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"Bigness in everything is become so characteristic of the material things that go to make up modern civilization that only undertakings of tremendous magnitude attract more than passing notice."

This looks like anti-Osterism. Chief Chemist Wiley of the department of agriculture at Washington, addressing the graduating class of a scientific school at Cleveland, said jocularly that he belongs to a hundred-year club.

Citizens of Spokane propose that adjacent portions of Idaho, Washington and Oregon be reassembled into a new state to be called Lincoln.

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TARIFF IS NULLIFIED

DISTANCE NO LONGER AN ELEMENT OF PROTECTION.

American Railroads Systematically Favor Foreign Producers by Delivering Goods to Interior Points Cheaper Than Our Own Domestic Manufacturers Can Ship Them.

Washington, June 4.—An opportunity is presented, through the medium of a case pending before the Interstate Commerce Commission, for another test of the question whether, under the interstate commerce law, exporters of commodities from foreign countries shall have an advantage over domestic producers on rates of transportation from seaboard points to the interior of the United States.

A question is again before the commission whether products sent into the United States from a foreign country shall be entitled to a lower through transportation rate from the foreign port of shipment through to an inland point of destination in this country than is granted American producers or consumers for a much shorter distance of carriage wholly within the United States.

The question raised in this case by the American producers is whether they may be discriminated against by such rates on foreign plate glass laid down in the American markets.

As an economic question, it was brought out in this hearing that the plate glass industry of the United States originated in 1869, whereas it had been in existence in Europe for more than 200 years.

Reciprocity with South America. The sound principle in reciprocity is that we shall offer a free market for things we do not produce in return for a free market in lands which have products different from ours.

Is not that precisely what we are now giving them? Can the North American name a single article which we do not ourselves produce that is not already on the free list?

Investigation by Workmen. British workmen have always been assured by free trade orators that they were much better off than their German brethren.

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CHANCE TO SETTLE QUESTION.

Free Trade Platform This Year Would Shed Light on 1902.

After 12 years of unexampled prosperity under the Dingley law, which emphasizes in its schedules the policy of protection, a platform which should declare protection not only unlawful, but a snare, would "make mighty interesting reading," and give us a text for a stirring campaign.

And then the result might afford an answer to a question which has long engaged the politicians. What influence secured the Democratic triumph in 1892? Who killed Cock Robin that year? "I," said the free trader. "I did it with my little delverance against protection."

Now, if it was the tariff plank in the Democratic platform which did the work then, why not ask history to repeat itself? Why not next year again challenge protection to another battle to the death?

THE ORIGINAL BRAIN STORM.



Hard to Wreck.

Now that the railroad magnates have had time to sit down and think it over, they seem to agree that the country is to be congratulated upon the existence of conditions which prevented the recent flurry in Wall street from traveling far outside of the strictly speculative belt.

Under normal conditions Mr. Ingalls is a strenuous friend of "tariff reform." But circumstances alter cases. We don't believe the gentleman was thinking much about ripping up the tariff during those two "Black Fridays" in which stock values went tumbling down at the rate of hundreds of millions a day.

Some Other Tariff.

We are told by the Boston Advertiser that the Republican party in Massachusetts is "led by Republicans who are as strong protectionists as any stand-pat leader at Washington, but who are not so possessed of a fetish that they must consider it politically as a crime to alter a tariff which has outlived its best period of usefulness."

What tariff is it that "has outlived its best period of usefulness?" If we thought that the Advertiser could by any possibility mean the Dingley tariff, which has proved and is still proving itself to be by far the greatest prosperity producer among all the tariffs known to history, we should greatly doubt that sort of stand-pat-ism. It must be that the Advertiser means some other tariff.

Well Said.

"Everyone who favors reciprocity or the lowering of any particular duty is headed in the direction which leads to free trade."

That is the truth. It was not a protectionist who said it, though every well grounded protectionist knows it to be true. It was said by Harvey N. Shepard, who presided at the annual dinner of the American Free Trade League in Boston on the 30th of last month. Boston was the best possible place to say it in.

VERY UNFAIR METHODS

ARE ALLEGED TO BE USED BY COMBINE OF RAILROADS AND A STEAMSHIP LINE.

The Inter-State Commerce Commission Will Investigate a Complaint Made by Philadelphians.

Washington, D. C.—The interstate commerce commission has decided to institute an investigation into the affairs of the Hamburg-American Packet Co., which is charged by Peter Wright & Sons, general agents at Philadelphia of the Cosmopolitan Shipping Co. and the Cosmopolitan lines, with pooling and maintaining monopolies in restraint of trade.

The inquiry will have to deal with an alleged combination between railroads in the United States and the German shipping concern and therefore interests every American producer, manufacturer or shipper aspiring to introduce his goods to foreign consumers.

According to the complaint on which action was taken by the commission the Hamburg-American Packet Co. has built up a complete monopoly of the eastbound traffic originating in Chicago, St. Louis, Kansas City, Omaha, Minneapolis, Duluth, Cleveland and other manufacturing centers of the United States intended for places on the continent of Europe.

JUSTICE GODDARD TESTIFIES.

