

THE SCHOOL FUND SWindle.

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mate personal and party friends, who probably never saw the land, he obtained money from the school fund to full twice the amount of the value of the swamp. He has failed to pay the interest on the debt, and for eight years the taxpayers have been obliged to pay it for him. He has failed to pay this honest debt to the school fund although repeatedly urged to do so. He is a lawyer and knows that the money cannot be collected on his note by suit until the land is sold, and he has the best of reasons for believing that the land cannot be sold at the appraised value, which is only two-thirds of the amount he received from the school fund. He knows that the people who have been paying the taxes have for nearly eight years been paying the interest that was due from him to the school fund. Is this an honest transaction, or is it a swindle on the school fund, that should be sacred to every citizen of Indiana? Is such a man worthy to be made Chief Executive of the State? Is he the right kind of a man to guard the interests of the children of the State, and to look after the welfare of the taxpayers? We leave the voters to answer these timely questions at the ballot box in November.

Protection A Tax.

The strength of protection lies chiefly in the fact that the mass of the voters do not understand that protection is a tax. Let them once understand that they are taxed, taxed again and again by protection, let them once grasp the extent and certainty of this tax, and then protection is doomed. If the money taken out of the pockets of the people were taken directly, if every time bills of goods were bought the additional percentage due to protection were set aside and taken as a tax, then there would be few protectionists. Let the extent and certainty of this tax be once understood by the consumers who pay it, and then let the protectionists come forward to prove that protection is desirable; that for the tax imposed a just return is made. He would be laughed at. The truth once seen, no protectionist argument would avail. No argument would convince the people to vote upon their shoulders the tax demanded. Nothing would convince the people to pay such a price for what the protectionists pretend to give.

But, unfortunately, just here lies the difficulty for tariff reformers. The tax imposed upon the people is indirect. It is a tax that does not force itself upon the attention; it has to be looked for. Its presence is only to be noted by disentangling it from the obscuring influence that surround it. Like one of those insidious diseases that grow at the vitality of the patient, but which create no alarm because they do not force themselves upon the attention, so with protection. The evils are there but they hide themselves. The hope of revenue reformers must be, that by again and again pointing out the elementary principles of the tariff question the evils may at last become apparent to all. Let me, in this paper, attempt to do away with some of the darkness that envelopes the subject.

What, then, is a protective tariff? Suppose a farmer in New York city who wishes to buy a trace chain. Upon a vessel in the harbor there is a chain, bro't from England, in every way suitable to the farmer's purpose. He asks the owner the price of the chain, and is told \$10. The price is satisfactory. The farmer hauls out his pocket-book to pay for the chain. But just then an official steps forward and says: "Wait a bit. Do you know that if you buy that chain you will not be allowed to take it home with you until you have paid an import duty of \$5.30?" In other words, if you buy this chain the government taxes you \$5.30. This alters things somewhat. Under such circumstances the price of the chain to the farmer is \$15.30. Of this price \$5.30 is owing to a law passed by congress. If the farmer buys the chain he is poorer by \$5.30 because of this law, and the government has \$5.30 more in its treasury. He certainly is taxed by the tariff in this transaction.

Now, the farmer not being a fool, does not want to pay more for the chain than needs must. He would prefer to take the chain for \$10, but the law forbids that. If now an American chain just as good as the other is offered for a little less than the price of the other plus the tax, say \$15 the farmer will take that. He prefers paying \$15 to paying \$10 and a tax of \$5.30. He therefore buys the American chain and pays for it \$15. Now how do things stand? The government gets nothing in this transaction. But the farmer pays \$5 more than he would have done were it not for the law of Congress. He is poor by \$5 in this transaction because of the law. Is it a misuse of the words to say that the law has taxed him \$5 even if the government got nothing?

These are the two types of tariff taxation. Variations from these types are consequently of some influence outside of the tariff. The influence, generally competition, may be such as to entirely overcome the tendency of the tariff, or may modify the tax from the zero point up the full amount. The tendency of the tariff, however, is in either one or the other direction. In one the result goes to the government, in the other elsewhere; but in both it is a tax, a burden upon the people. By F. J. KRAMER.—The million.

[Indianapolis News]

There comes up every once in awhile evidence of the desirability of perpetual youth for Judge Drummond, that he

might remain upon the bench forever. Once he stopped the late Matt. Carpenter, who was attempting to quibble and get around the application of a law, by reminding Carpenter that as Senator he had helped to make that law, and that he ought to be ashamed of himself for trying to thus discredit his own work. That shut Carpenter up. The other day there was a case before him of an estate to be settled, in which three Milwaukee lawyers participated. The estate was worth \$32,400. The lawyers had considerably left the heirs \$7,900 of it, applying for 25.00% for their own services. To this Judge Drummond, with all his integrity, fused into the very incarnation of justice, as any one knows him can easily imagine, said:

"Gentlemen, you consider yourselves good lawyers. How much more are your services worth to your clients than mine are to the people? You have charged \$25.00 for sixty days' service. Can you not be content, each of you, to take my pro rata for the same time? These charges are infamous. They are such as scoundrels and thieves at heart would make. This charge of \$15,000 is cut down to \$1,500, those of \$5,000 to \$500. Repeat such a piece of rapacity in this court and I will disbar every one of you."

