

The Democrat

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The legislature of a number of states convene this week, when the dear people will be furnished with new laws to wrestle with.

REPUBLICANS know that there is no real public sentiment in favor of the Force bill, and yet they persist in their efforts to force it through the senate under a caucus.

BLAINE and Alger is the latest Republican combination for '92. Well, they'll do as well to beat as any two other Republicans. It's a foregone conclusion that the Republicans will be defeated.

The dry goods firm of Marshall Field & Co., Chicago, have begun suit in the United States court to recover duties paid under protest as levied under provisions of the McKinley bill. They say the bill is unconstitutional.

NEXT week we will be able to give the organization of the legislature and the beginning of the work, which we will keep up with all the time the session lasts. All wanting to know what they are doing should read the DEMOCRAT.

RIGHT on the heels of an interview with George M. Pullman, says the Sentinel, in which he says it is comfortable to be rich, comes the information that the Pullman car works has reduced the wages of its employees 10 per cent. Sir George evidently feels the necessity for greater comfort.

A CHRISTMAS gift in the shape of a ten percent cut in wages was given the employees of the Fairfield Chemical works, in Connecticut. Your druggist will tell you that most drugs are protected by an increase of duty, and instead of a decrease in wages there should have been an increase, according to Republican doctrine.

THE season is at hand, and the time is being observed throughout all christendom this week in offering up prayers, by all the churches, for the betterment of mankind and the upbuilding of the churches. This partakes somewhat of olden times when they had certain times to worship when all must attend divine worship.

THE annual meeting of the Indiana Tariff Reform League will be held March 14th, and Ex-President Cleveland has expressed his purpose to attend the banquet in connection therewith. Governor Hill and other distinguished Democrats will also be invited, and there will be an effort to have the affair rank in political importance with the celebrated Thurman banquet.

IT is funny to see the platform of some of the Republican organs. They shriek for war with the Indians, war with England and war with the United States (Force bill). If the Democratic statesmen were seeking only the advantage of their own party, irrespective of the welfare of the country, they would let this bloody programme go through without a murmur. For almost every state in the Union would uprise against it.

POLITICAL gossip has it that Blaine is making a strong effort to capture the delegation from Indiana and several northwestern states in the next national convention. It is said that Senators Farwell, of Illinois, and Cushman K. Davis, of Minnesota, are actively working in this interest. W. J. Fearey and Edward Hay, of St. Paul, have recently visited Indiana in this interest, and Fearey is quoted as saying that the republican politicians in Indiana are all for Blaine.

THE stockholders of the Decatur Trenton Rock Mining Company held their annual election on last Tuesday evening, at the office of the clerk of the circuit court, the following board of directors were elected: David Studabaker, N. Blackburn, J. D. Hale, D. G. M. Trout, P. W. Smith, H. S. Porter and Henry Krick. Immediately after the adjournment of the stockholders meeting the board of directors met and elected John D. Hale president, James N. Fristoe, secretary, and D. G. M. Trout, treasurer. Just what the future of the organization will be is hard to tell, but a strong effort will be made to get gas here this spring.

As the General Assembly of the state of Indiana is now in session, the time has come for the Republican papers to commence their long articles. The appointment of non-partisan boards for the management of the state institutions as is always the cry with them when the Assembly is Democratic. While the people sat down so hard on them last fall when they gave the state to the Democrats by 20,000 majority, clearly demonstrating thereby to which party they entrusted the keeping and management of such affairs, and as the party will be held responsible for the management, and with the precedent set by Governor Hovey in the appointment of Judge McBride to the supreme bench, then why should the Democratic legislature keep a lot of Republicans in office where there are plenty of Democrats just as well qualified and ready to take hold of the work and bring honor to the institution and credit to the party. So let there be no mistake in the matter, put none on guard but those whose Democracy and integrity are unquestionable, and while the party will be held responsible for their management, and that will be so that we can point to them with pride and the taxpayers will say the stewardship has been in good hands.

