

Democratic Sentinel

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TARIFF REFORM LEAGUE!

On Friday evening, June 21st, 1889, a meeting will be held at the Court House, in Rensselaer, for the purpose of organizing a Tariff Reform League in this place. With the highest protective tariff the country has ever known and starvation wages the hire of the workingmen of the land; with monopolies arrogant and soulless and the Harrisonian administration playing into their hands, the time is certainly auspicious for the organization of Tariff Reform Leagues in every city, village and hamlet in the country. The so-called protection is a delusion and a fraud.

The terrible disaster at Johnstown and other points, occasioned by the recent freshet occupies almost the entire space of the dailies since that event. Johnstown has but few buildings left standing within her limits, and it is believed the number of lives lost will exceed 15,000. At other points, on the Juniata and Susquehanna and other streams there is great destruction of life and property. At Lewistown the bridges, supposed to have but beyond the reach of high water, are swept away.

Our former townsman, E. C. Nowels, writes from Minneapolis, Colorado, June 2d, to his brother, C. D. Nowels, at this place:

Our once beautiful town of Minneapolis is now almost a solid mass of ruins. "Storm-King" visited us yesterday evening about 6 o'clock and left desolation in its track. The track of the storm was from NW to SE and was only a few hundred yards wide. About 4 o'clock in the afternoon a cloud began forming in the northwest and continued to grow black and threatening until the wind, what little there was, turned to the northwest, when the heavens seemed to be in one mighty commotion, the clouds forming into whirlpools of which there were three distinct currents. As the cloud came thundering on, making a loud roaring noise like that of wind blowing over the mouths of hundreds of open flues, men who had stood in the front ranks of battle and never flinched rushed to their homes in terror and got their families into the cellars. Everett and Trely were out and just reached the house before the storm burst in its most terrific force. Out of 204 buildings in our town 72 of them this morning are damaged or entirely destroyed (this does not include outbuildings), 25 of these are strewn over the prairie and are only fit for kindling wood. On North Main street the buildings on both sides are entirely gone down to the Kreamer Bargain house, except the P. O. building on west side and the house we first moved into, while on the east side only two stood the pressure, one of which Nancy Haley lived in. She and several other women sought safety in the cellar. On South Main St. and Central Ave the destruction was equally as bad. Immediately north of W. R. Parker's building and south of J. Dolton's grocery are several buildings completely destroyed. Parker's house came out all right. One of P. D. Slingerland's houses on west side of Main St. was picked from the foundation and mashed into the west side of the Grand Central Hotel, making it look sorry indeed. The residence of W. H. Boyle was destroyed and the contents scattered to the four winds, consisting of costly furniture, trunks and clothing, they being on their claim, one mile south of town. Several houses were lifted from

their foundations, carried several hundred feet, turned entirely around and left standing all right. The residence of Mr. Bowlin was carried several feet, and the kitchen part has gone to "No Man's Land." The storm lifted the residence of H. E. Sommers from foundation and started with it and his family to Oklahoma, but changed its mind and set him down on another lot some distance away. The building of C. M. Hopkins, on west side of Main street, is a total ruin. Our new school house, two stories high, was moved from the foundation and badly damaged. Strange, indeed, that no one was hurt. Yet some say it was not a cyclone. If it was not, I never want to see a full grown one. There was an immense amount of rain and hail fell during the storm, damaging crops badly. Folks all well and crops looking tolerably well.

ELIZABETH NOWELS

Indianapolis Sentinel: Mr. Sim Coy, by the grace of President Harrison, was able to return home yesterday, once more a free man. He received a warm welcome from the old friends and neighbors who have never lost faith in him, believing him to have been the victim of a wicked partisan conspiracy. The infamous course of Judge Woods in the recent election cases has strengthened this belief. It is well to remember that Coy was convicted upon the unsupported testimony of a self-confessed perjurer, and that the tribunal before which he was tried was "organized to convict." It is well also to bear in mind that, if he did commit any offense he has fully expiated it. He has paid the penalty of the crime of which he was accused, whether he was guilty of it or not. He has suffered imprisonment while men notoriously guilty of offenses ten times as serious as that imputed to him were receiving the protection and countenance of the very persons who were most relentless in urging his prosecution. That he is a man of fine natural abilities and many admirable qualities, everybody who knows him will concede. His past is behind him; his future is in his own hands. The Sentinel hopes and believes that that future will be such as to vindicate the judgment of those who have always insisted that Coy was not guilty and whose fidelity to him has been due to their firm belief in his innocence, and not to any sympathy with fraud.

Is the Truth a Lie?

In the case of the Shelby county vote-buyer, Samuel J. Carpenter, the evidence that he practiced wholesale and systematic bribery was absolutely overwhelming. The defendant's own testimony established his guilt. But it was not and could not be proved that his corrupt expenditures of money affected the election of a representative in congress, and for this reason Judge Woods instructed the jury to return a verdict of acquittal, which it did without leaving the box.

In the Coy case the evidence showed that the fraud with which Coy was charged was not intended to affect, did not affect and could not possibly have affected the election of a representative in congress. Yet this same Judge Woods, who had exhibited from the beginning of the proceedings the most intense anxiety to convict, instructed (virtually) the jury to bring in a verdict of guilty.

