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The Democrat is not responsible for the views of its correspondents. Our columns have been open to any and all who wish to write upon any subject or matter for the common good. We do believe in free speech and a free press, when run in the bounds of propriety, and we hope our friends on either side of the fence, as well as those on the fence, will talk out. It is in this way we educate the people and bring out the real facts of the disputes.

A CLEAR CASE.

The Charleston Advertiser complains of the call of Jones, Wood, and Simons.

If the Tillman following is so small and insignificant, and if it is not believed they will carry the State, why is it necessary to organize a force to fight him?

It was not right for the farmers to hold meetings which were open to the public, and delegates to the March Convention now in the name of conservatism, and it is right for them to call a convention in the summer of 1890 in the above call?

Why are they going for 233 farmers, in a convention, to "suggest" a man for Governor, and right for 400 farmers, in the News and Courier's postal card campaign to do the same thing?

There is one of two things, either Tillman is endorsed by a majority of the people of the State, or he is not. If he is, then the constitution of the Democratic party provides that the majority shall rule. If he is not, then there is no earthly use of making so much fuss about it."

PEN AND SCISSORGRAPHS.

Sumter wants the colored Insane Asylum located there.

The Baptists, of Florence, are preparing to build a brick or stone church to cost \$10,000.

The population of Florence has increased to 5,500. It can now boast of 8 churches.

The State Dental Association will meet in Charleston on the 13th of May.

Anderson Williams, colored, who was to have been hanged at Sumter on Friday last has been respited to May 2.

When the farmers of the South make up their minds to boycott the western hog his protection will come to an end.

The Marion cotton factory has made its first shipment of four thousand pounds of yarn to Philadelphia.

Dr. Chas. F. Deems, of the Church of the Strangers of New York, spent last Sunday in Charleston.

Bill Scott, colored, the main witness in the Joe James murder case, died in the Darlington jail on the 19th.

The pension bill industry is still flourishing in Congress. Total numbers introduced this session up to last Saturday is 3,040.

Ex-President Cleveland and John Sullivan have had to call in the doctors to help them reduce their flesh.

The Farmers' Alliance of North Carolina have saved to the farmers of that State over half a million dollars in the matter of fertilizers alone.

The old and popular Hotel, in Charleston, known as the Pavilion, has been closed by the sheriff. The property belongs to the Tremholm estate and will no doubt be reopened by some one in the fall.

Congressman Dibble having determined to retire at the close of his term, the friends of Theodore G. Barker have placed him in nomination for the place. Such offices never go begging.

It came out in an English court a few days ago that 100 worn-out horses had just been shipped from that country to Germany and Belgium to be used up in the manufacture of sausage, and that such shipments were a regular thing.

E. A. Coulter, who has acted as State Secretary for the Y. M. C. A. of North and South Carolina for the past year, has resigned as State Secretary for South Carolina and will devote all his time to work in North Carolina.

VERIEST NONSENSE.

The talk about the lack of want of conservatism in the Farmers' movement is all bosh. Nothing but conservatism has characterized the movement so far, while the lack of it is plainly seen in the spite and venom of the opposition. The talk of the coming together of the conservative element of the two factions to prevent a split is the veriest nonsense. The friends of Mr. Tillman are in dead earnest, and if there is to be a split, upon the opposition must rest the blame and odium. The Tillmanites can never disrupt the party when they are already in the majority. The split, if any, will come from the minority.

Tillman and his friends have gone on public record that they will abide the action of the August Convention, and it is unmanly and unjust to charge them with duplicity. They are the peers of anybody in honesty and truthfulness. Since nearly all the farmers in this county are for Tillman, we are constrained to believe the opposition rests among a few of other classes in the hopeless minority. Such classes have hitherto expressed "great and abiding confidence in the good sense and conservatism of the farmers." Why, now, when they are nearly all one way distract them? Friends, the way to prevent splits and secure harmony is for those in the minority to join in the procession and go with the majority, unless they would admit the truth of the "rule or ruin" policy.

The Atlanta Journal advises a general boycott of Western hog's lard by the people of the Southern States if the compound lard bill becomes a law. This is practical and good advice. The bill is intended solely to restrict the sale of the Southern product, in order to increase the sale of its rival product, and the Southern people should not lend their aid to such partisan discrimination against an important Southern industry. Cotton seed oil is cleaner and cheaper and more wholesome than hog's lard and can be used for every purpose in the kitchen for which the latter is used, besides being fully equal to olive oil for table purposes. When the tax is imposed on the oil to make a large market for lard, every Southern housekeeper, and especially every Southern farmer, should refuse to buy lard at any price, and it would be good policy for them to use the oil only, whether it shall be taxed or not.

RABIES' TOES AND FINGERS.—"Clarissa Potter" advises mothers to pay more attention to the fingers and toes of crawling babies. When baby cries examine her tiny toes and fingers to make sure that no splinter of wood or iron has entered them. "As baby grows older and boots take the place of soft wood socks, care must be given that the feet are properly shod. Even a tiny nail can do a great deal of mischief. Dainty kid can perfectly pinch and cut the dainty flesh, and if the nail is too short, it can be cut under themselves, causing baby much waiting distress, which we in our ignorance try to relieve with generous doses of castor oil and catnip tea."

THE MISSION OF EDUCATED WOMEN.—Generous recognition is at once given of the beauty of the possible home, and of the power and importance of the woman's only field is emphatically denied. There are now open to her many channels through which she can influence the race, and the question is raised as to whether the advantage in this respect is altogether on this side of the married woman.—Mrs. M. E. Armstrong in Popular Science.

