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THE OUTLOOK FOR REVISION.

For those who fear that tariff revision at the coming session of Congress will not be genuine there is at least one encouraging circumstance...

This view of the situation is a little more hopeful than the facts warrant. Nobody can be certain that the voters are so strongly in favor of lower duties as to punish Congressmen for failing to grant them...

Undoubtedly protection sentiment is spreading in the South and we may be sure Mr. Taft will do nothing to check it because it is one of his ambitions to break up the solid South before his term ends...

The best hope for final escape from tariff burdens lies in the steady growth of knowledge and common sense among the voters. Naturally as fast as they learn what the real working of excessive protection is they will become revisionists...

More than ordinary significance and interest attended the ceremonies incident to laying the cornerstone of the new Y. M. C. A. building yesterday. The growth of this organization in the past few years has been phenomenal...

These are the agencies that have made the Young Men's Christian Association a power in the land. These are the forces, that, ignoring all evangelical restrictions, have caused Jews, Christians, agnostics and orthodox Unitarians to go forward with money wherever to build and equip commodious and even elegant quarters in which to entertain the constantly growing membership of this organization in every city of the land...

term. It is to furnish a place where they can meet on terms of equality in amusement, recreation, instruction, social environment, and, if they so desire, for religious observances. Nothing is compulsory except decent, orderly behavior as becomes gentlemen everywhere.

Much of the work of the Y. M. C. A. in this city for the past forty years of its existence among us is, in its very nature, of the unwritten order. Yet of its visible presence our citizens and the stranger within our gates, have at times been conscious.

Justice Marquam is one of Portland's few remaining early pioneers. He has always been a foremost and honored citizen. For long years he was known as Judge of Multnomah.

On December 4 divorcees to the number of eight were granted in the Circuit Court. This fact is thought worth mentioning, not because it is exceptional, but because it is typical.

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The course of the European market and the grinding struggle which has partly followed these American advances indicates that the buyers abroad are not yet prepared to acknowledge the merits of the Patton claims for strength in the general market throughout the world.

The Indian "elephant" which England has never killed its keeper, but it has had a number of bad spells, and is again in an ugly mood. It broke loose at Calcutta, nearly seventy years ago, and has since been placed in subjection more than 29,000 British soldiers answered the roll call.

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WHY PANAMA CANAL MUST PAY.

Who, Now, is Able to Measure the Golden Trail in Its Wake? H. C. Forester in Putnam's Magazine.

In the foreground is the cyclonic boom which it will give the American cotton and iron markets. The Southern cotton-growers now reach the Atlantic ports by the cumbersome route of the Suez Canal by way of New York.

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FUTURE OF DEMOCRATIC PARTY.

Just Now its Best Plan is to Watch But Do Nothing. Louisville Courier-Journal.

To the Courier-Journal it looks as if there will be no chance of parties in the National Government until the Republican party of its own weight and rottenness—we do not mean to be offensive—goes to pieces on the political junkyard of the old Democratic party.

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SOLID SOUTH MADE ONE MISTAKE.

It Should Have Protested Against the Renomination of Bryan. Richmond News-Leader.

Twelve years ago nobody would have dared predict that in 1908 the Republican party would be committed to tariff reform, currency reform, state rights and the regulation of transportation lines, trusts and corporations.

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THE GIRL AND THE GAME.

Arabella, sweetheart mine, Where the fashions have decreed it, My pocket money is all spent, I had rather—though you rap my nose—than see you in the array. When you gaze upon the array, Posing with another fellow.

NOT YET WISE ENOUGH TO SQUAWK.

Over 100 years ago a witty Frenchman said that indirect taxation was a happy scheme through which the government could get the least amount of squawking.

UNKID JABS AT RICHARD CROKER.

The applause that he is receiving made Mr. Croker wonder why he ever became a voluntary exile.

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Light Verses of the Day.

As to a Certain Preference. Carlyle Smith in the New York Sun. I would much prefer to retire to private life—William Jennings Bryan.

Well, nobody's going to stop you, Bill! There's nobody in your way. We're ready to help you do it till You've settled right down to stay. Three times the people have said it: Bill! They've hollered it loud and true. A good long rest, for a hundred years Is the ticket, old man, for you.

You've borne the brunt of the battle, Bill. For a jolly old good long while. Three times the people have swept you up In a neat little human pile. They feel that you've served your purpose, Bill.

Are able at last, we think, To take a nice long rest on salt river's bank Is the ticket, old man, for you.

You kept us awake for a good long time And you've bothered us like the deuce. Or hammered it in hard, too. And we're all agreed that the quiet life Is the ticket, old man, for you.

Go home, old chap, for a good long snooze. In the quiet of the rental snore. And don't you worry a bit, old boy. On the future or hereafter. Or hammer it in hard, too. In the year twenty-three-eight-two— The ticket of twenty-three-eight-two, Is the ticket, old man, for you.

A Glad Season.

Louisville Courier-Journal. That man must be a scoundrel's lump. Who shows on Saturday night, and who does not dream just now of pumpkin pie.

The coldest heart must gently stir. And faster beat. When an assassin thinks of turkeys. Key note.

ASTROLOGICAL.

One of the best times for our home in the next life—William E. Chandler.

When we lay down our heavy load And go to live on high. We all may choose our last abode. And we'll all choose the sky.

Wilhelm and Teddy will be less. But three among the stars They'll meet for doubtless both will choose To live upon old Mars.

And Wilhelm then may talk away Of his and her and his and hers. With not a soul to say him nay. While Teddy digs canals.

Boss Murphy and Dick Croker, too. Will surely have their fling. And live on Saturn ages through. Surrounded by the ring.

When Oscar Hammerstein shall fill Tin to Venus in content. The stars may sing together, it will not cost him a cent.

And John D.'s choice undoubtedly On Jupiter will fall. Because it is the biggest he Will want to own it all.

Then pick your stars; yet have a care. Or you may miss the prize. You've landed on a planet where Things are not up to date.

OUTLIVING THE DEFENSE.

Cleveland Plain Dealer. "I have noticed," said the lawyer, "and it sits me with surprise. My poor unhappy client has a glitter in his eyes. From which it may be gathered that in spite of every hope and prayer, The medic experts soon will hand the court the usual dose."

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