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Already the stock market is affected by the importation of beef by San Francisco interests from Australia. The Portland cattle market has slumped 75 cent per hundred pounds and the end is not yet. The consumer may soon be able to carry home a sirloin or t-bone steak costing something less than 25 to 35 cents per pound. When beef can be imported from Australia and sold for less money in the meat markets than the domestic product, then the consumer is going to buy the Australian meat, and he won't give a whoop how many uncles and cousins he has in the American livestock business. He has noted the heavy end of high living prices to the end, and financially, he is almost ready to cave in. The high cost of living has boosted the necessities of life into the lap of luxury; and if the products of Australia, South America, Canada, the Fiji islands or Mars can be converted into a lever to lighten his burden, he's going to thrust his weight on this selfsame lever. Mining day prices and war time inflation for food and clothing in times of peace and plenty must end. The consumer's purse cannot stand the drain.

Over by far its greater part, South America has virtually ceased to be the land of revolutions. It presents itself to us rather as a colossal continent, magnificently watered, inhabitable by Caucasians, its soil of inexhaustible fertility, its mineral riches rarely scratched, much of it still unexplored, all of it almost indifferently underpopulated. Although the most seductive field for colonization that exists, there is never likely to be the same kind of scramble for it among the powers of Europe that Africa has suffered from. The Monroe Doctrine has rendered this inestimable service to the world's peace—it has interposed the power of the United States between South America and an orgy of spoliation; it has permitted each independent Republic to develop along its own lines; it has opened South America to European immigration, and closed it to European flags. No nation would now think it worth while to fight the United States in order to obtain a foothold on South American soil.

President Wilson's invitation to Senator LaFollette to visit the White House, and Mr. LaFollette's favorable response after years of aloofness from the Executive home may have no special significance; and yet to all who look forward to party alignments by genuinely democratic tests it is comforting. The Wilsons and LaFollette and Bryans belong together in politics, regardless of party organization or name, as truly as the Tafts and the Roosevelts, the Parkers, the Baileys and the rest belong elsewhere. The political turmoil of our time comes from the stirring of the depths by the spirit of democracy. It is a time, therefore, in which every man seeks his own place—among democrats if he be one, among their adversaries if he like that company better. The hope is worth welcoming that the Wilson-LaFollette episode is as significant as some of the Washington correspondents have taken it to be.

Without intending any undue criticism of the supreme court of the state of Washington, we venture to suggest that in a recent decision it gave further evidence to the lay mind of a disposition on the part of judges to exasperate public opinion by technical points in the interest of the interests. Under the laws of Washington, municipalities have the right to amend their charter by initiative. Seattle has done this with reference to public utility corporations. The people of that city amended their charter by providing that under franchises granted to private corporations for public service, the people of the city should have the right at any time to take over the corporate property upon paying its value exclusive of franchise value. This reservation is now held by the supreme court of Washington to be invalid.

Harriet Tubman Davis, a negro woman born in slavery, has died at a great age at Auburn, N. Y., in a home she herself founded for aged and indigent negroes. Before the civil war Harriet Tubman escorted 300 other slaves to freedom by her own "underground railroad." It was her boast that she "never ran the train off the track or lost a single passenger." Rewards of \$10,000 by south-

ern planters and \$12,000 by the state of Maryland were offered for her capture in the '50s but she was never caught. She served as scout, nurse and spy in the Union army during the civil war.

Montana ranges are giving place to the plow, and thousands of homestead shacks dot the plains where formerly countless herds grazed. Grain raising is becoming a profitable industry in the Rocky Mountain state.

Pilot Rock will entertain the farmers of the county and their friends tomorrow the occasion being the annual picnic of the Farmers' Co-operative union. The Rock will do it up right—trust her for that.

The Caledonians did themselves proud at their fourteenth annual picnic in Athena Friday and Saturday, and June 6th and 7th will bide a wee w' the Pioneers at Weston.

The Pioneers' Reunion.
 The Umatilla County Pioneers Reunion will occur on June 6th and 7th, at Weston. An interesting program each day consisting of music, speeches and special features will be given. The Memorial address will be given June 7, by P. H. D'Arcy, ex-president of the Oregon Pioneers. Other addresses will be given by men of state-wide reputation. Sports each afternoon, baseball, foot races etc. The old fiddlers' contest, a favorite feature of the Reunion will be held Saturday afternoon. Music by the Weston Band.

