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THE OPPOSITION TO RECIPROCITY.

The reports that the insurgents in Congress are opposing the President's policy of Canadian reciprocity grow a little when they are looked into. Senator Borah certainly opposes reduction of the tariff on lumber, but he never was very much of an insurgent. His objection, such as it is, may be set off by Mr. Beveridge's loyal support of the President. The latter has been one of the most determined of the insurgent band and his adherence means a great deal more than Mr. Borah's lone opposition.

Only one reason can be imagined why Mr. Beveridge stands for reciprocity, and that is because he thinks it is right. He has nothing in particular to gain by it and may lose something. He is an Indiana farmer upon whom he must depend for political resurrection one day. Are like a good many other farmers in fancying that reciprocity is against their interest. But Senator Borah's case is quite different. He opposes reciprocity because it means reduction of the lumber and lead duties which are of consequence to his constituents. His opposition is precisely like all the rest which comes out into the open. It prefers the interest of a small group of men to that of the great public. The maxim that the greatest good of the greatest number should be sought is lost sight of. It is replaced by the quest for the greatest good of the smallest number.

So far as the real insurgents are concerned we do not learn that they find reciprocity especially repugnant. Some of them do not care to grow enthusiastic over the President's scheme, but that is natural enough. They dislike Mr. Taft and there is no evidence that he is particularly fond of them. But reciprocity is in itself a policy which the out-and-out insurgents could not consistently fight and very likely would not have favored. They will vote for it. We should not be surprised to find Mr. Borah lining up at the last moment. He is too able and too upright a man to fight to the last ditch against a measure which he must understand to be right from the point of view of a statesman who will ever a politician might think of it.

The Democrats are in the same boat with the insurgents. They want the duties lowered. Reciprocity is an effective means of lowering them, and to be consistent they must favor it. The country will not be so much surprised to find Mr. Borah lining up at the last moment. He is too able and too upright a man to fight to the last ditch against a measure which he must understand to be right from the point of view of a statesman who will ever a politician might think of it.

Everybody expects the irreconcilable opposition to fight reciprocity. They are in the habit of fighting any and all plans for relieving the country of tariff extortion. They do it because they reap the benefits of the tariff, they or the interests which they represent. The economic interests overweigh all others in their minds. The tariff yields them a huge profit and therefore they will not let "the citadel of protection" be breached at any point if they can help it. However, since the tariff drains the profits from the country it is legitimate for them to be interested in its reduction. They will not let "the citadel of protection" be breached at any point if they can help it. However, since the tariff drains the profits from the country it is legitimate for them to be interested in its reduction.

With the greatest coal deposits that have ever been disclosed to the world Alaska is still forced to import coal from British Columbia. It is estimated that the hundreds of rich valleys in which all kinds of vegetation grow with luxuriance during the long, warm days of summer would support an immense population. The development of the timber, all coal resources would also attract thousands of people. But there is no transportation for the farmers or the timbermen nor will there be any until there is adopted a more liberal policy which will make accessible for the present generation the great latent resources of the country.

PORTLAND STILL GAINING.

The current number of the New York Financial and Commercial Chronicle presents in detail the January bank clearings for the principal cities of the United States for January of the past four years. In total relative positions Portland, compared with other cities makes a remarkable showing. In January, 1908, with total clearings of \$21,696,804, Portland was outranked by fifty-nine other cities, with Seattle twenty-first on the list. A year later the January clearings brought Portland into twenty-fourth place and Seattle into eighth place. Los Angeles was seventeenth in 1908 and sixteenth in 1909. The Alaska-Yukon Exposition activity in 1910 enabled Seattle to gain two points in position, while Portland went from twenty-fourth place to twenty-first. In the month just closed Portland and Los Angeles held their relative positions of a year ago, twenty-first and fourteenth place respectively. Seattle dropped back in the race from

resolution which he has been said to lack upon occasion. If he holds to his course unflinchingly he will regain the confidence that he may have sacrificed by wavering in other crises.

BOGUS "JOKERS."

If Senator Kellarer knows the details of the terrible transaction by which the Malarkey public utilities were "josephized," he really ought to tell. Otherwise his statements will be classified as mere buncombe. He has been judiciously vague so far, and will doubtless continue to be. The Senate evidently thought his opposition was inspired largely by disappointment that his own measure was not more favorably received. For the overwhelming vote shows clearly that it took no stock in the hysterical talk about "jokers" and "josephizing."

