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figure of the prohibitive tariff which is the fountain from which all Mr. Carnegie's beneficent wealth has flowed. He has enjoyed for many years the power to tax the American people. He still enjoys it. How can we thank him adequately for allowing libraries and schools for his with a portion of his spoils? He might have spent the whole of it on yachts and actresses. Fortunately, his taste, like Mr. Rockefeller's, inclines toward Minerva instead of Terpsichore. Hence these Florian bounties.

We would not be thankful. We lift up our voices in the general chorus of adulation. But we cannot forget that, after all, knowledge is a thing that is very little helped by marble palaces and gilded domes. Franklin gathering the wisdom of the ages at his type case; Cobden mastering the power of potent speech in his uncle's warehouse; Lincoln pondering his Euclid before a glimmering pine knot after his day of rhapsodizing, must still remain the inspiration and the exemplars for ingenious youth who would scale the heights of fame. He who would achieve greatness must still "spurn delight and live laborious days" as ever heretofore in the history of the world. Luxury kills effort, and the sumptuous ornamentation of the new institute at Pittsburg will be more likely to fill the students with vain regrets than to stimulate them to toil. It will teach them to long for help from the law rather than to trust in their own energy. The lesson which they will be only too apt to learn from all this grandeur will be to sit down and wait for the tariff to pour fortune into their laps, as it did for their great founder, rather than to acquire it by honest industry.

THE THAW MISTRIAL.
 Failure of the Thaw jury to agree upon a verdict shows that "unwritten law" has not so strong a position in the minds of the people in the East as it has in the West and South. Had Thaw's crime been committed in this section of the country his case would likely have been acquitted, not because of any admiration for the defendant, but because of the feeling that White deserved to be killed and that Thaw had performed a public service. Seven men voting for a verdict of acquittal, shows that the majority opinion was adverse to any recognition of the right of private vengeance. In the trial of the case Mr. Jerome placed special emphasis upon the absurdity of the extension of an unwritten law. The evidence in the case and the instructions given by the court left little room for a verdict other than murder in the first degree or acquittal.

After listening to the story of Evelyn Thaw, which would almost have moved a heart of stone, the men on the jury stood firmly for a verdict in strict accordance with the letter of the law. The new trial will be held under conditions rarely if ever known in this country. How a jury can be found composed of men who will not read or heard the evidence and formed and expressed an opinion is difficult to understand. A stronger case for the defense is impossible, while there is the possibility that new evidence may be discovered by the prosecution or something may occur which will deprive Thaw of some of the grounds he has advanced. That the country should be afflicted with a repetition of the story is deplorable, but under the present plans the evidence must be rehearsed before another jury.

ONE REASON FOR CAR SHORTAGE.
 In these days, when economy is the chief aim of all our large departments of industry, it is amazing to learn of some of the enormous wastes in railroad transportation. We are told, for example, that in the effort to get business one railroad will carry freight many hundreds of miles farther than a competing road would carry it, and for the same price. Thus the Canadian Pacific will take freight trains an average of half the United States to Wheeling, thence west to the Coast, and then south to San Francisco, when that same freight could as well have gone due west by direct routes to the Bay City. The Illinois Central carries freight from Chicago to New Orleans when its destination is San Francisco, rather than see a direct competing line get the business. Thus freight is carried 1000 miles farther than necessary.

In this matter one may be found some measure of explanation in the fact of shortage. Freight traffic is slow enough in any circumstances, but the delays are greatly increased when cars are sent a thousand miles out of their course and perhaps sidetracked and forgotten in some place along the line because the trainmen, though there could be no hurry about freight whose owner would send it by such a circuitous route. While these cars are going the extra 1000 miles some other shipper is told that "there are no cars." Then, too, somehow or other, the shippers must pay for this extra haul. If the company carries that car 1000 miles free, it charges other traffic enough more to make up for it. If one company can make money on an extra haul of 1000 miles, another road 1000 miles shorter should be able to carry the freight for a smaller sum. Such would be the view of a man not trained in the intricacies of railroad management, but doubtless the railroad attorneys would find some way of proving by subtle argument that there is no waste in the circuitous route practice.

FREE WATER.
 What seems to be a redeeming feature in the Wagner free-water bill is its provision to raise the revenue by charging for irrigation and the commercial use of water. It is estimated that enough can be raised from these sources to pay for current service. Mains for local service are to be paid for by a larger mains by a levy on the water territory served. The bill expects to effect economies by turning the water engineering over to the City Engineer and collections to the Auditor. Were the bill adopted and its promises met, a tax levied except interest and payments on the bonds.

