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VOLUMN FIFTY-FOUR.

With this number the ARGUS enters upon another year of its existence and we are happy to state that the outlook for its future was never more promising. The past year, we believe, has witnessed a greater increase in the number of its subscribers than any year in its long history. And what is exceedingly gratifying so many new names have come in unsolicited. The fact that the good people of Washtenaw appreciate improvement in their papers is well demonstrated by the large circulation attained by the ARGUS. This is an encouragement to us to spare no effort to still further increase the efficiency of the paper.

During the coming year, the most important political campaign of recent years will be fought. The issues are clearly defined, however much interested partisans may attempt to begot them. And the contest for supremacy between the two great parties of the government will probably be the warmest in years. It will be far more than a mere fighting over again of the battle of 1854. Where the ARGUS will be found in the contest no one need doubt. Its columns will not be filled with tricky articles for it believes in fair fighting. It shall not endeavor to mislead a single one of its readers. But the full and candid discussion of political principles, parties and candidates, which will be found in its columns, will, we think, be worth far more than the one dollar a year, which it costs. And when November comes, we doubt not, the ARGUS will again rejoice in the success of the principles for which it has

fought during the fifty-four years of its existence.

But the ARGUS is far more than a mere political paper. It recognizes the fact that there is a large class of people who do not care a fig for politics and that both those who do care for politics and those who do not, want to read all the local news. To give that news fully, clearly, succinctly, and reliably is our aim. And during the coming year this work will be more completely done than ever before. The news of the county seat will be given in full. The events, joyous and sad, which go to make up the round of life in Ann Arbor, will be detailed. The court news will be given in full. The marriages and marriage licenses throughout the county will be given. Deaths throughout the county will be given and where obtainable, will be accompanied by short biographical sketches. The record of crimes, of fires and of casualties, we apprehend, will be found very nearly complete.

But the ARGUS neither limits its news or the circle of its readers to Ann Arbor. Besides the county events found under appropriate heads on our first page, the second and third pages of the paper will contain news items of interest from all parts of the county. We think all will agree that no paper in this section has so able a corps of local correspondents as we now have and to them we desire to return thus publicly our thanks for their invaluable assistance.

During the coming year several of the best serial stories recently written will be given, one of which commences with this number. Shorter stories and anecdotes will be printed from time to time. The general news of the country, the principal events of the week, the doings of congress, and a column of state news will go to make up a complete county paper.

We return our thanks to our readers for the large share they have contributed to the success of volumn fifty-three and beg to express the hope they will find volumn fifty-four equal to their expectations and desires.

LOW TARIFF IN BELGIUM.

Belgium is a small country only one-fifth as large as Michigan, yet it supports a population of over 5,000,000 people. Only half of its area is arable land. It has tried both high and low tariff and its experience under these two tariffs, the one for protection and the other for revenue, may prove instructive reading. During the French occupation at the beginning of the century, protection was absolute. The importation of foreign goods was strictly forbidden and all foreign goods found within the territory were seized and burned. Yet this policy of extreme protection did not have the desired effect of building up home manufactures, so that in 1814, when the Dutch came into the possession of the country, it was desolate and nearly depopulated. This country adopted another method of building up Belgium. They swept away the protection which had destroyed. The duties were limited to three per cent. on raw materials and six per cent. on manufactured articles. Under these low duties, manufactures sprang into existence in Belgium and the country rapidly grew in prosperity. Sixteen years later when Belgium became independent, those who antagonized the commercial methods of the Dutch gained the ascendancy and Belgium returned to a protective tariff with high and discriminating duties. So bad was the effect of this tariff on domestic industries, that in 1851 the minister of finance declared that this policy would ruin domestic industry and in 1855 the country returned to low duties, very much lower than is now contended for in this country. Now what is the result? Manufacturing felt the impetus of competition. Exports largely increased and the evils of overproduction failed to retard the growth or prosperity of the country. In fact, to-day, Belgium maintains the densest population in Europe. She consumes more silks than any other country. She has a greater variety of textile manufactures than any other country and her export trade quadrupled in ten years. In proportion to her population, her exports are eight or nine

