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MORE TARIFF HISTORY.

RECORD, Or., March 28.—(To the Editor.)—President Taft signed the Payne-Aldrich tariff bill on the grounds that it was the best he could get from Congress.

Here is a correspondent who blames the President because he accepted any tariff bill from Congress, and blames him again for not accepting any tariff bill from the same Congress.

Why is there so much persistent misunderstanding and misstatement about recent tariff history? The facts stand out, and the truth is easy to know.

ROOSEVELT AT IT AGAIN.

Colonel Roosevelt persists in misrepresenting President Taft's opinions by quoting one sentence of the latter's Toledo speech, torn apart from its context.

Our is a government of all the people by a representative part of the people.

The President gave a description of the actual condition of affairs which is obviously true. The whole people of the United States in 1908 numbered about 90,000,000.

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The task which the Commission has now taken in hand is co-operation with the Government is much greater than that already performed.

Let the voters take those words to heart. Colonel Roosevelt says literally that the Government can only mean government by the special interests for the bosses.

Railroad earnings decreased throughout the year 1911 in spite of strict economy which reduced operating expenses. Reports from 9.47 of the steam roads in the United States show decrease in gross operating revenue of 2.5 per cent and in net operating revenue of 4 per cent.

adjustment of rates by the Interstate Commerce Commission should rather take the form of removal of inequalities than of reductions.

CHECKS TO IRISH IMMIGRATION.

A determined effort is being made by the National Council of Ireland to check emigration from that country.

It would seem that the remedy for the gradual depopulation of Ireland is to be found in Ireland itself.

The grant of home rule cannot be long delayed, and when it comes it will be very sentimental reason why Irishmen should stay at home to work out the destiny of their own country.

A LITTLE BOOK FOR PARENTS.

No. 41 of The Industrialist, a publication issued by the Kansas Agricultural College, is particularly interesting to parents and others who are concerned with the child's education.

According to this pamphlet, "work is the foundation stone of a successful career. In planning the son's vocation parents should begin early and lay their foundation in hard work and plenty of it."

Experience and especially the growth of popular government in our own history has shown that in the long run every class of the people, and by that I mean those similarly situated, are equal.

WORK OF THE PORT COMMISSION.

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The Commission has probably multiplied several times the amount of channel work done in the twenty years of its existence.

After citing the several controversies noted herein, Hind's Precedents, which is published by authority of Congress and is therefore official and authentic, makes this statement:

It is a well known fact that some of the bills as distinguished from special bills appropriating for single, specific purposes, originate in the House of Representatives.

The foregoing paragraph discloses the cause for the confusion that has arisen in the minds of school instructors on this subject.

Preparation of rods and tackle, it must be admitted, fractured the sacredness of the day to some extent.

The class dogs are anticipating great honors this week.

water, any ship now afloat, even the great ship now building at Hamburg with a loaded draft of over thirty-one feet, will be able to come to the Port-

considerable detail might have been given had it been thought necessary.

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SOUND POLICY FOR GOOD ROADS.

An able article suggesting a policy of raising money for construction and maintenance of good roads is published in the Engineering News of March 14.

Issue of bonds running for terms as long as ten years is condemned, and the principle set forth that the bonds should run no longer than the roads will last.

Thus it appears that the worst offender, who confessed that he had embezzled the bank's money, was made a martyr.

APPROPRIATING FEDERAL MONEY.

Recently a student in the Astoria public school submitted to the Oregonian a question that was a part of the eighth-grade examination in civil government.

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WOMEN AND RULE OF THE PEOPLE.

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SOCIALISTS' IDEAS CONTRASTED.

Writer Asserts Leaders Cannot Be Planned Down to Definite Policy.

CORVALLIS, Or., March 30.—(To the Editor.)—I have been reading the speech of Job Harriman of Los Angeles delivered to about 2000 Socialists in Chicago last Friday night.

The entire speech was directed to one point, the conservation of human energy.

Do you see? Let me burn it into your brains. Do you see why the saloon, the real estate man, the banker, the capitalist, all regard the worker as a pest?

Mr. Russell, their chief spokesman, for protesting, says that the destruction of the institution of private property, nothing less, will satisfy the Socialists.

Now this speech of Mr. Harriman's was a beautiful speech. It was full of logic, stirring passages, full of the claptrap which makes Socialists.

The trouble in the United States is we live too high. We say we don't, but we do. We say, "How can I cut down my expenses?" Look at France; its population nearly all property-owners.

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Half a Century Ago

From The Oregonian of April 1, 1862.

The following are the delegates elected at the Washington County Union convention to attend the state convention to be held at Eugene City on the 30th inst.:

A dispatch from Salt Lake City, dated March 24, says that the telegraph line is still down east of Fort Kearney.

Salt Lake, March 19. The Eastern line is down east of Overland City and it is reported that the immigration has cut down our sales for the month.

Brigham Young was officially notified on the 17th of his election as Governor of the State of Deseret.

Governor Nye, now in San Francisco, has received the following dispatch from the Oregonian: City, N. T. March 30, 5:15 P. M.—Received today a letter from Aurora (Emerald mining region)

Governor Whitaker has written to Colonel Cady, at Vancouver, inquiring what the Congress of the United States is empowered to dispatch troops to defend miners from the raids of the savages.

As "Ed" Howe Sees Life

Seven out of ten men seem to think that the way to get rich is to fool somebody. Where do you get your real sense know that the best way to get along is not to fool anybody.

The reliable, capable man makes progress, and his good will becomes valuable, whereas the unreliable man forever bemoans his fate and goes back, and makes another start.

In the course of a day, a grouchy employe dictates a horridly impulsive who do a whole lot of talking; and finally the grouchy gets both barrels from the proprietor's shotgun.

The King

The King today comes riding to his own.

The King—O Jews—the King! On ass's seat he sits on a throne, Hear how the children sing!

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The Dream of the Day

By Dean Collins.

Avant ye dreams of politics, Avant ye dreams of baseball dope; Let me but catch an early car

Today, who cares what candidates May do to make or mar their chances?

Who cares upon the sporting page To pause and cast his anxious glance?

Today, at last, the lid is off, And we may boldly sailly out, And seek the rippling stream to lure The daddy of the tribes of trout.

I'll freely flip the fluttering fly, And wait it o'er the waters wide, Where, banking mid the boulders big, I know, for certain, to abide

Oh, many moons I've dreamt of you— Great behemoth of finny folk! And now's my chance to find the fly

Back on among the boulders big, And wallow 'mid the wavelets wet, A little longer; then your time

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ERIN.

I am dreaming of you, Erin.

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I feel your breath upon my brow, I hear the sweet refrain, The lilting of the faeries

The Irish girls, with Irish eyes, And souls as white as snow; I hear their happy voices

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