OUR Government passes laws that are stringent so far as the pensioner is concerned and have men hired to look after them and see that they do not swindle the government, but at the same time passes laws allowing pensions sharks to swindle the pensioner out of his small pittance that this great, and said to be the best government on earth, gives to them for the loss of limbs, or for shattered health caused in helping to save this most glorious land of ours. For a lot of sharks to live off of the needy, is one of the questions that should be looked into by congress and some legislation be had that would relieve the old soldiers from the need of squandering in that way the part that they generally have to, in order to get the amount that is honestly due them, they have but a small share of it left them as the sharks always have the laws arranged so that they get their share first. A rough estimate of the fees of pension attorneys amount to a sum equal to one fourth of the whole amount paid out by the government in original pensions.

THE manufacturers of road graders combined while in session in Pittsburgh last week. They form a trust, taking into the combine the following manufacturing companies: The Austin manufacturing company, of Chicago, the Fleming manufacturing company, of Fort Wayne, the American Road Machine company, of Pennsylvania and the Western company of Iowa, representing a capital of over \$1,000,000. If the Eagle Manufacturing Company of our place continues to grow in the future as it did in the past it will be but a few years until the octopus will be looking after it, and will either take it into the combine or buy it, and then let it stand idle or run when it is to their advantage, as the wheel company combine now does with the factories they have bought up.

THE suggestion of the name of Hon. William S. Holman as a suitable Representative of Speaker of the next House of Representatives is one that will meet with favor in this state, while the name of W. D. Bynum has been frequently mentioned and quite favorably, we feel that if the honor does come to an Indian, that no one is more deserving than the Hon. W. S. Holman; one whose distinguished services in the House have won for him honors that will be everlasting and such as but very few Representatives can boast of. The title of the "great objector" when he feels that a wrong is about to be done is honestly given him.

THE Chicago Globe figures the republican tariff in this fashion:

The people are taxed in the United States for federal purposes \$890 a minute.

The people are taxed in the United States for federal purposes \$53,400 an hour.

The people are taxed in the United States for federal purposes \$1,281,600 a day.

The people are taxed in the United States for federal purposes \$9,971,200 a week.

The people are taxed in the United States for federal purposes \$35,884,800 a month.

The people are taxed in the United States for federal purposes \$467,872,400 a year.

REDUCTIONS OF WAGES.

The latest ripe, luscious fruit borne on the McKinley tree for the especial benefit of the wage earners, is a reduction of 10 percent on the wages of the men employed in the Fairfield Chemical Works, Bridgeport, Conn., announced December 24th, by way of making Christmas merry. The principle product of this establishment is sulphuric acid, which was on the free list until October 6, 1890. Representative Chandler, of Massachusetts, who is peculiarly interested in the manufacture of sulphuric acid, got a duty of 1 cent a pound imposed on it by the McKinley tariff. So this Bridgeport concern gets a protection of \$5.60 per ton that it never had before, and celebrates the event by cutting wages 10 percent.

A carpet factory in Hartford, Conn., reduced wages 10 percent before the McKinley bill passed but not till the increase of the duty on carpet wool was certain. Between the excitement of the McKinley bill and the election the following reductions of wages occurred: Early in October a 20 percent cut in some of the Patterson, N. J., silk mills; a reduction of wages in the plush mills, Catsasqua, Pa., about the middle of the month; 25 cents a week taken off the wages of the girls in the Valley Falls, R. I., woolen mills; about \$3 a week taken off the men employed in a canning establishment in Indianapolis; two and a half cents an hour taken off the wages of carpenters in Cleveland, Ohio, November 3rd; 15 cents a day taken off the wages of coolers in the Merrimac Mills, Lowell, Mass., same date; reduction of wages of amateur winders in the Thomson-Houston works, Lynn, Mass., same date; a shave on the wages of 70 girls in Ashland, Pa.

On election day the cotton weavers in Lonsdale, R. I., had 15 cents per cut taken off their wages, and the cuts were increased five yards.

Immediately after the election Russell & Co., and John C. Dueber, in Mr. McKinley's town, and a glass factory in Mr. Comas's town, discharged their Democratic employees.

December 3rd, 20 percent was taken off the wages of the boss carpet tack makers in Birmingham, Conn., and on the 8th 15 percent was taken off the wages of women employed in an underwear factory in the same town.

About the same time there was a reduction of the wages of the main spinners in the Merrimac mills, Lowell, Mass., and on December 10th cuts of from 10 to 20 percent were made in the wages of potters in Trenton, N. J.

