



2,434,230 bushels of apples were exported from this country to England last year.

The coal barons of Indiana say the miners' wages must be further reduced. Ah, that 47 per cent. tariff is a blessing(?)

The record of mercantile failures during the early part of this year shows an increase over that of last year of from 15 to 20 per cent.

The manufacturers of agricultural implements recently held a meeting at Fort Wayne and formed a trust. This means an increase in price for farm machinery.

The Monongahela river coal operators, employing 6,000 men, have decided to close down every mine within the next ten days for an indefinite period.

Ex-President Cleveland gave answer to the question, "What shall be done with our ex-presidents," by going to work at 9 a. m. the day after he became a private citizen.

Farmers bitterly denounce the organization of the binding-twine trust. The election of Mr. Cleveland and passage of the Mills bill would have killed such trusts.

The Indianapolis News, republican, pays the following compliment to the Indiana Legislature: "With all its faults it was an able Legislature. It did some good work. It was too hot-headed in partisan bitterness, but it had sand and sense."

The appointment of R. T. Lincoln and Fred Grant to high places, and the probable appointment of young Arthur, leads us to suggest to the "grandson of his grandfather" that the sons of Garfield can furnish the same recommendation, viz: They are the sons of their fathers. Blue blood gusheth, in the selections for office under this administration. The Blaines, the Grants, the Arthurs, the Garfields, et al., are pressed into positions for which they are totally unfitted, while brainy, experienced men are insolently bade to stand aside.

Our republican friends in this delivery district will hold a convention Saturday of next week to determine upon the successor of Mr. Bates, postmaster in Rensselaer. It is given out there is no desire to cut short the term of the present incumbent. If this be correct the convention should be postponed for nine months. But mark our prediction—the convention will select the man, and Billy Owen, with no factions to pacify, will see that the lucky one is immediately appointed and installed. Harrison is a spoilsman all over.

The following are the main provisions of the new bribery law:

That whoever hires, buys or offers to hire or buy, directly or indirectly, or handles any money or other means, knowing the same to be used to induce, hire or buy any person to vote or refrain from voting any ticket or for any candidate for any office at any election held pursuant to law, or at any primary election or convention of any political party; or whoever makes any threat, directly or indirectly, expressed or implied, to deprive

any legal voter of employment, patronage or benefit of any kind whatever to induce such voter to vote or refrain from voting any ticket or for any candidate for any office at any election or convention; or whoever, by such threat or otherwise, shall intimidate, or attempt to intimidate, any legal voter from voting, or from voting any ticket, or for any candidate for any office at such election held pursuant to law; or whoever shall compel a householding legal voter to move out of a house within sixty days next before any election held pursuant to law, with intent to deprive such voter of his vote; or whoever within sixty days next previous to any election held pursuant to law, shall discharge any employe, who is a legal voter, with intent to cause him to remove his residence so as to disqualify him from voting at such election; or whoever being an employer of any laborer or laborers, or the agent of such employer, shall on the day previous to any election held pursuant to law order such laborer or laborers, who are legal voters, away on business of such employer, or any other service whatever, so far from his or their voting place as to deprive him or them of the opportunity to vote at such election, then the person so offending in any of the foregoing particulars, and all other persons abetting, counseling, encouraging or advising such acts, shall thereby become liable, jointly and severally, to the person hired, bought or induced to vote, or refrain from voting, by the means above enumerated, or to the person against whom any of the other acts, above enumerated or perpetrated, in the sum of \$500, and reasonable attorney's fees for collecting the same in an action to be brought in the name of the State on his own relation, either in the circuit or superior courts, or before any justice of the peace, and the defendant shall be arrested on the beginning of proceedings.

