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Portland, Friday, Sept. 22, 1911.

BLACKSMITH TARIFF REVISION.

"Blacksmith tariff bills" is a name which President Taft's Grand Rapids speech should fasten on the bills passed by the Democrats and insurgents...

A MELANCHOLY LAFRE.

Sad is the spectacle when a great man declines from his lofty sphere and sinks into vice. It is a pity when an ordinary individual permits himself to dance down to perdition along the primrose path...

AS OTHERS SEE US.

The "Country Contributor" of the Indianapolis News has been out West this season. She came and saw and nearly perished of thirst. "I never saw as much water in my life," she says...

THE INVASION OF CENTRAL OREGON.

The spirit of invasion, which is but another name for the pioneer spirit, has pushed on into Central Oregon with such purpose and power that the erstwhile solitudes of the vast region...

REMINISCENCES AND ANECDOTES ARE

Being exchanged in the French press just now in memory of the celebrated revolutionist Gaudier, the contents of whose birth occurred recently...

Gleanings of the Day

Flats are the most powerful arguments in the Canadian election, and the campaign meetings in that law-abiding country make American political disturbances resemble a church social...

Country Town Sayings by Ed Howe

Do you praise yourself more than you deserve, and abuse your neighbor more than he deserves? A good many do it.

of the last season are specimens of the result of that different policy, he will not have to give way.

GOVERNOR WEST FEELS ALL RIGHT.

Governor West says he felt like a dog before he relieved Webb. What breed of dog? Some breeds are superior to others. He admits that he showed mercy to Webb, because the murderer's wife was a woman.

SECRETARY WILSON'S FATE.

That Secretary Wilson will be displaced in the promised housecleaning in the Agricultural Department is more than most men dared to hope. He has held office so long that it was assumed as a matter of course that he would continue to hold it indefinitely...

LET STREETS' NAMES ALONE.

Portland, Sept. 21.—(To the Editor.)—Mayor Russell, noting your announcement appointing a committee of the City Council to name and number our city blocks in some other manner, I, for one, at this time desire to be heard in regard to making this change.

WASHINGTON ALSO RAISES HAY.

Chicago Inter-Ocean. Governor Hay, of Washington, says he represents the Commonwealth "which has its head in the clouds and whose whirrs are washed by the broad West." Fortunately the state also raises hay.

GEORGE ADE'S LATEST HUMOR

Sir A. Conan Doyle's Deepest Mystery

THE SUNDAY OREGONIAN

Fables in Slang—In "The 1911 Fable of the Treasure Locked in the Strong Box," George Ade reaches his climax in humor.

Sherlock Holmes—"The Adventures of the Stock Broker's Clerk," is an interesting story full of mystery at its beginning but very clear after Sherlock Holmes does some probing. This is one of Sir A. Conan Doyle's best.

News Snapshots—The camera tells interesting stories of the world's recent important happenings.

The Last Trail—A brisk tale of frontier life told by men who have been there.

Buying Hats—A story of how American women are beginning to give practical Paris the go-by.

Crown Prince Rudolf's Death—Long silenced story of how the Prince met a tragic death, told by Franz Josef of Austria, who has the secret which puzzled Europe for years.

Music—"Go-go Land," a popular song hit from "The Midnight Sons"; music and words.

Arming to Fight Air Dreadnoughts—How the Government is building new style guns to cope with the development of aerial craft. A half page of interesting descriptions and pictures.

The Reading Public—A tale replete with humor written by a librarian showing the peculiar literary tastes of frequenters of public reading rooms.

Compensation—Another chapter of that interesting novel of Washington society.

The Funny Men—A half page of the latest wit and humor.

Widow Wise and the comic section with more fun by Mr. Two Deeds, Sambo and others.

(Order from your newsdealer today.)

lators have experienced a similar feeling in divers other Washington cities. It is said to attack one in Philadelphia three, but happily she was alive. She lived to escape from the fascinations of Seattle and Philadelphia upon the marvels she had seen there.

Sitting pensive in her Indiana garden, where, she tells us, the flowers bloom with a luxuriant beauty and a fragrance not to be paralleled in poor old Oregon, she "thought back to a time I remember so well when we knew so little that we know today. And yet some time our race must have known it all."

