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Ex-Boss CLARKSON has hitched himself to the tail of the McKinley kite with reckless alacrity.

The number of employees in the Agricultural department has been reduced five hundred since Sec'y Morton took charge. This is in accord with democratic ideas of economy in public expenditures.

No stronger endorsement of the new tariff bill is needed than the abuse now being heaped upon Chairman Wilson and his colleagues on the ways and means committee, by the republican press and party leaders.

CONGRESS began its annual session at noon last Monday, and with the exception of a short holiday recess, it will remain in session until next summer. There are many important questions to be disposed of. The first and most important being the tariff question. This will be followed by the bankruptcy bill, the reform of national banking system, the naturalization law, and many other important questions.

McKINLEY still has the gaul to claim the United States will prosper if the iniquous law which bears his name, is left un repealed. Two years has gone since this measure was adopted, and what is the result? We are now suffering from one of the worst financial panics for years, farmers are getting less for their wheat, wool, etc., than ever before; more men are out of employment than before in years. Yet this "little tin god," will ask the people to wait and starve, on the promise that in some future years his bill will make us a prosperous people.

FINDING that the Wilson tariff bill is not exciting as much opposition in business circles as they deem necessary for their purposes, the calamity organs are appealing to the old sectional feeling by raising the cry that it discriminates in favor of the south. All the duties retained on articles produced exclusively in the north go for nothing compared with the small duty on rice. That one item, along with the bounty on sugar, which was adopted by the McKinley tariff and the progressive removal of which is provided for in the Wilson bill, in the mind of the tariff shriekers constitute the democratic tariff a sectional measure.—Bay City Times-Press.

A Decided "No!"

A very small vote was polled in the county Monday on the adoption of the county road system; but indications are that the question was voted down by a decided majority. We have been unable to get full returns from all towns, but so far as heard from the indications are that the majority against it is about 250, and the full number of votes polled about 1,100.

So far as heard from the votes in the various townships is as follows:

	for	against
Labaster	7	17
Baldwin	19	260
Burleigh	7	66
Oscoda	180	10
Tawas	26	211
Wilber	17	27
Total	195	611

AuSable gave a majority of 145 in favor of the question. Sherman and Reno have not been heard from.

THEY ARE WITHOUT CREDIT.

It is but little more than a week since the Wilson bill was given to the country, yet it has been pounced upon and condemned by the press of the opposition with a unanimity that is in itself suspicious. There had been no time to properly digest its provisions before it was assailed with a hysterical clamor that bespoke bigotry rather than reason. It also suggested conspiracy and a combined determination, if possible, to frighten the country into a repudiation of the policy to which it had repeatedly committed itself. The bill was by no means so radical a document as most of the republican organs had prepared themselves to combat, but they went at it as though it were a death-warrant to all the great industrial interests of this country and a condemnation of the tender mercies of public charity.

These mouthpieces of protected plutocracy entirely overdid the matter and have won title to classification as modern Cassandras. Those who enjoy the riches of mythology will recall the story of the charming daughter of Priam. Apollo became enamored of her and the fair priestess agreed to smile upon his wooing if he would grant her the gift of prophecy. This he did; but after the manner of the coquette of all ages, she accepted the gift and then turned a deaf ear to the pleadings of the giver. But Apollo was a practical sort of a god, with plenty of nerve, and he immediately arranged things so that no prediction of Cassandra should ever be believed. She has a prototype in the striker and blower of the modern republican organette. The public once conceded him some gift of prophecy, but his unworthiness has destroyed faith, and his howls of calamity fall upon unbelieving ears.

It was nearly fifty years ago that the Walker tariff bill was under consideration in congress. Abbott Lawrence was then among the foremost protectionists of the nation, and he solemnly predicted that the passage of the proposed measure would shut down all the cotten mills of New England inside of six months. The cry was taken up by the protection organs of the land and such calamities as are foretold now were pictured then. The bill became a law. Instead of widespread depression it inaugurated an era of general prosperity, and nine years later, when it was proposed to still further reduce the tariff, the manufacturers generally concurred, though the cut on cotton was from 20 to 25 per cent. If the Cassandras of to-day will take up the study of United States history they will find that they are repeating some of its worst follies and following the example of those who have gone on record as false prophets. The Wilson bill is for the good of the country, and the event will condemn those who are now blindly opposing it.—Free Press.

Neighboring Notes.

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A young unmarried man by the name of Rice was killed at Sterling by a Michigan Central locomotive last Friday. He did not see it in time.

Alex. Graham, of Standish, was thrown from his wagon last week by a runaway horse and injured his leg so badly that it had to be amputated. He may not survive.

The site of the new Catholic church in Cheboygan lies between the brewery and the court house. This leads a wag-gish lady to remark that religion's interposed between damnation and justice.

Eddie Nebeas, of Alpena, convicted of burglarizing Kanath's cigar store was

sentenced by Judge Kelly to five years at Ionia. Eddie is but 20 years of age, but has served several terms at Detroit.

John Leonard lies in a critical condition at Saginaw as the result of a fall from an elevator in the moulding shop of Bartlett & Co., where he was employed, his skull being fractured and his feet crushed.

H. C. Payet, as agent for A. C. McCraw & Co., has closed the store and taken possession of the stock of J. B. Piser at Harrisville by virtue of a chattel mortgage for \$300 held by them, this being the fourth mortgage.

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A lecturer on sanitation recently declared that Michigan should have 30 days of freezing weather each winter and two blizzards to kill off the disease germs and prepare for summer. This causes an Otsego paper to rise and exclaim: "Make 'er 60 days and four blizzards, mister, and we will fill the bill!"

David Duane, Jr., of this city, enlisted in the U. S. infantry service last summer, and was stationed at Fort Brady. A few weeks ago he deserted, and this week was arrested at a lumber camp in Presque Isle county. He was brought to this city, and on Wednesday was taken to Detroit, where he will be confined at Fort Wayne until tried by court martial.—Alpena Pioneer.

We expected to be able in this issue to give the particulars of the deal now pending between the French Land & Lumber Co. and D. H. Burrell & Co. for the purchase of the latter's new mill plant at Rose City. The deal not being yet completed we are unable to get the particulars or the intentions of the company after the purchase is made. As the parties meet to-day to make the final arrangements we will be able to tell our readers all about it next week.—West Branch Democrat.

Louis Zichgraf, of Vanderbilt, aged 17, while hunting two miles from that place lost his compass and wandered about all day Saturday and Saturday night, without anything to eat and the snow two feet deep. A searching party found him Sunday morning three miles from Vanderbilt in a weakened condition crawling on his hands and knees. The poor fellow was very badly frozen. His feet, hands and face were all stiff. For a time it was thought he would die, but hopes are entertained for his recovery.—Gaylord Herald.



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