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THE TARIFF AND THE DEFICIT.

The United States Government is like some of Ouida's fascinating heroes who never would take the trouble to look into their money matters. Consequently the poor fellows...

CITY LIGHT PLANT FOR PORTLAND?

The proposal for a municipal lighting plant in Portland is not winning such widespread favor as its promoters hoped for. The reasons against a municipal plant are numerous...

EFFORTS TO GET PURE MILK.

The city of Boston has passed a rule that requires all housewives, users and vendors of milk in that city to wash at once every container of milk on their premises as soon as it is emptied...

OUR MANUFACTURING GROWTH.

The constant drift of the United States from the position of an exporter of raw materials to a similar position as an exporter of manufactured articles is becoming more and more apparent each year.

ANTARCTIC SEALING HERD.

A Victoria dispatch in yesterday's Oregonian states that the annual seal South African port of the sealing schooner Agnes G. Doublie with a good catch of skins taken near the South Pole than any sealers have been before.

LONG LEE STOPS ORGAN PIPES.

Pittsburg Dispatch. A pipe organ concert in the First Methodist Church at Tyrone, Pa., was stopped because the instrument failed to work.

Russian Count Now Deputy Sheriff.

Albany, N. Y., Dispatch. Lieutenant-Colonel A. M. Loebwisky, who says he is an exile from Russia, has been made a Deputy Sheriff at Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

nounces his intention of dropping the investigation, provided he fails to find anything improper in the transaction. It is pretty late in the day for even a still hunt to turn up anything that the public does not already know about the Panama purchase.

THE SACRED RIGHT TO POISON.

Our pugacious friend, L. Ferdinand Floss, whose letter is printed today, raises a very pretty question in the course of his lurid remarks. He wants to know why a farmer shall not have the same rights and privileges in everything that he raises as the "boy" who makes the Oregonian.

STATE CONTROL OF WATER RIGHTS.

Various persons are "figuring" on a water rights bill, to be presented to the Oregon Legislature next month. The subject has been referred by the Oregon Conservation Commission, which has been taking testimony from water-users, and which is said to be favorably impressed with the Wyoming plan of administering water privileges through a State Board.

What Would Lincoln Have Done?

For instance, what would Abraham Lincoln have done in like circumstances? During the Civil War, when he was undergoing the tortures of ancient and modern times...

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in Bering Sea. It had simply been frightened away by the inhumanities practised by the lessees of the rookeries, and quite naturally sought a more secluded part of the ocean.

The Japanese were quick to discover the presence of a great source of wealth as the fur seal, and pelagic sealing was entirely too slow for them. Following the example of the San Francisco, monopoly, so securely lodged on the Bering Sea rookeries, the Japanese raided the islands and clubbed and killed indiscriminately until in a few years the seals fled in terror from that part of the ocean just as they had formerly left the Bering Sea.

The effect of this work can be readily understood. After the seal had been burned through to the flesh, the poor seal fled in terror to the ocean, and the salt water, biting into the wound, made a festering sore which meant weeks of torment before it finally healed or before death relieved the sufferer.

SOME UGLY STABS AT ROOSEVELT.

Springfield (Mass.) Republican. "Constant Reader" writes: "Are not the President's most joyous moments those in which he is killing somebody a liar?" Give us time to think.

San Pedro News.

SAN PEDRO, Cal., Dec. 15.—The schooner Omega, Captain Nyman, arrived this morning at 11:30 from Los Bay, bringing 600 feet of lumber for the Hicks-Hauptman Lumber Company and 20,000 feet for the Blinn Lumber Company.

Harmon's Tears Affect Judge.

HOQUIAM, Wash., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—M. H. Harmon pleaded guilty to the charge of larceny by false pretenses at Moses Lake today and explained his circumstances with tears pouring down his cheeks. Judge Irwin, of the Superior Court, dealt leniently with the man and sentenced him to two months in the County Jail. Harmon was recently bound over from Hoquiam by Judge Ogden at the instance of a Tacoma paper.

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Instruments and apparatus for scientific purposes may be said to represent about the last word in the manufacturing line, the countries which can produce these, being well qualified to produce any kind of manufactures. For this reason it is exceptionally pleasing to note that of these high-class manufactures, we last year sold Europe nearly \$4,000,000 worth.

