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A Delusion of Seventy.

To the boys of Princeton university, the other day, Mr. Cleveland declared that he was not disposed to seek sympathetic consolation for his 70 years.

It is a timely question whether there should not be some way of punishing the "fake" prophets of terrestrial disaster who are exciting the fears of the timid and the credulous.

Secretary of Agriculture Wilson is righteously indignant at manufacturers who take advantage of the pure food law to affirm that the federal government guarantees their products.

An enterprising woman in Berlin has started a school to teach the science of divination and the reading of the future by such occult means as coffee grounds, flight of birds, yolks of eggs and the like.

Astronomers long ago came to the conclusion that the moon's surface is very hot during the height of the lunar day, which lasts two weeks, and very cold during the lunar night, which is equally long.

Mr. Schwab's program immensely simplifies the situation. All we have to do is to hustle right hard and we'll catch up with all that overcapitalization.

ARE WE "ISOLATED?"

FOREIGN TRADE STATISTICS DO NOT SHOW IT.

If We Buy Less Per Capita of Foreign Products Than Other Nations Do, It Is Because That More Than Any Other Nation We Supply Our Own Wants.

Taking issue with the New York Tribune's contention that commercial isolation cannot be charged against a country whose exports have in the last ten years of protection exceeded those of the United Kingdom and have gone far beyond the exports of France and Germany, while as to the total of foreign trade the United States stands third among the nations, the New York Times says:

"Why should not \$3,941,510 Americans buy or sell more than England, France, or Germany, whose populations range around 40,000,000 each? Why should not a nation of \$107,000,000,000 of wealth surpass each of several nations of which any two hardly surpass its resources?"

We have accomplished this splendid result with a protective tariff. Yet in the last 12 months we have bought of the outside world close upon \$1,400,000,000 of its products.

Ought we to have bought more than \$800,000,000 worth of these competitive articles? If so, why? We did not need any more; then why purchase more? The fact that the per capita average of either exports or imports is larger in European countries of smaller population only proves their worse fortune and our better fortune.

The growth of import trade to a total almost double that of 12 years ago under a "reformed" tariff might well serve as a legitimate argument for a higher tariff.

As to the question how much better we might have done in the matter of swelling our foreign trade to its present vast proportions "if the bonds were cut," we leave the Times to figure that out, merely contenting ourselves with the remark that the nation which achieves the greatest prosperity by looking after the interests of its own people will invariably be found to be best able to buy and consume products of other nations.

Another Truce. The German government has "generously consented" not to assassinate German industries by enforcing its maximum tariff against American exports.

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"IOWA IDEA" IS PASSING.

Less Inclination to Play Into the Hands of Democrats.

The rage for tariff disturbance seems to be subsiding in Iowa. A telegram in the New York Tribune says:

Des Moines, Ia., March 28.—In the legislature to-day Representative Miller, a Democrat, asked for consideration of his joint resolution calling upon the Iowa congress delegates at Washington to vote for immediate revision of the Dingley tariff.

It must be that Gov. Cummins has seen a new light. He is latterly maintaining a discreet reserve on the tariff question. Is it because he no longer regards "reform" as the surest road to the senate? His followers, too, seem to have learned something from experience.

McKinley and Reciprocity.

The effort to emasculate and ultimately destroy the protection system of this country very commonly takes the form of misrepresenting the attitude of both McKinley and Blaine on the question of reciprocity.

"Mr. McKinley was converted to the doctrine of trade reciprocity by Mr. Blaine, and he was a more or less reluctant disciple; but he came to embrace the idea with all the energies of his mind.

That President McKinley was for a time favorable to the ratification of the Kassar treaties is not to be denied. But it was for a short time only.

The Nicaraguans arrested were delivered by Capt. Fullam's order to Estrada, who was advised that he would be held responsible.

IN AN ASH BARREL.

The Corpse of a Cleveland Boy Who Is Supposed to Have Been Kidnapped Was Found.

Cleveland, O.—The solution of the supposed Scovill avenue kidnaping mystery, came Friday morning, when the dead body of little Alex Hoenig, entirely naked, was found in an ash barrel in the rear of a meat market, two doors from the Hoenig store, at 2822 Scovill avenue.

GOT A BITE.



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QUICK WORK

Of American Naval Officer in Punishing

ATTACK ON NEGRO.

He Showed Nicaraguans and Hondurans that It's Unwise to Assault the Most Lowly American.

Puerto Cortez, Honduras, via Mobile.—About 5 o'clock on the evening of April 27 a negro of Boyce Station, La., named General Davis, a fruit inspector for the Thacker Brothers steamship line, was standing near the railroad station at La Laguna where the shops of the railroad are situated, talking with three or four negro companions, also Americans.

A drunken Nicaraguan soldier armed with a machete approached the party and demanded to know what they were talking about. Davis answered that it was none of his business, whereupon the Nicaraguan soldier drew his machete and raised it over Davis, who clasped his arms around the man and finally took away the weapon, threw it upon the ground and went to a house nearby.

Within ten minutes blue jackets of the Marietta under Ensign Rorschach were on the spot. Commander Fullam's orders were sharp and decisive. "Arrest the chief of police and the policemen engaged in the assault, put them in irons and send them aboard ship. Arrest the Nicaraguan officers and men engaged in the assault and hold them for orders."

The boy was strangled with sawdust. That was proved at the autopsy held at the morgue Friday afternoon. This discovery proves that the boy did not meet death in the rear of the Hoenig home, and probably indicates that he was killed in a shed in the rear of Kohn's meat market—the shed before which the barrel stood in which his body was found.

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BUSINESS BULLETIN.

Retail Trade Is Backward Because of the Unusually Late Spring. New York.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade says: Spring retail trade is backward because of the unusually late season and tardy distribution of merchandise is also causing complaint of delay in mercantile collections, but there is confidence that most of the postponed business will be made up when thermal conditions become normal.

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Monroe Salisbury Dies. New York.—Monroe Salisbury, a well known horse owner and breeder of San Francisco, died in New York Thursday night. Mr. Salisbury came here several weeks ago for treatment for cancer.

London Women Wear Sabots. Women of the poorer class in London have adopted Dutch wooden shoes for indoor use. The sabots are imported by a Streatham Hill firm, and their price is from 25 cents upward. Dutch sabots are said to be comfortable once wearers have become accustomed to them.

Hot Water for Rheumatism. For rheumatism try the very simple cure of hot water. Take at least a pint before retiring at night. The object of taking hot water late at night is that during the hours you are resting, and the digestion is not being tried, the hot water can do its work on the gastric juices.

Children's Defective Eyesight. Either defective sight is on the increase among the scholars of the New York city schools, or else a more careful examination of eyes is being made. Recent examinations made by the board of health show that one-half of the scholars are in need of glasses.

Suicide Followed Peculiar Whim. In London a photographer was called to the house of a wealthy man, whom he found dressed in the costume of King Lear. He posed and ordered several pictures to be sent to friends. Later the photographer learned the man had committed suicide.

Nugget Long Overlooked. A nugget weighing five ounces, which must have been passed over by wheeled traffic for years, has been found in the main street at Linton, near Ballarat, Australia, by one John Godden as he was returning from work.

First Armor-Clad Vessels. There were armor-clad vessels nearly three centuries ago. Frigates covered with iron and thus rendered cannon-proof were launched in 1612 on the Lake of Geneva, and two years later small boats armed with rams.

Small Boy Had Grievance. The wee boy had just begun going to school. One day he came home and said: "The teacher asked me for my gum, and I gave it to her. Doesn't she know she mustn't chew other folks' gum?"

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