Yet a man who would countenance such a condition as has been revealed in the Chemistry Bureau is obviously incompetent to rule a great department of the Government. The man who to please the President and thereby hold his job, would allow a subordinate to usurp the authority of his superior, as in the case of Dunlap and Wiley; who would allow another man like McCabe to assume the duties of one of his bureau chiefs, to override him through servile fear of losing his own position—such a man lacks the first requisite of a successful administrator, for he does not have dignity necessary to earn the respect of his subordinates. If Wiley had ordered Pinchot to mind his own business and had kept a directing hand over the Forestry Bureau as well as the other bureaus, he might have stood higher in the respect of the people. If he had refused to allow Wiley to be crippled by a ring of office-seekers, would have been supported by an enthusiastic outburst of public opinion as has resulted in Wiley's vindication and his own undoing. But he has always yielded to pressure when it seemed strong enough to press him into retirement and his administrative length of his continued tenure.

From small beginnings the Agricultural Department has grown into one of the most important in the Government, comprising thirteen bureaus and divisions. It requires a man of great administrative ability to direct the work of all these bureaus rather than a specialist in any one or more of the subjects with which they deal. He needs to see that they are each performing their proper functions free from interference either from within or without the department. In this respect, Wiley failed, both as a planner and as an administrator. He allowed to be hampered by ineffectuals and meddlers. He needs to be as loyal to his bureau chiefs as they should be to him. In this respect, Secretary Taft has strengthened his Cabinet so much by his appointment of Secretaries Stimson and Fisher that there is good reason to expect that he will find a man of the same caliber to succeed Wilson. One day will be to get rid of McCabe, Dunlap and men of their type.

The San Francisco railroad man who did not see his wife for fifteen years after their wedding may not be an object of pity. Think of the disillusionment he has escaped. No doubt he was young and foolish when he married. Now he is mature and wise and his wife has left the matter to them. They should not love each other in a calm and sensible way and pass many happy years together. Fifteen years is a trifle long, perhaps, to wait for the honeymoon, but there would be fewer divorces if half our young couples had to wait five.

If our intelligence is properly measured by our readiness to adopt the devices of civilization and apply them to various needs, then Mr. and Mrs. Pieper, of California, stand in the foremost files of the world's greatest. Who thought of bringing up twins in a fireless cooker? We have often heard of keeping the cat in the oven when the space was not needed for pies, and some people are said to keep the pig in the parlor, but when the twins in the fireless cooker in a stroke of genius. Will it boil soup while they are in it?

Years ago Ireland's famines were caused by the failure of the potato crop and the extortion of English landlords. It is now caused by the self-satisfied pride of the English. One cannot suppose that our female friend met every inhabitant of Ireland, so her judgment must be based on the character of the samples whom she did meet, and what samples they must have been! We do not envy her her friends, and we beg to advise her that there are persons of a very different sort to be found here if one brings the proper introductions.

So long as Mrs. Belmont's farmerettes could play at farming, with plenty of hired help for the drudgery, the plan was beautiful; but when the hired help was gone, and the farmerettes had to do the ordinary work, the joyous gladness vanished and vacation days were over.

As evidence that President Taft must not be said about his war on trusts, the indictment of the United Shoe Machinery Company comes the day after he delivered his speech at Detroit. This is no civil suit for injunction, but is an indictment on a criminal charge.

Vancouver purposes to muzzle dogs running loose. Here is opportunity for the Humane Society. How can a muzzled canine bite a flea? Must he submit to torture for official whim? Did none of these dictators ever "have" seas?

Ireland has a new famine. Unlike that of 1845-6, it is due not to the failure of the earth to produce food, but to the refusal of men to carry it to the consumer, because the island has the strike fever.

An excellent authority says the last shall be first, and as Joe Keller stood at the bottom of the list in examinations for captain of police, why carp and cavil if he gets the appointment?

A Federal grand jury, immune to pulls and pushes, points the way to local authorities to suppress the white slave traffic. Will they take heed?

There is danger of famine in a section of the Philippines and the white man's burden is increased to the extent of a shipload of rice.

The present-day murderer is not content to kill a single person—he commits murder wholesale, in Colorado as in Oregon.

Permitting a trust to escape creates less criticism than granting a pardon and is a kind of good riddance, anyway.

With only eight million population, the Canadians make as much roar as one coyote outside the corral.

Naval estimates suggest two more first-class battleships. We shall need them for the grand canal parade.

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