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- To serve another's need  
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That's liberty!  
—John Kendrick Bangs.

**A POLITICAL SESSION?**  
If present predictions are carried out the extra session of congress called by President Taft will be more of a political session than anything else. It was called by the president to adopt the reciprocity treaty—the administration's star bid for popularity but which thus far has not made the president particularly popular, especially with the farmers who stand to be affected by the treaty.

"There appears to be little doubt concerning the passage of the reciprocity measure; and not much likelihood of any tariff revision during the extra session," says Henry Clews. "It is quite possible, however, that considerable tariff agitation may be aroused if only for political effect, especially as the time is drawing near for another presidential campaign. For this very reason, however, there is little prospect of any important changes being made in present schedules. The tariff is altogether too full of excellent political ammunition to permit of a prompt adjustment, and as it will be the best material for the forthcoming campaign there is little reason to fear very decisive action in any extra session. Still, tariff agitation is a deterrent and not a stimulant to business enterprise. There is more or less talk of putting such articles on the free list as vitally affect the cost of living, and there is renewed talk of attacking the wool, cotton and steel schedules. But, as already said, radical changes are not probable, at least until after another presidential election."

If the democrats have wise leadership they will not attempt a general revision of the tariff, nor in the future. They will stand for the creation of a tariff commission to handle tariff changes in much the same manner as the interstate commerce commission regulates freight rates. The tariff is a business proposition rather than a political issue. However, the democrats are coming to the bat and no doubt they will want to play the game as it has always been played. As to this we will know more later.

**FOR THE MILTON EAGLE.**  
If the esteemed Milton Eagle will kindly investigate the subject a trifle it will find it has no just complaint because the county court has authorized the publication of the county expenses in the East Oregonian. That work is being given to the East Oregonian in conformity with a law from which the following is an extract:

"No. 2636. The county court shall, at the January session of each year, select one newspaper published within the county, having the largest circulation within the county where published, in which the proceedings of said court, as entered of record, shall be published at the expense of the county: Provided, that in counties having ten thousand population two newspapers having the largest circulation shall be selected, and the county clerk shall furnish such papers selected each a copy of the proceedings and a list of claims." (L. 1891, p. 140, Sec. 2.)  
It will be seen that the law does not specify that the statement must be published in any particular edition of a paper, such as its daily, weekly or semi-weekly edition. It is true though that when the county clerk asked for sworn statements of circulation he asked for the same with reference to weekly editions only. That action was taken regardless of the law and the clerk was in error in doing as he did.  
The East Oregonian at the time

the request was made was only issuing daily and semi-weekly editions, having some time before merged the weekly edition with the semi-weekly in order to give its readers a much better and prompt service. The Friday's issue of the semi-weekly is now designated as the weekly edition for the publication of notices of a legal nature.

When the East Oregonian submitted its sworn circulation statement to the county court the statement gave the circulation of the Semi-Weekly East Oregonian within Umatilla county. The statement showed this paper to have the largest circulation of any paper within the county. Accordingly the East Oregonian was designated as a paper in which the expenses of the county should be published. The court was required by law to take such action. As to the other paper that was chosen and as to how that paper came to be chosen the East Oregonian has no particular concern.

From information secured, so it says, from a member of the county court the Milton Eagle seems to feel that this paper was improperly selected as a medium for publishing the county's expenses. Nothing could be further from the truth. The action of the court was required by law and it was also in accordance with the rules of good business. Had the Eagle been given a full and truthful statement of the affair there could have been no misunderstanding.

**"TEDDY" WEAVER.**  
When "Teddy" Weaver left this city Sunday to take a position in Portland the East Oregonian lost its oldest employe. For a period of 25 years Mr. Weaver was a member of the mechanical force of this paper. He was a capable and loyal member of the force. He could work faster and swear harder than any other printer in eastern Oregon and he did so. Because of Mr. Weaver's work and the work of others this paper has long been complimented as being one of the best appearing small dailies in the west.  
Like many others who have been connected with this paper in the past "Teddy" has heard the call of the city and has answered it. If he fares as have others who have gone from this paper to where the Hoe presses sing he will do well. May good luck be with him.

The decision of the county court to undertake the building of macadam roads should encourage the city to do street improvement work. At this time some of the county roads leading into the city are better than the streets with which those roads connect. Pendleton cannot afford to allow such a condition to continue.

The notice for bids for constructing the water main from the city limits to the branch asylum site makes good reading. It will soon be up to the people of the city to vote for a mountain water system and thereby assure the state plenty of pure water for its institution.

Indications point to a wonderful development in the west end of the county this summer and to a healthy increase in population for that section. Local merchants should act accordingly.

The baseball season will soon open.

