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TRIED AND FOUND WANTING.

The republican leaders at Wash-
ington are showing signs of being
very much troubled over the politi-
cal outlook. They fear democratic
ascendency in the congressional
elections the coming fall.

The republican party must feel
conscience stricken, when it is in con-
trol of both houses of congress and
the presidency and yet it has ac-
complished nothing of special inter-
est to the people, while efforts have
been devoted largely to advancing
the privileges of those who are pow-
erful within and without the party.

The great national enterprise, the
Nicaraguan canal has been left se-
verely alone by those who have hold
of the reins of government in con-
gress and work upon it studiously
delayed in the interest of the great
trans-continental railways, which are
suspected of being liberal contribu-
tors to the campaign fund.

Further, the republican congress
has done nothing to limit the trusts
in their power over the people, and
yet it has done considerable in try-
ing to advance the interests of the
shipping trust in trying to make the
ship subsidy bill a law.

Again, the republican congress has
smothered the national irrigation
project, which, if carried forward,
would provide homes for thousands
of landless people. This congress
has appropriated money lavishly for
the ordinary and extra-ordinary ex-
penses of the government, in which
the tax-eaters are more concerned
than the people, but little if any-
thing for the great interests of the
whole country.

The people have nothing to be
thankful for at the hands of the
first session of the fifty-seventh
congress and, if this fall, they
should vote to change its political
complexion there would be no occa-
sion for surprise.

IMMODERATE EXERCISE.

In the conduct of public and pri-
vate schools these days considerable
time and attention of both teachers
and pupils is given to athletic sports,
speed contests, foot-ball and other
exercises which call for the develop-
ment of the muscles. It is very
doubtful if the health of many
young boys and men is not injured
by immoderation in this connection.
Growing boys and youths are put un-
der severe muscular strain for no
particular benefit or reason what-
ever, with the result that the health
of many of them is undermined and
their equipment to carry the burdens
of life weakened and crippled.

The bodies of many of them are
made favorable soil for disease, as

witness the number of ex-athletes
who are stricken down with pneu-
monia, and others who fall a prey to
consumption, brought about by
catching colds while waiting their
turn on the track or in the field.

Proper exercise is beneficial, but
too much of even a good thing is
harmful. If pupils of schools were
taught to breathe properly, to walk
properly, in short, to carry their
bodies properly this would afford all
the healthful exercise necessary,
without any danger to the health,
which is the risk they take when
they enter into speed contests, ham-
mer throwing, pole vaulting and the
numerous exercises now in vogue in
schools and colleges. "Moderation
is the silken string that runs through
the pearl chain of all virtue," and
those who teach immoderation in ex-
ercise are not fit instructors of those
who attend school.

The fact of the matter is, we are
all inclined to run to fads and ex-
tremes, with the result that we load
ourselves down with ills that follow
us through life. Violent exercise is
one of the excesses that we can
guard ourselves and our children
against, and we should not give en-
couragement to it in the public
schools of all places.

To keep the bodies of the school
children in reasonable healthful
condition it is necessary only to allow
us to repeat, to teach them how to
breathe, how to sit, how to stand and
how to walk, in short, how to carry
themselves, and these simple in-
structions are entirely neglected,
while youths are put through a
course of training that threatens
their very existence.

STOPPED THE OIL WELLS.

The remarkable story comes out
that the stopping of the oil well at
Beaumont was coincident with the
earthquakes in Guatemala.

It seems that on April 19 accord-
ing to the statement made to the
Statesman the men in Pittsburg who
are so heavily interested in the Beau-
mont fields received the news that
the gushers had ceased flowing.
Those men had just completed a pipe
line at enormous expense and had
made other preparations on a vast
scale for handling the product. The
news was therefore disturbing, and
there was at once an exodus of Pitts-
burg oil men toward Texas.

When the oil owners reached the
field they had an investigation made
which disclosed the fact that the oil
was still in the wells but without
pressure. When pumps were put in
the oil came freely, but not a well
would flow of its own force. The
pressure from the wells had been
relied upon to force the oil through
the pipe line at places where gravity
could not be relied upon and artificial
pressure will have to be provided.

Having satisfied themselves upon
these points, the oil men gave the
necessary orders to their represen-
tatives and went home. About that
time they heard that there had been
an earthquake in Guatemala on the
18th. That set them to thinking and
they soon became convinced, after

learning just when the flow of the
wells ceased, that the earthquake
had caused the change.

The story is one of great interest.
If it is true that the seismic distur-
bance in Guatemala had such an effect
on oil wells so far away, the scient-
ists have a new problem to solve.
It is conceivable that pressure which
had long exerted itself from far be-
neath upon the oil deposits was sud-
denly released by the escape of gases
into another subterranean district,
but it is impossible to understand
how such pressure could be so wide-
ly diffused and manifest itself so
near the surface.—Boise City States-
man.

TOM JOHNSON ON TARIFFS.

Hon. Tom L. Johnson defined the
attitude of legitimate American
manufacturing interests in a speech
delivered in the house of representa-
tives in January, 1894, in which he
said:

"That you can injure industry and
hurt labor by abolishing tariff taxes
too quickly and too completely. I
deny. You will injure monopoly and
hurt trusts, but you will stimulate
industry and give labor relief. Take
the business in which I am interest-
ed. If you put steel rails on the free
list, as I intend to move, you will
not shut up the mills. On the con-
trary, you will open them; for the
steel rail pool can no longer, out of
the extra profit the tariff gives it,
afford to pay for keeping mills idle.
There will be greater activity and
a greater demand for labor in the
making of rails. And so with struc-
tural steel. But the benefit will not
end there. The men engaged in
making steel rails and structural
steel are but a handful compared
with those engaged in laying rails
and erecting buildings and bridges,
and even they are few compared with
the men such erections set to work.
You will lessen the profits of some
of us steel manufacturers; but you
will stimulate industry, give idle la-
bor a chance for employment and so
tend to raise wages. * * * Mr.
Chairman, what is true of steel is
true of all industries. If we abolish
the whole tariff on the first of Feb-
ruary, I do not believe there is a sin-
gle manufacturing industry that
would close. On the contrary, all
that are not purely exotics, kept
alive by taxes would be greatly stim-
ulated. Foreigners would want
more of our products, and foreign
markets would open to our goods.
Wheat would bring more to the
grower and labor would bring more
to the laborer, and the masses of
our people would want and could pay
for more manufactured goods.
You cannot depress industry and im-
poverish labor by remitting taxes.
* * * Manufacturers need no pro-
tection. It is not manufacturers who
settled this country, and were the
pioneers of its western growth. It
was farmers. Import duties on what
is received in exchange for farm pro-
ducts shipped abroad are equivalent
to the export duties on those pro-
ducts. If you want to help manu-
facturers, repeal them. Let the
farmers be prosperous, and manufac-
tures will thrive."

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