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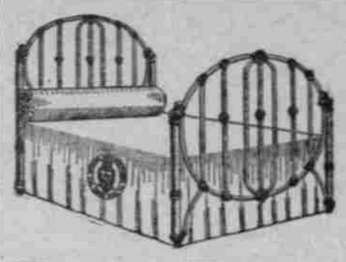

Simmons' best enamel Iron Beds going at a marked reduction in price. We have always been the leading dealers in enamel and brass beds, but today offer an exceptional value in seven patterns of the Simmons beds, one of which is shown in the cut. All colors of enamel are included in this great bed sale. The beds are in perfect condition, the enamel being of the first class, baked on by the Simmons celebrated process; $10 values this week for only **$6.75**

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Frank W. Cushman Convulses the House

Washington Representative Tells a Number of Droll Stories in Course of His Protection Speech in Congress.

Frank W. Cushman, of Washington state, has long been known as the wit of the House. He does not often speak in the House, but when he does it is an event of moment. His recent speech on the tariff was listened to by a full house, who, whether they agreed with him or not, applauded and laughed at his points. He is a member of the ways and means committee and a strong protectionist. In the speech were a number of stories which are here collected:

Now I want to speak for a few moments on the subject of lumber and in relation to the tariff. The present tariff on common lumber is two dollars per thousand feet. If this Payne bill in its present form shall become a law it will reduce the tariff on common lumber from two dollars to one dollar per thousand feet.

The other day when I objected to this reduction the gentleman from New York (Payne) said with evident feeling that I would better accept that reduction or lumber might go on the free list entirely. That reminds me of an incident that happened in the good old state of Iowa a good many years ago. On a very hot Summer day there was a small boy hoeing potatoes in a farm lot near the roadside. A very fine, magnificent-looking gentleman rode by in a covered buggy with soft cushions. He looked over the fence at the boy, who was perspiring freely, and said: "Bub, what do you get for hoeing these potatoes?"

And the boy said: "I get nothin' if I do—and hell if I don't." (Laughter).

Well, Mr. Chairman, it seems to me that that incident presents a very graphic picture of the mental attitude of my friend from New York in reference to the lumber if I submit—and something worse if I don't.

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Some man asks: "Well, how high ought protection to be?" My friends, you cannot figure out in degrees or percentages how high a tariff ought to be. In my judgment, an American protective tariff ought to be high enough to protect the industries that it was built to defend.

I was raised on the farm. We had a "breachy" old mare in those days that was in the habit of jumping into the corn field. We started in to raise the height of that rail fence. We raised it from five rails to six rails, but that did not stop her; we raised it from six rails to seven rails, but that did not stop her; we raised it from seven rails to eight rails, but that did not stop her; but when we added the ninth rail we reached the limit of her vaulting capacity. For the purposes of protection, had that fence been one rail less, it might as well have been "a painted ship upon a painted ocean." (Applause on the Republican side).

The way to build a tariff wall is to build it high enough to protect. I knew a man once who fell into a cistern. He was a very tall man. He was six feet tall. Now, the water in that cistern was only six feet and two inches deep, only two short inches over his head; but he drowned as effectually as if he had been dropped into the depths of the unfathomable ocean. (Laughter).

Now then, my friend from Missouri (Mr. Clark) has spoken very feelingly about his desire to have the price of commodities and living expenses and lumber come down, but the gentleman never raised his voice to congratulate the laborers of this country on the fact that wages were high. If anybody ever hears of a leading Democrat in this Nation congratulating somebody because wages are high, industry universal and employment plenty, please wire me at once at my expense. (Laughter and applause on the Republican side.)

Now then, it is not very often that I have occasion to hire a man to do some work, but once in a while I hire a man to do something that I am too lazy to do or cannot do myself.

In the city of Tacoma, my home, I purchased a little cottage, which I have decorated with a mortgage and other permanent improvements. (Laughter.) I have had occasion once or twice to have a few repairs and changes made on that dwelling. Let me quote a few prices.

That cottage is not much bigger than a railroad boxcar, but a short time ago when I wanted the outside of it painted it cost me $98, all right. But I am not complaining about that, because I like to see people get paid for what they do.