times as great as those of this country. If low tariff has proven so beneficial to Belgium, what might it not do for this country? THAT it is not alone the democrats who approve of the President's message in favor of the reduction of the tariff, is shown by a number of republican papers who approve and by the utterances of several leaders. No one has accused Hon. Tim Nester, mayor of Marquette, elected by a unanimous vote, of being anything but a republican. Yet this is what he says in an open letter to a republican who attempted to scare him for standing with the President on this matter: "I desire to state that I stand squarely on the Republican platform of 1854, which pledged the party to a reasonable reduction of customs duties and revenue taxes, in order that the burden of maintaining the government might be equitably adjusted, and its income kept down to the limit of its necessities. In other words, I do not believe in taxing the people unnecessarily. A dollar may seem a small thing to a man with a large bank account, but to the poor man whose labor must support his family it very often seems as big as a cart wheel. The proper place for our "surplus" dollars is in the pockets of the men who earn them, and not in the vaults of the United States treasury. The government which exacts from its people a vast revenue in excess of his actual wants is essentially despotic. It is a misuse of terms to call a system by which this is accomplished "protective." Under it a few may thrive inordinately, but the masses are oppressed."

Rowland G. Hazard, the great woolen manufacturer, explained recently in an article on the tariff, that there were wools not grown in the United States, that it was absolutely necessary that the American manufacturer should have, if he desired to compete with the manufacturer of Europe. He instanced a course grade of wool, grown in South America that was required for mixing with North American wools. A hundred pounds of this wool "in the grease" only yielded from 12 to 20 pounds of clean wool, so that the tariff compelled the manufacturer to pay 10 cents a pound on from 80 to 85 pounds of dirt in the hundred. The more of this wool the manufacturer obtained, the more American wool he required to mix with it. This is respectfully called to the attention of the wool grower.

It is strange that any argument for a reduction in the tariff should have to encounter a prejudice. Yet such seems to be the case. There is no question that the surplus taxation in this nation not needed for an economically administered government is over \$100,000,000 a year. And yet any one who proposes to reduce this enormous taxation is branded as a person working in the interest of England, or an enemy of his country. But this prejudice has lost its force. The intelligent voters of this country will no longer heed it for they, one and all, will acknowledge that it is foolish to pay higher taxes than are necessary.

ANN ARBOR MARKET REPORT. PRICES PAID BY MERCHANTS.

Table with market prices for various goods in Ann Arbor, Jan. 12. Items include Apples, Beef, Butter, Corn, Hay, etc.

THE WHY OF IT.

The new "Red Star" oil we are now selling is beyond controversy the best oil ever offered in this market. First: Because we pump it directly from our tanks on the railroad, thereby avoiding contact with the coating of the oil barrels, and thus leaving the oil as clear as and clean as distilled water. 2nd: The oil also to speak, from the heart of the crude oil, which leaves it freer from paraffine and of a lighter gravity than ordinary Water White Oil. For these reasons it will all burn out of the lamp, will not crust the wick, does not smoke when burning, gives a white light and will save your eyes by the purity and brilliancy of the lights. Ask for "Red star" oil. Buy of us and you will be sure to get what you ask for.

ANN ARBOR SMALL FRUIT NURSERY. All kinds of Berry Plants. Fruit and Ornamental trees from Ellwanger Barry, Rochester, N. Y.

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REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE FARMERS' & MECHANICS' BANK. ANN ARBOR, MICH. MONDAY, JANUARY 2d, A. D. 1888.

Financial report table for Farmers' & Mechanics' Bank showing Resources and Liabilities.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE ANN ARBOR SAVINGS BANK, ANN ARBOR, MICH. MONDAY, JANUARY 2d, A. D. 1888.

Financial report table for Ann Arbor Savings Bank showing Resources and Liabilities.

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OVERCOATS AT \$15.00. This sale is for CASH. Bring your Cash. No Credit. Absolute Sale. All overcoats must go. At THE TWO SAM'S

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