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The Farmer and the Tariff.

The popular agitation against the high cost of living has been used as an excuse for proposing material reductions in the tariff on agricultural products.

A decade and more ago, when the great percentage of American agricultural products were sold in foreign markets, the rates of duty on them in the tariff acts were sops thrown to the farmer by the manufacturing classes in order to preserve the farmer's vote on the side of high protection.

A change is coming over our economic life. The time is almost at hand when we will cease to be an exporter of agricultural products. Our vast production will be required to feed our own population.

Why Not Also Gompers, et Al? Any investigation of lobbies that made no inquiries into the activity of the labor organizations and labor leaders would be discredited from the start.

There is much that Mr. Gompers and his fellow-officials in the American Federation of Labor can tell, and there is much that the country wants to know.

When we have policemen who they demand new staves every season? The Senate and House committees both want the Mulhall correspondence. If reports are true he had enough to go around.

Policemen and Firemen. It is unfortunate that the public utilities commission found it necessary, under a strict and literal interpretation of the law, to deny policemen and firemen the privilege hitherto enjoyed by them of riding free upon the street cars.

There can be no question of unfair discrimination against the community by according this privilege to policemen and firemen. These men, when in uniform, are engaged in public service and their interest in their work should not be restricted by adding to

the problem of living upon small salaries. The commission certainly does not want to make the law obnoxious by making it ridiculous, and the community will appreciate a prompt effort to correct a condition which the framers of the law never contemplated.

Zeppelin's Latest Project.

The project of Count Zeppelin to fly from Europe to the Pacific Coast of the United States in 1915 is not as chimerical as some would make the world believe. The German count has done more than any other to develop the type of airship he is using, and he has shown remarkable perseverance and enterprise in overcoming obstacles to get at the essential features of the dirigible balloon.

Doubt as to success lies in the direction of the proposed journey, which is due westward, and the count is liable to encounter strong west winds both across the Atlantic and the United States. Traveling six to seven thousand miles in the opposite direction would be far easier.

A "Mere Trifle" for the South.

No section of the country was so sensitive about the encroachments of Federal power upon State rights as the South, but this sensitiveness now seems to have entirely disappeared, especially when there is a government appropriation in sight.

The tragedy of Early, the alleged leper, leaves a stain upon our much vaunted civilization. There exists no more pitiable victim of its elaborate machinery for putting off decisions, for promoting controversy, for banishing, quarantining, disputing over, harboring, only to be shunned everywhere, and finally divorced and deserted, the poor plaything of civilization has now become insane.

Our Red Tape Diagrae.

Who would not in such circumstances? For four years the man has wandered over this country a national figure, made so because of the division of authority, conflict of jurisdiction, selfish politics involved in his unique case.

Mr. Hornblower—bless his name—has caused a lot of discord among the musicians in New York. When we have policemen who they demand new staves every season?

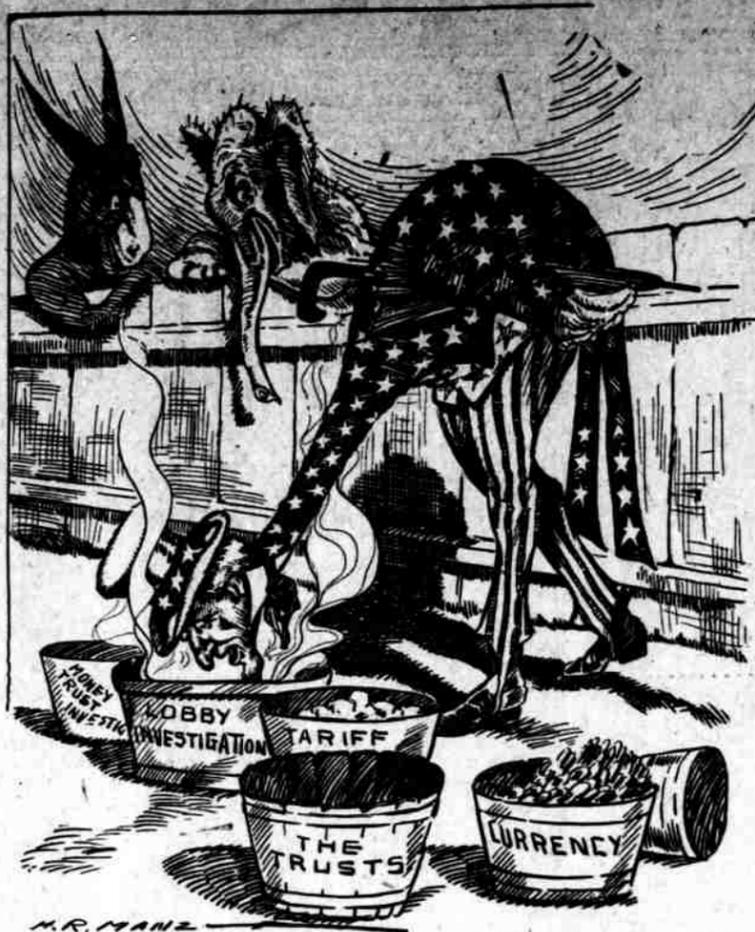
Our private opinion is that Col. Mulhall has made his last haul. We have pity for the man who has St. Vitus' dance, but none for the man who has tango or turkey trot.

Still, the real test of a Boy Scout should be his willingness to do the chores around the house. Unless Mexico settles down she will never be able to settle up.

