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THE WEATHER

Oregon—Clearing with light frost in early morning.

TA, TA, THEODORE!

All the prophets of good, and of evil, have had their "say-so" about your going to Africa; about your return, and your non-return; about the success of your hunt and its dismal failure; of your health, good and bad; of your lingering death, sudden death, and no death at all for you; of the barren fields that await you and of the glutted ranges lying ready to your gun; they have told everything they do not know, good, bad and indifferent, and it is up to you.

Be very sure of one thing, Mr. Roosevelt; you leave your country this day with the vast and deep goodwill of its infinite majority; from every home, big and little, exalted and obscure, the friendliest hope goes out that you may enjoy the last hour of your great pilgrimage to the heart of the deserts, and find rest, joy and compensation in unstinted measure, accompanied by abounding health and record achievement; that your two years absence in the wilds, and in the older civilizations, will yield you great and gracious experiences, lessons and honors, that shall make you, more than ever a leader and champion among your own at home, for you can never be less than that, as long as you live.

We shall miss you: Lord, how we shall miss you! For the foreign cables can never keep us in touch with you, as we have been on the home-wires for the past ten years; it will be a deprivation for us, alright; but it will serve an excellent purpose in accentuating the burrah of your home coming and the snap with which you will be put in your proper place and service immediately thereafter; and we have always the comforting reservation, that if you are needed here, you will lay down your sport and hasten home; for you are of the sort that will never shut your ears to the call of your people, no matter what the clamor of the wild. We believe in you; we know you and trust you; we have learned the lesson a great people are always glad to attain to, an honest faith in one of their own; which of its very rarity, is the boon paramount of their history.

When the shores of America sink on the Western horizon, behind you this night, Mr. Roosevelt, lay you down to rest, with the manifold conviction of the love and respect of the nation you have served so well, and with the rich and righteous reflection that it sends you forth to new laurels pleasures and discoveries, as the greatest of its menfolk.

THE TARIFF JANGLE.

The jangle and uproar of tariff amendment is abroad in the land; all the personal, sectional, and extraneous jealousies are quickened to the jar and war of the hour; the turmoil will rage long and loud for some months and business will be more or less out of plumb and on the sag, until all compromises are struck, until what is the possible best for all concerned is wrought out of the in-

terminable confusion. The sum of relief to the people in general may not be even estimated until the new schedule is determined and legally uttered. We can but go our way and make the best of an aggravated situation; there is no use of the little fellow butting in on the row. He wont cut any ice and will only get his feelings hurt; the trade vendetta is on among the big fellows and the commercial cut-throats and the small fry, numerous as it is, will divide their leavings, the things they have forgotten.

All the same, we would like to see the threatened cut on lumber defeated, for the sake of a great trade and a great section, and for the barring of a competition that will cripple a vast industry out on this coast. This is so vast a matter as to capital, territory, value, range of employment and of even national importance, as to figure above and beyond the pitiful things involved in the tariff controversy; it is among the vital, substantial and commanding exigencies of the day; and should be held clear of hurtful change and dangerous cheapening. We hope to see our Senators and Representatives in the van of a rightful fight for the slaughtering of a duty that would put the Canadian logger and miller in the lead of the Western operator, and subject one of the greatest industries on the Pacific coast to all but annihilative competition from foreign sources. The fight is to be a hard one, and a bitter one, since the East and South are against us in the great premise; and some of our own logmen none too quick to champion the claim of the mills. We shall not lose without a hard, intelligent and insistent fight, and we should not lose at all.