Since President Josselyn's attitude appears to have been occasioned by such virtuous and indignant concern Senator Kellarer, it may possibly be explicable on the ground that he favored the Malarkey bill as a means of escape from the threatened Kellarer bill. He had no other alternative. The people of Portland are the most virtuous and indignant citizens and regulated. They want, deserve and are going to have better service. But they are not for that reason willing to go to the length of turning it over to Senator Kellarer and his little political party.

OUR CRIDGES.

Portland, Or., Feb. 7.—(To the Editor.)—In the Oregonian of February 6, Joseph C. Cridge, his soap, W. S. U'ren and the single tax. The first three are doing very well, thank you. As an answer to the entire bunch of critics, attention to the following unqualified facts: (1) That in 1907, on January 12, after carefully observing the gradual approach of Vancouver to the exemption of such taxes as the timber, the saw and lumber taxes, the single tax was adopted by five to one for the entire abolition of such taxes at once.

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EFFECT OF CONSERVATION.

Collector of Customs Willis has made his annual report on the business of Alaska for 1910. With commerce establishing new records in all other parts of the world, Alaska has been a conspicuous exception. The expectations that were formed of him early in his career have all been disappointed, and it is conceded that he is not likely to be anything better than the attorney of a few millionaires. His opposition to reciprocity is not so respectable as Mr. Borah's because it is not so candid. We do not believe that he can lead his party astray. Most Democrats understand what reciprocity means and they also understand Mr. Bailey. They know perfectly well that the country could not do for them to go before the country with a record of hostility to the only piece of genuine tariff reform that has been proposed in many years.

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ANTI-RAILROAD SENTIMENT ABATING.

"The development of the country dwarfs the development of the railroad," says the New York Times in approval of the plans of the Harriman system to spend \$75,000,000 in improvement of the "Times" line. The proposed expenditure "accumulating" signs of reaction from the campaign of agitation for the benefit of those who fish in troubled waters at the expense of those who profit most in quiet times. The \$75,000,000 which Mr. Lovett proposes to spend in the next five years is small in comparison with the \$250,000,000 that Mr. Harriman spent in less than seven years, but it will be productive of correspondingly satisfactory results.

THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT DELIVERED.

The United States Government delivered messages over forty-five miles of impassable roads on the Mexican border yesterday. An airplane in the hands of the military should relieve the necessity of advertising for boys over 16 years old, owning their own bicycles, and living at home with their parents. The case of Dr. W. B. Hinson and five others whose houses were raided while they were at prayer meeting raises profound and dangerous queries. If man's piety is the burglar's opportunity, whither shall we turn for comfort? That band of twelve Mexican insurgents which has been conducting such formidable warfare around Juarez would better watch out, as a Major-General may drop in on them at any moment, making thirteen at the mess. Fra Eibert Hubbard will address the Portland Ad Club on "How to Lose Money on Advertising." The Idaho University has placed a ban on the Greek letter societies. This thing is not a laughing matter. The thing will know nothing but English, and where will the jokesmith get his inspirations? A man sentenced to jail by the Portland Municipal Court was found by the court to be a Jew. The court will be certain of the fact that he is there. A hen at Forest Grove was choked to death trying to swallow a mouse. This should serve as a warning to women who talk in their sleep.

ers than the railroad did not share in the prosperity and increased profits that followed. In his announcement Mr. Lovett expressed confidence that the anti-railroad sentiment was abating and that the public would join with the railroads and work for a cessation of hostilities that have proved harmful alike to the railroads and to the country they serve.

The original appropriation of \$300,000 for the purpose of raising or removing the wreck of the battleship Maine at Havana has been exhausted, and unless Congress provides more funds immediately there will be a heavy loss on the work already performed. The Government has assembled at Havana a plant valued at \$500,000, and the huge cofferdam which has been under construction for months is nearly completed. Abandonment of the work at this stage would not only cause a heavy loss before it could be taken up again, but it would be anything but creditable to the country, which in raising the vessel is merely performing a duty that should have been attended to ten years ago.

Very likely Dr. Herbert Howe, of Denver University, is so sour and homesy that he could not hire a pretty girl to let him hug her for his whole life. That accounts for his, in spite of his being a natural philosopher and so the good old practice will not cease. What a sad old world it would be if youths and maidens were to stop dancing and nobody's arm over the shoulder anybody's waist beneath the forevermore. Professor Howe, avante!

