

THE ITEMS

SATURDAY JULY 11, 1903.

Hon. John Barrett, of Portland, who has just been appointed minister to Argentine has traveled 45,000 miles in his trip around the world in the past year and has interviewed fifteen kings and emperors, largely in the interests of the St. Louis exposition.

The American squadron, so right royally entertained at Kiel, Germany is next the honored guest of King Edward in English waters. Courtesy and hospitality given or received, do not lessen an individual's ability to care for or defend his own; on the contrary an interchange of courtesies frequently prevents the necessity for such defense.

It has been a long time in coming, but we have it at last. Ex-Governor Pattison of Pennsylvania brings forward the slogan for the next national campaign, "Turn the Rascals out." Inasmuch as the rascals will be not only turned out but most of them turned in jail before even a meeting of Congress at the hands of republican administration and investigation, it is a little difficult to see what the Democrats could gain by their shouting.

I wish to be simple, honest, frank, natural, clean in mind and body, unaffected—ready to say, "I do not know," if so be, to meet all men on an absolute equality—to face any obstacle and meet every difficulty unabashed and unafraid. I wish others to live their lives, too—up to their highest, fullest and best. To that end I pray that I may never meddle, interfere, dictate, give advice that is not wanted, or assist when my services are not needed. If I can help people, I'll do it by giving them a chance to help themselves; and if I can uplift or inspire, let it be by example, inference and suggestion, rather than by injunction and dictation.—Elbert Hubbard.

The American Protective Tariff League of New York is early in the field for the campaign of 1904, realizing that the percentage of new voters may prove to be sufficient to turn the scale in several States. The League has mailed to its members and connections inquiry cards asking names and addresses of young men who will, next year, cast their first votes at a Presidential election. Replies to these cards are coming in by the hundreds in every mail, and the League is rapidly accumulating an immense list of names to which it will send literature of the sort calculated to inform young electors



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as to the merits of the question dividing the two political parties. We have received a number of these cards, and are this week mailing them to our subscribers.

TO TEST EDDY TAX LAW.

The mining firms of Sumpter are raising funds to test the constitutionality of the Eddy incorporation tax law passed at the last session of the legislature. The law which went into effect a little over a month ago charges a fee of \$10 for those doing business on less than \$5000, graduated up to \$200 on those doing business on \$2,000,000.

The secretary of state in his last report gives the names and capital stock of 365 corporations that were formed in Oregon from January 1, 1902 to January 1, 1903. Under the old law they paid a flat entrance fee of \$5 and no license fee. Under the new law they will have to pay an entrance fee dependent on the capital stock of from \$10 to \$100 and an annual license of from \$10 to \$200.

Foreign corporations must now pay an annual fee of from \$10 to \$200 before they can do business in Oregon. Just how many corporations are doing business in Oregon is not known, as the old law required no record thereof. The new law will bring at least \$50,000 into the state coffers more than the old one.

The Sumpter Miner in speaking of the proceeding instituted by the mining interests says: "The movement has the backing of not only the mining corporations but of various large manufacturing and mercantile concerns. Attorney J. Schnabel, of Portland, has been authorized to act for a number of corporations, both local and foreign, and it is stated that a suit is to be filed at once. A test case will be made in the instance of some individual corporation as plaintiff and the secretary of state and state treasurer as defendants.

In a recently published interview regarding the matter Mr. Schnabel said:

"It is unconstitutional. It is double taxation, and not uniform. It is called a license but is revenue-producing.

"The secretary of state has demanded a report from all corporations doing business in Oregon. That goes so far as to mean that if I write to Montgomery Ward & Co. in Chicago, to send me a bill of goods they are liable for taxes in this state. Any outside corporation filing mail orders would be liable. If a corporation in another state send a traveling salesman here to take orders, the corporation would have to pay a license. I believe the secretary of state holds that all corporations doing any business whatever in this state are included, but I understand he has asked Attorney General Blackburn for an opinion as to how far-reaching the law is, and if a corporation that has no branch here is liable.

"Salesmen here representing foreign corporations cannot be taxed; that would be a violation of the inter-state commerce law. A citizen of another state is entitled to the same immunities and privileges as a local man. The law cannot discriminate."

