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THE TARIFF TO BE REVISED.

Roosevelt's declaration in favor of a special session for tariff revision immediately after the election probably foreshadows the Republican platform declaration on the subject. The Democratic leaders are concentrating much of their oratory on the tariff and are attempting to make political capital out of an evident general American demand that there be revision. It is a shrewd Republican move to recognize this demand, urge that the matter be postponed until the passing of campaign days will take it out of politics and pledge the party to an immediate action when the campaign is over. Once again, the G. O. P. takes the wind out of Democratic sails by such a move. And the proposition that the tariff should be revised by those who hold to the theory of protection, rather than attacked in hostile mood by avowed enemies of the theory, is a strong appeal to the sound business sense of the country.

In any event, the signs of the times point to an early revision of the tariff. Republicans are standing pat on the declarations in Roosevelt's recent message that campaign time is not the proper time, but nearly all the leaders promise it later.

The round the world auto race seems to be under some rather strange rules. For instance, in traversing the snow-bound roads of the Eastern states, the automobiles constantly called upon the farmers en route to come to their aid with horses and with gangs of men to clear passage. Under these circumstances it is not unnatural that the strong lead of the American car should be followed by complaints of the foreigners that the farmers wouldn't help them with anything like the ardor with which they aided the car of their own nation. Later on, however, the cars will be in Siberia, or Germany, or France and conditions will change. But it is doubtful whether there will be any places encountered where aid will be needed as much as it was during the first two or three weeks out from New York. There is an automobile record of a little under 40 hours from New York to Chicago, and it took the racers about two weeks to cover this part of the journey.

The Hawaiian islands are justly proud of the Mauna Kea. She is a better boat than the great coasting trade of the California, Oregon and Washington coasts has put into passenger service. She will help us to get tourists and we have a right to be proud of another sample of island enterprise which gives a leadership to this little mid-ocean community.

The ship subsidy bill has passed the Senate and the fight of the session is to be made over it in the House. One of the most striking and spectacular illustrations of the need of such a law is to be found in the fact that after annexing Hawaii the United States enforced laws which partially destroyed her communication with the Mainland. Hawaii should have jumped into the fight for the subsidy to provide an American merchant marine as nothing for more than justice to her, instead of abandoning the battle and even going to the other side and asking Congress to hit another blow to the dying American service by aiding foreign lines to get more business.

CONGRESS FAVORING US.

The mail reports today, taken with the Washington cable of yesterday morning regarding the fortifications bill, confirm the most favorable impressions regarding appropriations for Hawaii. In the bill which passed the House last Saturday, the estimates were cut approximately from thirty-eight millions to eight millions. Hawaii and the Philippines were the only places well treated in the cutting. The committee's reporting of the bill in this shape, followed quickly by its acceptance by the House, makes it reasonably certain that the bill will pass. It sets aside \$1,100,000 for Hawaii and includes everything, except Pearl harbor plans, which the Taft board proposed. In view of the effort to treat Pearl Harbor as a separate proposition, the omission of Pearl Harbor from the bill is not necessarily a defeat. The situation certainly looks very favorable for large work here soon.

CUBA'S GROWTH.

Exports from the United States to Cuba have increased 123 1/2 per cent since 1903, and imports from that island increased 61 1/2 per cent during the same period. The total value of merchandise exported from the United States to Cuba in the calendar year 1907 was 52 1/2 million dollars, against 23 1/2 millions in 1903, an annual average of 25 millions in the five years ending with 1903. The imports from Cuba in 1907 were 92 1/2 millions, against 57 1/2 millions in 1903 and an average of 43 millions per annum in the five years ending with 1903. This increase in imports occurs chiefly in sugar, tobacco, cigars, bananas, and copper. In the exports the increase occurs in a large variety of articles, but especially in manufactures of iron and steel, cars and carriages, cotton manufactures, boots and shoes, lumber, coal, coffee, meats, eggs, and breadstuffs of all sorts.

Sugar importations from the island have grown from a little less than 2 billion pounds in 1903 to over 3 billions in 1907, and a value in 1903 of 37 1/2 millions to 67 millions in 1907. Leaf tobacco shows a reduction in quantity but an increase in value, the quantity imported in 1903 being 21 1/4 million pounds valued at 10 million dollars, and in 1907 16 1/4 million pounds valued at 12 million dollars; cigars show a slight increase, being 33 million dollars in 1903 and 4 millions in 1907; copper in pigs, bars, and ingots shows an increase from 50 thousand dollars in 1903 to 133 thousand in 1907. The principal articles forming the 92 1/2 million dollars' worth of merchandise imported into the United States from Cuba are sugar, 67 million dollars; tobacco, 12 millions; cigars, 4 millions; iron ore, 2 1/2 millions; fruits, 1 1/4 millions, of which bananas amount to about 1 million; cabinet wood a little over a million; copper ore nearly 1/2 million, and cacao about a quarter of a million.

The principal articles forming the 52 1/2 million dollars' worth of exports to Cuba are manufactures of iron and steel, amounting in 1907 to nearly 9 million dollars, against about 3 1/2 millions in 1903.

The Man and His Job

By HERBERT J. HAPGOOD.

A newspaper editor once sent out an invitation to a number of prominent business and professional men to express their ideas on what they considered the most essential element to success. A prize was offered to the one giving the best answer, and in order that no partiality should be shown the competitors were required to withhold their answers till twelve o'clock noon of a certain day. They were then supposed to answer by wire and were particularly urged to restrict their messages to ten words.

