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No Quarrel with Time.

According to the poet we are speeding forever down the ringing grooves of change, and this is nowhere more apparent than in the alterations in the popular taste for the better, everything considered. A writer in the New York Evening Post, in alluding to this matter, says that those who occupy the benches in the public parks on a summer afternoon to listen to the band are no longer satisfied with the "Star Spangled Banner" and a medley from the comic operas, but must have selections from Wagner and Gounod, though he indicates that they may not be averse to a little of Richard Strauss thrown in, we suppose, by way of dessert in the musical feast.

The famous yacht Hildegarde, built for King Edward when he was the prince of Wales in 1874, has been broken up and consigned to the junk pile in Hackensack, N. J. The yacht originally cost \$85,000, but recently the vessel was sold for a few thousand dollars to F. R. Long, a bridge builder in Hackensack, who decided to have the vessel broken up. The prince's stateroom Mr. Long had cut out entire. He intends to install that in his residence as a "den."

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They have found a buried wall said to be over ten miles long and 40 feet high, in Texas. Must have had an extinct race of long-horned steers to fence in, long before the first white man ever saw America.

A man named Angel has gone to the penitentiary in Virginia for the second time, after being out for 24 years. Well, Angel's visits to the penitentiary are few and far between.

THE GROCERY CLUB

SAM SAWYER'S REPORT OF AN ECONOMIC DEBATE.

Cornersville, Ark., is inclined to think that in the German Agreement Kaiser Bill Has Successfully Worked a Con Game on Our Teddy.

Our club met in Sy Jones grocery store last night pursuant to its natural tendencies. A quorum was present—a quorum in our club consistin' of two or more members present who don't agree on anything that may come up. Several members were absent 'cause they hadn't come up with the "ready come down" fer their las' week's groceries.

Jim Jackson, who used to lead the quire an' hes a good readin' voice, read a loud one of your articles on the late "German Agreement" entered into by Teddy an' Bill thru their speakin' tubes, so to speak. The terms you use, fer instance, the "export price" an' the "consignin'" of goods was n't exactly clear to us in the beginnin' of the discussin'.

Jim showed that the "export price" allows the feller that sells the goods to fix his own price on 'em; an' that our custom officers, or policemen of trade, must accept that price an' collect toll on 'em accordingly. 'Spose he's right.

By the "German Agreement" the German deals with himself on both sides of the sea; an' arter he gets thru dodgin' duties he ses: "Vel what will you have mit me?" Thus he becomes the whole derned shootin' match—both exporter an' importer. So thar hain't nothin' left fer our importers but to turn porters or fine our club an' whittle an' spit. This tip 's thairn in advance.

I hain't use to spillin' ink 'cept when I turn over the stand; but I hev always noticed that orthodox, grammar, an' retic hain't no use less you hev something to say an' a way of sayin' it. Book larnin' 's apt to lead a feller into thinkin' that he can think. Ten times to a baker's dozen that the feller with the "sheep-skin" can't skin a sheep; nor would he know "taller" from hog grease when it comes to the fryin' out of things.

The majority of our club are Democrats an' hanker arter "Free Trade" 'cause they hain't nothin' to trade an' want something free. They strike an' erudite attitude 'cause the college professors are free traders. They hain't nothin' agin the tariff 'cause it's a robber; fer they hain't nothin' to protect they don't care a tinker's d—n about protection. They whittle fer a livin' an' care more about shavin' than fer a shave. But right here in our club I'll bet thar's more statesmanship goin' to waste than 's bein' wasted in Washington.

The next subject fer discussin' is "Free Trade or Tariff—Which?" at which thar 's expected to be some conclusions an' other things drawn. I'll send you a summery of 'em. SAM SAWYER, Secretary.

P. S.: Summer's flood-tide 's in. The bloomin' meadows hev splashed the foot-hills with foam. The chestnut trees stand along the hillside at noon lookin' like rolled up clouds colored by a half-dazed sunset. The oaks are full of acorns, which means a lean streak of pork this fall. S. S.

Going to Make Matters Better? The dispatches tell us that 91 head of Iowa steers sold at seven cents a pound, or \$95 a head, in Chicago a few days ago. Getting the matter nearer home, the Keosauqua Republican says that John A. Ferguson of Van Buren county recently marketed 17 head of steers in Chicago which brought him \$107.80 per head at seven dollars a hundred, while another bunch of 17 brought \$6.80 a hundred. William Fritz, another farmer of the same county, recently sold a single wagon load of wool for \$728.08. There was a time about 15 years ago when cattle and wool were doing pretty nearly as good as that. Along came a lot of fellows who were going to give the country something better if they could only get "a change."

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MAY BE MOVING TOO FAST.

Governor Cummins Seems to Be in a Hurry to Count Chickens.