August "New Idea"

In addition to the splendid array of clever fiction which marks the August issue of the New Idea Women's Magazine, especial mention of the practical articles upon household or garden matters in that number is worthy of the careful reader's attention. "The Economics of a Summer Girl," by Minna Irving, is among these; and of equal interest are "The Evolution of a Home," by Alice Chittenden; "Furnishing a Flat," by Wynogone Fargher; "Psychophysical Culture," by Adele Marie Rique; "A Woman's Two-acre Investment," by Ethel Walbert; and others of equal value presented by the well known contributors to the magazine departments.

THE POWER OF MUSIC.

How a Clever Salesman Sold an Organ to a Lady Who Had Little Use for It.

In one of the local music stores the other day several salesmen were relating experiences connected with the craft, when one of the party, who had been a dealer in organs in a small way in a western state, where he had acted as agent for a big concern in supplying the local trade, grew reminiscent, relating the Washington story.

"I remember an incident connected with the sale of those cottage organs that has somewhat the flavor of the David Harum boss trade," said he. "My rival in the organ business in the western town was one of the slickest salesmen that everajoled the elusive currency from a folded fist. The fellow—his name was Bishop—sold organs to nearly every family in three counties. We got our instruments for about \$25 net, and the regular selling price was \$60.

"Bishop had a light wagon constructed especially for carrying a cottage organ, and he would load in one of the instruments and, together with his assistant, who was a fine musician, would start for the country.

"One day he drove to a farm owned and managed by a wealthy old Irish lady who couldn't tell a music score from a baseball tally sheet. As Bishop and his assistant drove up to the house with organ in the wagon the old lady came out before the door, and with her arms akimbo struck a Debatante pose suggestive of the haughty decision, and said:

"Take that thing out of my yard! Move on wid yez. I won't have no music boxes around me. Don't ye dare to take it out of my wagon, or I'll break it open wid an ax!"

"Oh, I didn't intend to take the organ out, Mrs. Murphy," said Bishop. "I only wanted to water my horses."

"It was a warm day and, after watering the animals, the two began conversing pleasantly with Mrs. Murphy until her aggressiveness relaxed. Bishop declared it was too warm to take to the road for a while and that they would have to rest. He presently induced the old lady to let them put the organ under a shade tree out of the sun. The two conspirators against the peace of the household strolled aimlessly about the yard, and after awhile the young fellow opened up the organ and began playing lively airs with the Irish sticking out all over them. He was an excellent performer and he coaxed all the Irish out of that instrument there was in it, and presently Mrs. Murphy peeked out at the door. The assistant played through his list of airs and started on some of the old songs dear to every native of old Erin, using the stops and pedals with great effect.

"And what do yez ask for a thing like that?" the old lady presently asked Bishop.

"We usually get \$75 for that organ," he replied indifferently, and went on sauntering about the yard.

"The music continued, and after a few minutes Mrs. Murphy asked: "Would ye sell it any cheaper fer cash?"

"No," says Bishop, "that's the lowest cash price."

"Mrs. Murphy walked back to the house. Finally the young man closed the organ with a snap and backed on the wagon preparatory to reloading. Mrs. Murphy came out with unmistakable interest visible in her countenance. She looked the organ over a moment and then said:

"Now, Mr. Bishop, couldn't ye throw off five dollars if I'd give ye cash money?"

"No," said he, "this organ is the one I am using for a sample, and it's one of the best. I don't care to sell it anyway, but I have some down at the store," and he went on reloading.

"The old lady's Irish blood was up. She couldn't let an instrument that could express the sentiments of those old melodies so sweetly escape her, so she said: "I don't want any other one. Just be aisy now and wait a minute," and she dodged into the house, where the family bank, consisting of an old stocking, was opened, and she counted out \$75 for the lucky salesman.

"The organ was placed in the parlor, the assistant taught the old lady a chord, and as they drove away they could hear her hammering on the organ with execrating results. Down the road for half a mile they could hear "tum, tum-tum, tum, tum-tum," as she endeavored to get her money's worth. The only time it afforded her satisfaction, however, was when some visitor who could play dropped in, and then the music of old Erin could be heard from the roadway for hours."

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