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LEADERLETS

On the tariff question, it is safe to say a large majority of the Republican party stands with President Roosevelt. On this, as on every other important question, time will bring changes of conditions—not necessarily changes of opinion. No Republican who has at heart the best interests of the country and his party can object to changes in the tariff schedule on articles which no longer need "protection" to the extent which seemed necessary when the present tariff law went into effect. "Stand-patter" is a term charged with sentiment, and it seems very hard for some Republicans who have worn the brand to let go, but old Vox Populi must be respected.

There is a whole lot of senseless howling over the proposed "one-mark" ballot for Oregon. Some newspaper wise-aces believe, or endeavor to create that impression, that the "one-mark" ballot gives the voter no chance to scatter his vote. This is not true. The "one-mark" ballot permits the voter to cast a straight ballot with one mark if he so desires, but if he wishes to do a little scratching, he can do it just as easily as with the present ballot. The "one-mark" ballot is in use in several states, and finds favor with all parties. The idea did not originate in Oregon, neither is it a child of corruption, although the Legislature has permitted the Governor's veto to stand.

The heavyweight editorialist of the Oregonian is just as young as he used to be, save in years. Here is a bouquet which he recently tossed at the more or less fair sex: "The feminine heart is half the heart of the country in numbers, and the whole of it in fact." If the women of Oregon could only vote, the author of this sentiment would be sentenced for life to a seat in the United States Senate—without the aid or consent of Clackamas county or any other nation on earth.

The great state of Washington is still somewhat wild and woolly. Near Northport, that state, last Saturday two young ladies killed a big lynx which was rapidly finishing their pet dog, and on the same day a farmer near Palouse shot a big eagle which was trying to carry off his 5-year-old daughter. Washington should take notice of Oregon and spread her game laws a little. It might be a good idea to legalize pursuing eagles with airships.

The belief exists to some extent that the inhabitants of the eastern half of our blessed country are more highly cultured and much wiser than the denizens of the vast and diversified region between the eastern foothills of the Rockies and the Pacific ocean. This is a mistake. Why, easterners generally do not even know that the delicious California prunes which they eat are grown in Oregon.

A Portland citizen recently visited Mexico and while there witnessed a bull fight. He brandied it as "the most cruel exhibition that it was ever his misfortune to witness"—but he stuck it out, just the same, and saw five bulls tortured and killed and three horses gored to death. How his big American heart must have bled and his dainty stomach turned pale at the revolting tragedy in five acts!

Oregon's direct primary law will not be operative until the spring of 1906, when voters may comply with its provisions and register their party affiliation. Until that time they may mix it and pack primaries to the limit.

The Czar has promised his subjects—"dead and living"—that Russia will yet pound Japan into a pulp—or words to that effect. Nicholas may yet learn that talk is cheaper than war.

An exchange devotes two-thirds of a column to the obituary of a dog. Several times the space is often wasted on a human being less deserving.

The fad is spreading. A bill to provide a whipping post for wife beaters has been introduced in the Oregon legislature.

The best that can be said of Lincoln county's tax levy is that it will probably be smaller next year.

The lobbyists are being put out of business in progressive states. Good thing. Shove it along.

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Albert Martin et al.	N 1/2 sec 25	7	11	20		"	"
Albert Martin et al.	N 1/2 ne 1/4 sec 25	7	11	20		"	"
Albert Martin et al.	N 1/2 nw 1/4 sec 25	7	11	20		"	"
Albert Martin et al.	Sw 1/4 nw 1/4 sec 25	7	11	20		"	"
Coquille Thompson	W 1/2 ne 1/4 sec 27	9	9	20		"	"
Coquille Thompson	W 1/2 nw 1/4 sec 27	9	9	20		"	"
Moses Lane	W 1/2 ne 1/4 sec 19	9	9	20		"	"
Moses Lane	E 1/2 lot 1, nw 1/4	19	9	19.36		"	"
Moses Lane	W 1/2 sec 19	19	9	20		"	"
Moses Lane	W 1/2 nw 1/4 sec 19	9	9	19.29		"	"

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TAMING A TIGER.