Indianapolis Sentinel.

The Sentinel's Position.

When the Sentinel, on the 18th instant, questioned whether Mr. Blaine could afford the method of warfare his following was waging against Mr. Cleveland, it made, for itself, no assault on the wife or children of the Republican candidate. Criticising and reprobating the venoms and continuous private calumnies printed against the Democratic candidate, it recited certain reports in general circulation concerning Mr. Blaine. It did not assert them true. It only referred to the currency of the scandal. Whatever condemnation the editorial had for Mr. Blaine was conditioned upon the truth of the rumors. No opinion was expressed as to their correctness or incorrectness. The publication left the matter an open question for refutation provided refutation was possible. As a candidate for the Presidency Mr. Blaine was legitimately subject to questioning as to the validity of the reports. If innocent of their charges he had only to summon record to confute them. The churches and civil courts in this country afford by their ministers, officers and books sufficient data for establishing legitimacy of marriage consummated under them, even were not personal witnesses available. If really free from irregularity, there has not been a matrimonial ceremony in a State east of the Mississippi River within forty years which could not be proven on short notice by preacher, priest record or witness. There is not a sane man living whose marriage was regular and correct, who would not prefer answering a question with one or the other of these kinds of proofs to involving the reputation of wife and children in a libel suit; but this aside.

We again state that the editorial on which Mr. Blaine places his libel suit was chiefly inquisitive as to the truth or falsity of the prevalent rumors that he had dishonored a girl before wedding her. With the violent assaults of his political friends against the Sentinel, candidate, we had the right to inquire of him as to those rumors. Had Mr. Blaine met them with formal evidences of the error of those reports, the Sentinel would have gladly published them. Had he remained silent, and would have also silenced his organs from uttering slanders against the Democratic candidate, the Sentinel would have questioned Mr. Blaine's affairs no further.

But by the course he has selected Mr. Blaine has forced the Sentinel into a position requiring it to prove the truth or falsity of the rumors it has referred to. This position was not our seeking. It is Mr. Blaine's own doing. His action was a stupendous mistake. "He has committed a crime," said one of Napoleon's Marshals to Tallyrand. "Worse than that," answered the minister. "He has committed a blunder." Mr. Blaine has blundered.

For the sake of Mr. Blaine's family we regret being forced to produce the overwhelming evidence which we will produce in the trial. It is evidence against which bravado can not stand. It is evidence in the face of which Mr. Blaine's blustering telegram ordering the suit will appear as either blind recklessness or grim caricature. They purify the blood, regulate the bowels, and act directly on the diseased parts. Every bottle guaranteed of its possibility, if not actual, existence. We protest against its responsibility for its disclosure being laid at our door. Let Mr. Blaine's friends remember that it was his doing—not ours.

William Purcell Retracts.

William Purcell, who has temporarily withdrawn from the editorship of The Union and Advertiser, published this afternoon in that paper the following letter, under the head of "A Ghang State of Facts": "Two days after the appearance in the Buffalo Evening Telegraph of the article headed 'A Terrible Tale,' in conversation with a representative of the New York Sun I remarked that, upon the then existing state of facts, Gov. Cleveland must be considered as a 'moral leper.' The conclusion without the premises was printed and has since been extensively copied. I desire to say that information has come to me from a source in which I place explicit confidence materially changing the state of facts upon which the remark was made. Hence, in justice to Gov. Cleveland, myself, and to all others whom it may concern, I withdraw the characterization, and request that hereafter it be not attributed to me."—Chicago Times.

An editor is a man who is liable to grammatical blunders, toothache, typographical errors and lapses of memory, and usually he has ninety-seven thousand and people watching to catch him tripping. He is a man of sorrow acquainted with grief and poverty, and frequently liable to go ragged, hungry and dry for a very long period. And yet the woods are full of people who want to be editors.—Chicago Sun.

Terre Haute Gazette: It is clear that Blaine's libel suit is a delusion and a pretense, designed to cheat and mis-

lead the public. Were it a good faith suit why institute in the United States Court? Why not bring in the State court? It can not be that he is afraid of the judges, for they are mainly Republican. The secret of the matter lies in the fact, as every lawyer knows, that the cause cannot be tried in the Federal Court until after the election. The Indianapolis Journal of yesterday admits this much and gives the whole thing away. No jury will be convened in the United States Circuit Court until November.

This suit, like some others of its kind, is not brought to be tried. It is brought for effect, and it will cause a great deal, but no such one as its authors hope for. If Mr. Blaine meant to try this cause he could have it done in a Republican court, in a Republican county and surrounded by Republican sympathizers by simply instituting it in any of the courts of Marion county. Blaine's conduct in this matter has all the earmarks of a "Mulligan bluff."

