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## COTTON GOODS NEED MORE PROTECTION

The present tariff law gives some protection to cotton goods.

But it is becoming evident that it does not give enough. The huge importations of cotton goods have converted a seller's market into a buyer's market; and a market of reasonable profit into a net loss for the majority of the mills of this country.

The recently increased importations of cotton goods (in the past four months) represent the production of 35 mills with 1000 looms each in the finer goods; the business is lost, and these 35 American cotton mills must close down, though they are capable of turning out all the goods, and the kinds of goods, that represent the recently increased importations. There are between 70 and 80 British agents in New York City looking after the British cotton textile sales.

The total value of our cotton manufactures for 1923, with the Fordney-McCumber tariff law in operation the entire year, was a little over \$100,000,000 compared with \$87,000,000 for 1922 and \$80,000,000 in 1914. In 1914 we imported 62,000,000 square yards of cotton cloth. That was under the Democratic tariff law. In 1913, nine months of which was under Republican law, our imports of these cloths totaled 46,564,000 square yards.

Last January news was received from London that "the United States has been an unusually good customer, particularly in the cotton and linen divisions, taking in cotton fabrics 160,269,800 square yards, against 86,929,400 square yards in the corresponding period in 1922 and 45,102,100 square yards in 1921."

This was from Great Britain alone.

In 1913 we imported 30,000,000 square yards from that country, or less than one-fifth the 1923 record. At the rate they are now coming in, we will import something like 216,000,000 square yards of cotton cloths during the current year, and of course the great bulk of them come from the United Kingdom. This would mean seven times the 1913 record, and the facts go to prove that the tariff on cotton goods is not prohibitive, as has been frequently claimed by the antagonists of protection, but, on the contrary, it is too low with respect to these particular goods.

The probabilities of there being any alleviation of the situation are somewhat remote. In view of the coalition in Congress, the cotton manufacturers will be extremely fortunate if they can hang on to the rates they now have.

The Southern cotton mills are vitally interested in proper protection to the cotton textile industry, but they talk a great deal, threaten a lot, and end by supporting for Congress the very men who have unceasingly worked against the policy demanded by cotton manufacturers.

There is the flexible clause of the tariff, which should be invoked to remedy in some measure the present situation, affecting the cotton mills of the South as well as those of New England; especially the mills making the finer grades of goods. This measure of relief might be had, to the extent of 50 per cent increase in the rates, with the proper presentation, which in the present situation would be easy.

And if this is not sufficient to give adequate protection to our cotton mills, in order to allow them to operate, Congress ought to come to their relief, with a revision of the cotton goods schedules.

The United States can prosper and grow as it should only with all of its people profitably employed; and this is as true when applied to the Southern cotton mills as to the cotton mills and other mills of the North. Our people have a right to demand such protective rates as will make this possible.

And more. They have a right to demand such protective rates, and such other actions of Congress, as will bring about full self sufficiency in this country; in linen manufactures; in woolen manufactures; in sugar, and in all the other lines in which we may become self sufficient—in everything that we may grow on our land, dig from the earth, or take from the waters, and consume or fashion into the articles of use and commerce.

We need in Washington a straight business administration that will conduct our government along the lines of common sense development such as would characterize the policies of a great and well managed corporation. In its essential and rock-bottom features, our government is and ought to be a great and going business concern, with all its people its share holders, entitled to the wisest possible management for development of possibilities; for the largest possible remunerative employment, and for the greatest possible economy in all matters where economy may be wisely employed.

It goes without saying that Tom Kay will be the nominee for State Treasurer, and that he will be elected in November. This will be a deserving tribute to one of the most capable men in Oregon, and one of the most useful. Mr. Kay has in mind a number of development projects that promise great things for Oregon, and especially for the Salem district—not the least being the construction here of a linen mill that will perhaps directly employ at least 1600 people; and lead directly to the employment of 1600 more. And indirectly as many more. And these institutions will be the forerunners of an industry that will employ, directly and indirectly, a million people. Such men are state builders, empire builders, and deserving of the highest places of usefulness to which their fellow citizens may elevate them.

## TO THE COURTS

There is a disposition to take these investigations to the courts where they belong. It is true there has not been an iota of testimony so far that any court would accept, but in addition to the millions of dollars wasted, the country is anxious to have some legislation. Over four months of the session is now past and no outstanding measure has passed the present Congress. The courts are constituted to try such cases; the senate is not. The public knows that something rotten is there, but also sees that no progress is being made to ferret it out.

