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The rich have their troubles, never so many as now. The law somehow seems to be seeking them out, just to make them uncomfortable. W. W. Brown, of Crook county, who jumped into prominence during the recent Williamson trial, as the advocate of the downtrodden rich, said something more than the truth when he declared: "The government is going after the rich and letting the poor go." That fearless speech brought forth many a sympathetic throb, in more than one Portland breast. The rich have been getting the worst of it. They are to be held accountable to vulgar laws just like the every-day plebeian. Now the state has got at it. It is going to look into the tax business. It doesn't exactly propose to inquire "Where did you get it?" but "How much have you, and where is it?" If the rich don't answer truthfully, they are to be prosecuted like ordinary perjurers. Good gracious!

A girl of New York state faints whenever the band of her village begins to play. Is this the press agent's way of advertising "the most extreme limit" in conducting?

It is only fair to Mr. Morgan to explain that the portion of the earth now known as the moon got away before the title to this planet had passed into his possession.

The Houston (Tex.) council has officially declared that "goo-goo" eyes—if made by men, are a misdemeanor. Girls are not mentioned. They make their own law.

When manufacturers get to selling automobiles for \$400 apiece next year, as they are now planning to do, the millionaires will give theirs away and go in for airships.

The family of our northern sister is growing. This time it's twins, and Saskatchewan and Alberta are lusty youngsters of which Canada is proud.

With commendable foresight the envoys used several pens in signing the treaty, so that the great demand for souvenirs will be to some extent supplied.

NORTHWESTERN BLASPHEMY.  
(New York Sun.)

The opinions, political and otherwise, of our learned and pre-independent old friend and trueponny the Portland Oregonian are its own business ordinary. But when it lays its ruthless and sacrilegious hand upon a

treasured institution of Massachusetts, it violates interstate comity and invites rebuke. Read these wild and wicked words:

"Senator Lodge's recent speech in favor of ship subsidies is one of those utterances which seem to indicate that many of our politicians take the American people for a nation of idiots. . . . Whatever our national disease may be, severe or trivial, fever or anemia, quacks of the Lodge school have one sovereign panacea: 'Bleed the patient!'"

Mr. Lodge holds a full hand of diplomas. He is A. B., LL. B., Ph. D., LL. D. He is a member of the Massachusetts Historical Society and a Fellow of the American Academy. He is not practicing politics and lecturing on political economy without a license. To call him a "quack," then, is to make an assertion not only regrettably inurbane, but technically incorrect.

It is not merely inurbane, but shocking, to say of any saying of this accomplished statesman, so loved and trusted in Massachusetts, that it indicates a belief on his part that the American people are idiots. Mr. Lodge rests always upon the bosom of the people. For him no manipulation of primaries or conventions, no mean interest in the distribution of the offices, no doctrining of platforms, no suppression or sophistication of the popular will. He lies upon the great heart of Massachusetts, his watch in his hand, registering every beat of that young and impetuous organ. There ought to be a painting in the Boston Art Museum or the Fogg Museum at Cambridge of this beautiful, this almost religious attitude and scene. A subscription for the purpose is now in circulation in the Essex Club.

What word or deed of Mr. Lodge's has stirred this squall in Oregon? Mr. Lodge saw that some 64,000 Massachusetts republicans were dissatisfied with the Dingley tariff or pining for reciprocity. Naturally he was adduced. Could he not make a diversion? Could he not at least drive the bedeviled tariff reforming Gadarene swine in to the drink? So he shouted for ship subsidies. He defended, encouraged and patronized the Atlantic Ocean. Much has been lost to Massachusetts, mainly by the unfeeling and wicked conduct of her tariff revising republicans. Much more may yet be lost. Mount Tom may be leveled to the ground. The cranberry interest may fall for want of irrigation or the decline of Turkey. Three members of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company have become moderated teetotalers, temporarily at least. Nelson Appleton Miles and uniform reform may be rejected by the democratic bosses. Medford rum has gone from Medford. The Sacred Codfish may be shredded into breakfast balls, but all is not lost. Standing on the narrow neck of land which is Nahant, Mr. Lodge gazes seaward and cries:

"The ocean on which we found our prosperity, is still there. The coast is ours, a natural monopoly that cannot be taken from us."  
The tariff reformers can't steal the ocean, the coast or the senator. The ocean hugs the coast. The coast hugs the ocean. The senator gathers both in his all-enfolding arms. Massachusetts hugs herself for pride and joy in such a piece of water, such land, a little rocky, and such a son. Even uttermost Oregon should venerate Mr. Lodge. He protects the ocean. Nobody knows what a confounded tariff tearer like Governor Douglas would do to the ocean if Mr. Lodge were not on guard.