When the appointed time arrived all sorts of telegrams were piled up on the editor's desk. Some mentioned one thing and some another as being the element most essential to success. There were quotations from the Bible, from Shakespeare, and Ben Franklin, and numerous nice-sounding phrases, such as "Brains plus character plus hard work go to make success." All conformed to the ten word rule, however, as any breach of this regulation would irreparably disqualify the competitor.

The prize went to a broker in Kansas City; for the editor said that his originality alone deserved merit; here is what he gave as the element most essential to success:

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Tales Worth Telling

SLOWER THAN ELEVATOR.

"One thing has been discovered in the Department of the Interior slower than its elevator. This is the process of getting a copy of the beautiful magazine published there under the entrancing title of 'The Patent Office Gazette.'" said a weary-looking man the other day. "I wanted to find out something more about the new Maxim noiseless pistol, which is to be such a priceless boon to highwaymen, and I made the fatal error of going to the patent office to get it. First I was told to walk a block to the office of the chief clerk, where a copy would be given to me. I walked the block but found on arrival that the chief clerk had nothing to do with the matter, one of his secretaries pushing me forth upon a journey up stairs and half a block down a corridor to the room of a clerk who was said to have the distribution of the magazines. When I finally made that port and had told the clerk what I wanted he went to a cage and asked a man confined therein to hand out a copy of the last Gazette. The man handed out a copy a week old but the clerk did not discover this until he had been told three times, when he managed to get the right one from the cage. 'At last,' I thought, 'I have it.' But such ineffable bliss was fated not to be mine. The clerk went back into his room, filled out a form and told me that I must go down stairs, buy a five-cent coupon from a financial clerk and return with it, when he would be ready to hand over a copy of the Gazette. By this time almost three quarters of an hour had elapsed, and I am a busy man, but I thought I had better follow the tangle of red tape to its finish, now that I had started. So I made the journey down stairs to the financial clerk's office and stood around there watching persons loitering in chairs and not offering to do anything until discouragement overtook me, when I went back upstairs and told the clerk with the Gazette that I should have to send a boy with two or three hours to spare to complete the complicated transaction. I did not get the Gazette that I went after, but I spent an instructive hour, for I learned where the elysium is situated, the place where time does not exist, the real country of 'dolce far niente.' But woe to the visitor who butts in and expects something to be done."

A REALISTIC PAINTER.

The late John Lambert, the Philadelphia artist whose blindness brought on by the dazzling sunshine of a Spanish summer, caused his death through grief, was a portrait painter of rare talent.

"Lambert," said a member of the Philadelphia Club the other day, "was a realist. His portraits were true and unflattering. It annoyed him tremendously to be asked to make an ugly woman beautiful—it was the same thing, he used to say as being asked to lie."

"A Spruce street matron sat to Lambert once. At the end of the third sitting she professed to be quite satisfied with the progress of the work.

"All but the mouth," she said. "Please make it small and curved. I know it is a straight, long mouth really just as you have drawn it, but in the

portrait I want you, if you will, to make it very tiny. Will you?"

"Certainly, madam," said Lambert. "I'll leave it out altogether if you wish."

NOT AN IDEAL JUROR.

During the selection of the Thaw jurors Martin W. Littleton, the defender of the young millionaire, told at luncheon a story about a jurymen.

"It was in the far west," he said, "in the distant days before our western percentage of illiteracy had fallen to be the lowest in the world.

"A juror had been selected in a murder trial, and they were about to swear him in when the judge to be on the safe side, bethought himself to say to the man:

"I trust, sir, you fully understand the duties and responsibilities of a juror?"

"Straightening himself up to his full height, the man nodded calmly and replied:

"I'm a plain chap, and I believe in being fair to all. I don't go by what the lawyers say, and I don't go by what the judge says, but I look carefully at the prisoner in the dock, and I say to myself: 'He must have done something or he wouldn't be here' so I bring 'em all in guilty."

"The late Edmund Clarence Stedman," said a Chicago publisher, "used to entertain his friends with amusing memories of country journalism. He once edited, you know, a little paper in Connecticut.

"At a dentist's banquet in New York where he read an original poem, he told a story about an amateur Connecticut dentist, one of his oldest subscribers.

"This man's name was Jake. Jake was at work in a cornfield one day when a neighboring farmer came to him, holding his jaw.

"The farmer had the toothache and to save a trip to Winsted and a dentist's fee he wanted Jake to pull the aching tooth.

"Jake led him to the barn, seated him on a sawhorse and took from the harness room a pair of very large, rusty pinchers.

"Here goes," he said, and bracing himself extracted a huge tooth.

"The farmer clapped his hand to his jaw. He pointed reproachfully to the large white tooth in the pinchers.

"Why, Jake," he said "that's the wrong one."

"I know," said Jake, bracing himself again, "but now I can get at the other hander."

A CONSTANT PUZZLE.

"There are two things which are a constant wonder to the average man," remarked the woman with the high forehead.

"What are they?" queried the scanty haired bachelor.

"One is how the world got along before he came into it and the other is how it is going to get on after he leaves it," replied the wise woman.

THIS LANGUAGE.

"Young man," said the stern parent "my daughter can never be yours."

"I'm glad of that," calmly rejoined the young man.

"What!" exclaimed the s. p. in surprise.

"I'm glad she can't be my daughter" replied the y. m., "for I want her to be my wife. See?"

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