belief that it would be preferable to let the conglomerate Wilson bill become a law. It will put the democratic party on record for '96 to defend the monstrosity, and in that view it would be a sick child in the hands of the administration. To secure with its sufiar trust attachment a more disreputable bill than the one the administration is attempting to foist on the people, would be an impossibility, and from a political point of view the repulican who wants to see the Wilson bill come, probably is level headed.

The statements of the national banks published this week

show a very satisfactory condition existing in Lincoln in banking institutions. Compared with last year at this time they command attention and the utmost confidence.

Col. Bob McReynolds, who came near getting into serious trouble in Denver through writing for the press incendiary articles on the labor and silver questions, and who is as complete an anarchist on his attacks on the government as Herr Most, has written a book entitled, "The Luxury of Poverty," or when the devil was to pay. Because Mr. McReynolds wields a vigorous and unchecked pen and gives his wild notions of government, his best abuse of government, abuse of the wealthy and abuse of the lawmakers full play. His book has a facination and a directness that makes it intensely interesting, and to a certain class of people may appeal as the truth. This is all the good that can be said of it, and its venom and viciousness that fills the space between lines, besides its rabid and unlawful attacks upon existing legal conditions, ought to make it a proscribed book and the authorities would be fully justified in surpressing it by law.

It is not the purpose to review the book or discuss its admitted graphic description of what it terms the criminality of government in the settlement of and to the people of the west. The book is written in 1910 and as a culmination of the woes of the present day depicted, has a culmination in the secession of the west, which is advocated all through the book, and then a new nation and a new social system is alluringly pictured.

And yet Col. Bob McReynolds who has written this radical fire-brand that outbellamys Bellamy was educated by the state of Indiana is worth ill-gotten property that he berates so viciously and sits around in the shade at his home at Thirty-first and R streets, wearing a white vest and smoking imported cigars as though the world, as he would have people believe, had nor wholly gone to the bad.

The recent banquet of the Nebraska manufacturers and consumers association held at Nebraska City has attracted fully as much attention as the banquet of like character held in this city a year ago.

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