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And now if turns out that there never has been a time during the last twenty years when it was not an easy matter for outside parties to have smuggled arms into the State penitentiary. Of course that's a vindication for the present management of that institution in letting Tracy and Merrill get away.

DODGING THE TARIFF ISSUE

Secretary of the Treasury Shaw, who has come to be regarded by many as beginning to lean towards a belief in the wisdom of tariff revision such as is desired by the American people, seems to be more of an artful dodger on this issue than anything in the nature of a tariff reformer.

"Whenever Congress reaches the conclusion," said Secretary Shaw in a recent speech, "that the friends of protection are strong enough to conservatively modify certain schedules so as to meet changed conditions, and at the same time successfully resist the efforts of the opposition to revise the entire tariff law, thus paralyzing business for a season, I am in favor of it."

This in itself is rather cold comfort for those who entertain hopes of tariff revision by a Republican Congress. But Secretary Shaw still further hems himself and his party around with precautions against genuine revision of the Dingley tariff. He has noted with disfavor a growing inclination on the part of American voters to insure the election of tariff-revision candidates to Congress. "I have expressed some doubt, however," he says, "about the wisdom of instructing by resolutions or exacting pledges from candidates for Congress, when the effort is liable to precipitate a protracted debate with very uncertain results."

And then he comes out boldly thus: "I will not concede that a tariff for revenue only will destroy trusts on any other theory than that a fire in a wheat field will destroy Canada thistles."

This is just about as near as any Republican will ever come to a revision on the tariff. The party will no more touch the Dingley duties in a way to threaten the monopolies of the trust than it will refuse to accept the millions which the trusts contribute to its campaign slush funds. In order to fool the people there may be a sort of promise to revise the tariff, but this promise will be hedged about with so many qualifications that it will bind the Republican party to nothing. Secretary Shaw's attitude is a fair illustration of the attitude of his party. If the Dingley tariff could be revised to suit the people without injuring the trusts, the Republican party would favor revision. Under existing conditions however, it is the champion of the tariff and the trusts—and the people may go hang.

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Senator Hanna, who discovered a long time ago that "there are no trusts," must be laughing in his sleeves at President Roosevelt and Representative Littlefield, who are wasting a part of their summer vacation trying to think up a cure for something that doesn't exist.

In response to a question as to his position on the convict rewards and the developments in the case, Governor Geer recently said there were no new developments and that no claims had been filed for capturing Tracy outside of the Creston party. Speaking of the payment of rewards, the Governor said: "The Governor of Oregon has nothing to do with offering or paying rewards for escaped convicts; my opinion is, however, that Mrs Wagoner should be paid perhaps one-half of the Merrill reward, and that the Tracy reward should be divided equally between the five men who actually captured him and the boy Goldfinch."

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The grain harvest is drawing to a close; in the Umatilla section about three-fourths of the crop is now in the sack, and the farmers have begun hauling wheat to the warehouses. The yields in this district are disappointing, and spring wheat which looked very promising, is in many fields, falling short of expectations about five bushels to the acre. In the Grand Ronde valley the crop is an average one. In Morrow, Gilliam and Wasco counties the yields are very satisfactory and generally above the average.

In the Willamette valley returns from a few counties are as follows: Clackamas; wheat 20 bushels, oats 30, to 35. Yamhill; wheat below 25 bushels, oats 30; barley 25. Polk; wheat 18 bushels, oats 28, barley 35. In southern Oregon but little thrashing has yet been done, but it is believed the yields will be up to the average.

Hops are filling out well, and the weather conditions have been excellent for the maturing of this crop. Picking will begin the first week in September. Corn is in excellent condition; it has been too dry for onions and this crop is not making as satisfactory progress as desired. Potatoes promise well, except in the coast counties, where many fields are blighted, and this disease seems to be spreading, although the dry weather ought to check it.

Fruit is maturing satisfactorily, and early apples, peaches and plums are plentiful in the market. Late apples promise to be a fair crop, but not a heavy one.

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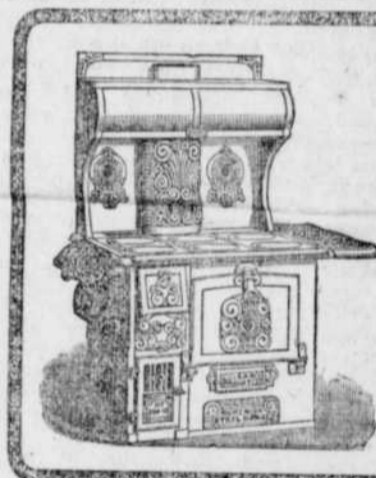
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