A Colorado Jurist Corroborates Some of Orchard's Evidence in the Haywood Trial.

Boise, Idaho.—The state on Wednesday made dramatic production and proof of the Goddard bomb and besides offering further corroboration of the testimony of Harry Orchard against William D. Haywood, secured a ruling under which a number of the denunciatory articles published in the Miners' Magazine, official organ of the Western Federation of Miners, will be admitted in evidence.

To Justice Luther M. Goddard himself fell the task of telling the story of the finding and preservation of the bomb with which Orchard tried to kill him. His testimony was minutely circumstantial.

The Colorado jurist testified that the first information that he received about the bomb came to him from Orchard's confession, which was shown to him at Denver February 13, 1906, by Detective McParland. He at once returned to his home and in his gate discovered the screw eye which Orchard said he placed there. It was rusted by ten months' exposure. The witness said he examined the ground outside the gate where Orchard said he placed the bomb and found a slight depression with the soil packed around it.

The bomb and its attachment were taken to the office of the Pinkerton detective agency and sealed in wrappers and envelopes that were signed by half a dozen witnesses, including Justice Goddard, and after that they were placed in a vault to the door of which seals, including that of a notary public, were attached.

ENORMOUS GRAFT.

Further Revelations as to Overcharges for Furnishing Pennsylvania's New Capitol.

Harrisburg, Pa.—Charles D. Montague, a metallic furniture expert of New York, testified before the capitol investigation commission Wednesday that the state had not only been grossly overcharged for the metallic furniture supplied by the Pennsylvania Construction Co. under its \$2,000,000 contract with the board of grounds and buildings, but that he had bored into the "burglar proof vault" in the state treasury in four hours with an ordinary eight-inch breast drill.

Mr. Montague said that the four safes in the capitol for which this concern was paid \$66,000 by the state were worth only \$27,000 and that there was no chrome steel or steel rails in the vault, only ordinary steel which any one could bore into with ease. As to the metallic furniture the expert said the state was charged excessive prices.

He said certain bills were two and three times more than a fair trade list price without the customary discount. He said the sub-basement contained one case that cost the state \$1,182. The list price was \$287, subject to discount. As to the first floor metallic furniture it cost \$229,231 and was worth \$132,103. On the entorsol floor the cases were billed at \$154,688 and were worth \$54,470. These estimates were based on standard trade price lists.

The expert said that the bronze on the first floor was worth \$26,000. The state paid \$560,000.

Willson Nominated for Governor. Louisville, Ky.—Hon. Augustus E. Willson, of Louisville, was last night nominated by acclamation as republican candidate for governor of Kentucky. The platform was adopted without a voice raised against it.

100 Lives Lost in a Flood. Athens, Greece.—More than a hundred persons were drowned in the flood caused by the overflowing of the Lithos river, which inundated the town of Trikkala, in Thessaly, Tuesday.

It is Never Imposed.

"Pa." "What is it, my son?" "When a trust is found guilty of violating the law there is always a maximum and a minimum fine that may be imposed, isn't there?"

"Yes. The maximum fine is the most that the offending trust may be compelled to pay and the minimum is the least that it may get off with."

"Why do they take the trouble to have a maximum, pa?"—Chicago Record-Herald.

Ever Hopeful.

"Aren't you afraid the government will eventually assume ownership of the railways?"

"Supposing it does," rejoined Dr. Dustin Stax. "I'll have to employ us experienced men at enormous salaries to keep them from being run at a loss. The difference will merely be that in giving us money the public will contribute as taxpayers instead of as passengers."—Washington Star.

Neckromancy.

Noislessly the prudent mamma of the large family of daughters opened the parlor door and looked in.

Softly she withdrew. "The young man who can make two heads seem to grow where only one grew before," she said to herself, "is a benefactor to the human race, and deserves to be encouraged."—Chicago Tribune.

A Short Tale.

"Their tale of love was brief but comprehensive."

"What was it?" "First he went to court and sued for her love."

"What then?" "She went to court and sued for damages."—Baltimore American.

NOT THE LOVABLE KIND.



Mamma—Don't you know the Bible says we should love our neighbors? Little—I know, ma, but this is an awful neighborhood.—Chicago Journal

Happiness.

How happiness goes flaunting by, As easily as a butterfly; And when we catch the lovely thing, Alas! it has a broken wing!—Life.

A Benefit.

"You think the discovery of a route to the north pole will be of great benefit to the human race?" "I do," answered the scientist. "If it does nothing more it may satisfy curiosity so as to prevent others from risking their lives on the journey."—Washington Star.

Only One Way.

"I see there is a movement on foot to stop the use of profanity over telephones."

"But think how it will demoralize business. We can't get along without them."—Milwaukee Sentinel.

Then He Got Busy.

"Why do you look at me like that, you great, awkward bear?" "Oh, Miss Pimmie, I—I protest I'm not a—bear."

"Well, why aren't you?"—Chicago Tribune.

A Slippery Subject.

First Reporter—Did you ever fall down on an assignment? Second Reporter—Sure; one day when I was sent to write a story about the icy sidewalks.—N. Y. Press.

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