But you can often find some perfectly good men on the shady side of the street. It would seem that the old rule, "You mustn't kiss and tell," doesn't apply to lobbyists.

Our respect for arctic explorers rises with the mercury. An extra session of Congress is getting to be a regular thing.

HE CERTAINLY CAN DIGEST ANY OLD THING.



GETTING THE NEWS

By FRED C. KELLY

When the United States battleship fleet was about to start on its famous trip to the Orient a few years ago, news of the itinerary was carefully guarded by government officials at Washington.

The State Department was greatly excited about the fleet's getting out, and bestowed itself to renewed efforts at secrecy concerning all further particulars.

One bright morning Robert O. Bailey, of the Associated Press—later an assistant Secretary of the Treasury—met Elmer Murphy, of the New York Tribune, in the State Department, and says he:

"Murphy, here's a scheme. Will you do the talking? If I talk, all I have to do, I can make good," replied Elmer, "but what's the scheme?"

At that Elmer made his adieu and hung up. Turning to Bailey, of the Associated Press, he said, with much quiet dignity:

George M. Smith, managing editor of the New York Evening Sun, first won recognition in newspaper world by an unborn knack at observation. He was working as a young reporter on one of the Newark, N. J., papers back in 1894, when a man by the name of Julius A. Lebkuecher was Mayor of that town.

The Hudson River is a mere creek compared with the world's great waterways, but advertising has done a great deal for it.

It originates in obscurity in the New York Mountains and suddenly becomes prominent at Albany. From this point it rolls on majestically to the sea.

Very fine scenery along the Hudson is very extensive, and is mostly owned by milliners, who buy up a mountain or a whole day. But most New Yorkers prefer to stave other portions of their intersting economy at a roof garden.

A LITTLE NONSENSE.

THE FARMHOUSE PIANO.

The old piano is a pet. The farmer thinks it fine. It was the best that he could get in 1890.

He tells the boarders with much pride Of how he blew his dough To buy it for his bonny bride So many years ago.

The wires are getting rather loose. And yellow are its keys; Sometimes it gurgles like a goose. Sometimes emits a wheeze.

But still it seems a goodly thing When girls from rustic dells Sit down and make the welkin ring With "Monastery Bells."

Very Like. "I thought I saw a mermaid on the rocks this morning." "And didn't you?" "No; it was just a girl in one of those very tight hobbles."

Apprehensive. "Can you get the public's money with this proposition?" "Just like taking candy from a baby." "I don't like that simile. A baby often puts up a very unpleasant howl."

Picking Up. "How's collections at your church, Brudder Hambone?" "Much better since we got a one-armed man to pass de plate."

Vicious Plans. Ma will summer in the hills; Sis abroad will roam. Pa, who has to foot the bills, Summers here at home.

Hooking Her Up. "Get any exercise while you were away?" "Plenty of it. My wife dressed four times a day and I did the buttoning for her."

Way with Men. "The men at our church certainly contribute cheerfully for one cause." "What is that?" "To send the minister away."

Question in Etiquette. Does a king ever answer the telephone?

Legation Secretary Named. The President yesterday forwarded to the Senate the nomination of Arthur Schoenfeld, of this city, to be secretary of legation of the United States at Paraguay and Uruguay.

GOES TO CONVENTION.

M. A. LEESE ON to Meeting of Optical Society.

M. A. Leese, vice president of the Retail Merchants' Association, left last night for Rochester, N. Y., as a delegate to the convention of the American Optical Society in session at that city.

THE HUDSON RIVER By GEORGE FITCH, Author of "At Good Old Swank."

From their castles in private yachts have as exciting a time dodging traffic as the Harvard fullback has getting to a Yale goal.

originally put and not wandering over the map after the fashion of the Mississippi. If the traveler will climb upon the Hudson at Albany and proceed southward he will eventually pass the city of New York, whose skyline is the most wonderful scenery to be discovered along the river.

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Court Gossip of Interesting Events on Two Continents

(Copyright, 1913, by A. D. Jacobson.) The London West-end always is ablaze with lights on the evening of the King's birthday; but no living Londoner can claim to have seen a general illumination of the British metropolis.

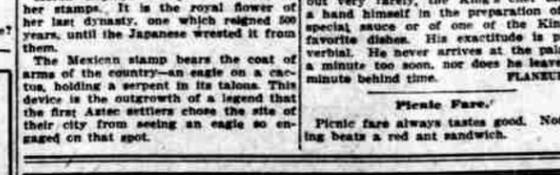
The young King of Buganda, now appointing and being appointed by London, rules a country that has a special interest to the British for his little province, one of the five that make up the Uganda Protectorate, has given its name to the great region that is now the key to the backdoor of Egypt.

Every one who has collected stamps must have noticed the surprising absence of sovereigns' heads from those of Turkey. This is due to the fact that Mohammedans consider a representation of the human face or figure unlawful.

One of the most remarkable men in the employ of King George of England is his chief. Punctuality is his most striking characteristic, and he has the reputation of being the most punctual man in Great Britain.

The Mexican stamp bears the coat of arms of the country—an eagle on a cactus, holding a serpent in its talons. This device is the outgrowth of a legend that the first Aztec settlers chose the site of their city from seeing an eagle so engaged on that spot.

Picnic Fare. Picnic fare always tastes good. Nothing beats a red ant sandwich.



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