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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 1902.

La Grande has her carnival, Walla Walla her fruit fair and Pendleton has her general prosperity.

Walla Walla may boast of her fruit fair, but she isn't in it when it comes to hold-ups. She has not had but one in the past 10 days.

Old Ireland still retains her spirit of independence. Individually and collectively, her citizens always speak and act their sentiments.

It is suggested that there are more hold-ups reported in Pendleton than actually occur. The explanation is given that it has become so fashionable to get held up nowadays that in order to be stylish one must be held up.

The beef merger proposition is being held in abeyance for the present. This is thought to be on account of the president's attitude against trusts. If the president's statements have succeeded in bluffing these freebooters, his talking has not been in vain after all.

Hotel proprietors will now have to be more courteous to their guests. If one should get behind with his board bill it will not do to "dun" him. The crank yesterday at Washington set the example and now others will follow suit. Because of an imaginary discourtesy the guest blew up the hotel with dynamite and then committed suicide.

The Tacoma Evening News recently published the statement that the only woolen mills in the northwest were located on the Sound. Now it sets a record in making the following statement: "The American Wool and Cotton Reporter says that woolen mills on Puget Sound are the snakes in Ireland, conspicuous by their absence. Never mind, Tacoma will soon have a large one, ready to grasp the great advantages awaiting it."

If reports are true from Hawaii in regard to the leper scandal, somebody should be made to pay the penalty. These poor unfortunates, without hope except in death, should not be permitted to produce a posterity, even in a marriage state, much less in the manner of animals. Among Uncle Sam's many newly-acquired possessions he will find many things that will shock the sensibilities of the honorable and conscientious American.

Kansas City packers are making a move which will result in nothing more a breeder of strikes and anarchists. The managers have forbidden the employes to discuss the beef merger question upon pain of being discharged. When men are shut off from freedom of speech and the right to talk among themselves about live issues of the day, then it is well that they should break through such bonds. There is no necessity of being an agitator, but when you shut an American citizen off from discussing the things that are of interest to him, you might as well chain him down while you are at it.

The office of tax assessor is an unpleasant one. There are those who swear at him for assessing their property too high and there are those who swear at him for assessing the other fellow's property too low. Then there are those who swear falsely about their property and the assessor is sworn at for this. The corporations claim that they are robbed and the citizens claim that the assessor stands

in with the corporations. There is one remarkable thing about the whole matter, however, and that is that the fellow who does the most kicking is generally the fellow who has the least amount of property, and the biggest kicker of all, is the fellow that never pays a cent of taxes.

General Passenger Agent Craig, of the O. R. & N. Co., gives out the information that transportation rates for homeseekers from the East are \$2.50 less to Pendleton than to the coast, and that Pendleton is placed on an equal footing with Spokane. This is good news and corrects a long mistaken idea. While the difference is small, yet it will tell in the future immigration to this country. Immigration heretofore has gone to the coast from choice and a great deal of it has drifted back into this country later, but now with the irrigation plans laid and thoroughly advertised throughout the East the bulk of the immigration is looking this way, and the next few years will find this the great central point for the Eastern immigration. The \$2.50 will help many an honest homeseeker.

THE PRESIDENT SQUIRMED.

President Roosevelt's annoyance at the foolish sermon preached in his presence on Sunday was quite natural. Aside from the bad taste of holding him up as "providentially placed in the executive chair" in place of a much older, wiser and abler man, the presentation of Mr. Roosevelt as a modern David raised up to "crush the Goliath of monopoly" bordered on the grotesque.

President Roosevelt has not proposed to himself or to a nation to kill the modern giant. He sees a great deal of good in trusts, and would proceed cautiously in dealing with them. But even if he had proclaimed mortal combat, the stone in his sling is so small and the range at which he proposes to hurl it is so long that not only would Monopoly's skull be quite safe from the missile, but the giant would roar with laughter at the presumption of his harmless antagonist.

The president's pebble—the only one on the beach that he views with pride and confidence—is an amendment to the constitution giving the sovereign nation supervision of the trusts and other monopolies. Newspapers that are friendly to the president have elaborately proved that such an amendment cannot possibly be adopted, under the most favorable circumstances, in less than five years. Yet nothing is needed to prove the absolute impossibility of securing the ratification of such an amendment, not in five years but ever, beyond the fact, as shown in the last congress, that the democrats are opposed to it as an uncalled-for surrender of the reserved rights of the states, and the other fact that the most influential republicans in the senate are against it because it would hurt their best friends and deprive their states of revenues that greatly reduce taxes on property.

