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after shodding office and gathering emoluments, than the old.
Expenses of government must be paid. Revenue has to be collected from the people. The revenue should be collected from as wide and equal apportionment as possible. Tariff is properly a method of apportioning taxes for support of government.

to deceive trained students of art, they are certainly worth having. The difference between a genuine Titian and one so much like the genuine that nobody can distinguish it cannot be properly marked. For all practical purposes one of the two pictures is as good as the other.

market for their products, and with the increased purchasing power thus created for them, they have reciprocated by shifting their orders from other countries to the United States. With the completion of the Panama Canal there will be a material reduction in freight rates between the Atlantic seaboard and our Far Eastern dependencies, and this will further increase the business, most of which now passes through the Suez Canal.

FRANCE WILL SET CLOCK BACK. Time Will Be Lost That Country May Be On Time.
The clocks of France are to be set back nine minutes and, according to the law of the land just adopted, in the future they are to count off the hours and the days, second by second, with the clock marking Greenwich time in England.

"PAYING TOO MUCH FOR WHISTLE". More Citizen Finds Cause for Comment in Recent Election Expenses.
MORO, Or., Dec. 27.—(To the Editor.)—The late Benjamin Franklin relates that one Christmas, when he was a small boy, his family filled his pocket with small change and sent him out to have a good time. As he loitered along the docks he encountered a sailing vessel.

Life's Sunny Side

Alexander R. Smith, the secretary of the canal terminal commission, said the other day to a New York friend:
"New York's foreign commerce has increased in the past year over \$200,000,000. New York's success as a commercial center is, in fact, phenomenal as pronounced as the success of John Bullard's note."

WHAT THE SENATORS DID NOT DO.

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THE PEOPLE'S WILL.

Mr. Bryan responds to the New York World's suggestion that James E. Martine does not "measure up to the requirements" of a Senator from New Jersey by inquiring if Mr. Martine did not receive 48,000 out of 70,000 Democratic votes and therefore "in the opinion of the people does Mr. Martine not measure up to requirements?"

LAND MONOPOLY AND PROFITS.

Big private profits in successive sales of a Morrison-street lot stir up anew the envious of single-taxers and socialists. These reformers would abolish private property in land, single-taxers would scrap a single tax on all the land, socialists would make it seize not only land, but also everything else out of which private ownership makes profit.

WESTERN WOMAN ENTERTAINING.

Her Culture Surprises the Guest From Philadelphia or Boston.
The resident of the Atlantic seaboard who descends to the eastward toward Paris misses the opportunity of learning that the Far Western woman dresses with as much taste and as winsomely as the Greek or the Hellenic. Her entertaining and witty. She has all the better ones of those qualities which are commonly spoken of as breezy. She disposes of an easy, every-day westerner's religion. She knows the vital themes of the day—and this without apparent neglect of children or family responsibilities.

RESIDENT OF THE DALLES WANTS TO BE CHANCE ON PLATFORM.

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A TRADESMAN'S VIEW OF THE HOBBLE SKIRT.

The much-discussed and generally criticized "hobble skirt" has found an advocate in Rev. Herbert S. Johnson, of Boston. Mr. Johnson is an Oregon man, a Baptist preacher, son of Professor J. W. Johnson, the first president of the University of Oregon, and his first degree from that institution. His indignities, whatever they are, may be said to be due to his Eastern environment. Hence when he asserts that the hobble skirt is one of the fashions of women that indicate balance and normality of mind, that women addicted to this form of attire, as well as those who adopt the peach-basket hat, high-heeled shoes and the many other startling accessories of fashion are the kind who make the best wives, we indulgently set it down to environment and dismiss the subject.

FREE TRADE VINDICATED.

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TARIFF THAT NEVER SATISFIES.

Whenever tariff "protection" is in sore straits, a new scheme is contrived to "line up" the people for it again. Just now the scheme is that of a tariff commission, to fix things up, so that dissatisfied citizens may give their "share." A little while ago it was tariff revision by Congress. Before that it was "high wares" and "full dinner pail." "Reciprocity" was used to hold down discontent until the game of it wore off. Early in the game the magic words were "protection of industry."

SPURIOUS PAINTINGS.

Even if there are "50,000 spurious Corots" in this country, as Mr. Henry W. Pike, the picture dealer, asserts, we need not dissolve in tears over it. A spurious picture which is so well done that it cannot be told from the original must have some merit. It is said by connoisseurs that a great many of the "old masters" which are brought across the water are nothing but imitations, and that it is to deceive American millionaires. But as a matter of fact, our millionaires rarely purchase pictures upon their own judgment. They usually employ competent agents to make their selections, and if the imitations are so near the originals as

TO MAKE YOUR IRON SAFE REALLY SAFE.

To make your iron safe really safe, in Portland, employ a watchman to stand by it all night.
Mr. Carnegie's Advantage.
Washington Star.
Mr. Carnegie has an advantage over other industrialists in that he has secured a bill in Congress in being able to put across a tariff of big appropriation without an argument.

A MOOSE HUNTER'S MISTAKE.

A Hartland hunter starting out after a deer one day recently put a blanket on his horse before he put on the harness. He kindly gave me the following description through the columns of the Oregonian: In what year did Henry Irving last play here? Please pronounce the following: "Quo Vadis," "Tolstol." SUBSCRIBER.

LONG DRAWN OUT.

An English election can scarcely be listed under the head of amusements, but it takes high rank as a continuous performance.
Dangers.
Boston Transcript.
Were it not for deer hunting, joy riding and water polo, the Fourth of July, this would be a pretty safe country to live in.

PROMOTING HAPPINESS.

Prominent men and women whose sole profession is loving their neighbors better than themselves.
THE NEW YEAR.
IN LIGHTER VEIN.
Hashimuro Togo tells what will probably happen in 1911, and Irving Cobb reviews the old year.

FEATURES IN THE SUNDAY OREGONIAN.

WHEN FIRST MASS WAS SAID IN VANCOUVER.
Here was the cradle of the Catholic Church in the Pacific Northwest; the first cathedral, first convent school, first hospital.

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