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TARIFF REFORM BY ITS FRIENDS.

It is announced from Washington that Cannon, Daisell, Payne, Sherman and other hitherto standpatters on a very high protective tariff, have agreed that there shall be tariff revision next year, without waiting for the investigation and report of a tariff commission.

But what kind of tariff revision can the country expect from these leaders? Does even any Republican who favors and recognizes the need of tariff revision have any confidence in their acting for the benefit of the people?

PRODUCERS' ORGANIZATIONS.

There can be no doubt that organization of producers helps make a good market. Wherever organization has been at all successful, advanced values and greater independence in marketing have resulted.

Every year before the fruit is ready for market, the Hood River Apple Growers' association holds a competitive sale, and there is always lively bidding among the large fruit handlers of the world for the product.

THE PRESIDENT AND THE CURRENCY.

President Roosevelt takes some curious, inexplicable, and as it seems to many of even of his admirers and supporters, inconsistent positions. One of them is his persistent forbearance to attack the Dingley tariff.

As a member of the last legislature he made an excellent record, being influential on the right side of all important measures that came up for passage, and he is not a man who could be improperly influenced to do what he thought wrong.

IT IS TO SMILE.

There is a large element of humor in the local political situation, if one gets in the right attitude to see it. Though it is a serious and important contest, in which the masses, unorganized, hitherto too apathetic and inert, are on one side, and those few who wish to "work" them are ranged on the other side, yet the personnel of these opposing forces, when one sizes them up, has a ludicrous side.

A NEW SPIRIT.

Something new under the sun appears in the act of President Tuttle of the Boston & Maine railroad who is asking permission of employees of the road to reduce their wages five per cent, cut to take effect at once and the existing scale to be restored July 1.

The action is so much out of the usual order as to be almost extraordinary. It proceeds from a spirit of conciliation that, a few years ago, was completely foreign to the usages and notions of men who control big railroad establishments. It recognizes, and very correctly too, that along with the capital and brains of its owners, the skill and toil of the men are factors in the profit earning function of the enterprise.

It ought to succeed, and it is hoped that it may succeed, in the moral effect it may have on the heads of similar great employing establishments. It may be partly the effect of the present trend of the times toward an awakened conscience in every sphere of life.

The new spirit is, however, more the product of a strengthened organized labor. The management of their affairs by the railroad brotherhoods has been almost universally sagacious. There has been discretion, good judgment, and oftentimes forbearance in their councils, and manliness in their conduct.

The decision of Judge Cleland in favor of the initiative and referendum and against the Sunset Telephone company is only the first of several to be rendered, each by a higher court, before the question will be finally determined, but as Judge Cleland is regarded as a careful and able judge, his opinion is encouraging.

President Roosevelt tells Senator Bourne that part of the fleet will come to Portland during the rose fiesta. As the president is commander-in-chief of the navy, this settles it. Incidentally, it seems that he has forgiven Bourne again for his second elective term agitation.

Small Change

March is marching along mildly. Every day brings the baseball season nearer. Let voters keep all the freedom they have, and get more.

The famous "lost mine" has been discovered again. This has happened regularly at least once a year for the last 25 years. Woodburn Independent: It certainly looks as if the Republican "leaders" cannot trust the rank and file of their own party.

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The machine is trying to play the old game of fooling a majority of the people all the time. Eggs are down to such a point that they begin to turn upon the hen with friendly eyes again.

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The REALM of FEMININE

The School House and the Architect. While we are all mourning with the fathers and mothers of Collinwood over the frightful holocaust which destroyed nearly half the children of that suburb, let us not be wilfully blind to the contributory negligence which abetted the disaster, and which is still at work all over the country.

We demand of physicians who are to be given license to experiment upon the human body that they should pass a satisfactory examination, and prove the fitness of their education. We insist that dentists, who may only cause or alleviate pain, shall be fit for their profession.

An architect, so called, may plan any sort of a structure to house hundreds or thousands of people, and if his work appears to be a building, he will go ahead. He may or he may not know enough about weights and strains to construct a building that will stand. If it falls during the building, he kills the workmen, his incapacity is discovered. If it stands up until he gets it into his family, then another disaster.

Cards etiquette which seems somewhat difficult to the novice in city ways is really not complicated. In the end all social forms rest on some basis of sound sense or convenience and are not as some suppose entirely arbitrary. At home may mean one of two things. It may refer simply to the day in the week or the fortnight when the woman receives her friends. It is established that she will be at home at these times and her friends need not have the disappointment of calling and finding her out.

Cards containing the names of both husband and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Blank, are appropriate for only a limited use. They may be sent as an acknowledgment for a gift, or as a response, as an acknowledgment of a wedding invitation, with a wedding present or for some such purpose, when the card is to be returned to the giver. They are not correct when the wife calls alone. She always uses the individual card.

When a daughter has recently been introduced to society her name may be placed upon her mother's card, but it is better form for her to have her individual card. This is considered important. If she is the only daughter or the elder daughter, she may have a card in her own name, with her maiden name. If she is the second daughter and her elder sister is still in society, she must use her given name, Miss Eleanor Blank.

When a woman is in mourning for her own or her husband's relatives, it is correct to use black bordered cards and stationery. It is not imperative. Indeed the etiquette of mourning is gradually giving way to a more enlightened reason. Cards must always be engraved. This is an absolute dictum. A written card, or what is worse, a printed one, are not tolerated for a moment. This is no place for economies. It is not very costly to have the best quality of paper used, and engraved properly. If one cannot afford that, better leave calls out of the question.

The Daily Menu. BREAKFAST. Creamed Eggs. Cereal. Stewed Codfish on Toast. Coffee. LUNCHEON. Clam Fritters. Egg Salad. Apple Sauce. Cake. DINNER. Cream of Celery Soup. Roast Spring Lamb. Browned Potatoes. Mint Sauce. Cauliflower. Tomato. Tapioca Pudding. Coffee.