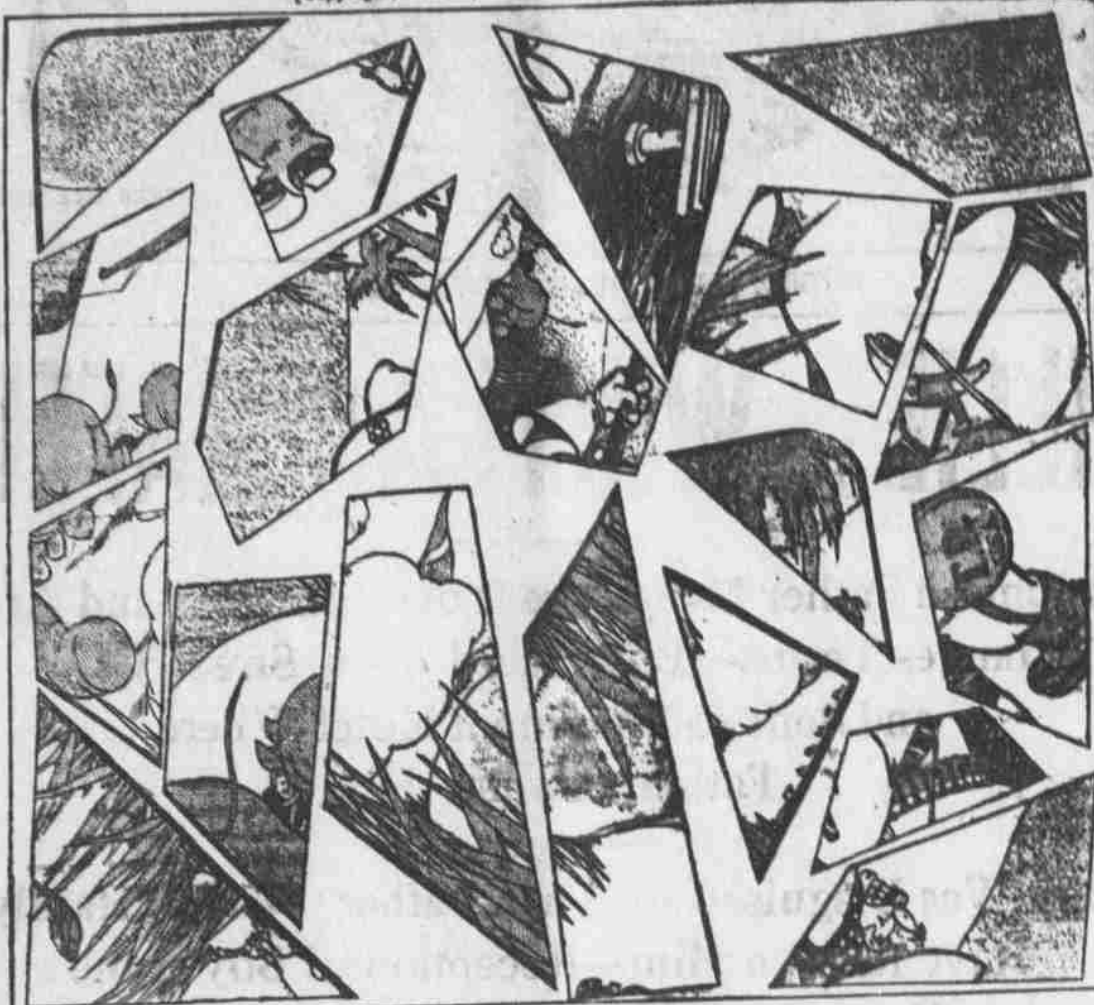
WING SHOTS

There is much to be said for and against the constitutional changes in the Chamber of Commerce: By reducing the effective operative action of the Chamber by confining its representative power to nine men, (or ten, if the secretary shall be chosen from the outside), passes the power of the community, for expression and action, to limitations that may, at times, be dangerous and unpopular; to provide for one annual meeting of the body (and that only to vote for a new executive committee) may minimize the public interest to a point that will leave the nine a bit to free to handle the communal concerns and launch things, to such scope, on such lines, in such ways, as even the main body may not recall; to epitomize the spirit, will, authority, and operation of the Chamber to such proportions may be deemed to savor too much of autocracy, in view of the public and private interests supposed to be conserved, or expanded, as the case may be, by the larger representative body.

On the other hand it may be said that the inertia of the greater body will be overcome by the essential alertness of the lesser group; that something will be done instead of practically nothing; that the purview of the smaller body will be quicker, clearer, more pronounced, and free from the interference of bias and prejudice; that they can be of prompter and ampler service, by being unhampered by the slow-moving will of the major element; that the single regular meeting will tend to obviate the unreasonable and long-drawn arguments over matters that require despatch to secure and assure success; that emergency call-meetings will be better, in that they will inspire a demand for spontaneous action usually lacking at the routine and frequent session; that the executive work is carried on by the minimum crowd anyhow, and that the change to such organic action will not lessen the life and progress of the Chamber's work nor increase the primal responsibility; that centralized authority, with more freedom, will redound to quicker and fuller results, and that the community will have more direct knowledge and closer touch with its effective agency than in dealing with the greater, and slower, body. And there you are!

