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Portland, Wednesday, Dec. 14, 1904. THE MIDDLE WAY WITH THE TARIFF.

Between the free-trade theorists and the protection theorists there is a middle way which the common sense of the country has determined to follow.

In a country so great as our own, with every variety of interests and industries, varying in magnitude and importance, there will always be dispute over the problem of tariff schedules.

It is possible that in a multitude of mothers-in-law President Smith found safety. The ordinary man has to face his mother-in-law.

CANAL OPPOSITION NOT FEARED. With the construction of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway assured and a semi-official announcement that the Gould interests would extend their system from Salt Lake to San Francisco.

THE NEGRO'S DIFFICULTY. William Garrett Brown, a native of Alabama, educated at Harvard, where he has been a lecturer on history, has recently made a tour of the South.

labor, the whites—especially those of foreign birth pressing into the country—tend steadily toward a monopoly of employment and the exclusion of negro competition.

development of territory that in the first rush to reach the Pacific was passed over with but scant consideration.

"HEADS, I DRINK." A few days ago the New York Sun told of a man who was seen to pause outside the Subway Tavern, toss a coin into the air twice without result.

IN JIM BRIDGER'S MEMORY. Over the grave of Jim Bridger a monument was unveiled at Reno, Nev., last Sunday as a mark to a typical and famous character in frontier annals.

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to help themselves by this society only four, so far as known, have returned to lives of crime, the assumption that the work is of a practical and preventive nature may be regarded as proven.

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possibly Mr. Addicks might be induced to make a few trenchant remarks about his versatile biographer, Mr. Lawson.

NOTE AND COMMENT. "Bear with me," says Lawson. Let us hope that Captain Clado won't succeed in becoming a Russian Marchand.

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BITS OF LIFE IN OREGON. Who Furnished the Red Paint? Lakeview Herald. Joe Ambrose is in from his desert sheep camp after supplies and getting in touch with the world.

Zamzamlans Import a Journalistic Jimjamban. Roseburg Review. Colonel E. Hofer, of the Salem Journal, will give a lecture here on the evening of December 15th under the auspices of the Zamzamlan Society.

Setting Down Early to a Happy Married Life. Albany Democrat. A Portland couple were married at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, and at 6 o'clock he had given her the first whiff of matrimony.

Amputated Finger Does Nicely. Pendleton East Oregonian. Elmer E. Taylor, the well-known drayman, in unloading heavy material from his wagon this afternoon, mangled the little finger on his right hand so badly that it had to be amputated near the hand.

And He's Candidate for Re-Election. Tillamook Independent. Some people are peculiarly fortunate—their good luck coming in chunks, as it were. On last Monday, for instance, Ralph Ackley was elected Treasurer of the best little city in Oregon, and on Friday he became the father of a bouncing baby boy.

Mr. Pace Makes a Call, and His Hog Gets a Puff. Willows News. John Pace made a business call at this office this week. He has recently received a letter from his father, who is in another valuable thoroughbred hog in producing thoroughbred hogs being shipped to him.

Whoooping It for the Husking Bee. Eugene Guard. Some of the young men are engaged in painting red ears. These farmers have been told that they can get New music, jakelets and other instruments of torture in the course of construction at the opera house.

Lo! the Drunken Sluagh. The Dalles Chronicle. A regular "rip-roarer," enlivened by an occasional waltz, was reported to be having this afternoon, and it is safe to say residents on Second street, between Federal and Laughlin, have never seen a drunker Indian.

THE PORTLAND EXPOSITION. Milwaukee Sentinel. One world's fair, a second upon another's heels. The wrecking crew will scarcely have finished work at St. Louis before the Lewis and Clark Exposition is on at Portland, Ore.

POLITICIANS LET OUT. Prominent Mailcarriers Are Removed by Postmaster-General. WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—Postmaster-General Wynne today removed from office Frank H. Cunningham, the South Omaha, Neb., rural mail carrier, who is president of the National Association of Rural Mail Carriers, and James C. Keelar, of Cleveland, O., who is president of the National Association of Letter Carriers.

