

The Weekly Monitor.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 2nd, 1894.

When the so-called General Coxey first announced his intention of leading an army of the unemployed to Washington, in order that they might impress their demands upon Congress in this terrible manner, his wild proposition was everywhere looked upon as a high joke. The newspapers of the country treated the idea as they had treated the grapple on its first visit, some years ago. But as the time came when this grim vision from over the sea began to leave vacant places in many a household, men ceased to laugh at it, and there is now no merriment indulged in at its approach.

So this pilgrimage to Washington, begun by Coxey amid the jeers of the nation, is no longer regarded as a joke. As the movement has spread and great hordes of men have started up a score or more of places widely separated from each other, all filled with the idea of marching to the capital and making a demonstration in the very presence of Congress, men have come to look upon the movement as one containing the elements of danger. Coxey's army of leading 90,000 men into Washington and demanding, in behalf of such an army of hungry men, such legislation as will give employment to these new out of work, may be a gross exaggeration. But if only one-fifth part of that number actually assemble there, the probability they will present to the authorities will be a difficult one to solve. These are no summer visitors who are going to the capital for a holiday and to see the sights. They are men from the lowest grades of society, hungry, dirty, desperate, with little capital for the law, and but scant ideas of the relations of government to society. In one respect they are observing the divine injunction, they carry neither purse nor scrip, and in some instances not even shoes. They are simply tramps in dozens of hundreds, much more numerous, in fact, than interesting, making their way in the direction of Washington. Some of the gangs have raised tents in spite of all opposition and have not hesitated to use the probes when treated. They have nothing to eat and must steal or beg, for food they must have. Most of the men through which they have passed have had to feed them and pass them along, thus getting rid of them as quickly as possible. But if any considerable number of them reach Washington and decide to pay the city a prolonged visit, what is to be done with them? Proclamations have been issued forbidding them to come within the capital grounds, but such men care for proclamations about as much as a tribe of African savages do for a bundle of tracts which a missionary might distribute among them. To their perpetual demand of it is course out of the question. One of their most recent questions is that Congress shall at once appropriate \$50,000,000 for the purpose of being afforded to all desiring it. To arrest and imprison such a number presents no easy task, and the difficulties of handling them in some other way are equally great. Altogether, this petition "with boots on" which Coxey declares he intends presenting to Congress is neither a laughing matter nor much more troublesome than the average one. Just what Congress will do with it remains to be seen.

As to some question has lately arisen in the city concerning the taxation of bank agencies, we give below a translation of the assessment law bearing upon the subject. Several attempts have been made to amend this act, in the interest of agencies where there are local banks, but, it is stated, these attempts have not succeeded, the law under which these agencies are taxed, being practically as amended in this connection. It will be seen that while the law requires a bank agency to pay into the treasury of the municipality in which it is located a sum which "shall not be less than the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars," it by no means binds the agency to the payment of that amount. There would therefore appear to be no reason for the prevailing impression that the payment of the lump sum of \$150 into the treasury of the municipality by an agency relieved of the payment of school, fire and other taxes. At least that would appear to be the construction a lawyer would put upon the language of the act. The Assessment Act, Section "A," reads: "Provided that in any incorporated town or district where there is a local bank or banks, and also one or more agencies, such that the amount assessed to any such bank or banks shall not be less than the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars."

The state of South Carolina has for about a year had in operation a state modelled after the so-called Gettysburg system of regulating the liquor traffic. Under this system the state alone retains the right to sell liquor. Public dispensaries are established where liquor is sold by state officials, the profits of the business going into the state treasury, all sale by private individuals being prohibited. During the time it has been in operation the law has been rigidly enforced, the Governor of the state being in active sympathy with the new system. The strange feature of the new law was declared unconstitutional, the other day, by the Supreme Court of the state, there were over two hundred bar-rooms open and in full blast in the city of Charleston. The Governor thought he was getting along fairly well in enforcing the law, and had about crated out all illicit stills; but just as soon as his law was upset and constitutional was no longer necessary to his surprise that there was about as much stilling as under the former license system.

