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We referred the other day to the terrible fight that is being waged by the special interests against the pending tariff bill. The correspondents have not exaggerated anything, as is demonstrated by the President's dramatic warning and call to the people. The masses have no lobbyists, Congress and the Executive are supposed to represent them, but the pressure of the paid lobbyists is an "intolerable burden"—not to say nuisance. The bombardment of senators, especially the weaker ones, by mail and telegraph is, of course, also directed by the lobby. And, as the President says, many of those who write letters of protest and complaint know nothing of the facts and conditions, and merely do the bidding of friends, or of friends of friends. The manufacture of artificial opinion can only be checked by exposure and the open appeal of honest men to a real public opinion. Let those who have the facts and arguments to present demand a fair hearing. Threats, bluffs, baseless fabrications and vague cries of "ruin" should utterly fail of effect. The President and his cabinet will do their part in defeating the invaders and sappers, and the Senate has appointed a committee to investigate the President's charges

Great Britain, France and Italy formally notified the Department of State at Washington, according to dispatches of the 21st ult., of their acceptance of the principle underlying the world peace plan as proposed by President Wilson and Mr. Bryan for the nations of the world. Now that these three nations have expressed their approval, the Secretary of State, Mr. Bryan, will proceed in accordance with the plan to negotiate with each nation a separate treaty by the terms of which such nation and the United States shall not declare war against each other until matters in controversy shall have been reviewed by a joint commission, nor shall they increase armaments during this investigation.

One hundred cattle and horsemen of Eastern Oregon and Southern Idaho met last week at Baker and formed the Oregon Cattle and Horsemen's Association, with the plan of protection against cattle and horse thieves. In this connection an effort is being made to have a brand inspector at the North Portland markets. This action is found necessary on the part of stockmen after years of loss through stock rustling. The law is not enforced severely enough against cattle and horse thieves. When convicted, as a rule, they get off with light sentences and frequently are placed on parole. A good, stiff sentence for stealing stock would do more to put a quietus on the rustling habit than anything else.

Lord Francis Hope has put up for sale for building purposes his beautiful country seat near Dorking in southeastern England. Lord Francis says he is impelled to take this step in view of the claims being made upon him "for undeveloped land duty," adding that the "land tax has been imposed for the express purpose of compelling landowners to break up such estates, and landowners will probably discover that, if the present tax does not have the desired effect, it will not be difficult for the government to increase it until the object is achieved."

A big Texas ranch of 240,000 acres has just been sold to a syndicate of British capitalists. Big as it is, this tract is really a modest one compared to a number of the really large holdings that British citizens or companies own in Texas. As between a Japanese holding an acre and a half and raising strawberries on it, and a British syndicate buying land by the half-county, we suppose that the Japanese and his strawberry patch are the real menace, as to foreigners grabbing up land holdings in this country.

Those six cents awarded Teddy in his \$10,000 damage suit will bring him a couple of chews of gum and a stamp for a picture card; or he could use five cents for a street car ride and still have one cent left for the stamp. With such a wad of lucre and the Colonel vindicated by the Marquette jury, the character of the little fellow again flicker about Oyster Bay and its environs.

As an inducement to foster interest in corn-raising as a supplementary crop to wheat on the farms of Eastern Oregon, the O. W. R. & N. company will hold a corn show at Pendleton on December 5 and 6. A corn show will also be held at Colfax, Wash., on December 2 and 3. At both shows prizes will be awarded exhibitors for the best corn produced. More than nine tons of selected seed corn have thus far been distributed free by the company to farmers in both states.

The city of Dayton, Ohio, recovering from the terrible results of its great flood, at a special election on May 20th, chose 15 men to act as a Commission to write a charter for the city on the basis of a commission form of government. The 15 men had been nominated by a non-partisan citizens' committee.

Sometimes it is a fact that the very worst of people occupy the very best of countries. Mexico is a case in point. Her climate is all that is desirable and her soil fertile but her people are anything else than progressive. In war they are brutal and barbarous, and in peace backward in civilization.