Teddy In Jungland—Hunting the G. O. P. Emblem.

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The Jig Saw Puzzle is the latest craze. Try this one. Mount the accompanying picture on thick brown paper, cardboard or a thin piece of wood, carefully cut out the pieces with a pair of shears in case the mount is of paper or with a jig saw in case the mount is of wood, and fit the pieces together. You will then discover a herd of G. O. P. emblems taking to the tall timber, also the reason why.

Seattle school children are writing interesting and alluring letters to all the "old-homes" throughout the country, exploiting the Alaska-Yukon Fair, and doing it right, too.

England and Germany are liable to clash pretty soon if John Bull does not meet the savage popular demand at home for a bigger and better navy. To permit any nation on earth to boast a naval power greater than England's wrings the British soul to the fighting point every time, and the Government is quite English enough to meet the situation with all the ships that are necessary to move the stain.

The March sunshine of Sunday drew the last Astorian out of his and her winter hermitage, and the streets were black with crowds, day and night.

Keep your eye on the Columbia river. Such bodies of water do not flow from inland mountains to the waiting sea for nothing. It is to be one of nation's greatest commercial arteries one of these bright and early days.

Now it is said, (very quietly, of course) that the O. R. & N. would not be averse to taking over the A. T. & S. electric line, if other negotiations fail!

WANTED: A TRAIN ROBBER DENVER, March 22—With Frank Potts and William St. Clair in jail charged with holding up a Denver & Rio Grande train at Military Junction on the morning of February 13, the Federal officers employed on the case are searching for a man known as "Montana Kid," who is wanted on a charge of being the third man implicated in the robbery. "Montana Kid" was last seen in company with Potts at Fort Collins about three weeks ago since which time no trace of him can be found.

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TRYING TO KEEP TARIFF RATES SECRET

THE MEMBERS OF CONGRESS GUARD AGAINST POSSIBLE LEAKS.

WASHINGTON, March 22—Emulating the ways and means committee of the House the Republican members of the finance committee of the Senate will take extraordinary precautions to prevent the divulging of schedules agreed upon for the new tariff bill until such time as the bill has been perfected. In the few sessions of the committee that have been held rates have not been discussed at all. The discussions have been confined to questions of procedure, such as agreeing upon the employment of certain experts in tariff making to aid in preparing a bill.

All the Republican senators have agreed that they will not discuss rates outside of the committee room. Following the usual custom the Democratic members of the finance committee will not be consulted until the bill has been completed. They will have an opportunity to examine it however, before the measure is reported to the Senate although this courtesy has not been shown in the past and is contrary to the procedure observed by the House committee on ways and means in connection with the Payne bill. The Republican members of the Ways and means committee completed their bill and it was introduced in the House before the Democratic members of the committee saw it. The first chance they had to express themselves upon it occurred in the committee after the bill had been referred and that opportunity was extremely limited.

The plan outlined by Senator Aldrich and his Republican colleagues on the finance committee is to take up that bill and put it into shape and then call the full committee together. The Democrats will then have the unhampered chance of submitting a minority report to the Senate at the same time the bill is reported. The minority members of the committee will not assume any responsibility for the measure if the ordinary custom is followed. It is likely however, that they will take the House tariff bill and dissect it and build a party measure which would become an important part of the minority report.

In maintaining secrecy on rates to be recommended by the finance committee, it has been decided not to incorporate in the bill any figures until the bill is completed. There will be prepared tables which will be kept under cover in the committee rooms and not taken therefrom by any members of the committee. These tables will be in the custody of trusted employees.

As a further means of preventing disclosures concerning details of the bill the question of rates will be postponed until the phraseology of the various principles to be incorporated in the measure have been agreed upon.

In other words the form of the bill will be perfected before an effort is made to agree upon any of the several schedules over which there is likely to be a conflict between the Senate and the House.

PENSION SCHEMER DEAD

PEORIA, Ill., March 22—C. W. Taylor of Upper Alton, a veteran of the Civil War, convicted a week ago of beating the government out of \$17,000 in a pension fraud, sentenced to six months confinement and fined \$5,000, is dead at the Peoria Workhouse.

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