I concluded that I wanted the two front rooms repapered. What we call the "large" room in our house is about nine by eleven feet. (Laughter.) It cost me $54 to get those two front rooms repapered just the same. Am I complaining about it? Not at all. I like to see people get paid for what they do.

A little later I concluded that I wanted our dining-room retinted. The dining-room in my palatial mansion is about eight by nine feet. (Laughter.) But it cost me $46.20 to get it retinted. But I am not complaining. I like to see people get paid for what they do. (Laughter.)

One day there was a piece of plaster came loose on the ceiling of my dining-room, and, as God is my witness, that piece of plaster was not much bigger than the rim of my old slouch hat, but it cost me $5.50 to get new plaster put over that hole. I could have taken five $1 bills and almost covered the hole. (Laughter.) But I am not complaining. I am one of those individuals who like to see people get paid for what they do. (Laughter.)

I wanted an extra doorway cut through the wall from the kitchen into the pantry. It was to be an open doorway—just a hole. It cost me $7.95 to have that hole made. But it was a good-looking hole. (Laughter.) I never saw a better looking hole. (Laughter.) And I do not regret the money. And if I want another carpenter in the future, I will send for the same man. I am not complaining, because I am one of those peculiar individuals who like to see people get well paid for what they do. (Laughter.)

I wanted a hot water boiler moved from one room to another, and I subsidized a plumber friend of mine to the tune of $16 for moving it. But I am not complaining, because one of my personal peculiarities is that I like to see people get paid for what they do.

I had a wire fence built along one side of my lot; perhaps the fence was 90 or 100 feet in length. I paid a workman $53 for putting up that fence. (Laughter.) Well, I am not complaining. Its a good-looking fence, and I look at it every day. (Laughter.) I was glad to have it built, and glad to see the man who built it get paid for his work.

You can't hire a drayman with one horse and a dinky wagon in my town short of about $6 per day, or $4 for half a day. I have paid that much, and I know. I do not regret the money, because I like to see people get paid for what they do.

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Last Summer I walked out into the alley to the rear of my house one morning where I had had a wagonload of wood unloaded. A man came along and told me that he had just got into town and asked me if he could split some of that wood and pile it in the woodshed. It was nearly 10 o'clock in the morning. I told him to go to work. He worked until noon, a trifle more than two hours, and I paid him for that $2 and gave him his dinner and offered him a pair of my old shoes. He took the $2, he ate the dinner, but he declined the shoes—because he said they were not as good as the pair he already had (Laughter.) I never regretted the $2; I am glad I gave him his dinner, but I confess it did grind my pride a little to have that fellow refuse the shoes of a genuine "statesman" because they were not as good as he was in the habit of wearing. (Great applause and laughter.)

Mr. Speaker, a quarter of a century ago I lived in the then Territory of Wyoming. Those were the days of which Eugene Field sang:

When money flowed like liquor, and the folks was free as bees 'bout it,

The enterprising citizens of those days and that region had a way of expediting justice that was mighty swift; they frequently hung a man first and made up the court records afterwards. (Laughter.)

There was a certain old settler in that region whose front name in his lifetime was "Bill," although I do not now recall that there is any name on his tombstone.

Bill was engaged in the business of raising cattle, and he prospered marvelously. The only cow brute he had on earth in the beginning was one old brindle steer. But he turned that old steer out on the range in the Fall, and the next Spring he branded a thousand head of calves as the natural increase. (Great laughter and applause.)

Yes; Bill was prospering, and all went merry as a marriage bell until one night—one dark night—a vigilance committee called on Bill without the formality of an engraved invitation.

They called old Bill out of the cabin and put a noose around his neck with a facility made perfect by long practice (laughter), and the leader then said to him:

"Bill, we are going to hang you; what have you got to say about it?"

Old Bill rolled his quid into the other cheek and said:

"Well, gentlemen, I s'pose I've got more interest in this performance than any other gent present, but I am the least enthusiastic over the programme. (Great laughter.)

Now, Mr. Speaker, that describes exactly my feelings in this present situation.

(Renewed laughter.)

When I look around over this polite political vigilance committee gathered together in this hall I think I realize that you are about to confiscate my lumber industry and at the same time lead me to the political scaffold. Permit me, as my farewell message, to say to you that:

"I have more interest in this performance than any other gent present, but I am the least enthusiastic over the programme."

