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RATIONAL TARIFF REFORM.

An encouraging sign that those sections of the country where Republicans have hitherto stood for exorbitant protection are coming to a more rational view of the tariff is to be found in the changed tone of some Eastern newspapers. The New York Sun, for example, has been speaking with some justification, as a champion of "the interests," yet it now says: "What the United States needs in an economic sense, and also what will please the electorate, is a tariff not a high tariff, but a moderately protective tariff."

AN ECHO FROM COPPERFIELD.

When Miss Fern Hobbs, acting as an emissary plenipotentiary for Governor West, and Colonel Lawson, her trusty militiaman, descended on Copperfield, closed the saloons, seized their stocks of liquor, and then, for nearly a year, held them there for nearly a year, there was no confiscation. Nor can the Governor, who was directing his willing ambassadors in the great service of cleaning up and cleaning out Copperfield, be enjoying any doing what he had already done.

COPYING KANSAS.

From Judge Stephen A. Lowell comes the suggestion that the most efficient way for the Legislature to proceed with the prohibition amendment would be to copy the tested prohibition statutes of Kansas. It is doubtless true that Kansas provides the last word in effectively applied prohibition law, but it is perhaps wiser to investigate the terms of the Kansas law and inquire whether a public sentiment in this state desires similar restrictions.

CALIFORNIA'S FAVORITE SON.

The enthusiasm of Governor Hiram Johnson's admirers leads one of them, the Pacific Outlook, to give general notice that California will have a candidate for President to offer two years hence. In the course of a glowing paenegyric of Johnson: "This result establishes California as the first progressive state in the Union and the only one to rank as such."

Home Town Up the Line

While others gaze upon the map with deepest interest. To note what city is mapshap. Beliegned in the West. Of whether on the eastern side. The forts of Cracow still abide. In the town of Trnamouk. Or Ypres, where the battles roll; I am a very different chap; There's only just one town for mine. And no one else at all war time. I speak of Home Town, up the line. I care not if tomorrow morn. The walls of Cracow fall; Or Przemysl lies forlorn; Or wither smoke over all; The map has just one city strong. It keeps me interested all along; And that is where the smoke wreaths rise From towns that brown big home-made pies. Where royal turkey roasts in state.

DANGER IN GENERAL APPLICATION.

Personal Compensation for Criminal Injuries May Cause Wrongdoing. PORTLAND, Nov. 24.—(To the Editor.)—I note that Judge McMillin approved a bill for a year or so ago of a statute of a strong link in the unity of the empire. True Irishmen are not liars; they know honor for honor is a part of the Irish character. They have a settlement of the Irish question satisfactory to themselves, and in that settlement they did not consider the views of American or English legal barnstormers, nor the cracked-brained agitators outside the zone of Ireland.

Twenty-Five Years Ago

From the Oregonian, November 21, 1889. Salem, Or., Nov. 20.—The Methodist Episcopal Church, of DuFu, Wasco County, filed articles of incorporation today. E. T. Hinman, W. E. Campbell and A. B. Mott are the incorporators. The location of the new City Hall was again discussed at the meeting of the Common Council last night. Mayor E. J. Lushmitt called on the Supreme Court had decided that it could not be built on the new plaza block. Olympia, Nov. 20.—The election of John B. Allen and Watson C. Squire as Washington's first United States Senators was formally announced in the joint conference of the two branches of the Legislature today.

Half a Century Ago

From The Oregonian, November 23, 1864. C. N. Humiston, J. Y. Wilson and George W. Stevens have published notice that they have dissolved the firm of Humiston, Wilson and Stevens. Humiston has purchased all interests. The ladies of Portland will hold a fair for the benefit of the Christian Commission, December 20 and 21, at Turn Verein Hall. Fanny Alsworth, secretary, is in charge of the plans and publicity. John Thompson, Thomas G. Young and W. H. Young will be judged at the election for a chief engineer and two assistant engineers for the fire department, to be held December 12.

Pisgah Home is in Great Need

Scope of Work Growing, but Income Falls Behind Needs. PORTLAND, Nov. 24.—(To the Editor.)—Will you kindly "open the door" to Pisgah Home in this coming yuletide, when the spirit of "peace on earth, good will to all men" prevails? We in Pisgah Home bring you "glad tidings" while we are passing through a crisis. It is necessary to live in most strenuous and meager way. Our men are looking up with hope, trusting that an avenue is opening by which we may eventually become self-supporting; also that these younger men may be enabled to get little home. The love of home is strong in every man here. The one obstacle that hinders is the lack of food supply to carry us while we work our proposition through.

Why Not Copy Kansas Law?

PENNSYLVANIA, Or., Nov. 23.—(To the Editor.)—Please permit my suggestion to be an easy and efficient manner by which the Legislature may provide for the enforcement of the law against the prohibition amendment to the constitution. The great mass of our laws are borrowed from the older states. It is not best now to adopt the statutes of the State of Kansas, so far as they relate to intoxicating liquors? They are easily adapted to our own people and constitution and have not the test of the highest courts. The State Librarian and Clerk of the Supreme Court can assemble them from the State Library and the Attorney-General will then easily redraft them for use by the Legislature.

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