Besides these, a number of silk and woolen mills have closed down and thrown their work people out of employment. A machine tool concern in Plainfield, N. J., has reduced its force because of decreased demand for its goods. A general average of 10 percent has been knocked off the wages of 1,500 employees in the Pullman Car Works, Shoemakers in Massachusetts and Rochester, N. Y.; had their wages cut, and the Clarks, for whose benefit there is a high duty on thread, are importing yarns spun in Scotland in order to break down the organization of the American laborers. On Monday the wages of 2,000 employes of Carnegie, Phipps & Co., in the Homestead Steel Works, were reduced 10 percent.

But prices go on advancing, and new trusts are formed every day, and William McKinley, Jr., is sure that the people will like his bill when they get used to it.

THERE has been some talk of farmers going away from home to do their trading, and it has been reported that some have gone away from home to do their trading, because our mills do not offer the same inducements that other mills away from here do. To such we can say, put your grain to the test and then find first what it is and weigh after them. Our millers are all willing that any one shall do this and are sure that all will be satisfied that they can do as well at home as any place else and then save the trip, and if you apply the same rule away from home that you do at home you will find that it pays best to stay at home, besides the expense and time saved you are helping to improve your own country by leaving your money at home, and with those that will be as ready and willing to accommodate you as any stranger can be, besides this Decatur's flouring mills have a good reputation away from home. Their flour is sent to all the surrounding towns.

FARMERS ON TOP.

The legislature of Nebraska, organized on Tuesday, the Alliance having a clear majority and electing temporary officers without trouble.

C. H. Pierte, secretary of the state central committee of the independent party, was elected secretary pro tem of the senate by a majority of one.

S. M. Elder was elected temporary speaker of the house and Eric Johnson, secretary. The temporary speaker is without education or experience and a turbulent session is confidently expected.

ANOTHER battle with the Indians has been one of this year's doings, in which quite a number of United States troops have been killed and wounded among them some of the officers of the troops engaged were the 7th and 9th cavalry, in which the reports say about four hundred were killed, and a large number wounded. The reports do not show the exact number but it is always large enough, the Indians being in ambush they lost but few. The Indian war seems to be more than the government expected, and will continue until spring and may be longer. While some of the knowing ones say that they have been imposed upon by the Indian agents and others connected therewith. If such methods have been resorted to they cannot be blamed for their action for it is time that this government is a progressive one, and that the American people are crowding this country as fast as they can, while the slow go Indian does not care for anything but to eat and drink, still they are entitled to their rights in accordance with the contracts made with them by the government, and the violations thereof is the reason they give for putting on the war paint and starting out on the war path. While the most of the settlers have moved out they are ready to go back at any time and are not afraid of having their scalps lifted by the redskins, for they have been doing such work not sparing anyone, in some localities the whole family shares the same fate.

HENRY C. JONES was the Republican candidate for Recorder of Bartholomew county at the last campaign, and fourteen miles west of Columbus in that county at Sweeney's Cross Roads is a small church congregation of the Christian denomination, the members of which are mostly Democrats. Jones was a member of the parent church in Columbus, and conceived the idea of capturing the votes of the congregation. During the campaign he went out and joined in their song service and worship, finally proposing to donate the church an organ. The organ was sent out, and Bro. Jones followed to "put it in motion" and join the good brethren in singing praises to the Lord. He gave them a public talk, presenting the organ to the Church Trustees. Bro. Jones attended the services each Sunday until the campaign was over and he was defeated by his Democratic opponent. L. P. Fischer, a music dealer, then presented a bill to the Church Trustees for pay for the organ. Upon their refusal to honor it a writ of replevin was sworn out before a justice of the peace and the organ taken from the church.

THE last meeting of the G. A. R. National Encampment adjourned to meet at Detroit, Michigan, next year. But one of the conditions being that Detroit should raise one hundred thousand dollars to defray expenses with, which the city agreed to do expecting to get an appropriation from the state of fifty thousand dollars, but the governor declares that the legislature have no constitutional right to make any such appropriations out of the general funds of the state, for any private use, so that if the money is not forthcoming Detroit may as well say good-bye G. A. R. encampment, and the officers of the Grand Army of the Republic, can commence to look around for another place in which to hold their annual meeting. If the Detroiters see it going away from them they may get a move on them that may yet keep it there.

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