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The action of the Republican majority in the House of Representatives in adopting the Reed rules shows that that majority means business, and that it intends to fulfill to the best of its ability the pledges of the party.

Why should we begrudge the Democrats the pleasure and profit they anticipate from digging up the tariff issue? For the last three years they have grown thin and worn sitting up nights with the corpse of free silver, and they now only seek a much needed rest.

The number of the operatives who will be benefited by the ten per cent increase of wages recently granted by the mill owners in the manufacturing centers of the New England states is 162,000. It is estimated that the employees of smaller mills, scattered through that section of the country, who will receive the same increase, is about 18,000, so that the total number of persons who will be benefited is 170,000.

Dun's Review for December 2 says "Business continues wonderfully large, prosperous, and healthy. In four weeks failures have been reported amounting to \$6,848,500, against \$8,110,475 in the same weeks of last year, \$11,610,165 in 1897, and over \$12,000,000 in 1896, and also in 1895. Yet the volume of solvent trade represented by exchanges at the principal clearing houses has been for the month 22.5 per cent greater than in 1899."

The small record of business failures throughout the United States continues to annoy the spirits of those who would seem to prefer seeing business depression and panic under a Republican administration, than prosperity and activity, even though they themselves share in it. The failures for the week ending December 2, 1899, according to Dun's Review, were only 144, as against 281 for the by no means unprosperous corresponding week of 1898.

Supervisor See, for many years a representative in the board for the town of North Castle, may soon divide honors with United States Senator Hear in carrying the appellation of "watch dog of the treasury" around with him. The latest service rendered the tax payers of the county by Supervisor See was rendered last week when he put through a resolution providing that counsel for the Board be not appointed until necessary, and then for some specific purpose only. His resolution was carried by a vote of 20 to 10. White Plains Argus.

The future government of the Philippines rests with the government of the United States. Few graver responsibilities have ever been confided to us. If we accept them in a spirit worthy of our race and our traditions, a great opportunity comes with them. The islands lie under the shelter of our flag. They are ours by every title of law and equity. They cannot be abandoned. If we desert them we leave them at once to anarchy and infidelity to barbarism. We fling them a golden apple of discord, among the rival powers, no one of which could permit another to seize them unquestioned. President McKinley's Annual Message to Congress.

Board of Supervisors.

The Board of Supervisors yesterday appointed Dr. Sylvanus A. Purdy physician to the county jail for the next year in the place of Dr. George M. Miggins. The Board increased the salary of Joseph H. Lyon, Assistant Commissioner of Justice from \$1,000 to \$1,400 a year. Justice Keogh has reappointed Harvey Husted, of this village, stenographer of the special term of the Westchester County Supreme Court for the year 1900, at a salary of \$3,000.

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THE NEW HOSPITAL.

COMMITTEE DID GOOD WORK.

The following article was in part taken from the Westchester County Reporter. It praises the new hospital building and the committee who had the work in charge.

Mr. I. W. Turner, the Supervisor of this town was the originator of the project for the new hospital, and it is to his credit, notwithstanding all that has been said against it, that we have so great and useful addition to the public institutions of the county.

The committee have met many difficulties. First it was found that the \$10,000 appropriated was insufficient. A larger building than had originally been planned was found to be necessary. The lowest bid on the plans was \$13,500. The county to furnish the cement, sand and broken stone, the latter to be procured on the almshouse grounds. Douglas & Donoghue secured a contract for \$8,900, who afterward threw it up. The committee got another appropriation of \$5,000, but before the building was finished still another appropriation of \$8,500 was needed.

The work proceeded successfully at the start, but the project was put back by the contractors throwing up their contract.

The contractors abandoned the work in mid-winter, leaving the building without a roof. When the committee found that the contractors paid no attention to their orders to finish the building, they took hold vigorously of the work with the intention of finishing it themselves and by suit collecting the difference in the cost from the surety company. They gave a contract for a roof for the structure, and in the spring they let a new contract to Martin, Bing & Co., of Tarrytown, to complete the job. The committee purchased all the plumbing apparatus at whole-sale prices.

In having work done outside of the contract the committee used the most economical methods. They spent days shopping all over New York in order to get the most for the county's money. The entire cost has been but \$23,000 and when the \$3,000 is secured from the surety company the building will have cost the county but \$20,000.

The contract having been abandoned and the duty of finishing the building being put on the committee direct they proceeded with the utmost economy in spending the people's money. In this situation Mr. Turner, a careful, successful business man himself, applied practical business principles to the solution of the difficult problem and proceeded with discerning judgment and care as the head of the committee having the work in charge.

Mr. Turner and his co-workers are to be congratulated on their success in bringing a satisfactory result out of the perplexing state of affairs and ill fortune which seemed to surround the project from the start.

\$10,000,000 for Water.

BIRDSALL SAYS CITY IS ON EDGE OF SHORTAGE AND WORK MUST BE DONE.

Chief Engineer Birdsall, of the Department of Water Supply, in the face of the Democratic supply, said on Saturday that it was Commissioner Dalton's intention to ask for \$10,000,000, to be expended in increasing the water supply in the next two years, and to improve the piping system in Greater New York.

"We have been asking for this money for two or three years," said Mr. Birdsall, "and much of the work for which it will be spent has been authorized by the Municipal Assembly. Much of the work has been begun but we have not had money with which to complete it. The only really new undertakings are the reservoirs east of the Milburn station, in Brooklyn, and a storage reservoir at Cross River. All the work should have been begun three years ago and finished by this time. If this had been done the city would not be on the ragged edge for water, as it is now."