The courts can get at the facts of the case.

That is the proper American way to go about a probe of this character. There is to be an investigation in accord with the spirit of Magna Charta and the bill of rights in the Constitution of the United States. The conclusions of this grand jury will be listened to with respect by the fair-minded public, as also would have been the conclusions of the senate oil investigation committee if its proceedings had been conducted in good spirit, with patriotic purpose and with some regard for justice.

Criticism of the senate committee is not directed at the investigation per se. It is proper and right that fairly conducted investigations shall be made by committees of Congress. It is the lax meth-

od of investigation that has impaired public confidence and brought a loss of respect for some of the investigators.

The truth is that the senatorial committee has worn out the public patience, discredited its proceedings and turned them into exhibitions of partisan sound and fury. It is high time that these matters were transferred to the orderly procedure, the dignified methods and the safeguards of judicial procedure.

## THE INVISIBLE THEATER

It is now proposed not only to copyright the songs and lectures broadcasted, but to actually charge admission. A Kansas City radio station made an appeal to its invisible audience to buy invisible seats, saying that the cost was too heavy to continue as it was. The response was \$10,000 by return mail.

Radio has become an important factor in entertaining and has the largest audience so far ever assembled, and really there is no reason why the big newspapers and a few individuals should bear all the heavy cost of broadcasting. It is a social entertainment cheaper than the movies and an entertainment that goes home. There is nothing like it that has ever been devised; nothing quite so good has ever been devised in the way of entertainment. However, it is true that some way must be provided to keep a few individuals from meeting this high expense. It might be possible to have a sort of a nickel slot machine. It would mean that before a man could tune in, he would have to put a nickel in his machine to unlock it. At any rate, you must admit this is a pretty good idea.

## LOSING CONFIDENCE

It is a fact of great regret to all that the public has lost more confidence in the present Congress than in any Congress in the history of the country. For years each Congress has lost a little bit of ground but this one has lost a lot of ground. There is no concerted action. Every fellow is acting independently, and only a few of them know their politics. Most of them are very much in love with congressional life, and they believe that the country is satisfied without any service.

For years the executive branch of the government has been encroaching on the legislature. This is because the legislature has more and more become mediocre, and therefore, futile.

There is a great need of a revolution in Congress; new blood, fresh from the people, is one of the demands of this hour.

## A GOOD PROPOSITION

It is no use talking when Salem business people set their heads together something is going to be doing. Witness the public auditorium in the auto park. We do not know who originated the scheme; that does not matter. What really matters is the response, which is about as remarkable as anything this city has ever seen.

Every interest in the city has taken pains to let it be known that the interests of the auto park auditorium are universal. It looks now as if the building will be erected this year with this 'spirit,' and it will be one of the best demonstrations of the new day that has dawned in Salem when the men work together for the common good. A united Salem means a greater Salem.

## DAUGHERTY PROTESTS

H. M. Daugherty, late attorney general makes objection to the speech of Senator Pepper, where in the former president was criticized for ever putting Daugherty in the cabinet. Daugherty is opposed to being held up to scorn at this time. The opposition is sustained. It isn't fair to jump a man when he is down. It is just as poor politics as it is sportsmanship. Daugherty is entitled to be let alone, and if he isn't let alone he is liable to appear as a martyr.

## FUTURE DATES

April 5, Saturday—Willamette Freshman game at armory.  
April 7, Monday—First Annual Ladies night, American Legion, McCornack Hall.  
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April 8, Wednesday—American Legion dance at armory.  
April 11, Friday—Boxing at armory.  
April 12 and 13, Sunday and Sunday—Baseball, Salem vs. Kebo at Oxford park.  
April 13, Sunday—Evangelistic campaign opens at armory.  
April 17, Thursday—Annual inspection Company F, 162nd Infantry.  
April 19, Saturday—Dedication of statue "The Circuit Rider," in state house grounds.  
April 21, Monday—Music week to begin in Salem.  
April 29 to June 3—Shrine circus to be held in Salem.  
May 9 and 10, Friday and Saturday—State convention of Disabled World War Veterans, Salem.  
May 11, Sunday—Mother's day.  
May 16, Friday—Primary election in Oregon.  
June 10, Tuesday—Republican national convention meets in Cleveland.  
June 14, Saturday—Annual Marion County Sunday School picnic.  
June 24, Tuesday—Democratic national convention meets in New York.  
June 27-28—Educational conference, University of Oregon, Eugene.

and then, some of the fellows will wish they hadn't.

