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Chamney H. DePew of New York ON THE POLITICAL AND INDUS- TRIAL MISSION OF THE UNITED STATES.

Mr. DePew is President of the Vanderbilt system of railroads. This position is proof of his pre-eminent ability as a business man. And what is yet more to his credit, is the fact that no strike takes place among the workmen employed on these railroads. His views of the relation of capital and labor will be seen in one of the extracts we make from his address.

The "Union League Club" of Chicago celebrated Washington's birthday on the 22d of February, and Mr. DePew was invited to address it upon the subject indicated by the heading of this article. Our extracts will show something of the character of the address, although necessarily very brief.

"The Revolution was a war for the preservation of well-defined constitutional liberties, but dependent upon them were the industrial freedom necessary for the development of the country, the promotion of manufacture, and independence of foreign predilection."

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them surely impresses the lesson of maintaining and promoting, by every measure which experience has tested and wisdom can suggest, that policy which will keep wages above the line of mere subsistence, and in the general prosperity of diversified industries hold open the opportunities for every man to rise."

He thus speaks of the prosperity the country has had under the existing protective policy:

"During a quarter of a century of peace-nationwide, of free labor, of protected industries, the growth of the Republic has been without precedent or parallel in ancient or modern times. Its population has increased at the rate of a million a year, and about 100 millions of dollars have been added to the wealth of wealth. It had five-eighths of the population of the world, it has borne the burden of a gigantic debt, it has spent with lavish hand, and yet has saved half as much as the rest of the world. With sixty thousand millions of capital and developed capacity for creating a product worth over ten billions a year, its political mission is, as far as possible, to monopolize its home market in the materials it possesses or can manufacture, to cross the sea, to enter all ports and explore new countries, and to compete with the most advanced nations in all the markets of the earth."

And truly may he thus speak of the fruits of protection.

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SUICIDE of Nicholas Mayfield

Nicholas Mayfield, an old and well known citizen of Monroe co., took his life last Friday morning, on the railroad track near his home at Cedar Creek Station. Mayfield had but recently sold the store at Cedar Creek to Milford Mathers; he had been melancholy for some months, so much so that his wife was fearful that he might attempt self destruction. At about 5 o'clock he got up, made a fire, and then left the house. Mrs. Mayfield arose soon after, and as her husband was nowhere to be seen, she sent the girl to search for him. She looked for him at the barn, and at other places, and continued her search toward the railroad track, not far distant, where she saw the trainmen of a northbound freight gathered about an object which proved to be the body of Mr. Mayfield. He was dead when found, and a gash in the right side of his neck showed how his life blood had been spilled. He held tightly grasped in his right hand a common pocket knife, with a small sharp blade open; a portion of his right foot had been crushed off by the wheel of the train. He had evidently seated himself on one of the rails, made the fatal stab, and expected to fall across the track and be cut to pieces by the train, as he had timed the act to suit the running of the train. In his death struggles it is presumed that the body rolled off the track, leaving his right foot on the rail.

A piece of paper was found in a blank book on his person; on one side of the paper was written:

Feb. 29th, 1888.
I am tired of life. I am sure the insane asylum will have to be my home soon. I choose to cease to live. Bury me here if they are willing, or at May's or the old neglected graveyard. It gives me trouble to see the neglect, but my money is gone, and farewell all.

N. S. MAYFIELD.

On the other side was written the following without date or signature:

You need not get a hearse in any event; let everything be plain and cheap; my money is gone; my honor or prompt pay is gone; let peace be with you all.

His troubles were imaginary, as he had sufficient property and money to have kept himself and wife in comfort the remainder of his days. He was in his 72d year. The engineer of the 5 o'clock train says Mayfield was standing so near the track when he went down that he was afraid the cylinder head would strike him, and blew the whistle to warn him of his danger. The 6 o'clock train that comes up soon after, was the one that ran over his foot. He was evidently dead before the train struck him, as no blood had flowed from the cut in the foot.

A bill to prohibit the granting of marriage licenses to tramps, paupers, idiots, drunkards and felons, and to keepers, inmates or visitors of houses of ill-fame, has been introduced in the Iowa state senate.

N. Y. Post: A pretty and stylish spring costume shows an erou wool skirt, checked with green and red, under a princess polonaise of dark green summer cloth. The front of the polonaise laps to the left side, and is turned back on the skirts as a rever, which is braided. This makes a long, deep side on the right, while the left is short, showing the checked skirt, and has a large square pocket there, making that side appear like a jacket. The middle forms are continuous, in princess fashion, and the backs are long and but slightly draped.

—Ask your grocer for the "Gourley flour." There is no question but that it is the best.

—"Gourley flour" takes the lead. Ask your grocer for it. He keeps it.

Improve Food.

Exceeding caution should be exercised in the purchase of a new article of food. Many recent cases of serious illness have been reported from the use of the new patent foods for infants, from untested baking powders, and cheap flavoring extracts. The desire for rapid wealth induces unscrupulous manufacturers to place anything before the public that will sell at a large profit, without regard to its usefulness or healthfulness. At present there is a great raid upon the baking powder market, and so many impure and adulterated articles of this kind have been found peddled about the country that the authorities in several of the States have taken the necessary action to expose them. The report of the Ohio State Food Commission has shown that a large number of the brands sold here are made from alum, phosphates, or a cheap and adulterated cream of tartar. The danger to the public is made still greater by the unblushing effrontry with which the proprietors of these impure powders advertise them as perfect, claiming for them all kinds of false and impossible endorsements.

The official report of the Ohio State Food Commissioner gives the names of a number of these impure powder, and the amount of impurity and inert matter in each as follows:

Name.	Per Cent. of Impurity, etc.
Dr. Price's	12.56
Sterling	12.66
Pearson's	14.39
Belote (alum)	18.29
Forest City (alum)	24.04
Crown (alum)	25.09
Silver Star (alum)	31.88
De Land's	32.02
Horseford's (phosphate)	38.49
Kenton (alum)	38.17
Patipco (alum)	40.06
One Spoon (alum)	58.68

The impurities in the powders above mentioned were found to consist of matter more or less harmful. In Dr. Price's powder the principal impurities were lime and Boehmite salts, which were found in large quantities. The impurities in Horseford's powder were composed of phosphate of soda, lime, etc., but none of the "nutritive phosphates," without which its manufacturers claim life cannot be sustained. The impurities found in the other powders mentioned was principally alum and lime.

From the report of the Commission it is evident that the Royal Baking Powder is of the highest degree of strength and purity.

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