It will be observed by the report of the Committee on State Labor, presented to the Council at its late meeting, that one of the street commissioners of the county has as yet failed to send in the statement for the year, and is given until the January session to do so. It is no reflection upon a man's integrity that these statements are required to be sent in to the Council. The law requires that he shall be sent, and the Council would be lax in its duty did it not insist upon having them. Street commissioners usually handle a considerable amount of commutation money, and have charge of a certain amount of state labor, and any one in that position should be able and willing to show how these have been expended. No matter who a man is or how honest he may be known to be, it is a first-rate principle to watch him and keep him honest.

The New York state legislature is wrestling with the mighty problem of the taxation of oats. A bill has been introduced which proposes to levy a tax of one dollar a year upon all citizens of the state who have or have upon or about their premises one or more acres. A law of this kind might be all right, but to be just and equitable it should make an exception of the man who harbors a cat upon his premises in spite of all the boot-jacks, rat-traps, old boots and other such misdeeds he can play at. To tax him one dollar a year for harboring her in spite of his strenuous efforts to dislodge her, is not only a gross injustice, but it is a gross insult to the man who has a cat, and who has a right to keep her.

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Local and Other Matter.

A few tons of Hay will be sold by H. H. Palfrey. Yarnsworth's new hotel, Le Grande, will be opened on June 1st, at 20 shades in half-gallon and gallon cans. R. Shipley. The beautiful man known as "Lady Lena," owned by Pastor Giles, of the Providence of a younger son four or five days old, by Mr. J. S. Magowan, "Daddy Wilkes." The little fellow is a perfect picture in features and build of form, and has already attracted a good deal of attention.

A recent number of the *Republic* (N. Y.) *Journal* says—Mr. A. N. Nelly returned from Nova Scotia on Sunday morning. Mr. Nelly returned with a charming wife to share his fortunes in the North West. All kept the object of his visit very quiet, but his return with Mrs. Nelly made everything clear. His many friends extend congratulations.

Moore Call—Mr. Frank Vidito, while on a trip south last Saturday, ran across a very young girl named at the foot of Dark Hollow. The little fellow, after closely scrutinizing the man and his occupants started off in an easterly direction at quite a rapid rate. The occupants of the horse load inform us that there have been moose within a mile or two of their home during the past winter, and that with one exception the game have been closely confined.

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New Advertisements.

WANTED! A smart reliable young man for office work who will be a first-class clerk. Write to the Halifax, N. S.

STOCK FOR SALE! The subscriber will sell at his farm on Saturday, May 12th, commencing at 1 o'clock, p.m., the following Stock, viz: 1 yoke 5-year-old Oxen, 2 yoke 3-year-old Oxen, 2 pair 3-year-old Steers, 1 yearling Heifer, 3 yearling Steers, one yearling Heifer, 4 Cows, 2 Heifers, call, 1 Horse. Terms: month's credit with approved joint notes. A. R. GATES, 6 21. Middletown, May 2nd, 1894.

GRASS SEEDS, ROOM PAPER, Ready-made Clothing! Large Stock, Lowest Prices! G. W. ANDREWS. Middletown, May 2nd, 1894.

INSIST ON HAVING A KARN -:- PIANO! THOROUGHLY RELIABLE. STRONGLY ENDORSED BY THE MUSICAL PROFESSION. J. W. BECKWITH. Middletown, May 2nd, 1894.

NEILY & CROWE. THE MASSELOVING PEOPLE OF THIS CITY WILL BE PLEASED TO MEET AT THE HOUSE OF THE REV. JAS. QUINN, ON THURSDAY, MAY 10th, AT 7 1/2 O'CLOCK P.M. The object of the meeting is to raise a fund for the purchase of a new organ for the church. The organ is now in the hands of the firm of Rindeman, Randolph & Co. and will be sold at a low price. The meeting will be held at the house of the Rev. J. Quinn, on Thursday, May 10th, at 7 1/2 o'clock p.m.

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