## A GOOD IDEA

We like the idea of having these debates with the high schools and universities scattered over the country. It shows that we are a cosmopolitan people. The curse of any country is provincialism; the hope of the country is cosmopolitanism.

The debates not only sharpen the mind and teach geography, but it actually brings us in contact with the activities of the world, and we will think more in worldly quantities than ever before.

## Cap'n Zyb

### EERIE STUNT

Can you imagine tossing a coin into a bowl of perfectly good, clear, moist water and then putting your hand into the bowl, withdrawing your hand with the coin



and not being the least bit wet? Of course, it can be done or I wouldn't mention it in this column.

All you have to do to perform this stunt is to sprinkle a little lycopodium on the surface of the water before tossing in the coin and reaching in after it. You can get this lycopodium at almost any drug store or chemist's.

It would be terrible to have to take a bath in a bathtub which had had lycopodium sprinkled on it, wouldn't it? You couldn't get wet—the water would just roll off you and you simply couldn't get clean.

—CAP'N ZYB.

It may be that Europeans are dying of neglect. But we have Presidential booms over here in the same fix.

## Dr. R. S. Pettit Dies; Funeral at Silverton

SILVERTON, Or., April 4.—(Special to The Statesman)—Dr. R. S. Pettit, Silverton chiropractor, died at his home on East Park street Thursday. Dr. Pettit had been in poor health for a year being unable to leave his bed for the past two months.

Funeral services were held from the First Christian church today and interment was in the Silverton cemetery.

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## The Hen's Lullaby

By George S. Chappell.

Hush-a-bye Egglet, slumber and rest,  
Close to my heart, dear, snug in our nest.  
What will you be dear? What is your sex?  
Ah, there's the question a mother to vex.  
Are you a boy dear? Are you a girl?  
Are you a door-knob? My brain's in a whirl;  
Good egg or bad egg, whichever it be,  
Always you'll be lover, darling, by me.  
Hush-a-bye, egglet, slumber and rest,  
Close to my heart, dear, snug in our nest.

## Famous Stars

\* Boarder.  
\* Twinkle, twinkle, little \*.  
\* and Garter.  
Dishes marked with a \* are ready.  
\* \* \* Hennessey.  
—A. C. M. Azoy, Jr.



The Tortoise and the Hair  
A wall flower would not object to being pressed.

## The Absent Present

Marjorie came home, after the first day in school, crying as if her heart would break. Her mother, reports Mrs. Arthur Messing, seriously inquired as to the cause of Marjorie's sorrow.

"Teacher promised me a present but she didn't give me any," sobbed Marjorie.

"Teacher promised you a present!" said mother. "That's funny. First time I ever heard of such a thing. How did she happen to promise you a present?"

"Well," replied Marjorie, "the teacher was giving out seats and she called me and said: 'Miss Marjorie, you sit here for the present.'"

## Man Proposes

Mae: "Is he a man after your own heart?"  
Ruth: "I am not sure, but I am living in hopes."

—Stanley B.

## The Seventh Heaven?

By Hugh Wiley

Sis' Eliza had a husband' what acted like a lamb.  
Handed her his wages ev'ry pay-day night.  
Kept a workin' steady 'till his job went—BAM!

# The Boys and Girls Statesman

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## HOW TO PLAY FIRST BASE A Lesson in Baseball

### FIRST BASEMEN

PLAY IN FRONT OF BAG



TOUCH BAG WITH LEFT FOOT IF BALL IS RECEIVED ON RIGHT SIDE & VICEVERSA

It's time to get the old baseball gang together to form this season's team. Positions must be assigned so you can start practice at once.

Eliza's husband's job was hauling nervous dynamite.

De dynamite wuz early, Eliza's man wuz late.

Now he's heaven-bound in pieces on de angel's freight.  
Sky-bound—fo' his home on high.  
Sky-bound—wid a lily in each han'  
Sky-bound—jes' beginnin' to fly.  
Sky-bound—grazin' de promis' land.

Love is blind, they tell us, which is the reason why lovers get along so well in the dark.  
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## Spectacular Wreck in "Love Never Dies"

King Vidor, whose penchant consists in taking a simple tale of rural characters and evolving a tensely dramatic story out of it, has found another subject for the expression of his art in "Love Never Dies," his latest picture to be distributed by Associated First National Pictures, Inc., which opens at the Oregon theater today.

