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EDITORIALS

WASHINGTON LATTER.

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A blunder signalized the
legislative career of the pre-
sent administration.

The Democratic tariff bill,
first in the articles of Demo-
cratic faith, and the one a-
chievement on which natu-
rally they would be expected
to expend their most exau-
stive study and care, was so
clumsily executed that it
failed to accomplish the re-
sults intended. The failure
was due to crude, hasty, un-
scientific, secret legislative
methods.

Designed to furnish suffi-
cient revenue to finance the
United States Treasury, it
has proven absolutely inad-
equate for the purpose.

In writing the tariff bill
the Democrats dimly fore-
saw a possible reduction in
customs receipts, although
they did not know how much
and did not ascertain the
facts. So the income tax
provision was incorporated,
in the hope that it would
make up for any miscalcula-
tions in the tariff bill, al-
though the Democrats did
not know and did not ascer-
tain the facts.

But what happened when
these provisions went into
effect?

Customs receipts were mil-
lions of dollars below the a-
mount needed from that
source, and at the same time
collections from the income
tax fell many millions below
the amount needed from that
source. The inevitable re-
sult was to leave the treas-
ury without sufficient money
for its needs.

The failure was caused by
carelessness. Had there been
conscientious, open consid-
eration of the revenue bill, suf-
ficient to enable members of
congress to study and under-
stand it, the reduction in
revenue could have been
properly safeguarded. But
instead of getting accurate
information and adequate es-
timates, the Democrats gues-
sed at it. And they guessed
wrong.

The results of this first
mistake should have been a
warning. But the startling
fact remains that the Demo-
crats committed the same
kind of error again. Forced
by their heedlessness to pro-
vide more revenue, they pass-
ed a "war tax" in time of
peace. Based on a guess

instead of an estimate, the
war tax did not produce
money enough. For months
the receipts of the treasury
have been daily falling short
of expenditures at a rate
reaching at times more than
a million dollars a day. Ac-
cording to official estimates
the deficit will probably a-
mount to one hundred mil-
lion dollars by July 1, the
end of the fiscal year.

Every American citizen
has had to help pay for these
costly experiments. There
will be still more to pay
until the errors have been
corrected by thoughtful,
intelligent legislation.

After many months of delay,
the locks at Oregon City have fi-
nally been transferred to the gov-
ernment and the deed accepted.
Col. McKinstry, engineer in
charge of this district, has been
instructed to take over the works
and open the canal for free pas-
sage of boats. Plans are being
perfected for the expenditure of
\$300,000 in improvement to the
locks.

Laugh when You Have a Chance.

Greens Fruit Grower

Most men and women are not
demonstrative. They seek to
hide emotion and in so doing
strain the nerves. It is natural
to cry when we are grieved and
to laugh when we are pleased.
To repress these emotions weak-
ens our functions and at the same
time lessens our susceptibility to
outside influences.

When your friend tells a good
clean, witty story you can please
him and benefit yourself by in-
dulging in a good hearty laugh.
Laughing is contagious. If when
a good is told to a number of peo-
ple one of the number bursts
out into laughter the others are
almost compelled to join the cho-
rus. If we are present at a play
and laugh at the right moment
we encourage the actor. Some-
times our pastor indulges in an
amusing story from the pulpit.
In such instances we may en-
courage him by a broad smile.

Laughing is healthful. It seems
to stir up the sluggish liver and
to help digestion. How much
more good a man can do who
goes through the world laughing
than he whose face and manner
ever express gloom. A sad faced
man coming in to join a group of
friends throws a chill over all,
while the laughing man bright-
ens the face of every person
present.

In old times it was thought by
some that the church member,
the devoted Christian, should
wear a sad face continually. The
idea was that the contemplation
of the sins of the world and the
frivolity could not be apprehend-
ed otherwise than in sadness.
Of later years the opposite view
has been taken and now it is
held that no people are better en-
titled to be cheerful and jolly
faced than Christian people.

Dr. Wiley's Prescription.

To cure a cold, says Dr. Wiley,
go to the patient's room with a
bottle of cough medicine—any
well known kind will do—open
all the windows and throw the
medicine out of one of them,
then leave the windows open and
keep the patient warm in bed or
in wraps until he is well.

How fearful this generation is
of pure fresh air, night air or
any other air that has not been
baked out on a stove or radiator!
Yet travelers in Arctic lands for-
get what coughs are like until
they get into close and warm
houses near home.