To imagine that with these influences and the enormous power of the corporations themselves arrayed against the amendment it could ever command a two-thirds vote in congress and secure ratification by three-fourths of the states is to believe the incredible.

The Rev. Mr. Washburn's modern David will never slay Monopoly with that sling and pebble. He might as well try to kill a mountain lion with a potato pop-gun. No wonder Mr. Roosevelt hung his head under such a sermon. If the "cuss words" that he thought on this occasion were to be printed or spoken, even the most sanguine clerical flatterer would sorrowfully admit that he had taken a terrible "fall from grace."—New York World.

NEW IRREPRESSIBLE CONFLICT.

When Speaker Henderson finds himself so out of harmony with his party at home that he declines to stand for re-election to congress, even resisting the personal appeal of President

Roosevelt to reconsider his decision. It is a sign of a serious split in the party.

The Iowa convention resolved in favor of "any modification of the tariff schedules that may be required to prevent their affording shelter to monopoly." This declaration would not have been made, after a heated discussion, unless the Iowa republicans had good reason to know that some of the tariff schedules "do afford shelter to monopoly." The farmers cannot buy a reaper or a plough or a roll of barbed wire, a barrel of sugar or cement, a box of tin-plate or a foot of iron pipe without paying tribute to monopoly that is sheltered by the tariff.

Yet Mr. Henderson flatly declares that he does "not believe that a single schedule of the Dingley tariff law can be so amended as to relieve the people from the oppression of the trusts." and Senator Hanna, who is a power in the upper house, is quoted as saying: "As long as I remain in the senate and an raise a hand to stop it you shall never touch a schedule of the tariff." Even Representative Littlefield, of Maine, who has posed as a champion republican trust-fighter, in a speech in Boston on Monday denied President Havemeyer's admission that the "tariff is the mother of trusts," and announced that he is opposed to "disturbing the business of the country" by any revision of the Dingley law.

Iowa is not the only state in which the republicans have declared in favor of the repeal of protection to monopolies. Minnesota, Oregon and Idaho adopted resolutions looking to this remedy. The latter state was particularly emphatic, declaring that "many of the industries of the country have outgrown their infancy," and favoring "a revision of the tariff without unreasonable delay which will place upon the free list every article controlled by any monopoly, and such other articles and products as are beyond the need of protection."

No democratic convention has gone beyond this. The resolution adopted by the democratic congressmen—which Speaker Henderson frantically denounces as "free-trade poison"—was much more moderate, calling only for—

"A measure to reduce the duties on all articles and commodities manufactured in the United States by a trust or trusts, so as to destroy any illegal combinations, and to reduce the duty on any article or commodity manufactured in the United States and sold in a foreign country more cheaply than in the United States."

It is no wonder that Speaker Henderson's bomb-shell evoked consternation at Oyster Bay, where the controlling spirits of the senate had met to induce the president to continue his silence on the tariff or at the most to "throw a tub to the whale," in the shape of a promise to recommend a tariff commission to the next congress! But the new irrepressible conflict is on, and it will not cease until justice shall be done to the overtaxed and plundered victims of tariff-sheltered monopolies.—New York World.

WON'T CHOP WOOD.

It's kind o' hard to understand the case of Ezra Jones. We thought that he'd grow up to be a regular lazy bones. But his father felt quite hopeful when he saw him out one day. A-tollin' with a golf stick an' declarin' it was play. He'd stop an' hit that little ball a most tremendous lick. An' then he'd run up hill an' down, all on the double quick. To see him so industrious done his folks a heap o' good. It's plain he isn't lazy; but he won't chop wood.

He started in for ping-pong, an' his enterprise was such. The doctor said as how he'd have to quit or use a crutch. And as for pool an' billiards, I have seen him, I declare, A-tollin' hard for hours, an' holdin' one foot in the air. The neighbors when they used to go a-visitin' would brag About the scientific way he hit the punchin' bag. But there's jes' one thing about him that was never understood; He's got a heap o' muscle but he won't chop wood.

You'd think that any one with such a wonderful right arm. Would look on it as fun to help a bit around the farm. He never sits down idle from the dawn till set o' sun; There's alius somethin' doin', but he don't git nothin' done. An' Erry ain't the only one whose talents goes astray. You see a lot o' folks a-keepin' busy, day by day; You look for them to do things; you are certain that they could; But at last they disapp'int you 'cause they won't chop wood.

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