As in the case of "The Sky Pilot" and "The Jack Knife Man," the producer has studied his char-

there is no man on the base. There is no set rule in regard to which foot should be used to touch the bag for the put-outs, for it usually depends on the throw. A first baseman should place himself a few inches in front of the bag so he can shift to either side. If the ball is thrown to the right side, he should touch the bag with the left foot and vice versa.

## RANDY RIDDLE SAYS—

With what may a thief erase his tracks on a rainy night?

Where does one find horses with wooden legs in great numbers?

Answer to today's riddles: A thief may erase his tracks on a rainy night with his rubbers. One finds horses with wooden legs on merry-go-rounds.

What a Belief  
Student: "Why don't you laugh at the prof's jokes?"

Silent One: "I don't have to, I am getting kicked out next week."

## Very Careful

Doctor: "Have you taken every precaution to prevent spread of contagion in the family?"

Rastus: "Absolutely, doctor. We've even bought a sanitary cup and we all done drink from it."

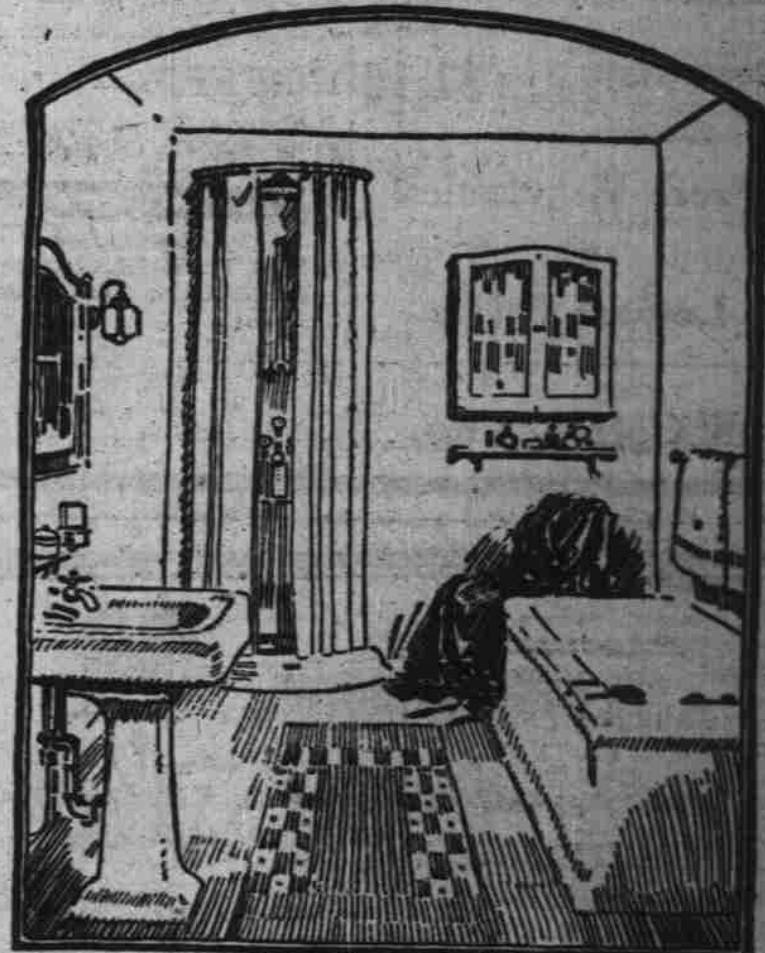
son, a recent arrival at Silverton, with offices in the Porter-Garver building, has filed his intention to become a candidate for the position of city recorder and police judge. William Service, who holds these offices at present, while not yet having filed, indicates that he will also become a candidate.

"A bull in a china shop" has always been a phrase used to express the height of clumsiness, yet Johnnie Walker, whose latest picture is at the Liberty theater on today, says that this figure of speech shrinks to naught when compared to his principal scene in "Fashionable Fakirs."

Surrounded by multitudes of fragile bits of bric-a-brac in an old antique shop, hemmed in on every side by bits of porcelain and china that would fall and shatter into bits at the least vibration, Johnnie was forced to go through the entire action of the play without displacing one of these properties.

## Recent Arrival Would Be Silverton City Recorder

SILVERTON, Or., April 4.—(Special.)—Attorney Alf O. Nel-



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