The bill contains some provisions which are good and some that are bad. It is unfortunate that they cannot be separated, but the bad reflect it, and the good accepted. As it is, thoughtful voters must reject the whole. New mains should be paid for by the property benefited. This is sound economics and sound sense. The mains add to the value of the land which they serve more than enough to pay for them. This value accrues to the owners, and nothing could be more unjust than to compel the general user to contribute to it. Furthermore, if it is more economical and just as convenient to have the Auditor collect water bills, there is no valid argument

against that article; and the same may be said of turning the water engineering over to the City Engineer. These are matters where the experience of practical men is of more value than any amount of theory.

Everybody will agree also that water for commercial use and for irrigation should be paid for. But every reason that exists for this applies also to water for domestic use. It is utterly impossible to draw any rational distinction between the cases. The present charge for domestic water is doubtless excessive. Other cities which have not our cheap supply serve water for much less. Portland could do the same; it could serve households for a fraction of the present charge. But there ought to be some charge, enough to pay for the actual expense of the service and to insure a guarantee against reckless and excessive use. Just as the property benefited should pay for the mains, so the person benefited ought to pay for the water drawn from the mains. His rate should be reasonable; he should not be suburban landowners; but he should pay something.

The free-water proposition is the heart and soul of Mr. Wagner's bill, and it is something that reason condemns. Therefore the bill as a whole, in spite of some excellent provisions, must be rejected. The supporters of the bill argue that water is like a bridge or a school, which are free to all users. If they think so, why do they wish to charge for irrigation and for laundries? Shall we make the bridges free to some and charge others toll? We ought if we are to make water free to some and not to others. The fact is, of course, that water in no way resembles a bridge or school. It is something that everybody ought to pay for in proportion to what he consumes.

THE LATEST CASE OF "PERSECUTION."
 With varied feelings the people of Oregon have viewed the efforts of the Government to convict ex-Congressman, ex-Land Commissioner, Binger Hermann. That we should take an unusual interest in the successive steps in the proceedings was to be expected, for the defendant has been our fellow-citizen, our National Representative, and, above all, our Binger. That our feelings should be varied results from one changing attitude toward Mr. Hermann himself, but rather from the ever-changing aspect of the case the Government is making against the great landholder. Why cannot the Government prosecute all those who are changing attitude toward Mr. Hermann himself, but rather from the ever-changing aspect of the case the Government is making against the great landholder. Why cannot the Government prosecute all those who are changing attitude toward Mr. Hermann himself, but rather from the ever-changing aspect of the case the Government is making against the great landholder.

The Commandant of Cadets at West Point has very strict ideas of the uses to which cadet uniforms should be put. At the Easter parade many beautiful, and perhaps scantily clad, ladies were seen in the ranks of the cadets, especially wrapped their overcoats around their lady friends to protect them from the icy wind. The commandant ordered an officer to do down the line of spectators' benches and order all cadet uniforms removed from shoulders of visitors. The order was obeyed, but to the displeasure of the cadets, who are now inquiring whether the commandant has forgotten his cadet days. Perhaps he has; age brings many changes.

The sophomores of Harvard University, or those who will attain to that privileged state at the opening of the September semester, are looking forward to great fun. They will have for a target a real live Prince of the Imperial household of Hohenzollern, Prince Oscar, fifth son of the German Emperor. The Prince will be accompanied by a military adjutant, but he will, nevertheless, no doubt be put through his paces in true college style. He is, however, an under-graduate in the great Bonn University, and no doubt knows how to take care of himself.

An artist's model who won a \$10,000 prize at Madison-Square Garden for her beauty has sued a college professor for damages for breach of promise. What a Madison-Square Garden beauty would do for a poor college professor's son to admire is a question that is likely to be up for the jury's consideration. Somehow or other we have of late acquired strange notions of the ideals of artists' models and Madison-Square beauties.

Eastern agricultural papers are advising farmers to prevent scab on potatoes by dipping the seed potatoes in a solution of one pound of formalin in thirty gallons of water. The potatoes are to be left in the solution two hours. Quite a treatment of seed potatoes with a Bordeaux mixture would be beneficial also.

Dedicates the Monument
 Roosevelt Speaks at Unveiling of the Memorial to Roughriders.
 WASHINGTON, April 12.—President Roosevelt made a speech on patriotism and good citizenship at the dedication of the monument erected in the National Cemetery at Arlington to the memory of the "Rough Riders" of the Spanish-American War. Mr. Allyn K. Capron, widow of Captain Capron, of the Rough Riders regiment, who fell at Las Guasimas, pulled the cord holding the American flag that covered the monument. Dr. D. J. Stafford, of St. Patrick's Church, this city, made the dedication address. Regular troops and part of the National Guard of the First District of Columbia regiment participated in the exercises. The President was escorted to the monument by Captain Preston's troop of the Thirtieth Cavalry.

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