**HAD IMPROVED.**  
Representative Nicholas Longworth has the reputation of being a first-rate little amateur boxer, says the Washington "Herald."  
Back in Cincinnati they tell this story about Nicholas and his father. The elder Longworth liked to box just as a matter of exercise and used his son for a sparring companion, owing to the lack of anybody better that could be called upon at short notice. Young Nick wasn't altogether enthusiastic about the job, for his father possessed a certain amount of skill, and he would come away from one of his father's periods of daily exercise feeling like a man who had been in a runaway accident.  
When young Nick came home from Harvard for his first vacation his father told him that he had been missing the boxing sessions and that he would like to meet him up in the attic at once.  
A few minutes later father came down with a large bump the size of a couple of pecan nuts over his left eye.  
"Gracious!" he exclaimed to a guest who was in the parlor, "you'd actually be surprised at the way that boy has improved."

**THE LAUGH ON TIME.**  
(Montgomery Advertiser.)  
An English veterinary surgeon injected a couple of milligrams of radium into the jugular vein of an old horse and made the animal feel young again. This brings forth the announcement that radium may be made the basis of the real elixir of life. Dr. Pettit, the surgeon in question, thinks it highly probable that a radio-active serum may be obtained in this manner which will arrest to a certain extent the advance of physical decay in human beings.  
If true, the practical use of radium in this way will give humanity a new source of fun. It will be great sport to have the laugh on Father Time and his hand which paints the hair white. He has had humanity under his thumb for many thousand years, and if this plain horse doctor succeeds

in putting the screws to the old man he may have a chance to go down in history, or somewhere else just as comfortable.

**THE DESIRE FOR CLEVERNESS.**

(Vancouver (B. C.) World.)  
A witness in a lawsuit this week, being asked if he had been to America in his youth, said that he went there to get clever, and added that the Americans are cleverer than we are, says the London Times. Very likely they are, for we are not a clever people; indeed, in the past we have been inclined to distrust cleverness. We have commonly used the word in a depreciatory sense, as when we say of a man that he is too clever by half or of a book that it is merely clever. Now that is all changed; and, like the witness in question, there are many of us who think they can learn to be clever, just as there are women who think they can make themselves beautiful. But cleverness, like beauty, is only attractive when it is natural. It is well worth having as a gift, but the effort to attain it by force leads people to behave as if they were not human beings, but performing monkeys who had taught themselves their own tricks. Cleverness is a peculiar urban quality. The Greeks, who were a town people, were remarkable for it; the Romans, who loved the country were not. So, in modern times, the French, who delight in town life, are the cleverest of nations; and we, who have always been a country-loving people, are not clever. But, like the Romans, we have been turned into a nation of townsmen against our natural inclination; and in the process we have, also like the Romans, fallen into a general insecurity of taste, trying to transform our natures to suit our new surroundings, not cultivating those innate qualities in which we excel, but trying to assume others in which we cannot. No amount of effort will ever make us as clever as the French; and the more we try to be clever the less attractive we become, like a plain woman who tries to be beautiful.

**INLAND EMPIRE TIMBER.**

Enough to House Half Population of the Continent.  
Statistics compiled by A. W. Cooper, secretary of the Western Pine Manufacturers' association, show there is an available supply of standing timber in the inland empire to construct 17,000,000 four and five-room cottages, or sufficient to house more than half of the population of the United States and Canada. Four hundred miles in the district, having a total capacity of 3,000,000,000 feet, cut 1,463,000,000 feet in 1909. The value of the product at the mill is estimated at \$21,000,000, of which amount \$14,000,000 was paid for labor. Six million dollars was paid to railroads for hauling the output. The value of the stumpage cut is placed at \$3,000,000.  
The report shows there is about \$110,000,000 invested in the industry in this district, and that the working capital employed ranges from \$25,000,000 to \$30,000,000. One hundred thousand persons are directly supported by the industry and 20,000 men are employed on a basis of 300 days a year.

**WAGNER NOT ON JURY.**  
Great Slinger Excused on Condition that He Play Hard.  
Pittsburg, Pa., March 6.—Honus Wagner will have to play the game of his life for the Pirates this year or be in danger of contempt of court. The immortal shortstop's name was recently drawn from the jury wheel and he was summoned to serve as a juror in the common pleas court during the term commenced today. Immediately the fans of the Smoky City set up a tremendous howl, since today is also the date set for the sailing of theirates on their voyage to West Baden, Ind., and points south. That the great Honus should have to remain at home and play the role of a tame and domesticated juror, when he should be liberating his muscles and lamming the ball over the fence in preparation for the great battle to come, was not to be tolerated. Great influence was brought to bear upon the judges, and they finally agreed, in consideration of a promise by Wagner to play ball as never before, to relieve him from jury duty. So it has come to pass, to the immense joy of the fans, that the Dutchman is not today copped up in a jury box, but instead is donning his war paint for the trip to West Baden. It is a happy day in Pittsburg and already the faithful, in their mind's eye, see a banner of strange device floating over Forbes field.

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