Have the Iowa Republicans already elected their delegates-at-large to the National Convention of 1908? Is A. B. Cummins among the number elected? It would seem so, for Governor Cummins has lately announced his intention to see to it personally that a pledge of immediate tariff revision is incorporated in the platform. We had not heard that a state convention had been held in Iowa and that Mr. Cummins had been chosen one of the delegates for next year.

Printers Are Interested.

Some apprehension is expressed regarding the effect of the German agreement upon the printing and publishing business. The Engraver and Electrotypist of August 1 raises the question whether the "export price" provision may not be so manipulated as to allow the Germans to do a great deal more in the way of composition and plate casting for the American market than they have ever before done.

THE RIGHT THING TO DO.



Reciprocal Tariff Reformer: "German threatens to shut out our exports with her high maximum tariff. To avert that disaster we must make tariff concessions that will satisfy German."

Thomas Jefferson: "We must do nothing of the sort. Let me repeat what I wrote on that subject in 1793: 'Where a nation imposes high duties on our productions or prohibits them altogether, it may be proper for us to do the same by theirs; first burdening those productions which they bring here in competition with our own of the same kind, selecting next such manufactures as we take from them in greatest quantity and which at the same time we could the soonest furnish to ourselves or obtain from other countries; imposing on them duties lighter at first, but heavier and heavier afterward, as other channels of supply open. Such duties having the effect of indirect encouragement to domestic manufactures of the same kind, may induce the manufacturer to come himself into the states, where a cheaper subsistence, equal laws and a vent for his wares, free of duty, may insure him the highest profits from his skill and industry.'

Can Cut Our Duties in Two. If all the German exporters can arrange to do their own valuing at our custom houses they cannot only secure a reduction in duty amounting to 20 per cent, but they can cut our ad valorem duties in two by merely cutting in two the actual value of their goods. Not only can the German exporters do this, but all European exporters can do it, for, of course, it is our purpose to apply the new customs regulation to imports from all favored nations. If this is the situation which actually confronts our customs department it is quite in order to suggest that congress shall take some action to prevent such wholesale nullification of the tariff rules enumerated in the Dingley law.—Sloux City Journal.

TWELVE ARE KILLED IN WRECK

ROCK ISLAND PASSENGER TRAIN JUMPED THE TRACK.

Baggage and Mail Cars Were Telescoped and the Smoking Car was Demolished—The Injured are 12 in Number.

Waterloo, Iowa. — Twelve persons were killed and 12 others injured in the wreck of an express train on the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific railroad at Norris, Ia., Friday. The express train, northbound, jumped the track while going at full speed and crashed into a freight train standing on the siding. The dead:

- P. B. Oliver, Waterloo, Ia. Will Goodman, Waterloo. John N. Watson, Waterloo. C. L. Landphere, Shellrock, Ia. C. Ray Johnson, Dike, Ia. B. P. Christy, Minneapolis. Lepovnan Toja, Hammond, Ind. W. H. Myers, baggageman. Four unidentified men. The injured will all probably recover.

The injured were brought to Waterloo hospital. All of the dead and injured were in the smoking car, which was immediately behind the baggage and mail car. The smoking car was demolished. The northbound express was ten minutes late at Norris, where the freight train was waiting. The express came along at terrific speed in an effort to make up time. Just as the locomotive of the passenger train was about to pass the freight locomotive the trucks of the former left the track and the moving engine crashed into the engine of the freight, wrecking both locomotives and telescoping the baggage and mail cars and demolishing the smoking car.

CAVALRYMEN ARE VICTORS.

They Win the Dryden Trophy on the Rifle Range at Sea Girt, N. J.

Sea Girt, N. J.—The \$5,000 Dryden trophy and \$150 cash, the most coveted prize offered at the New Jersey Rifle association tournament was won Friday in an exciting finish by the United States cavalry team, which scored 1,001 points. The next highest score was made by the Massachusetts team with 977. The second prize is \$100. The Maryland marksman surprised the field by taking third place with 976 points, defeating New Jersey by five points. The third prize is \$50. The Jerseymen's 971 is tied by the army infantrymen, but the regulars did not shoot so well by three points on the 1,000-yard targets and so had to take fifth place. The marine corps was sixth with 954 and the District of Columbia team seventh with 935.

The prize was first given in 1903 by Senator John F. Dryden, of New Jersey for teams of eight which should make the best score in the shots at 200, 600 and 1,000 yards with United States service rifle and with any machine-loaded ammunition of American manufacture. Members of a winning team any year are barred from participating the next year. Seven teams competed for the trophy this year.

In the thousand yards competition Massachusetts and Maryland contested for second place and the \$100 cash prize. When Sergeant C. J. Jeffers, of the Bay State team, came up for his last shot he had to hit the target or have his team third. He made a bullseye.