If Judge Woods was right in his Carpenter ruling, as he probably was, his instruction in the Coy case was an infamous judicial outrage. The two rulings were directly in conflict.

The bare statement of the facts carries his condemnation with it, and that is probably why his organ calls it "a base and brainless libel." The Journal's "wild and reckless lying" about these matters will not help Judge Woods, however. His judicial reputation is utterly gone, and no amount of organic lying or hair-splitting can save even a shred of it. Indianapolis Sentinel.

The Sentinel does not mince its words. It strikes out from the shoulder and hits hard.

Circuit and Commissioners' Courts convened last Monday.

Attorneys Graham and Marshall have moved into up-stairs rooms in the Makeever bank building. Trustee Greenfield will occupy the same rooms. The Citizens' Bank has purchased the vacated premises, and after enlarging and beautifying will occupy it.

Yesterday Circuit Court adjourned over to Monday of next week.

Jasper county's share of the State apportionment of school moneys is \$5,313.60.

Last evening a coal oil lamp fell from its fastening and smashes in Tuteur's store, happily with no worse results than the momentary fright of those present.

Drs. Hartsell and Washburn opened an abscess on Mr. Puren's thigh, Thursday of last week, since when there is some improvement in the patient's condition.

CIRCULAR LETTER DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, CENSUS OFFICE,

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 1, 1889.

TO THE MEDICAL PROFESSION:
The various medical associations and the medical profession will be glad to learn that Dr. John S. Billings, Surgeon U. S. Army, has consented to take charge of the Report on the Mortality and Vital Statistics of the United States as returned by the Eleventh Census.

As the United States has no system of registration of vital statistics, such as is relied upon by other civilized nations for the purpose of ascertaining the actual movement of population, our census affords the only opportunity of obtaining near an approximate estimate of the birth and death rates of much the larger part of the country, which is entirely unprovided with any satisfactory system of State and municipal registration.

In view of this, the Census Office, during the month of May this year, will issue to the medical profession throughout the country "Physician's Registers" for the purpose of obtaining more accurate returns of deaths than it is possible for the enumerators to make. It is earnestly hoped that physicians in every part of the country will co-operate with the Census Office in this important work. The record should be kept from June 1, 1889, to May 31, 1890. Nearly 26,000 of these registration books were filled up and returned to the office in 1880, and nearly all of them used for statistical purposes. It is hoped that double this number will be obtained for the Eleventh Census.

Physicians not receiving Registers can obtain them by sending their names and addresses to the Census Office, and, with the Register, an official envelope which requires no stamp will be provided for their return to Washington.

If all medical and surgical practitioners throughout the country will lend their aid, the mortality and vital statistics of the Eleventh Census will be more comprehensive and complete than they have ever been. Every physician should take a personal pride in having this report as full and accurate as it is possible to make it.

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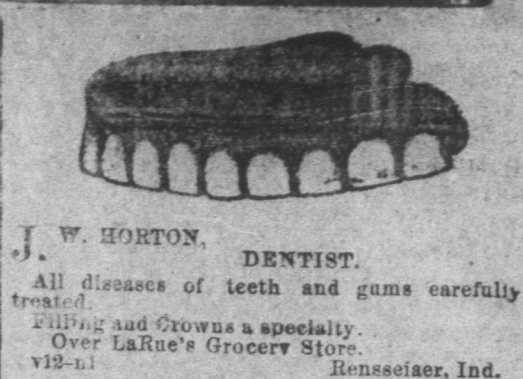
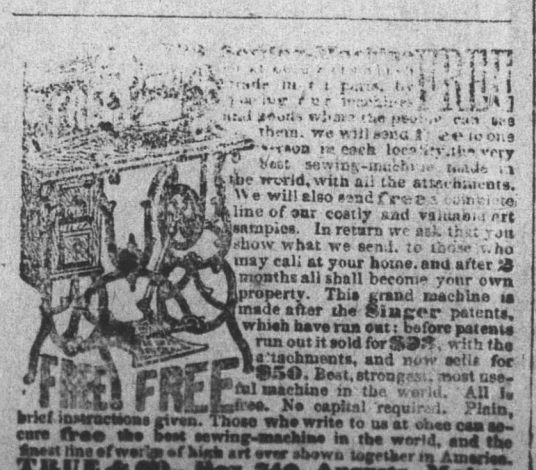
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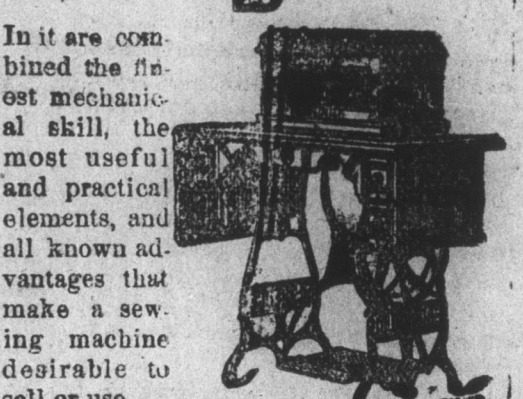
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