Mr. Cunningham applied to the Postmaster-General last October for leave of absence. The Postoffice Department declined to approve the application. Mr. Cunningham, however, ignored this action and came East. From that time, it is announced at the Postoffice Department, he has been absent from duty without leave.

Mr. Cunningham submitted his resignation yesterday, and the department declined to accept it. The case of James C. Keelar, of Cleveland, O., postoffice, who is head of the National Association of Rural Mail Carriers, also remains under review today.

For several weeks his pernicious activity in the recent campaign has been under investigation by the officials of the Postoffice Department. Mr. Keelar has spent some time in this city. On the 8th instant Fourth Assistant Postmaster-General Bristow notified him that he was absent from his post and that he should return to duty on the 10th instant.

Mr. Bristow reported today Postmaster-General Wynne reported to the President of the action he had taken in the case of Cunningham and Keelar, and explained the nature of the charges against them. President Roosevelt, indorsed the Postmaster-General's action.

PANAMA AGREEMENT IN EFFECT. PANAMA, Dec. 13.—A decree reducing the import duties, rates of postage, etc., in accordance with the agreement reached between the government of Panama and the United States for the Canal Zone, went into effect today.

TO DISCUSS RECIPROcity WITH CANADA. WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—Negotiations are now pending looking to the reconvening of a committee of Canadian reciprocity experts of the joint high commission representing the United States and Great Britain.

MORGAN TO EXTEND ROAD. Canadian Northern Will Be Built to Pacific Coast at Once. VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 13.—A special from Winnipeg announces that a confidential agent of Pierpont Morgan is here. He has just made a trip over the Manitoba line of the Canadian Northern Railway.

Lucien Cutoff Saves \$2500 Per Day. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 13.—The Southern Pacific's Ogden-Lucien cutoff across Great Salt Lake has not been in operation long enough to permit the operating department to gather figures justifying the expenditure of the many millions which the big improvement cost.

NEW ROUTE TO MINING DISTRICT. BALT LAKE CITY, Dec. 13.—The San Pedro, La., Dec. 13.—The San Pedro and Company has completed arrangements for opening a new route to the Goldfield and Tonopah mining country.

THE BEATEN WIFE. Kansas City Star. Nearly every wife-beater has a soft-hearted nitty of a wife who pleads with the court not to imprison her husband; but in a case of cruelty to animals it is the wife who pleads with the court.

CONSOLATION FOR THE PATIENT. Chicago Tribune. "Patient—'Great Scott! Doctor, that's an awful bill for one week's treatment!'" Physician—"My dear fellow, if you knew what an interesting case yours was, and how strongly I was tempted to let it go to a post-mortem you wouldn't grumble at a bill three times as big as this."

HIS OCCUPATION GONE. Atlanta Constitution. "Here's a story of the devil being dead," some one said to Brer Williams. "My, my!" he exclaimed, "if you don't see cases, what in de 'rout' 'rout' will we preachers do for a livin'?"

PAPER SAYS SO. Atchison Globe. Do you know, it is as necessary to the fuzing of your face as down to the perfection of a peach? That is what a woman's paper says, and if you don't believe it, let her tell you the boot-heel.

TO AN INDIAN SKULL. (Found in a Broadway excavation.) Wallace Irwin in Life. Gaunt ribs with the mastic smile, What think you of Macabre's smile, Your uttermost soul in trustfulness For thirty dollars, more or less?

MY! IF YOUR LEGS WERE MY YET, YOU'D KICK. I AM DISPOSED TO, BECAUSE YOU SOLD OUT IN A SLUMP BEFORE YOUR STOCKS BEGAN TO JUMP.

STOP LIVELY, PLEASE! THIS HALLOWEEN GROUND IS SUITS YOUR MOLDING REST PROFOUND; SINCE THESE GODS' SCRAVE HAVE BEEN SOLD FOR VERY NEAR THEIR WEIGHT IN GOLD.

WHERE ONCE YOUR WIGWAG SUFFERED, SEE YOU MINGO-DOLLAR? AND THEN, WHEN YOUR WAG-DANCE GAVE ITS THRILL, YOU FLUNG THE SLIGHTLY VANDERBILT.