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Life's Sunny Side

"There's nothing like temperance," said Mayor Shank in a temperance banquet in Indianapolis. "Take the case of John Humphreys. "Humphreys, at a supper, drank more than was good for him, and arrived home at 4 P. M. in a rather unfortunate state. "The family physician met him at the front door. "Humphreys, he said, I congratulate you. You're a father again. "The physician led Humphreys upstairs to the nursery, where the nurse proudly exhibited a fine infant. "But Humphreys, instead of congratulating Rooseveltian joy, frowned, swore and left the room. "The next morning, when he again saw the new-born child, he showed amazement and perplexity. "But, nurse," he said, "where is the other one?"—St. Louis Republic.

Fish Commissioner George M. Bowers has succeeded in planting the Chinook salmon in Lake Snapee, New Hampshire, and visitors to the Bon Mere now catch four and five-pound Chinooks at the Hedgebrook. It took 40 years to plant Pacific salmon in the East—a work of patience. "Yes, it has been a work of patience," said Commissioner Bowers in an interview in Washington. "Such patient work makes me think of the ticket agent in the railway station. "A woman said to the ticket agent angrily: "Look here, sir, I've been standing before this window 25 minutes!" "The agent, a gray, withered little man, answered gently: "Ah, madam, I've been standing before this window 25 minutes!"—Boston Herald.

Charles T. Champion, secretary of the Federal Trust Company, and president of the Newark Bait and Fly Club, is an ardent fisherman. He also believes in being a man of his word, and this combination once led him into an amusing blunder. In the neighborhood of Millburn was his destination one Saturday afternoon, and when he came within sight he noticed a number of signs posted in the railway station. Being seen fishing there, so he refrained from reading the signs in order to be able to say truthfully that he had not read them. After an afternoon of no luck whatever he got ready to go in disgust, and as he passed a sign he read: "Don't fish here. The fish have all been removed to the pond above."—Newark Star.

Bishop John L. Neulsen, in an address in Omaha, said of intolerance: "These intolerant people make me think of young Parson Brownlow. "Parson Brownlow, one Sunday morning was passing a pond when he saw young skaters went through the ice. The parson, a good swimmer, plunged into the cold water, and promptly after a deal of diving and fendering and struggling he managed to rescue the two boys. He held their limp forms out to the bank, and then they began to work their arms vigorously, so as to restore animation. When a deep, restorative voice cried from the bank: "Parson!" "He looked up and beheld the frowning visage of Deacon Jones. "Parson," said the Deacon, "six days shut your labor."—London Globe.

Two men—an Englishman and a Scotchman—were traveling from Aberdeen to London in a train. They reached the bank side by side. The word, and during the stoppage there the Englishman got out and had some refreshment. When he got back to the train the Scotchman was sitting where he had left him and looking more sour and solemn than ever. "It's a long, wearisome journey," said the Englishman when the train started, by way of making conversation. The Scotchman looked at him with an angry frown. "So it ought to be," he replied, "frigid. 'It cost fifty-nine and ninepence!"—London Globe.

IN THE MAGAZINE SECTION OF THE SUNDAY OREGONIAN. CAP. ANSON'S FORTY YEARS IN BASEBALL. Adrian C. Anson begins a series of articles on his baseball career that will be of interest to every fan and every lover of pure sport. LIVING STAGE POLE WHO HELPED CHEER LINCOLN'S. Sunday is the anniversary of Lincoln's birth. It is interesting to know of the great actors and actresses whom Lincoln saw and of his fondness for the stage which finally led to his death. PHOTOGRAPHS OF BIRDS FLYING HELP INVENTORS. Oregon people know that W. L. Finley and Hermann T. Bohlman have won fame as naturalists and as photographers of bird life. That their photographs are of practical value to inventors of aeroplanes is the text of an illustrated article.

UNCLE SAM OFFERS REWARD TO INDIAN'S BROTHER. How the Government is trying to keep the Indians from disappearing from the United States is described in an illustrated article. IDEAL MARRIAGE SHATTERED, CUPID TAKES TO WOODS. The romance of Mrs. Frederica Gilpin and how it was interesting to fragments offers an sidelight on the divorce evil. TWO PAGES OF WIT, HUMOR AND CARTOONS. Wallace Irwin presents Hashimuro Togo as detective, Irwin S. Cobb interviews Dr. Cupid and C. S. Yost gives his quaint humor play in "Making a Man Out of the Boy." A page of cartoons, "The Widow Wives," Mr. Twee Deedle, and Sambo are also features of the magazine section.