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amended with advantage, and it ought to be. It should be made an honest and fair local option act.

TARIFF REVISION. PORTLAND, Or., Jan. 17.—(By The Editor.)—If our present tariff law requires revision, and the people are in favor of its revision, why don't the advocates of revision point out the goods and ready cash...

Some of the advantages of a tariff revision would be realized in cutting off a part of the inconsiderable profits of the steel trust, the sugar trust, the paper trust, and many other "combinations" which are helped by the present tariff...

It is admitted, then, that tariff revision must come some time. Will it come through the Republican party, or over the Republican party? Here is to be an interesting question. There may be no way to convince some people that tariff revision must come, until smashing defeat first is suffered by the party that opposes it.

A TAX ON PRUDENCE AND FORESIGHT. A bill has appeared in the Legislature to increase the tax upon life insurance companies. It really is a bill to levy taxes upon the holders of life policies.

Why is it that there is a class of men who want to fine and oppress to the limit such persons as are willing to cultivate the virtues of industry, prudence and responsibility?

WOMEN AND DOGS. A woman, a dog and a walnut tree—The more you beat them, the better they'll be. Progress is made when the dog is kept from the woman when the dog is kept from the woman...

GOOD NEWS FROM SUBSIDY BILL. A Washington dispatch says that it is practically a certainty that the shipping subsidy bill recommended by the Merchant Marine Commission will not become a law.

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Not only will there be a sufficient amount of foreign tonnage to handle our increasing commerce with foreign countries, but in this way to give the producer the largest possible returns for his capital and labor.

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Twenty-nine bananas were eaten by a Chicago boy for a dollar reward. A Portland boy would deem the bananas their own reward.

"Faust" up-to-date is making a great success in Japan, according to a Tokio letter. Mephistopheles is represented as a modern European, who betrays a Japanese girl.

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Here and There. (A reply to "There and Here.") In the East "hold on" means "wait." As the Western hand derives weather such as here abides.

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STRANGE PEOPLES OF THE EARTH. THE DYAKS. By arrangement with the Chicago Tribune. NO people has borne a worse reputation for unmitigated and blood-thirsty savagery than the barbarous Dyaks of the Island of Borneo.

The Dyaks are a people of a strange, it is an insult to refine to drink his native "tau" with him, and his women never quit pressing it upon visitors. He is truthful, he seldom steals, and, except when he is on a piratical expedition or the passion for head hunting possesses him, he is gentle and merciful.

There are few details of savage life more interesting than those relating to marriage customs. When a Dyak young man fancies a young woman he shows it by persistently offering to do her work. If she accepts his aid he steals at night into the room where all his family are asleep on the floor together and wakes his sweetest. She may ask him to strike a light or stir the fire, and he does so slyly, and she is not to be seen until she has slipped on and the pair sit up all night, talking and chewing.

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The Dyaks are among the most temperate of all the peoples of the world. Dr. Alfred Russel Wallace, who has made the closest study of them, regards them as among the most intelligent. Like all savages, however, they are extremely conservative.

THE FREEDOM OF THE PRESS. Editor Harvey of Harper's Weekly Talks Well. From an address on the 25th anniversary of the Chicago Press Club.

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