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WOULD FORCE CONCESSIONS.

From a dispatch sent out from Berlin, Germany, it appears that our present trade relations with that country are on the eve of an eruption on account of Germany's intention to insist on a more reciprocal tariff schedule in her favor.

Germany has concluded new treaties with a number of European countries which "form a new basis" and by which she expects to demand of the United States practical reciprocity. Really, this is more than she can reasonably expect of us, fairly disposed as we are towards Germany and her trade.

Many of the European countries with which Germany has just concluded new treaties have maximum and minimum duties on the same articles in favor of, or against a certain country. We have a fixed tariff schedule which assures a "square deal for all." Owing to this fact, were a new treaty negotiated with Germany, on the lines she dictates, we would be favoring Germany and dealing unfairly with other countries having as much claim to our trade and generosity as has Germany.

One thing is pretty certain and that is that the United States will never see the day when she does not do a large import business no matter how well in hand our own manufacturers have home trade. So long as we send ship loads of goods abroad something will come back in these ships—they will not return entirely empty.

If Germany will trade with us on terms fair and honest in the eyes of the world her trade will be appreciated—otherwise we must locate another market for our surplus. Treaty or no treaty, so long as we have what Germany is obliged to possess and can provide it cheaper than she can procure it elsewhere we will get her patronage, notwithstanding the fuss she is inclined to make.

A PROMPT DECISION.

It is a matter of congratulation that Judge Bellinger has so promptly rendered a decision in the abatement plea of Senator Mitchell. Without passing upon the guilt or innocence of Senator Mitchell, one is impressed with the thought that were a man entirely free from anything bearing the appearance of guilt he would desire a speedy trial.

It seems that an innocent man would naturally demand all haste in his vindication. But this is not all in the present case; Senator Mitchell is the representative of the people of Oregon and it is of vital importance to them that his innocence be proved, or, if disproved, that it be done without delay. It is to be hoped for the good name of the state and on account of a long period of efficient public service, that the senator may be able to free his skirts from any stigma that at present attaches to him. But in seeking pretext to delay his trial he is not strengthening himself with the people.

The new First Presbyterian Church of Pittsburgh, Pa., was dedicated on Sunday, the 16th inst. The building and furnishing cost upwards of \$400,000. Two beams, each 84 feet long and two feet square support a great number of stone arches. These timbers were from Oregon and are said to be the longest ever brought into Pittsburgh. Oregon has whole forests of such trees as supplied those beams.

PRACTICAL ZOOLOGY.

Norris and Rowe's Magnificent Double Manageries as an Aid to the Study.

One of the pleasantest and most profitable hours that can be spent anywhere may be found in the large new double manageries of the Norris and Rowe Greater Circus. There is not a great deal of opportunity offered elsewhere for a practical study of animal life. The relations of the wild beasts of the world to mankind are but little understood. The marvels of creation are no where greater than in the strange and diversified forms of animate existence as exemplified in wild and untamed, and untamable, beast.

In order to make knowledge of wild animals obtainable the authorities of various cities have established zoological gardens, but they are enormously expensive institutions and only the wealthiest communities can afford them. It is because the Norris and Rowe greater circus make one of the many features of their exhibitions a managerie so complete in every particular that they are of incalculable practical benefit to any and every community they visit.

Years of study of zoology in books is not so effective as an hour spent in this managerie. And when during this hour one may be amused by the antics of the monkeys, marvel at the strange creatures of odd shapes and savage dispositions and at the same time be entertained by the music of the military band, an hour of diversion and study is supplied that can be had nowhere else. It is really a duty to get to the shows early enough to allow the children ample time to see all of the animals. An hour is not too long for a hasty inspection of them all. The doors will be opened a full hour before the big show begins when the Norris and Rowe greater circus appears here Wednesday, May 10, at 2 and 8 p. m.

What Davenport Said.

We are pleased to note that our predictions in regard to the success of Mr. Waggoner's book, "Stories of Old Oregon," are being supplemented by the press in general, and, in fact, by all who have read it. We are permitted to make the following extract from a letter by Homer Davenport on reading the book:

"I can't express my pleasure on owning a book that pleases me so much, and I want to say that it is one of the most interesting that I have ever read. You are a capital story writer, and your Indian stories brought the tears and made me proud that my father was a pioneer."

Again, here is another extract from a letter from the same writer to a friend who wrote to him about the book:

"I want to say I have never read so interesting a book as 'Stories of Old Oregon.'" What a writer Mr. Waggoner is and how his stories can make you shed tears. He has a great future before him."

This from such a man as Davenport, who is constantly in touch with the literary men of the age is a great compliment and can but add a renewed interest to the book.

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