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THE COPPER RING.

Nickel and copper are as nearly raw materials as anything except the ores of those metals can be, and they are the basis of a long series of manufacturing industries. There is but one producer of nickel in the United States—a man, by the way, who is very prominent in the approaching tariff convention, a member of all its preliminary committees, and who fully believes in tariff "discipline."

In one of the early tariff revisions during the war, he modestly asked only about two hundred per cent. increase in the duty on his pet article over the then existing duty. Congress took a moderate course, and gave him an advance of fifty per cent.

This was very unsatisfactory to him. After several failures to get a greater duty, a ring composed of himself and the lead, spelter and copper men of the country was formed to get a largely increased duty on all these metals. This is known as "the copper ring," copper being regarded as the most important article affected.

The log-rolling scheme was successful. For the benefit of one man the duty on nickel and all its ores and other crude forms was largely increased, and the price advanced. At the same time the ring succeeded in getting a duty on copper in all its forms—refined, ore, regulus, pig and scrap—that is nearly prohibitory. For, while we produce the best copper that is produced in the world, we also produce a surplus over our own consumption, and this surplus is increasing. Copper, therefore, should be cheaper here than in England, who consumes more than she produces. But the copper men continue to keep the price in the country about fifteen per cent. above the English price. This is done by an occasional exportation of several million pounds, to which nearly every producer contributes according to his production. This is sold in Europe at about the English price, which is ordinarily about three cents per pound, or, say fifteen per cent. below the price exacted of the American consumers. A bond is taken from the purchasers that it shall be consumed in Europe, and thus its reimportation into this country duty free as an American production is prevented. The result is that the American manufacturer of metallic cartridges for foreign governments is compelled to pay for the article of greatest value that enters into their manufacture, and an American article, about fifteen per cent. more than the manufacturer pays for the same thing, while there is an actual surplus production of this article in this country.

But this is not the whole story. Who are the parties to be benefited? And how much? The answers to these questions almost stagger belief. One mining company, whose mines produce more copper than all other mines in the United States, and whose production is every year about one-tenth of the total production of the whole world, whose capital is \$2,500,000, pays a dividend every year of \$2,000,000, or eighty per cent. of its capital, to its stockholders, and has so done for several years.—*Letter to N. Y. Times.*

The Rev. Mr. King was pastor of a Baptist church in North Attleboro, Mass., but the congregation failing to pay him the \$800 salary to which he was entitled, he became a reporter in order to get something to live on. The congregation became indignant and turned him out for refusing to be starved. He has therefore left the pulpit, and is likely to become a good journalist.

One View.

Our newspapers are overwhelmed with material that is of no importance. The obvious remedy for this would be more intelligent direction in the collection of news, and more careful sifting and supervision of it when gathered. It becomes every day more apparent to every manager that such discrimination is more necessary. There is no limit to the various intelligence and gossip that our complex life offers; no paper is big enough to contain it; no reader has time enough to read it. And the journal must cease to be a sort of waste-basket at the end of a telegraph wire, into which any reporter, telegraph operator, or gossip-monger can dump whatever he pleases. We must get rid of the superstition that value is given to an unimportant "item" by sending it a thousand miles over a telegraph wire. Perhaps the most striking feature of the American newspaper, especially of the country weekly, is its enormous development of local and neighborhood news. It is of a recent date. Horace Greeley used to advise the country editors to give small space to the general news of the world, but to cultivate assiduously the home field, to glean every possible detail of private life in the circuit of the country, and print it. And this brings me to speak of the mania in this age, and especially in America, for notoriety in social life as well as in politics. The newspapers are the vehicle of it, sometimes the occasion, but not the cause. The newspaper may have fostered—it has not created—this hunger for publicity. Almost everybody talks about the violation of decency and the sanctity of private life by the newspaper in the publication of personalities and the gossip of society; and the very people who make these strictures are often those who regard the paper as without enterprise and dull, if it does not report in detail their weddings, their balls, and parties, the distinguished persons present, the dresses of the ladies, the sumptuousness of the entertainment, if it does not celebrate their church services and festivities, their social meetings, their new house, their distinguished arrivals at this or that watering-place. I believe every newspaper manager will bear me out in saying that there is a constant pressure on him to print much more of such private matter than his judgment and taste permit or approve, and that the gossip which is brought to his notice, with the hope that he will violate the sensitiveness of social life by printing it, is far away larger in amount than all that he publishes.—*Charles Dudley Warner.*

