

AN EDITOR'S VIEWS.

Medill, of the Chicago Tribune, on the Evils Begetting Laboring Men.

NEW YORK, September 27.—James Medill, publisher of the Chicago Tribune, was a witness to-day before the United States senate sub committee on education and labor. He said he had been connected with the press since 1848. The chief cause of the impecunious condition of the masses of laborers in this country was to be attributed to their own improvidence. The only way to improve them was to teach them to save. Too much of the earnings of the laborer was spent in liquor and tobacco. It has been calculated that the amount annually spent by the laboring population in drink was \$400,000,000, and at least \$200,000,000 more spent in cigars, tobacco and useless amusements. Witness said he had very little faith in political prohibition; unhealthy tenement houses should be torn down; the present tariff system was fleecing the farmers and they were beginning to understand it; co-operation could not be successfully carried out under the present condition; it could only be possible when co-operators were better educated, as co operation required a high degree of intelligence. What the country wanted was more mechanics. Industrial schools should be established in every large city, where education in technical arts could be obtained. In speaking of the railroad question, Medill said some means should be adopted for securing uniformity of rates. The railroads should not be allowed to exercise the power of arbitrarily changing the value of all the products of the country; both state and federal legislation should be employed to remedy this evil. The capitalization of many railroads was far in excess of the cost of construction of the roads, and they were annually fleecing the people of the country out of millions of dollars in profits.