(Great laughter.)

MR. HUSTON COMES BACK

He Replies to Mr. Swett as to the Paving Contract.

PORTLAND, Or., May 27.—(To the Editor.)—Isaac Swett, chairman of the street committee of the Executive Board, in The Oregonian of yesterday undertakes to defend the action of the Mayor in awarding the street contract to the highest bidder. I presume he makes the best defense possible under the circumstances, but whether it is sufficient or not it will be for the public to determine.

Mr. Swett's first defense of the Mayor is that the Mayor did not vote and therefore is not responsible for the action of the committee. It may be that Mr. Swett thinks that the Mayor did not dictate and control the action of the Board in the matter. If so, I think he stands alone. Everybody else understands that and does now that the committee was simply registering the will of Mayor Lane. Mr. Esterly was very reluctant to do so and stated that while he would vote with the balance of the committee he did it under protest and contrary to his feelings in the matter, and that he was unable to see why there was anything wrong with Mr. Sweeney's bid. After it was agreed to award the contract to the Hassam Company, Mr. Swett asked the City Attorney upon what ground they had better base their action, whether they hadn't better state that it was on the ground that Mr. Sweeney was not a responsible bidder? Mr. Esterly indignantly exclaimed that he would never agree to that. If the action of the Board was proper it was a little singular that Mr. Swett should have to ask the City Attorney what excuse they should make for awarding the contract to the highest bidder. But the matter can be better understood by a concise statement of the facts and the law as applied to this matter:

1. The charter prescribes that contracts shall be awarded to the lowest bidder.

2. That no street pavement shall be laid as to which there is no competition.

3. An advertisement was made for bids for the improvement of certain streets, and the Hassam Paving Company bid $1.98 per yard and J. W. Sweeney bid $1.78 per yard.

4. The total amount of the contract will be approximately $33,000, and the difference in the two bids would mean a saving to the property owners of $5000 or $6000.

5. Within 15 minutes after awarding this contract to the highest bidder Mr. Swett and his associates refused to award a contract to Mr. Wiles, notwithstanding every single property owner requested it in writing, and placed it upon the high ground that the charter required them to let the contract to the lowest bidder.

6. A short time ago the Hassam Company was awarded the contract for the improvement of Williams avenue with Hassam pavement and J. O. Gibson and others sued for an injunction to prevent the laying of this pavement, upon the ground that it was patented and that no one else could lay it except the Hassam Company, therefore there was no competition, and that to lay it would be a violation of the charter requiring competition.

7. Judge Gantenbein decided that there was competition, because other people had a right to bid.

Competitive bidding is not made impossible by the fact that the bidder has no license from the patentee. If he be a successful bidder, he then runs the risk of securing a license to use the patented article. It is true that the Oregon Hassam Paving Company has, by virtue of letters of patent, the sole and exclusive right to lay Hassam pavement in this city and state, but there is no allegation that the company has refused to license third parties to lay its pavement. (Clearly implying that if they did so it would be a monopoly and, therefore, could not be laid. S. B. H.)

Judge Cooley stated the sound legal principle when he said that in all these cases there was and is, in contemplation of law, opportunity for competitive bidding. The license necessary for the third person may be secured either before or after the third person has submitted his bid.

This makes it as plain as anything can be, that the only condition upon which a patented pavement can be laid under our charter is upon the theory that other bidders have a right to bid, and yet Mr. Swett says that the contract was awarded to the Hassam people, the highest bidder, because the attorney for the Hassam people stated that they would not give a license to Mr. Sweeney. The latter offered to put up a bond in any amount to protect the city against any litigation which might arise. According to Mr. Swett's defense, then, it would have made no difference what the amount of the bid of the Hassam people was, or how much difference there was between the two bids. They would have been compelled to award the contract to the Hassam people. If this is true, the provision of the charter which requires competition is a nullity, and each proprietor of a patent pavement has an absolute monopoly of the laying of that pavement. Such a position would not stand in court 15 minutes, and the Hassam Company will never take such a position in court. They would not dare to do so, as the court would put them out of business in short order, and the lawyers of the company know it only too well. This sort of thing will do to fool people who want to be fooled, but no one else.