There is no Tariff duty on sub-
ways but they can't be imported.
They are protected by geogra-
phy.—Economist.

GERMS IN THE MOUTH.

Using Paper as a Toothpick is a Dan-
gerous Practice.

One of the most dangerous little
tricks that men and women do is to
take a bit of paper, torn from an en-
velope or newspaper, and try to run it
between the teeth to remove some little
particle of food that the tongue feels.
If you want to be sure of trouble with
your gums continue this practice, and
sooner or later—rather sooner than
later—you will secure a splendid case
of infection of the gums that will send
you to the dentist in a hurry, and may
cause more than one sleepless night.

The bit of paper used in this way,
introduced edgewise between the teeth,
is worse than any toothpick, or other
instrument, for many reasons. In the
first place the sharp edge of the paper
is most apt to make a cut in the gum,
and in so doing it is almost sure to
carry into the circulation at least some
of the many germs clinging to it.
Again, the chemicals used in the mak-
ing of paper are far from edible, but in
addition to these the newspaper may
have picked up a variety of germs
from those who have handled it or
from the dust that has blown upon it
while exposed for sale.

The flap of the envelope, which is
no "handy" a bit to use for the teeth,
may have touched the lips of some
one with tonsillitis, or even with tuber-
culosis.—New York American.

ROMANCE OF FLOWERS.

A Blossom Changed the Roving Camp
Into a Permanent Home.

The difference between a home and
a camp is a blossom. Until flowers
were planted about the abode of men,
until blossoms were cultivated, there
were no permanent homes, no fixed
places of abode. Tents were struck
and a new location sought. Attach-
ments were not formed for localities.
We were a wandering, shiftless, com-
fortless lot until a woman trudged in
from the thicket and planted a vine or
shrub or flower about the tent, and
called it home.

It was a woman, of course. Man, in
his coarseness, never thought of stick-
ing a stem into the earth and nurtur-
ing a plant that he might have color
and fragrance forever in his presence.
Only the woman could have thought
of that.

And since the first good day when
the woman planted a flower and loved
it into blossoming, the home has been
a fixity. It has been a center of the
affections. The building may be de-
stroyed, the individual members of the
family may be scattered to the four
winds, but the home remains a fix-
ture in the memory—and the blossoms
do not fade or wither in the mind.—
Columbus Dispatch.

A Clever Bird.

People who feed the wild birds in
winter find that the birds soon come to
know them. A friend of mine used
every morning to rap an English walnut
out on the sill of his open window. A
white breasted nuthatch knew the sig-
nal and would fly to his hand and take
the nut meat from between his fingers.
Sometimes my friend used to hold the
nut meat tightly and make the bird
work to get it. One morning the nut-
hatch, hammering at the tightly held
morsel, struck the holder's thumb at
the base of the nail. The blow hurt,
and involuntarily the fingers parted
and released the meat. The next morn-
ing, without any preliminaries, the nut-
hatch hammered at the same place.
He knew, and he had learned his les-
son in one session too. It is a smart
boy that does as well.—Winthrop Pack-
ard in Our Dumb Animals.

Marital Diplomacy.

Plunger—I felt awfully sorry for a
poor guy down at the exchange today.
He lost \$5,000 on cotton, and all the
boys were gazing him, and as he started
off home they taunted him with the
prediction that his wife would land on
him roughshod. The poor chap acted
as though he felt pretty badly about it.
Mrs. Plunger—Sympathetically—Poor
fellow! No doubt he used his best judg-
ment, and if his wife turns up him be-
cause of his reverses she is not worthy
to be called wife. But who was the
man? Plunger—Why—er—it was me.—
Woman's Home Companion.

A Trouble Escape.

"You'll escape much trouble in this
here world, my boy," said the Billyville
parent. "If you'll turn down all con-
tracts for raisin' of the place where
the devil lives at. Wherever it is, it's
right where it orter be, an' if it needs
any raisin' the devil himself is more
competent to tend to that business
than what you'll ever be."—Atlanta
Constitution.

Wit of the Force.

The policeman had a gambler by the
arm and was waiting for the patrol
wagon to arrive.
"What are you doing?" asked a
friend of the officer who happened to
be passing.

"I am holding a card party," replied
the cop.—Boston Transcript.

His Mad Method.

"How is it that Blinks always comes
off first best in arguments with his
wife?"
"He states his case first and then
walks off."—Philadelphia Ledger.

Superiority.

"She's a very superior person."
"That so? In what way?"
"She pays more for her gowns than
any other woman in the club."—De-
troit Free Press.