All Japanese immigration to the United States is to be stopped by the tariff. It is a subtle and insidious Japanese diet makes official indorsement of the agreement effected by Secretary Root and Baron Takahira. This will remove a fruitful cause for trouble between the two nations, and unless we get trouble by treating Japanese, tourists and students with the usual incivility which we extend to the Chinese who visit our shores on a business or pleasure, there will hardly be more war talk until Japan strengthens her position in the Far East.

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MORE HOT STUFF FROM FLOSS.

Editorial in the Oregonian of December 14 about "An analysis of milk, sanitary conditions on farms, what fruitgrowers must know," etc., were beautiful; were very nice; were so amusing that I had to squeal for laughing; were highly educational and had a great literary value; were extremely appetizing to all people in cities who buy and use milk, butter, and other farm products; were proving a point beyond the least doubt that we need a good many more so-called inspectors or slave-drivers and laws to make the farmers to do their work on their farms; and to the editor and the well-known Dr. Hutchison; and were encouraging rural or farm life in the highest degree, because of the very high recommendation in general of cleanliness of the farmers and their products.

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INSURGENTS LOSE FIRST FIGHT

Gardner Scores Temporary Triumph, but Old Guard Wins.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—At the outbreak of the proceedings in the House today the roll was called on a motion by Gardner (Rep.) to discharge the committee on foreign affairs from further consideration of the resolution calling on the Secretary of State for a statement as to whether he has "information whether or not the British House of Commons has appointed a committee to report on the advisability of changing its rules and that the resolution be considered by the House. Gardner is one of the "insurgents" who believe that the rules should be changed.

The motion prevailed, 146 to 134, and thereupon he offered an amendment eliminating all reference to the demand on the Secretary of State for information and substituting therefor simply the provision for the appointment of eight members to report on the question of revising the rules. Payne, New York, and Caldwell, Pennsylvania, raised points of order, both insisting that, as a portion of the resolution would be stricken, the entire motion no longer was privileged. Against that contention Gardner vigorously arrayed himself and he cited several precedents in support of his position.

With equal vigor Fitzgerald (Dem., New York, upheld the contention of Gardner. He elaborated upon the Speaker's motion, and the House sustained Caldwell and Payne, holding that the tenor of the resolution had been changed in such a way as to render it non-privileged. Gardner promptly appealed, but alert to the importance of the proposition, Payne moved to lay the appeal on the table and on that motion the roll was forced. By a vote of 149 yeas, 135 nays, not present 4, the Speaker was sustained.

FORKER ASKS FOR DETAILS

Offers Resolution Regarding Inquiry Into Brownsville Raid.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Forker endeavored to have the Senate adopt a resolution calling on the Secretary of War for detailed information concerning the men employed, instructions given and expenses incurred in the investigation by detectives in the Brownsville affair, referred to by the President in his message of yesterday. Warren objected to the immediate consideration of the resolution and it will come up again tomorrow.

Fulton Gets Claim Bill Set.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—On motion of Senator Fulton the omnibus claims bill will be taken up by the Senate on January 6 for consideration.

ASHLAND DRYS WIN AGAIN

Carry City Election by Overwhelming Majority.

ASHLAND, Or., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—Ashland voted dry again at the annual city election today by the largest majority in the history of popular votes on the subject in municipal campaigns. The drys leading the wets by about 150 votes out of a total of 552.

EMMA GOLDMAN RELEASED

Detained for Deportation, Ottawa Orders Anarchist Freed.

BELLINGHAM, Dec. 15.—A Herald special from Bellingham says Emma Goldman and Dr. Bon Reisman were taken from a northbound train at Douglas, just across the international boundary line, by United States Border Patrol agents and being held for deportation on receipt of orders from Ottawa.

ROBBER TAKEN TO VICTIM

Girl is at Dance and Faints When She Sees Burglar.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—When E. C. Doll, under arrest and charged with burglary, appeared suddenly at a dance which Miss C. Mansfield was attending, she fainted. Last Wednesday night after Miss Mansfield had retired a burglar entered her room. He rifled her wardrobe, took her belongings, and then seized Miss Mansfield by the wrist he tore from it a bracelet. Then he dragged her from her bed and compelled her to show him where her valuables were kept. He took three rings, one a diamond and another an emerald, a gold brooch and a locket and two necklaces.

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