The above are the points in what is known as the Lacy bill. The Barrett bill provides:

Any candidate before any political convention for nomination who shall hire, bribe or influence by offers or promises of reward any delegate or person to vote or work for his nomination, shall be fined in a sum not exceeding \$500 and disfranchised and rendered incapable of holding any office of trust for any determinate period, and if nominated shall be ineligible to hold such office. Secondly, whoever, being a candidate for any office, loans or offers or promises to loan or give any money or thing of value to any elector for the purpose of influencing or retaining the vote of any elector or inducing such elector to vote for his election or to refrain from working for the election of any other candidate, etc., shall be fined not less than \$300 nor more than \$1,000, and rendered incapable of holding any office or place of trust for any determinate period, and his election, if elected, declared void.

3. Any person who shall be guilty of influencing any elector in the manner stated above shall be fined not less than \$25 nor more than \$100, imprisoned in the county jail not less than ten days nor more than six months, and disfranchised for any determinate period.

4. Any person who, directly or indirectly influences any elector to remain away from the polls or refrain from voting shall be fined not less than \$25 nor more than \$500 and disfranchised for not less than ten years, to which may be added imprisonment in the county jail for a period not to exceed six months.

Sec. 5 of this bill prescribes that at any election it shall be a ground for challenge that any person offering to vote has used or attempted to use money or like means to influence any elector and when so challenged he shall not be permitted to vote until he takes an oath that he has not been guilty of the charges. Should he make false affidavit he shall be punished accordingly.

Also, any person not duly authorized who shall, before the ballots are counted and the result ascertained, or six months thereafter, break open or violate the seals of the ballot box, etc., shall be fined not more than \$1,000 nor less than \$500, and imprisoned in the state prison not more than ten nor less than two years, and disfranchised for any determinate period.

Why Farming Don't Pay.

The Valparaiso Messenger gives a number of correct reasons why farming has become unprofitable:

"Of course the farmer who has a big price for his land can't make a profit on the money invested at the present price of the commodities he produces. In competition with the west there would be no money in grain for an eastern farmer even if his land had cost him nothing. His selling is made additionally unprofitable by circumstances that he gets the lowest prices for what he sells and is compelled to pay the highest prices for what he buys. His expenses for necessities is regulated by the tariff. They are kept up by artificial means. He is compelled to pay high prices so that interests in which he is not interested, and in whose profit he does not share, may be maintained. But when he sells he finds that he has not only the west but the whole world to compete with. The home market fails to give him better prices than are offered for his products in Liverpool. Under the circumstances it is not wonder that the farmers, with all their economy and toil, find their expenses leave no margin for profit, and that many of them are going to the wall? Isn't it more wonderful that so large a number of them were persuaded into supporting a tariff policy which enlarges the expenses without increasing the price of the products they have to sell?"

FIGHTING MONOPOLY TAXES.

The formation of a tariff reform league for the state of Indiana on the day of President Harrison's inauguration is a significant proof that those who are opposed to the protectionist policy of the present administration intend, as the saying is, "to carry the war into Africa." The recent tariff reform convention which was held at Chicago is said to have furnished a striking demonstration of the intense zeal of the anti-protectionists of the West. These latter assert that the qualifications made by western tariff reformers during the last political campaign were decidedly damaging to the progress of the cause in the western states; that the people there believe in complete free trade, that is, as near free trade as it is possible to get while raising a part of the revenue by a tax imposed upon imports. The qualifications made in the East of placing raw materials upon the free list and protecting finished commodities is not at all to their liking. They assert that this is a sacrifice of principle; that, once admit the right of the government to make its laws for the benefit of classes, and, ethically considered, the whole question is given away. Who shall be protected and who shall not be protected becomes then simply a question of congressional expediency, and, naturally, those who have the strongest pull at Washington are likely to be the ones who will reap the greatest benefit. The western ideal of an anti-protection campaign is to come out boldly and vigorously in favor of free trade, denouncing protection as morally and economically wrong. It is on this basis that the reform league has been started in the state of Indiana, and has already received the enthusiastic support of an unexpectedly large number of prominent citizens. This, it is said, is but the first move in an effort toward organization that is to be made in all of the western states for the purpose of carrying on the anti-protection missionary work in the same spirit and with the same zeal that the anti-slavery propaganda was preached thirty years ago.—Boston Herald.

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