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KINGSLEY T. BOARDMAN, Manager Circulation. Sworn and subscribed to before me this 20th day of November, 1901. C. A. TULLER, Notary Public, Hennepin County.

A TRUE DEFINITION

President [Schwab] in his opening address before the Washington Reciprocity Convention yesterday, said: "The reciprocity which is wanted today is a reciprocity that means something and promises something in the shape of tangible advantages for our commerce, not merely expressions of kind sentiment toward all the business world, but an actual giving and taking of concessions that will open wider for us the markets of the world and broaden the distribution of our products." This is the doctrine of reciprocity tersely stated and there can be no misconception of the terms. If this principle is definitely adopted, our foreign trade would not only show no diminution but it would enormously increase. A little group of doctrinaires tell us that this is a very vicious principle indeed; that it is nothing but "democratic free trade," that it is little short of treason to discuss it; that it is to be placed under the ban. Nevertheless there is a very strong impulsion toward the doctrine, notably since the late President McKinley, in his last public speech, very earnestly advocated it and clearly demonstrated that the time has arrived for the practical application of the policy. When it is considered that we can produce in eight months all the cotton goods which we can consume in twelve months, it may readily be perceived that we have need of a much larger outlet for the surplus product that at present exists in the home market. The same may be shown of other lines of industry, and it is also demonstrable that there is more trade available at present in the West Indies and in South America than there is in China. Here we find that Chile exports cotton goods valued at \$4,213,330, but the United States sends there only \$210,033; Brazil \$12,021,459 worth of which we contribute but 1 per cent; Great Britain, to whom we sell the raw cotton, sells Brazil \$9,000,000 worth of cotton goods; Germany \$2,000,000. We only sell in the West Indies and South America 20 per cent of the cotton goods taken in those countries.

A SUBSIDY EYE-OPENER

President Schwab of the steel trust is talking about a scheme for consolidating the ship building companies of the United States. We hope Mr. Schwab will keep on talking about this scheme. Every time he talks about it he will drive a nail into the coffin of the ship subsidy grant. The people are not going to subsidize a trust. What Mr. Schwab says reminds them that a trust may be formed after a subsidy law is passed. Then the American people would be in the grotesque attitude of paying a subsidy to one trust while subsidizing themselves with the great problem of curbing the power of the trusts. With the one hand they would be strengthening a trust; with the other they would be trying to weaken trusts. The trusts are doing very well. By no stretch of the imagination can they be classed as infant industries. If the captains of American industry chose to do so they could fly the American flag on 20,000 steamers on all of the seven seas tomorrow. They need no governmental help. We must not allow ourselves to be deceived, under the guise of patriotism, into adding the national treasury to the sources that contribute to private fortunes already the most colossal the world has ever known.

"Wake up, John Bull!" shouts the English Review of Reviews. John opened his mouth yesterday and gobbled the contract for the American cable from San Francisco to Honolulu.

BEATEN BUT NOT DISPIRITED

The spirit at the university is of the right kind. At the rotters' mass meeting, held yesterday, there was more enthusiasm evinced than at any time since the meeting held just before the Iowa game—this in spite of the sad defeat of last Saturday. Such a spirit should encourage the team to do its best and redeem Madison at Chicago and Champaign. A team that becomes discouraged after one defeat, no matter how severe, and that is supported only in the hour of victory, is in a desperate plight. But at the University of Minnesota neither the players nor the rotters are discouraged. The same is largely true of admirers of the eleven outside the university. It grieved them to see the team fall to do its best in the critical game of the season, but they are not "quitters," and they hope to see their good opinion justified on Saturday and Thanksgiving.