The Way a Showman Got Friendly With a Fierce Beast.

A zoologist thus describes how an attendant brought about friendly relations with a fierce tiger:

"There was a showman I used to know named Melchior. He once bought a magnificent Bengal tiger, which he got at a low price because it had already killed two men.

"At first Melchior would put his foot or his hand into his cage, but from the way the tiger would leap at him he knew that to put himself entirely in its power would be suicide. Nothing he could do would establish a friendly relationship between himself and the tiger.

"Some originality was needed, and Melchior showed it by taking some old clothes, stuffing them with rags and throwing them into the cage. The tiger in a jiffy tore the old clothes to pieces, thinking that the figure was a human being.

"Next day and the next day and the next Melchior continued to throw in to the tiger stuffed figures, and the tiger continued to destroy them. But as time passed the animal ceased to put heart into its work and in the end it gave up altogether these attacks on the scarecrows. It would just play with them or else not notice them at all.

"Now was Melchior's time. He opened the cage door one morning, walked in boldly and slapped the tiger familiarly on the back. It gave him a friendly look and purred. It took him for another manikin not worth bothering about. It lived seven years with Melchior and became as gentle as a kitten."

WORSHIPERS OF BAAL.

Queer Ways of an Extraordinary Sect in Turkey.

The Yezidees, the Baal worshipers or devil worshipers of Turkey, are an extraordinary people, and, although forced by the laws of conscription to serve in the Ottoman army, the seizure of one or more of their young men by a Turkish recruiting party is such a distressing spectacle that once witnessed it can never be forgotten.

Walls and yells of despair are raised. Men, women and girls kiss the recruit's eyes, cheeks, mouth and hands. Throwing themselves on the ground, they even embrace his legs and feet.

The conscript appears quite dazed with sorrow. He folds in his arms and cresses over and over again his weeping kindred, whom he will never

see again. He kisses the walls and the hearth of the cabin in which he was born, but which he is about to quit forever, and wets them with his tears, but when, accompanied by his Turkish captors, he leaves the village the lamentations of the villagers cease.

Then, and as though nothing had happened, the latter go about their ordinary occupations. Never again is the conscript's name mentioned, and on joining his regiment the young Yezidee becomes a Mussulman. His kindred, believing him accursed, affect to forget him, and were he to approach the village from which he has been forcibly dragged away every Yezidee, even his dearest friends, his father, mother, brothers, sisters and sweet-heart, would drive him from their presence with curses and pelt him with stones.

Gooseberries and a Cat.

Not long ago, says Collier's Weekly, officials of the department of agriculture were much amused by a letter sent the department by an occasional correspondent in Virginia.

Among other things the writer hastened to advise the secretary of the department to this effect:

My wife had a Tame cat that dyd. Being a Torture shell and a Grate favorit, we had the same berred in the Gardin, and for the enrichment of the soil I had the Carls deposited under the roots of a Gooseberry Bush. (The Frute being up to then of the smooth variety.) But the next Season's Frute, after the Cat was berred, the Gooseberrys was all hairy, and more Remarkable, the Cataplans of the Same Bush was All of said Hairy description.

The Government's Music.

A certain congressman who takes an interest in musical matters presented a bill advocating a larger appropriation for the care of the music in the Congressional library. He spoke briefly on the subject, and after the session a fellow congressman approached him confidentially.

"I say," he said in a low voice, "I like that bill of yours. But, tell me, what sort of music does the government have over there in the library? Is it a band or just a hand organ?"—Harper's Weekly.

Defiance.

A little boy in Deering, Me., was brought before his father recently and accused of killing a chicken. "Who told you about it?" asked the boy. "The hen did," said the father. Nothing more was said that day, but the next morning the hen was found dead, and the boy, being accused of killing it, admitted it, saying in defense, "Yes, I did kill the hen, and I'll kill every hen that tells on me."

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