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Ice-president Morton has taken a license for a saloon in Washington. It badly shocked our local friends in this neck-o'-the-woods, and they denounced it as a upperhead lie.

Capt. J. A. Burnham has received a notice of a re-rating and increase of his pension rate. The increase is only two dollars per month, or much less than Mr. Burnham's disability, incurred in service, would seem to justify entitling him to.—Republican.

Well this republican administration is too much occupied in shoveling out the surplus to the Manderson's and others of the class that is not entitled to it, to devote any thought to the needy and deserving.

President Eliot, of Harvard University, recently said, among other things: "In the first place, though I'm up first a Whig, then a Republican, and almost a protectionist, I have come to believe that the protectionist principle is false and delusive, and that the industries of the United States are crippled and their natural development prevented by the heavy taxes maintained under the name of protection. The protective duties, so-called, protect capital perhaps, but not labor [applause] and I believe that this protection for capital is unnatural and undesirable in the long run. [Applause.]

Mr. Bussey has done even more than Corporal Tanner to degrade the pension roll. With his reckless "decision" that claimants who had been injured while swimming, playing at leap-frog and witnessing circus performances were "in line of duty," and that a discharge was not a bar to a pension, he has placed valor and ignominy on the same plane and dragged the veterans of the war down to the level of the bounty jumpers, coffee coolers, dead beats and deserters.

It was Bussey who opened the door to Tanner.

KEEP YOUR EYES ON THEM.

The farmers of the country, says the Lafayette Journal, are at last becoming alive to their actual condition and taking steps to bring about a more desirable state of affairs. The dispatches tell us that in Michigan they are organizing in opposition to trusts and combines of all kinds and they propose to make their fight at the ballot box. Their organization numbers about 80,000 at the present time and is growing rapidly. They declare openly that they are going to control the elections, if need be to defend their own interest. They can do it if they so decide and the powers that be may well look out for them. The wheat growers of the Mississippi and Missouri valleys and the Pacific coast met at St. Louis the other day and, among other things, resolved in favor of such a reciprocity of trade between this and foreign nations as would cause foreign export of American wheat free of duty. They resolved further that it was the duty of Congress to take such steps as will destroy combines and trusts and once more they resolved: "To the end that we may get our farm implements laws be repealed that place a duty on farm implements, or the raw material used in their manufacture."

The men who composed that convention are men of intelligence, and their resolutions sound as if they had punctured the protective tariff tissue of fraud as applied to the farmers.

On account of such meetings and for passing such resolutions the Republican press has raised the cry of alarm, and has tried to point out to these farmers that

plements at a less price, that they are driving into the camp of "free traders." But the Minnesota farmers meet and resolve to resent the attack made on their meetings and declare that "the concern of one is the concern of all, and the injury of one is the injury of all."

Other interests are trying to convince the farmers that it is wrong or the time to go into such organizations.

Well, as a primary proposition we would say the same thing to them. But as a matter of self-defense, the question is quite different. Other interests have treated the farmer as a green horn and trampled his interests under an iron heel because it has been thought the farmer, in his isolated condition, incapable of organizing for the purpose of self-defense. But when whole States and sections of the country get into intelligent convention and begin passing ringing resolutions, the matter takes on quite a different aspect and the corporations that are fattening to day at the farmer's expense may well get frightened.

Out in the new State of Montana the "Northwestern Farmer and Breeder," an agricultural paper heretofore giving aid to the Republican party, came out last week talking like this: "The Republican policy of protection does not represent the western idea. The farmers of the entire northwest who have been giving the Republican party its majorities are LOW TARIFF men." Further the paper says: "We have noticed that once a farmer is led to investigate the tariff he discovers that it is really a personal matter and effects his success; it enters the house and touches almost almost everything in daily use; goes out upon the farm and lays a heavy tax on all his farm machinery, tools and utensils—a tax that brings HIM NO RETURN in any shape."

The paper declares its intention to discuss the tariff freely and invites the farmers to a careful consideration of what it has to say. The farmers of the United States are oppressed to day and they are not making a living. They know this to be a fact and the day has passed when some broad cloth agent, from a comfortable office in the city, and who don't know a cornstalk from a stalk of mullen, can make them believe they are the most prosperous people on earth. Farming don't pay. Farmers have the remedy in their own hands. Their redress is at the ballot box and for once, we are glad to see them organizing and moving in that direction.