Only Chance For Burnz is a Plea of Insanity.

It may be that Judge Keogh takes some stock in the insanity theory that has been advanced and his sense of justice aroused, for he has appointed three very eminent Westchester County attorneys to look after the interests of Burnz and give him every advantage which the law might allow in such a case. The counsel assigned him are John M. Digney, of White Plains, Ralph E. Prime, of Yonkers, and ex-Judge Isaac N. Mills, of Mt. Vernon.

Burnz has reiterated his assertion of guilt both to the sheriff and the court, but in such a case the law prohibits the acceptance of such a plea and his counsel will be forced to prove him insane in order to save him.

The Brewster Standard says: "The drawing of water from the reservoirs in this vicinity still continues. Sodom and Dog Brook reservoirs have been drawn down sixteen feet, 70,000,000 gallons per day is the outflow registered by Foreman Brinkman. The gates at Drowville reservoir have been closed and the huge basin is gradually filling up. One inch per day is the measured increase in depth. The reservoirs were drawn down within a few feet of the brook channel. The great demand made upon the storage reservoirs in the Croton watershed is not caused by extraordinary depletion of the water supply, but is made for the purpose of filling up those reservoirs nearer the city before winter closes down. No unbusiness is felt by the department regarding the supply.

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TAMMANY'S SALARY GRAB.

Cost the City of New York Almost Two Millions—Crocker's Pets Got Their Checks Regularly, While the Schoolteachers Had to Wait.

Tammany's salary grab in New York city for one year cost the people \$1,980,833.

This money went to men whose chief qualification was that they would do Crocker's bidding. In a great majority of instances the places were sinecures and were created for no other reason than to provide a fat job for some Tammany man. The whole number of extra officials appointed was 920.

They were appointed between July 1, 1898, and Sept. 1, 1899, according to statements prepared by the heads of the different departments at the request of the Mazet committee. According to the Democratic New York World, this shows that during a period of great financial stress the salary lists were largely increased, notwithstanding the fact that the valuations of property had been raised enormously, and the tax rate had to be put up to pay the cost of government.

One notable phase of the salary situation is the putting in office of the sons, daughters and other relatives of Tammany officeholders.

John P. Madden, deputy commissioner of highways of Queens, has employed his sister, Margaret E. Madden, as confidential clerk at \$1,800. John E. McKay, first assistant engineer of the water department at \$5,000, has a son, John W. McKay, as an assistant at \$1,800. President Maurice F. Holahan of the board of public improvements at a salary of \$3,000 has his son, Hubert A., as private secretary at \$2,400. Chief Engineer Risse of the board of public improvements, salary \$6,000, has a son in the department who acts as a draftsman at \$60 per month. President Feitner of the department of taxes and assessments has taken good care of his family. His relatives employed in the tax department receive \$15,000 from the city. The relatives of President Bernard J. York of the police department receive \$12,500 in salaries.

During much of the time that this salary grabbing has been in progress teachers in the public schools in some of the boroughs have had their pay "held up" because, as the Tammany officials say, there is no cash available with which to pay them.

This is the sort of government which Crocker wants extended over the entire state.

FILIPINOS BREAK LOOSE.

An Incident That Shows Why an Army is Needed in the Newly Acquired Pacific Islands.

The United States committee on Pacific Islands and the Filipinos and the anti-imperialists have recently received information from the Philippines as to the character of the crowd to which they have been giving their support. Some of the insurgents, whom the opponents of McKinley have been encouraging and holding up as patriots struggling for independence after the manner of the colonists in 1876, broke loose the other night and demonstrated the necessity for a force of American soldiers in these islands. The information which thus illuminates the situation came in an Associated Press dispatch on Nov. 20 which read as follows and related to the officers of the town of Malisiqui.

On the night the troops withdrew a band of insurgents entered, dragged Antonio Mejia, president of the town, into the street and cut his throat. They then killed the vice president and five members of the town council in the same way and told the frightened natives to spread the news that a similar fate awaited all friends of the Americans.

The mayor of San Carlos, who rode in the carriage with General MacArthur and Colonel Bell when the Americans entered the town amid the cheers of the people, was murdered the next night.

These statements do not impress the average reader with the claim of Atkinson and others that these Filipinos are the gentle, intellectual people pictured in the anti-administration speeches and papers.

Nor are they a strong argument for those who criticize the president for not recognizing Aguinaldo and his followers, who favor withdrawing American troops and allowing the Filipinos to set up a government of their own.

The better the situation is known the more clearly will be seen the wisdom and justice of the American attitude toward the Filipino rioters.

BRYAN NAILED TO TREE SILVER.

The So Called Silver Republicans Fasten Him to the Old Issue.

The so called "Silver" Republicans, including Senator Teller of Colorado, Senator Pettigrew of South Dakota, former Representative Towne of Minnesota and others of that stripe have met and declared for Bryan. They insist that he is the logical candidate, and they are as hot for free silver now as they were in 1896. Commenting on their recent action, the New York Commercial Advertiser says:

The conference of Silver Republicans (what there are left of them) in sticking to Bryan as their candidate is another nail to transfix him to his silver cross. It goes to confirm ex-Senator Palmer's prediction that the man and the issue cannot be changed or separated. The "man of destiny" character which Bryan wore when, in their first flush, silverites' hopes were high, has taken on now a sort of fatality. The ignorant or selfish followers whom he rallied to his cause four years ago now pin him to his dead issue.

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