I have no interest in Mr. Wiles' controversy with the Executive Board, but if Mayor Lane had nothing to do with any of these matters, as Mr. Swett would have a confiding public believe, it is a little singular the Mayor should be interviewed and state the reasons why "we" turned down Mr. Wiles' bid, and that Mr. Wiles is asking "us" to do something in violation of the charter, etc. The fact is, that such arrangements as were made with Mr. Wiles in this and in other matters, are the best protection the public has from the exactions of the paving companies, and when the Mayor and his associates block the property-owners from making the best deal possible, they play into the hands of the paving people. Whether they do it purposely or ignorantly makes no difference in the result.

And now comes George Hyland, the lobbyist for the Hassam people, and says that I am incapable of high ideals, whatever that means. As my man bid $1.78 per yard and George's people bid $1.98, George evidently thinks that his ideals are 12 cents a yard higher than mine. George ought to be careful. Somebody will come along and bid $2.50 a yard, and then George's high ideals will look low by comparison. This charge against me, coming from George, is a cruel blow. S. B. HUSTON.

Whole Regiment Poisoned.

PARIS, May 29.—(Special.)—Nearly all the men of the Thirteenth Alpine Battery are at present in hospital at Grenoble suffering from poisoning. The men went on a march to the Quatre Seigneurs Port, and on the way drank bad water from a cistern. On their return to Grenoble half a dozen of the men became ill. They had to be taken to the infirmary. Other soldiers fell ill, and yesterday no fewer than 37 artillerymen were under treatment. An inquiry shows that in addition to the impure water the poisoning was caused by tinned meat.

WAR ON OCEAN GAMBLERS

North German Lloyd Vessels to Carry "Rogues' Gallery" in Saloon.

LONDON, May 29.—(Special.)—Despite the utmost vigilance on the part of the captain and other ship's officers there has lately been a recrudescence of the gambling habit on practically every transatlantic liner. When the North German Lloyd liner Kaiser Wilhelm II. arrived at Plymouth it was ascertained that Captain Cuppers had decided to take drastic measures in order to cope with ocean gamblers.

He attributed the alarming increase in gambling to the fact that when sharpers were detected it was extremely difficult to persuade passengers to come forward to prosecute. In order therefore that passengers on his ship shall have no excuse for playing with noted gamblers in ignorance Captain Cuppers intends to institute a "rogues' gallery."

"Photographs of all known ocean sharpers, with their various aliases attached, will be framed and hung in the first-class smoking-room, the inference being that no gambler whose face is pictured will dare set his foot on board the ship.

If the system succeeds on the Kaiser Wilhelm II. the North German Lloyd Company intends to extend the plan to other vessels of the line.

ROYAL HEIRS AT FESTIVAL

Coronation of King of Bulgaria to Be Marvelously Elaborate.

VIENNA, May 28.—(Special.)—In political circles here it is rumored that at the coronation of the King of Bulgaria, the Emperor Francis Joseph will be represented by the Heir Presumptive, the Archduke Franz Ferdinand, and Kaiser Wilhelm by the German Crown Prince. The coronation was originally fixed for the commencement of June. The preparations, however, are on such a large scale that the coronation festival will be postponed until the Autumn, when it will be celebrated in the ancient Bulgarian capital, Tirnovo, where also the proclamation of the independence will be issued.

Besides the ceremonial King Ferdinand will make a formal entry with great pomp into Sofia.

MOTOR BUS ON RAMPAGE

Parisian Vehicle Enters Restaurant and Smashes House to Pieces.

PARIS, May 29.—(Special.)—A motor omnibus proceeding from the Odeon to the Avenue de Clichy had a dramatic adventure last night. In the Rue de Richelieu a postal motor van was encountered. A cyclist was pedalling beside the motor omnibus, and in order to avoid him the driver of the postal vehicle increased his speed. To avoid the man the motor omnibus swerved to the right, and ascending the pavement, dashed into a restaurant.

The door flew in pieces, the wall collapsed and the gas pipes and electric wires were cut. The passengers in the motor omnibus were thrown on top of one another, while the customers in the restaurant found themselves in darkness and half suffocated by gas, which escaped from the broken pipes. The gas was turned off and word was sent to the company. Meanwhile the passengers in the omnibus were seen to.

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