We print elsewhere the resolutions recently adopted by the Randolph county board of education on the text-book question. They are sensible and patriotic, and show that the Randolph county board is composed of honest men and good citizens. They very rightfully denounce the attempt to give the school book question a partisan aspect, and condemn in severe terms the attempt of the trust to create a sentiment against the law by the use of money.—Randolph county is one of the strongest republican counties in the state. But that is no reason why it should not enjoy all the advantages conferred by the school book law. There is no "politics" in that law. Although it was passed by a democratic legislature it received many republican votes. It was in the line of recommendations made by Gov. Hovey in his inaugural address. Of the state board of education which adopted the new text books, more than half the members are republicans. Of the Indiana school book company half the members, including the president and vice president, are active republicans. The attempt to make a political issue out of these books is simply a trick of the school book trust, which Gov. Hovey so roundly denounced in his inaugural for its robbery of the people of Indiana. The Randolph county board of education sees through this little game, showing that it has more intelligence and more honesty than certain other republican boards—those of Kokomo and Connersville, for instance.

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SCHOOL BOOK QUESTION.

Resolutions Adopted by the Randolph County Board.

The preamble and resolutions recently adopted by the Randolph county board of education on the text book question are given in full below:

Whereas, The legislature of this state at its last session passed a law concerning text-books for use in the common schools of this state, and whereas, the members of the state board of education, gentlemen of worth, intelligence and experience, and the recognized leaders of educational thought in this state; men whose integrity and purity of character has been, and is now, above reproach, and high above the plane of acting from motives of mere partisanship, have in accordance with the law on this question, carefully examined the books of the Indiana educational series, and pronounced them equal in every respect to the books now generally used throughout this state:

Therefore, Be it resolved by the members of this board, that we deem it to the best interests of the educational welfare of this county that the books of the Indiana educational series be put into the schools of this county as new classes are formed, and that we hereby make a rule to that effect.

Resolved, That we deprecate the attempts that have been made to make the school-book question a partisan one, and that the members of this board will look with disfavor upon all attempts to make party capital out of a question purely educational in its scope and character; and that we believe the true friends of education, who take the time and trouble to investigate the matter will agree with us in the proposition that this question has been agitated as a party measure, and odium sought to be cast upon the books adopted because certain book agents and publishing houses have made a corrupt use of money to create such a sentiment and defeat the ends and purposes of the law.

Resolved, That notwithstanding the fact that a change of text-books as new classes are formed may create some confusion, we think such a course will cause less trouble than the use of two sets of books, which cannot be prevented, because there are persons who will buy the new series of books, and under the law teachers and officers are obliged to recognize them, and thereby uniformity be destroyed and the schools suffer in consequence thereof, unless the old series of books are replaced altogether by the new.

Resolved, That we ask the people to consider carefully this subject before attaching blame to any one, believing that if any one is to be blamed in the matter, it should fall on the law officers whose sworn duty it is to enforce the law.

Resolved, that we ask the co-operation of the people and the press of this county in the enforcement of this law, which will ultimately save the people about 50 per cent. in the cost of their school-books.

Resolved, That the attempts by certain book agents and publishing-houses to create a sentiment against the present law by the use of money, making it embarrassing for school officers in the performance of their duties, we regard as mean, contemptible and disgraceful.

Resolved, That we commend the action of Gov. Hovey in bringing this school-book question to the attention of the last legislature, and that we also commend the efforts of all persons, regardless of party, to give the people cheaper books without impairing the quality and character of them. J. W. Denney, President. W. H. Wright, Secretary.

Washington, Oct. 25.—Levi P. Morton, the vice-president of the United States, took out a liquor license to-day, and is now duly authorized to perform all the functions of a saloonkeeper. Mr. Morton is owner of the Shoreham hotel, a magnificent structure of stone and brick, that cost \$300,000. He has taken much interest in its building this summer, and many of its pleasant features were his own suggestions. It was opened Tuesday, and now that it is full of people who want something a little stronger than Potomac river water. Mr. Morton has obtained from the district authorities a licence to sell spirituous, vinous and malt liquors. The district laws require the consent of three fourths of the property-owners of the block in which a saloon is located. John R. McLean of Cincinnati is an extensive property-owner in the same block with Mr. Morton, and backed the vice-president in his application for a licence. The two gentlemen owning three fourths of the property in the block the licence was issued.

Mr. Manderson is not entitled to a penny of pension. The pretext of technical disability under which he draws pension money is a wrong to the really disabled ex-soldiers as well as to the labor of the country. Secy. Noble has done partial if tardy justice in annulling the false certificate of his total disability to earn his living. Complete justice will not be done until his name has been stricken from the pension rolls. If he can earn hundreds of thousands in private business and \$5,000 a year in public office, the pretense that a wound received in the military service a quarter of a century ago disables him in whole or part from supporting himself is fraudulent, and the money he draws is money wrongfully taken from labor to the detriment of real disabled veterans.—St Louis Republic

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