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THE MOREY LETTER.

Lawyer Hadley Denies That He Confessed to Davenport That He Wrote the Morey Letter in Very Plain Language.

New York, Aug. 16.—H. H. Hadley, whom John I. Davenport charged with having forged the Morey letter, on being interviewed denied emphatically having forged or written the Morey letter, and branded as a lie Davenport's assertion that he confessed the forgery. He asserts he never saw or heard of the letter until it was published in the public print. He admits having investigated the question of its authorship at the request of the Democratic National Committee, but asserts nothing ever came to his knowledge implicating any member of that committee in the affair. At the request of prominent Democrats, he offered \$2,000 in 1881 for the discovery of the author of the letter, and made a memorandum of the entire affair, which he gave to an intimate to publish in case of his death, if it ought necessary. He would now consult with his friends, and, if considered best, would publish his conclusions, which, he says, are sustained by unquestioned documentary evidence. He declared Senator Barnum had nothing to hide in regard to his connection in the matter, and in conclusion said: "In due time I shall speak for myself, and, when I do, it will be effectively."

Blaine's Magnetism.

The following incident in the life of Blaine, showing his personal magnetism and his remarkable memory of his acquaintances, was told by Mr. Frank Hatton, assistant Postmaster General, to some friends in Iowa. Some years ago Mr. Hatton accompanied Mr. Blaine to a speaking at Fairfield, Iowa. The learned Knight heard that a gentleman who had removed to Fairfield from Washington, Pa., many years before had become quite prominent locally. Before the speaker commenced he asked Mr. Hatton to point the gentleman out. Mr. Hatton did so, and the Mulligan man arose went to the front of the platform and cried out: "Cyrus, you did not think that I would know you, but I do, I never forgot one of the old Washington boys. Come right up here and sit on the platform." Such "personal magnetism" and such a "remarkable memory" (recently refreshed) show exactly the demagogue the man is. The above story is direct from Frank Hatton to a Republican Supreme Judge, of whom I have it.

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Seymour Democrat: When Cleveland was asked about the scandals against his character originated by an irresponsible paper, he telephoned to his friends: "Tell the truth." When a reputable newspaper asked a question relative to the private character of Blaine, he telephoned to a dog that wears his party collar: "Muzzle the press!" We can't afford to let the facts be investigated."

Vincennes Sun: The New York Herald, which charged Blaine with his scandalous perfidy, is worth \$10,000,000, yet Blaine came right by it to Indiana to get to see a paper not one-hundredth part as strong financially as the Herald. He stands down and backs out, begging somebody to kick him so that he can get sympathy—the Plumed Knight does.

Logansport Pharos: Blaine has undoubtedly made a fool of himself in suing a newspaper. It makes all the difference in the world whose ox is gored. Cleveland has born all the slander heaped upon him unflinchingly. His only response was "Tell the truth."

Use for Old Pianos.

A Labrador tribe, it is said, made the barrels stolen from a wrecked whale-ship serve as chimney-tops. The West Indians utilized Timothy Dexter's warming-pans for sugar-ladies, and the Shaws find no worse use for English beer-bottles than to stick them up as household gods to keep evil spirits away! But the drollest instance of unthought-of capability is reported in the London Truth: What becomes of old pianos? That well-known and most adventurous Frenchman, De Tonnant, while in Patagonia, wished to gain the good-will of an old Patagonian chief. He accord-

ingly gave the savage a worn-out grand piano, which he had bought for eighty francs.

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This may account for the final resting-place of old "grands," but what is the end of worn-out cottage pianos?

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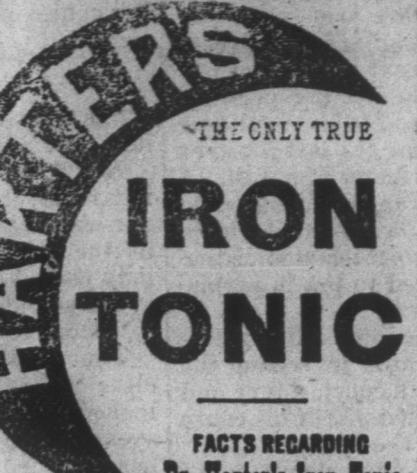
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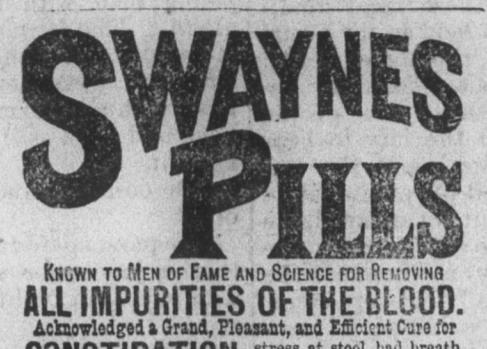
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