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PORTLAND, MONDAY, NOV 21, 1904. ECONOMIC AND OTHER CHANGES. It is not probable that the present Congress will take up the subject of tariff revision, but the next one will.

President Roosevelt is a protectionist, but not an extreme one. No one knows better than he that tariff schedules cannot be permanent, but with the tariff commission, he is not in need of revision.

It is known to all close observers that great economic changes are going on in the United States. These changes not only affect manufacturing but agriculture and livestock production.

It will mean readjustment of the relations of agricultural and manufacturing industries towards each other; therefore modifications of present tariffs, so that food and raw materials may cost less.

Not now, nor for a long time, will the people of the United States give up the policy of protection. But readjustment of tariff schedules, to meet new conditions, will be compelled soon.

These changes are beginning, indeed they are fairly under way. There will be no sudden revolution, but the changes are inevitable.

OUR PACIFIC COAST WINTER CLIMATE. There have been high winds for this region, during the past three or four days; but as the temperature has not been low there has been only a moderate rainfall.

These are commonplaces, whose truth has long been obvious to the veriest tyro who may have given a moment's thought to public affairs.

in the form of snow in the mountain ranges around us. Yet possibly there may be yet warmer winds within a short time, which will carry out of the mountains with additional rain the snow that has already fallen, and cause high water all over Western Oregon and Western Washington.

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needs no commentary here, but it may be interesting to note Lewis and Clark's description of a game which took place December 2, 1805, in a Clatsop village near the site of the present town of Seaside.

But now we discover that a steal of unparalleled boldness has been perpetrated, and we have started in to overhaul the whole business.

Heavy indeed is the toll which the North Pacific Ocean levies on life and property when the November storms sweep over that death-haunted region known and dreaded by seafaring men as that "terrible North Coast."

The month of November, from the earliest records of marine disasters in the North Pacific, seems to be replete with these tragedies of the sea, and the record is one which may well cause anxiety for those who have relatives and friends on the ocean when the November gales set in.

The trouble in Colorado, we are told, has arisen from defiance of the Constitutional amendment approved by the voters, that eight hours shall constitute a day's work.

The King County delegation to the Washington Legislature has adopted a resolution to change the employment of women as clerks during the legislative session.

Somebody again asks why the law in Oregon is changed so as to allow a voter to vote by straight party ticket by marking the ballot one.

The liberty of the town cow in Milwaukee, Or., will in the future be restricted. An ordinance on Oregon City provides that the railroad company which killed a high-grade bovine of Jersey extraction is not liable for damages.

We should have a quiet town here, and a good town, if we could expel all gamblers and speculators, all pool-players and saboteurs and liquor-sellers, all thestergoers and persons who seek various sinful amusements;

THE EARTH'S SAFEST PLACES. One of Them is the Railroad Train.—The Ocean Steamer Safer Still.—Chicago Inter-Ocean.

The Scientific American recently called attention to the odd fact that the man who rides a few score feet in a New York City elevator runs a greater risk of injury and death than the man who travels from New York to Chicago and back on the fastest trains.

Yet the average man buys an accident insurance ticket whenever he starts on a railway journey of any length, and never thinks of such precautions before entering the car that lifts him to his office.

While one unique character, Senator Cockerill, will leave no stone unturned to see that the principles of the Constitution are applied to the Southern States, but on the whole the party managers, acting, it is to be presumed, on instructions from Congress, have declared they propose to keep up the agitation.

This proposition, limited merely to the collection of data for future discussion, would not be opposed by party leaders if that were all there was in the bargain.

The number of postage stamps of the world, according to the "Universal Standard Catalogue of the Postage Stamps of the World," is 1,234,567,890.

A Country Home in Virginia. WASHINGTON, Nov.—President Roosevelt has been contemplating for some time the purchase of a country home in Virginia, about three miles south of Washington.

Quite a Natural Inference. Philadelphia Press. "Oh, John," said Mrs. Bergen, looking up from her paper, "who do you think is dead?"

Country Will Be "Free" Yet Awfully. St. Louis Globe-Democrat. President Roosevelt will not establish an American monarchy. He will be satisfied to let the republic stand for at least four more years.

Washington Correspondence Chicago Tribune, November 18. President Roosevelt's record-breaking majority and alignment of a solid North against a solid South is being made the excuse for exploiting a number of Governmental theories which were really not at issue in the recent campaign.

Under the influence of these notions there has been a sudden revival of sentiment in the direction of the scheme to reduce Southern representation in Congress by the alleged disfranchisement of the negro.

From personal knowledge I can say that the race question was intentionally subordinated by the Republican managers in the campaign.

Speeches were made denouncing the Southern people for such frequent lynchings, and Candidate Parker was regularly admonished to test his courage in the Constitution by applying its principles to the Southern States.

His followers assert the least Congress can do is to ascertain the extent to which the different states, making the investigation entirely nonpartisan, and even limiting the committee in its report to a bare statement of facts showing in which States people are prevented from voting, either through property, educational, racial or other limitations on the right of suffrage.

Washington Star. There ain't much more to say. I'm waitin' now to see the world 'round the other way.

Murphy's Great Cartoon. Seattle Argus. Harry Murphy's cartoon of Bryan in the land of the Oregonian has attracted National attention.

What Won the Mountaineer's Vote. Washington Star. "Do you mean to tell me that you voted for this Administration?"

OUT OF THE GINGER JAR. Mrs. Bacon—Which do you think is the best talker—his or his wife? Mr. Bacon—Well, do you mean for quality or quantity?—Tonkers Statesman.

NOTE AND COMMENT. A correspondent whose depth of feeling exceeds his power of poetic expression, has sent us the following lines. From the bitter tone of his verses it seems likely that some girl has been flirting with him, and that his cry of warning comes from a bruised heart.

The lightest thin in human form, A silly, flirting girl; The very worst thing to reform— Is always in a whirl.

When this low state of life is reached, So very near a fall, Her boat may any day be leached, Or swallowed in a squall.

Another split is reported to be imminent in the Irish party. One thing about the Irish party though—it can't be subdivided as often as the Conservatives, for the reason that it contains fewer members.

Apparently a customs officer at New York is to be censor of the Nation's morals. If a novel doesn't come up to his idea of what a novel conditions, it must be destroyed.

London has a radium clock that must be wound up every 2000 years. That's a fool kind of clock. After a man has thought about winding it up every day for 200 years and 364 days he will be sure to forget all about it on the 200th day, and the measly thing will run down.

"Saki," the author of "Reginald," has been hailed by some critics as the new humorist. A few of his scintillations that have been quoted are:

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