WELCOMED A KICKING.
 Odd Incident That Proved the Popularity of Dumas.
 In "My Autobiography" Mme. Judith, the great French actress, writes of Alexander Dumas the elder:
 "This giant of a mulatto, with his big, black, mocking eyes, his wide nostrils, thick lips, heavy chin, his curly curling hair and his forehead with its strange bumps, like that of some unruly child who is always fighting with his comrades, was truly a representative personage, a type reflecting all the passions of the romanticists. There would have been something wanting to his time if his grandson of a negress had not been seen striding along the Parisian boulevards, if his laugh had not been heard on the terraces of the cafes or if he had not appeared playing his part with naive self-satisfaction in official ceremonies and at the Tuilleries ball, or walking about behind the scenes at the theater with his arm around the waist of some actress, or eating and drinking enough for four in the merry suppers at which authors and artists used to meet.
 "His popularity was simply unequalled. There was a story current in my time of a singular wager made by Mery of Marseilles. Walking one day in some public garden with a friend, he suddenly said to him: 'Do you see that big, ridiculous looking fellow? I bet you 100 sous that if I kick him, no matter where, instead of flying into a rage he will make me a polite bow.'
 "The bet was taken, and Mery, creeping stealthily up behind M. Prudhomme, gave him a tremendous kick in the small of his back. The man turned red with indignation, but Mery cried: 'Oh, I beg your pardon, sir: I took you for Alexander Dumas, with whom I have an account to settle.'
 "His victim, only too proud to be taken for such a great man, at once retracted and, taking off his hat in the most amiable manner, he said, with a bow, 'There is no harm done, monsieur.' The hundred sous were won."

ANSON SCORED LAST.
 The Old Chicago Captain Made Two Plays to Dahlen's One.
 Tim Hurst, the veteran umpire, told this one on Bill Dahlen when Bill was a youth toiling under Cap Anson in Chicago. Said he:
 "Anson called Dahlen good and hard in a game I was umpiring in Chicago. Dahlen took it without saying a word, but a few minutes later Bill remarked to me, 'Watch me bark that old fellow's shins.' 'An's' was not as agile then as he was in his younger days, and he stooped with much effort. All through that game Bill made great stops, only to throw the ball a few feet to front of the bat and it went to Anson to stop it with his shins.
 "However, that was not the end of it. A few days later the White Stockings had to make a trip to St. Louis, and Anson told Dahlen he would not be taken on the trip. Bill had been told that several times and he thought 'An's' was fooling. The train left Chicago about midnight and Dahlen was with the rest of the team.
 "When the train was about twenty-five miles out of Chicago the conductor told Anson there were sixteen men in the party and he had received only fifteen tickets. Anson said there were only fifteen men and named the berths they occupied.
 "The man in berth No. 17 says he is a member of the Chicago team," said the conductor, who was referring to Dahlen. "He's stringing you," replied Anson. "Poor Bill was asked to cough up and couldn't. The train was stopped, and Dahlen was put off the train about thirty miles from Chicago. How he got back to Chicago only Bill himself knows, but he would not talk to anybody for a week."

Hitting Him With the Truth.
 Mr. Boastful—I wonder how it would seem if I could have all the money I have given to charity piled on a plate before me. Mrs. Boastful—I think you could still distinguish the plate.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.
 In the County Court for Umatilla County, State of Oregon.
 In the Matter of the Estate of John H. Hiteman, Deceased.
 Notice is hereby given that the County Court of Umatilla county, Oregon, has appointed Henry Dell, of Athena, Oregon, administrator of the estate of John H. Hiteman, deceased, and all persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same duly verified and with proper vouchers to the said administrator, at the office of Homer I. Watts, attorney, at his office, Athena, Oregon, within six months from the first publication of this notice.
 Date of first publication April 4, 1913.
 Henry Dell,
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 Date of first publication May 9, 1913.
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 Administrator with the will annexed of the estate of Amos Shick, deceased.
 Homer I. Watts,
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