Sudden wealth has had a bad effect on a Boston stock speculator. Formerly he was well-behaved. Now he keeps his house lighted from attic to cellar all night long, and passes hours in smashing costly china and glass. Occasionally he opens the windows, and yells like a lunatic. Officers who entered the house lately found bushels of broken articles. He goes to his office in the daytime quite soberly.

The widow of Bayard Taylor requests that every person in possession of letters from her husband calculated to throw any light on his personal or literary life will send them to her to be copied, either at No. 142 East Eighteenth street, New York, or at Kennett Square, Philadelphia. As Mr. Taylor was twice on this coast it is quite probable that some of his letters may be found here.

St. Thomas the Apostle of America.

A recent number of the Catholic World contains a summary of the evidence that St. Thomas was the apostle of America. It is pointed out that the Spaniards found among the natives of Mexico and Peru many religious ideas, customs and ceremonies, which bore more than a likeness to those of Christianity. They were shown a "Temple of the Holy Cross," said to be the oldest sanctuary in Mexico. Water baptism both by immersion and effusion was practiced everywhere as a sign of a new birth. The Lent fast of forty days was strictly observed, and was "followed by a great festival, the principal feature of which was the solemn consecration of bread and wine, which were afterwards distributed to the people as the body and blood of the good Huitzilopochtli, the people partaking of them with the greatest veneration." Quetzalcoatl, the "peacock serpent," is one of the most noble personages of Mexican mythology, and is described as a white man with a flowing beard, a staff and a mantle adorned with crosses, who came from the north and was the prophet of a new and pure religion. The tomb of St. Thomas, at Meliapor, in the East Indies, also bears the emblem of a peacock with a cross in its bill. According to Mexican tradition the prophet is said to have wandered as far south as Peru, where the same religious practices were found by the Spaniards. "There is nothing incredible" says the Churchman, in reviewing the points made by the advocates of this theory, "in the thought that St. Thomas, the apostle of India, may have reached America also as a 'witness' to the faith of Christ." The subject is particularly interesting at this time for American churchmen, because of our relations to the infant "Church of Mexico." Perhaps its study may have some influence upon the solution of the liturgical questions now before that church.

The lake that has the highest elevation of any in the United States is Green lake, in Colorado. Its surface is 10,352 feet above the level of the sea. Pine forests surround it, and eternal snows deck the neighboring mountain tops. One of these, Gray's peak, has an altitude of 14,341 feet. The water of Green lake is clear as crystal, and large rock masses and a petrified forest are distinctly visible at the bottom. The branches of the trees are of dazzling whiteness, as though cut in marble. Salmon and trout swim among them. In places the lake is 200 feet deep.

Nor since the creation of the world have there ever been such hoards of treasure as are to-day in the vaults of our Government. The revenues have far exceeded all estimates, and the speedy payment of the remainder of our war debt can be accomplished without placing any further burdens upon the people. It is urged, however, that taxation be reduced, as that might be of more benefit to the country than the extinction of the debt within the next ten years.

The War Department has published a general order stating that more discrimination should be given in court martials when men are tried for desertion as to the intention of the men, whether they were absent without leave and intended to return, or whether they intended to desert. Desertion, it says, is unauthorized absence accompanied by the intention of not returning, and both must be proven to sustain the charge, the latter being the gist of the offense.

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