The Massachusetts team had the misfortune Friday to lose one of its most experienced shots, Private J. E. Burns. He was called to Lowell by the accidental shooting of his brother, Massachusetts had no substitute and was about to withdraw from the match when Col. John Caswell, Massachusetts state inspector of small arms practice, chanced to come to the range. He was at once put in the breach.

Sergeant M. L. Brown, New Jersey, Second troop, won the offhand match, at 200 yards, by a score of 48. J. A. Dietz, of New York, was second, with 46 and Private Marey, marine corps, third with 37.

BUSINESS BULLETIN.

The Volume of Trade is Satisfactory and in Many Sections Exceeds that of Last Year.

New York.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade says:

Aside from some conservatism in preparing for remote requirements, directly due to stringency in the money market, the volume of business is satisfactory. Trade exceeds even the activity of last year in many sections, and as the crops are secured there is a demand for goods at leading jobbing markets that makes the outlook bright for fall. Wholesale dry goods sales are nearly concluded at the south and merchants are now hurrying shipments forward to meet the autumn retail demand that is about to open.

Prices of farm staples have risen to an unusual position for this season, but this is caused by large foreign needs rather than any reductions in domestic yield and the increased amount of money paid to the farmers will benefit all departments of trade and industry. The week's results are somewhat irregular because of the holiday and interruption to telegraphic communication, but complete reports for August indicate that the month compared most favorably with 1906 in almost every department except the market for securities.

Arabs Plan Another Attack. Casablanca. — Although the Arabs suffered severely in the engagement of Tuesday, one tribe losing 50 men killed out of 2,500 engaged, they are in no wise discouraged and are planning for a fresh attack on the French.

Bank Robbers Secured \$8,000. Frankfort, S. D.—The James River bank of Frankfort, was dynamited early Friday and looted of \$8,000. Seven charges of dynamite were used in blowing open the vault and the safe. The robbers stole a hand car and escaped.

A Rare Meteorite.

Prince Edward of Wales, who is a collector of minerals and meteorites, has received a piece of the meteorite which fell in the Dacca district of Bengal in October, 1903. The specimen should be one of the rarest in his collection, only four museums in the world having received a piece.

Woman's Need of Rest.

Every woman should have at least a short time in the day in which she rests, and it should be a regular time. She should close her eyes, withdraw her thoughts from everything and really rest. Fifteen or twenty minutes of such absolute rest every day counts for a great deal.

Berlin Largest University.

Berlin university is the most numerous attended seat of learning in the world. It contains 7,774 matriculated and 1,330 nonmatriculated students. All the cities of Germany and every country in Europe, from Norway to Sicily, from Ireland to Russia, are represented in its classrooms.

Fame and Human Happiness.

Whatever may be temporary applause of men, or the expressions of public opinion, it may be asserted without fear of contradiction that no true and permanent fame can be founded, except in labors which promise the happiness of mankind.—Charles Sumner.

Art as a Malaria Antidote.

Give the girl art student a dank, undrained bit of swamp with positively green verdure growing in artistic clusters, says Woman, and she will not complain of the mosquitoes which it breeds or the malaria which the doctor's wife is sure to find visibly present in it.

Vast Extent of the Earth.

Some idea of the vast extent of the surface of the earth may be obtained when it is noted that if a lofty church steeple be ascended, and the landscape visible from it looked at, 900,000 such landscapes must be viewed in order that the whole earth may be seen.

Mother-in-Law Joke 1900 Years Old.

Mothers-in-law were no better in Juvenal's time (the first century of the Christian era) than they are today, and to this date belongs the immortal story of the man who threw a stone at a dog, and hitting his mother-in-law, said: "Not so bad."

Comfort of Air Castles.

I find the gayest castles in the air that were ever piled, far better for comfort and for use than the dungeons in the air that are daily dug and caverned out by grumbling, discontented people.—Emerson.

A Treat, indeed.

One little girl had been to a party on two consecutive days. "Oh, mamma," she cried, enthusiastically, on her second return from the second, "just think, I've had ice cream twice in congestion!"

As She Recalled It.

"Yes," said Mrs. Lapsling; "my husband enjoyed his trip ever so much. He says the train he traveled on had the finest buffon car he ever saw in his life."

You Lose.

There is comfort in the thought that the barking dog never bites until you happen to think that the biting dog seldom barks.—Somerville Journal.

Value of a Hobby.

Have a hobby for your spare moments. Bacon's fame is mainly due to books written in his spare hours while he was England's chancellor.

Lightning Speed.

A Munich firm has just run a locomotive and train weighing 288 tons from Munich to Augsburg at an average speed of 81 miles an hour.

Shave Heads of Schoolboys.

It is the fashion in France for schoolboys to have their hair shaved off.

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