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TAKING THE REAL PROGRESSIVE.

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COMING INTO OUR OWN.

So far as can be ascertained from the brief reports of the Interstate Commerce Commission's decision Portland and other Northwest coast cities have won an important victory in the matter of distributive relations ordered off the blow given the coast cities by the commission's decisions in the Spokane and allied cases. The latter, however, involve perhaps the more important of the two, in that they are the father of the policy of revision by schedule, which breaks the phalanx of protected interests. This policy was taken up with rapture by insurgents and Democrats, and as quickly forsaken by them in their eagerness to score a political point on the President's policy in using the Tariff Board to the utmost and his firmness in vetoing the popular tariff bills of the extra session show him to be a man of courage enough to maintain his position.

EMPLAINING THE WOOLGROWERS.

How the grower has been flim-flammed into the belief that he is protected 11 cents a pound on wool; how the consumer has been deceived into the conviction that the grower is protected to that extent; and how the public has been inveigled into making wool the basis of its standard of living. These things are explained by F. J. Hagenbarth, of Idaho, in an article in the National Woolgrower. We have had numerous exposures of figure-juggling in the drafting of the wool schedule by the adroit tariff-makers, but these exposures have been made from the standpoint of the consumer. We learn from Mr. Hagenbarth that it is the grower at whose expense the figures have been juggled. We have been led to believe that the grower was protected by a duty of 11 cents a pound on wool. In fact, the amount is only 3 1/2 cents on American wool and 2 1/2 cents on imported wool. In other words, the duty increases the market price of the product by only 3 1/2 cents.

PROTECTING THEIR HONOR?

An attorney before the State Bar Association charged that a servant girl out of her earnings, driving her to suicide. Another attorney, it was charged, had defrauded a number of laborers, who had the misfortune to be his clients, out of a large sum of money. But the bar association, took no action, preferring to leave the disciplining and punishing of the accused practitioners "to the courts."

grate the present evil of uncertainty, of which the corporations complain. The Taft plan would substitute a system by which the corporations could start on the right track under the guidance of officials, and be punished promptly if they willfully left it. Any man of common sense can see which is the really progressive plan.

The President has proved himself to be the real progressive by his policies concerning the tariff, monetary reform, conservation, railroad regulation and the trusts. The self-styled progressives have the name without the things it signifies.

AFTER ALL IT IS ANCIENT.

There is nothing new under the sun. Certainly there are no new ideas or at any rate but precious few of them. The other day The Oregonian suggested that it would be a good plan for milkmen to extend the project of their inspired brother who had undertaken to deliver fresh eggs along his route. Why should he not deliver eggs, fresh ones of course, and cabbages, potatoes and poultry as well?

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THE NEW YORK WORLD MAKES AN INTERESTING REVIEW OF THE PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION CAMPAIGNS OF THE PAST FIFTY YEARS.

The New York World makes an interesting review of the Presidential nomination campaigns of the past fifty years, for the purpose of showing what might have happened if there had been in all the states a Presidential preference primary. The conclusion of the World is that, while the conventional method of nomination has in the main followed the popular desires of the party masses, both parties would nevertheless have lost their greatest figures. Lincoln would not have been nominated for President, but Seward, Bryan would not have been nominated in 1896, and neither Tilden, and not Hancock, would have been the popular choice in 1860 as Tilden was in 1876.

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peace. Even the cause of reformed spelling has not been forgotten by these determined idealists. The late Mr. Pulitzer showed by his will that he was as much of an idealist as either Carnegie or Rockefeller.

Mr. Pulitzer has offered a prize of \$100,000 annually for "the novel which shall best present the wisdom and the highest standard of American manners and manhood." Again he has founded a prize of \$1000 for the best new American play, given in New York, which shall best present the educational value and power of the stage by raising the standard of good morals, good taste and good manners.

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Fortunately we don't all have to be equipped with thanks before Thursday. What is "dressed as a dandy" at Third and Burnside is "artistic dandy" on Portland Heights.

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