NO PATENT ON FLOWERS.  
(Washington Star.)  
Luther Burbank wasted \$500 worth of time talking to us about his work and his theories and showing us his gardens. When we left he filled our arms with flowers of the rarest kind that were worth thousands of dollars. Like other men of genius he is absolutely indifferent about money. He said he was not in the business for gain, although every flower in his

garden was of great value for seed. He showed us a bed of dahlias—several hundred plants—for which a Chicago man had offered him \$100 each. He picked up a leaf of spineless cactus as big as his hand and said it was worth \$500 for seed.

About a bushel of similar leaves were lying on the ground. He took us to a bed of "star flowers"—something entirely new—a hybrid which he has produced from an Australian plant sent him by a friend. It is everlasting, pink, crimson and white, and never loses its color or luster.

He told us that a French millinery company had offered to buy all of these flowers that he could raise, desiring to use them for trimming hats, but insisted upon having a million blossoms to start with, so as to supply any demand. He said the contract was worth hundreds of dollars, but he was compelled to decline it, because it would keep him from other work that was of greater importance. In stead of accepting the fortune the Frenchman offered him he gave them some seed and told them to raise their own flowers.

Half in complaint, half in congratulation, he explained that it was impossible to patent a flower or vegetable or a tree or any kind of plant. He considered this injustice. Authors can copyright books, manufacturers can protect their inventions, but botanists have no way of securing the results of their labor and study but must share them with the world. But he said he did not care. The fame and satisfaction he enjoyed were all he wanted.

DEMOCRATS AND ROOSEVELT.  
(New York Sun)

There was one happening at the democratic city convention which was not on the program outlined by the leaders. The platform, of course, had been prepared in advance, and when the committee on resolutions retired, according to custom, it was supposed they were going out for a perfunctory duty. While the committee was away from the convention a recess of 15 minutes was taken, but it was nearly three-quarters of an hour before the committee returned, and their long absence led to some speculation.

The explanation came when Senator Thomas F. Grady, chairman of the committee, mounted the platform and stated that he had been asked to read this resolution, which had been adopted by the committee:

Resolved, That the successful labor of President Roosevelt in the initiative, conduct and settlement of the peace negotiations between the governments of Russia and Japan present such a preeminently patriotic and humane service as to merit grateful recognition for every element of our citizenship, and we, who have been and are now his determined political opponents, unhesitatingly accord to him our hearty praise for the surprising courage, remarkable tact, distinguished ability and commanding influence displayed by him as the central figure in the great peace triumph of the age.

When this resolution was read the convention for a few moments sat in silence. It didn't seem quite to understand. But as the meaning of it flashed on the crowd there was an outburst of cheering which was continued for two or three minutes. It was realized that the democrats had taken the wind out of the sails of the republicans.

ELASTIC SKINNED FISH.  
Remarkable Creature Push Itself Up Until Too Big to Be Swallowed.

A few days ago a number of specimens of the puffer were taken to the aquarium. The puffers are caught in the neighborhood of this city, says the New York Times. They are so named because of the elasticity of their skin and the facility with which they can inflate themselves by doubling their size. When in this condition they resemble in some respects a ball. The nose and brilliant light green eyes protrude from one part and on the other side a tall projects. Apparently a sense of danger close at hand is the signal for puffing up and the success of the effort does not appear to be governed by confinement to the water. Air seems to serve equally well, as was demonstrated by Mr. Spencer, the superintendent of the aquarium, the other day. He lifted one from the tank and instantly its pumping apparatus began to work. A very short space of time—a second or thereabouts—was required to give the fish rotundity.

Its skin is beautifully mottled and when lying on the gravel bottom it might easily be mistaken by another fish swimming above for part of the bed itself. Although it is not known positively why the puffer has this power to enlarge itself it is thought by some that this is a means of protection. The fish is not large, being only six or eight inches long. Everyone knows how hard it would be to swallow a ball six or eight inches in diameter, and that the number of species of fish which could do this successfully is not large. The puffer has the power, apparently, to make itself as uncomfortable as a fish-bone—while in the process of being swallowed. A story is told about two New York fishermen who pulled in a netful of puffers, a species of fish they had never seen or heard of before. They dumped the fish into the bottom of the boat and were surprised to find in the space of a second that by some miracle the boat was full to overflowing with fish.

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