GOVERNOR CUMMINS

Governor Cummins of Iowa went straight to the point when he declared that the time had come when not only our relations with things external to the country must receive robust attention and solution, but it is imperatively demanded that close regard must be given to the effectuation and promotion of laws intended to control the relations which our people bear to each other. We are today without definite solution of the question between labor and capital, which demand federal control in the broadest sense of the term. We have, indeed, arrived at such maturity that the shameless degree of lawlessness and insubordination to authority in every degree must for national honor's sake be met and controlled by national law, which must guard every citizen in his right to contract his labor at his own price and protect labor organizations in the exercise of all their leg-

itimate rights. There has been a total change in labor-capital conditions of late years and capitalist combination is destined to be met by vast labor combination and regulation of the relations of these two so that they will work harmoniously, is the problem to be solved and the solution cannot be adjoined much longer. Governor Cummins, in treating of reciprocity, warmly advocated the principle it actualizes "without surrendering of a home market for a foreign market of equal extent." The governor makes the same reservation which minimizes the force of so many declarations on this subject. It is not proposed to measure out reciprocity by milligrams, centigrams, kilograms, hectograms, etc. The idea of McKinley was to give and get in no niggardly way, knowing that the hand of the liberal south liberally and reapprehensively every time. There is no great gain, in reciprocity as to articles not produced in this country, for nearly every one of these is now on the free list.

LEGAL DEFENSE NOT HOPELESS

One of the ablest lawyers in the state, speaking yesterday of the legal phase of Mr. Hill's big railroad consolidation scheme, said: "It is a well established principle of court law that that may not be done by indirect which cannot be accomplished by direct methods." In other words the courts will consider the intent of the law, especially when great public interests are involved. Mr. Hill has been defeated once in his attempt to consolidate the Great Northern and the Northern Pacific by direct methods. The court said that the constitutional and statutory provisions against the consolidation of these two companies within the state of Minnesota were valid and a complete bar to the then proposed plan. Now it is intended to bring about the same result, but in another way. The direct method failed; the question is whether it can be done by indirection.

Senator McLaurin of South Carolina, who represents the young south, delivered a strong expansion and reciprocity speech. McLaurin has broken with the bourbon democracy and recognizes the true meaning for the future of the south of the marvelous industrial and commercial expansion of that section during the past twenty years. It is noticeable that the Manufacturers' club of Philadelphia and some other bodies of the kind, are resorting to violent declarations against "the attempt to revive tariff agitation as a menace to our continued prosperity." This is aimed at the growing sentiment favoring reciprocity. The gentlemen who are afraid of such "menace" should remember that for four years past the existing tariff law has contained a provision for concessions of duties to the extent of 20 per cent maximum to any nation willing to make trade concessions to us. This provision of the Dingley tariff has not ruined any industry or abated our prosperity. The liberal effectuation of such policy would strengthen, not impair our wholesome prosperity.

MINNESOTA POLITICS

The governor of Minnesota is getting to be quite an important personage. The railway magnates are sending him rush telegrams. They might even consent to honor his card with a "show the gentleman up" if he should call on them. All eyes are on Governor Van Sant. He holds the center of the stage, and bids fair to keep it for some time. The governor's action did not have a political motive, but it has a deep political significance and effect. The governor will be supported in his attitude by all the people, regardless of party, and if he makes a good fight he will gain thousands of friends and silence his enemies. It will be an immense honor for him to win. Even if he fails, people will give him credit for doing the best he can. Men can do no more.

THE NONPAREIL MAN

Before a poet is really born to the world, heaven gets very busy and the wise angels are up to their eyes in work. Larry Ho got his first inspiration at Hastings, Minn. There was no great celebration in Dakota county over the event, but the heavenly scene shifted out over several planets and the stars and planets and planets hung low down in the sky. Hundreds of flowers also burst into bloom and a few nightingales and other song birds opened a large sort of melody and poured it out on the startled winds of heaven.

WHEN THE DERBY WAS RUN

"Yassir, dey hain't nuthin' his ekal dis side ob Gawd's lightnin' ef he want ter go, but"—Jim leaned over confidentially—"the do debbil's-own for tempeh, en I'm mighty feared the gwine ter bolt, what wid all dem brass bits he shovin' ter, en he do dey nigh' nigh' nigh' kin' hoo, lessen it be Miss Jess, en she hain't in dat game nowise."

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Another big house last night indicates that "The Burglar" is a "Solomon Thought" at the Metropolitan. The music is catchy, the line bright beyond that of the ordinary comic opera libretto, and the stage pictures exceedingly handsome.

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