Who overcomes by force hath over-
come but half his foe.—Milton.

BAFFLED THE OFFICIALS.

A French Paper That Printed All the
Government Secrets.

Some years before the great French
Revolution a printed newspaper used
to be distributed in Paris disclosing the
most secret events and doings of the
authorities.

Nobody knew who the editor of the
paper was or where it was printed, but
men highest in rank or office were con-
stantly afraid they might read in the
sheet accounts of conversations had
with members of their households in
the private rooms of their own houses
the day before. The police were inces-
santly employing all their facilities for
the discovery of the whereabouts of the
plant.

After many efforts they did succeed
in unearthing the fact that the paper
was being printed by night on board a
ship in the Seine, but it was not always
the same ship.

This discovery was made about 8
o'clock in the evening. In a secret and
highly guarded conference held at once
the authorities decided to raid all ves-
sels in the river during the night at the
same time and in this way to capture
the mysterious printers. Time was
lacking to make the necessary arrange-
ments for carrying the decision into ef-
fect that same night. Action was there-
fore postponed for a day.

The next morning the paper came out
as usual. But it contained as its last
lines the following announcement: "As
the secret service resolved last night to
raid our little printing office tonight,
this paper will not be published tomor-
row."—New York Post.

WHERE BLUE BLOOD RULES.

More Money Cuts a Very Poor Figure
in the German Empire.

Miss Wylie says in her "Eight Years
in Germany" that contempt for mere
money is a striking characteristic of the
German people. Wealth alone does not
entitle its possessor to any special de-
ference or consideration.

"The German's indifference to mon-
ey," she declares, "amounts very nearly
to contempt. I am not speaking only
of the aristocracy. The very shopkeep-
ers themselves have the same feeling,
and it has often amused me during the
Christmas shopping to watch how pov-
erty stricken Baroness von X. is sur-
rounded by courteous, deferential at-
tendants, eager to sell her the six-
penny knickknack she has come to buy,
where the wealthy Frau Rosenkrantz,
making her expensive purchases, re-
ceives no particular attention.

"In Germany you can be poor and
live poorly without reproach. You can
live in a garret and dress as your
means allow, but you will not be judg-
ed by your garret and your shabbiness,
but by yourself. If you have an hon-
ored name or a spark of genius the
doors of the most exclusive circles are
opened to you. Talent and birth are
the only passports that German so-
ciety understands, and wealth, unless
its owner is very tactful, or is himself
indifferent to it, is not welcomed. Os-
tentation of any sort is an unpardon-
able offense."

The Dark Continent.

In the light of history it seems
strange to call Africa a dark continent.
When northern Europe was a howling
wilderness and America utterly un-
known to the civilized world Africa
was a famous place for great cities.
Egypt was the seat of riches and learn-
ing, and all the countries bordering on
the Mediterranean figure largely in the
pages of sacred and profane history.
But a blight fell upon Africa, and all
the work of the past had to be
done over again. Indeed, it is only
within the past quarter century that
we have known anything about this
wonderful country except a narrow
strip around the coast. Yet Africa con-
tains over 8,000,000 miles in area and
has more than 200,000,000 inhabitants.
—St. Louis Republic.

Woolner's Tip.

The little tip or point that often ap-
pears on the inwardly folded margin
of the human ear near the top has re-
ceived the name of "Woolner's tip,"
from the sculptor Woolner, who first
reproduced it in his bust of Darwin.
Other sculptors, though they must have
noticed the tip, never reproduced it.
Darwin held that this tip was a rem-
nant of a wrinkle left by the colling up
of the ear and hence a proof of man's
descent from lower animals.—New
York World.

The Last Word.

Bix—What nonsense to say that one
can't get the last word with a woman;
I found it easy enough today. Dis-
You don't say? How did it happen?
Bix—Why, I said to a woman in the
car, "Madam, have my seat."—Boston
Transcript.

The Flag Pledge.

The pledge to the flag, as taken by
the children of the public schools, runs
as follows: "I pledge allegiance to my
flag and to the country for which it
stands; one nation, indivisible, with
liberty and justice for all."—New York
American.

The Surprising Part.

"I was surprised to learn that Bene-
dict had lost his mind."
"What was there surprising about
it?"
"Why, that his friends found it out
That's what surprises me."—Houston
Post.

The Largest Painting.

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est painting in the world. It is eighty-
four feet wide, thirty-three and one-
half feet high and is now in the doges'
palace, Venice.

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