LISZT AND HIS CIGARS.

Why the Great Musician Said He Would Quit Smoking.

Liszt was in the habit of smoking one cigar a day. But that one cigar was an exceedingly choice one. When he was starting on a journey he told his valet how many days he would be away, and his valet put into the valise a corresponding number of those cigars.

Once when Liszt was going to Italy the chief customs officer at the frontier post of Chiasso asked him if he had anything to declare. The musician, with his thoughts centered on his music rather than his cigars, made signs to the effect that he had nothing. The officer opened the valise without the traveler agitating himself over the search. Presently a number of cigars were brought to light. The whole lot was confiscated, and he was ordered to pay a fine of \$100.

When Liszt reached Milan he told his agent of his unpleasant adventure. Ricordi laughed at the whole affair, took a stroll to the Italian treasury and recovered the cigars and the fine. On returning to the artist he offered him, with a smile, one of his own precious cigars.

"No, my dear friend," said Liszt. "I have taken a vow never to smoke again so as not to expose myself a second time to such a humiliation."

Ricordi says he kept his vow. Other authorities recall Reger's visit to the virtuoso in 1870.

"Liszt smoked and offered me a cigar," said Reger, "and while I took my ease he walked up and down, sending out clouds of smoke in the direction of certain terra cotta figures."—New York Sun

Superstitions on Crickets.

The cricket on the hearth is still a welcome guest in those English households that he deigns to visit. His coming is a harbinger of good fortune, while if he leaves the house that is an infallible sign of imminent disaster. A correspondent in Notes and Queries refers to a belief prevalent in Lancashire "that crickets are lucky about a house and well do no harm to those who use them well, but that they eat holes in the worsted stockings of such members of the family as kill them. I was assured of this," adds the writer, "on the experience of a respectable farmer's family."—London Spectator.

The Richest Street.
The Chandni Chowk, or Silver street, is the main bazaar of Delhi and one of the richest streets in the world. Many of its shops are occupied by jewelers, whose boards of precious stones are said to represent fabulous sums. Native princes enrich their collections of state jewels through the dealers in the Chandni Chowk, and some of the diamond experts who live in its dingy wooden buildings are known all over the world.

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Why It Was Flat.
"This story of yours is flat," enounced the editor.

"Well," explained the aspiring author, "I read a book called 'Advice to Young Writers,' and the very first thing it tells you is not to roll your manuscript."—Judge.

Foreign Polish.

"She says she went abroad to finish her education. I wonder if she learned much."

"She told me she had six new ways to fix her hair."—Judge.

An Escape.

Maid—No, mum; Mrs. Dodge is out. Visitor—How fortunate! When I saw her peeping through the curtain as I came up the path I was so afraid she would be in London Opinion.

Goodfellow—I'm sorry to say my wife has an aggravating habit of interrupting me in the middle of a sentence. Rims Humph. You are fortunate to be able to get so far.

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.
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In the County Court for Umatilla County, State of Oregon. In the matter of the Estate of Amos Shick, deceased:

Notice is hereby given that the County Court of Umatilla County, Oregon has appointed Arthur E. Shick administrator with the will annexed, of the estate of Amos Shick, 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, Athena, Oregon, within six months from the first publication of this notice.

Date of first publication May 9, 1913.

Arthur E. Shick, Administrator with the will annexed of the estate of Amos Shick, deceased, Homer I. Watts, Atty. for Administrator.

Notice.

Sealed bids for furnishing fifty (50) cords No. 14-ft. Fir Wood, to School District No. 29, will be received by the undersigned, at his office in Athena, Oregon, up to 2 o'clock, p. m., on Monday, May 26th, 1913. Said wood to be delivered on or before September 1st, 1913. Bids should state either "f. o. b. railroad depot Athena," or "delivered on school grounds." By order of the school board.
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