It is said that Speaker Reed was educated for the ministry, but the devil got on such intimate terms with him before he was equipped for work in the moral vineyard that he became a Republican politician, and see what a shocking fellow he has turned out to be, boss of a gang of treasury raiders and seat thieves.—Wilmington Star.

The next census reports will be in demand among the patent medicine venders. If the people answer all the questions asked they will know just how many diseases the American people cultivate, and just where to send their enro-ail circulars to.

There are six negroes in the Mississippi Legislature and all voted to appropriate \$10,000 to erect a monument in memory of the Confederate soldiers of that State.

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The announcement is made that Miss Winnie Davis, daughter of the late Jefferson Davis, is soon to wed Alfred Wilkerson, of Syracuse, New York, grandson of the great abolitionist leader, Sam May.

TARIFF HEARINGS.

THE WAILINGS OF TINNED PLATE AND ANVIL MEN.

Statistics from Mr. William C. Cronmeyer—How It Would Take a Population Nearly as Large as New York to Do as Much as 11,000 Welshmen.

The scene is the committee room of the ways and means committee. The time is Dec. 27. Enter Mr. William C. Cronmeyer, of Pittsburg. He states his views to the committee on ways and means. The desire of his soul is to see the United States manufacture their own tinned plate. The cost of manufacturing tinned plate in this country, according to Mr. Cronmeyer, would be \$5.50 per box of 112 pounds. In England the same quantity could be delivered free on boardship at Liverpool at \$3.25. Mr. Cronmeyer modestly stated that he wanted only enough protection to equalize the difference in the cost of labor between the two countries. "If the tinned plate industry," concluded Mr. Cronmeyer, "could be built up in this country, it would support a number of people nearly equal to the population of New York city."

Accepting Mr. Cronmeyer's figures as correct, the following facts are also pertinent to the matter. Nearly half the cost of tinned plate is for sheeted tin, which makes up 95 per cent. of finished tinned plate. At no time has the cost of a sheet of steel of the same size and weight been less than four cents in this country. This amount is for the raw material alone. A finished sheet of tinned plate of the same size is put free on board at Liverpool for three cents. The duty is one cent a pound. As each sheet weighs a pound, the cost of a sheet of tinned plate landed in this country is, therefore, four cents. But Mr. Cronmeyer proposes to manufacture tinned plate in this country with a protective tariff of two cents a pound. Therefore, for one cent a pound he proposes to pay the cost of tin, sulphuric acid, palm oil and wages; or, in other words, he proposes to do the whole process of tinning steel plates at a less cost than the Welsh do it at present.

Mr. Cronmeyer's next point is even more delicious. He says that an industry might be built up giving employment to a number of people nearly equal to the population of New York city. From the reports of Cassell Jones on the "Tin Plate Trade of South Wales" it may easily be seen that the total number of hands engaged in the tinned plate industry in Wales is 44,000. According to the same report the average annual product of these is 20,730,000 boxes. Of these we import about one-fourth. Query: If 11,000 Welshmen are able to supply the tinned plate trade of the United States at an average rate of wages of \$2.50 per week, what will it cost to employ a population nearly equal to New York city at double that rate of wages, and how many single tinned plates will each employ make in five years?

In proposing to double the tariff on tinned plate, Mr. Cronmeyer will have to take account with several powerful industries. Almost every utensil used in the kitchen is made from tinned plate. Including tin used for canning and tinned plate is used annually in this country for domestic purposes. The amount is exclusive of a tariff of 50 per cent.

The condensed milk industry is not only a large domestic industry, but a few years ago the Anglo-Swiss Condensed Milk company established factories in Illinois for the purpose of exporting its products to Europe. An extra cent a pound on tinned plate will drive them back to Switzerland again. At present a dairyman pays four cents duty on each ten-quart can, eight cents duty on each fifteen-quart can and forty-five cents on each forty-quart can. Under the proposed advance in the tariff on tinned plates, these rates will be doubled. Ninety cents duty on every forty-quart can!

Even of greater importance is the canned goods industry. Last year \$10,000,000 of tinned plate, exclusive of duty, was consumed in this industry. Not less than 600,000,000 cans are made each year for holding preserved fish, meats, fruit and vegetables. An ordinary tomato can, even though thrown away as empty and good for nothing, represents a duty of one half cent as paid to the national treasury for the tinned plate of which it is made. Another cent a pound will stop exports in this industry.

The last industry which uses tinned plate will not be much affected by an advance in the tariff. This is the Standard Oil trust, which uses 3,500,000 pounds a year of tinned plate for cans in which to export oil. As the trust does its business in large fashion, it can afford to take advantage of the rebate which the government offers to exporters. Would it not be a good plan for the government to give a rebate of one-half cent for every empty tomato can presented to it? The people of the United States should not be any worse off in this respect than foreigners who use our exported oil.

Mr. Clark Fisher, of Trenton, N. J., is anxious about anvils. He described them to the ways and means committee as the oldest implement known to mankind. Mr. Fisher said that forty years ago there were twenty-five firms making anvils. Now there were only three. A duty of 2 3/10 cents per pound would satisfy Mr. Fisher. It would enable the manufacturers to turn out anvils cheaper on account of the greater production. So far Mr. Fisher.

The present tariff on anvils is 2 cents per pound. In the last senate bill this amount was left unchanged. But what a beautiful trust the three surviving anvil firms could make to reduce prices with an increased duty of 2 3/10 cents per pound!

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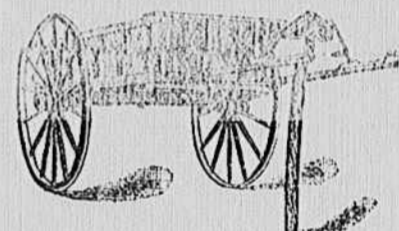
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