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Tagging Over the Tariff.

The President has led with the trust question. The democrats of the House, it is announced, will put the tariff question first, and be ready early after the holidays to go ahead.

What will be Mr. Underwood's initial move? How does he stand now as respects the tariff bills he and his friends prepared and passed at the extra session? If they expressed the democratic purpose and position then, why not at this time? What has occurred since to call for new measures? What are the figures of last spring's good winter?

These bills are not barred because of the President's vetoes. The way is clear for their reintroduction with slight changes if Mr. Underwood and his friends still believe in them. If they do not, why? If the wool and the cotton schedules they approved six months ago are subject to revision by them today, does that argue haste then, or fuller information today?

The President based his vetoes on the proposition that the bills drawn by the House were not well drawn. He confessed that he himself needed larger advice, and declared the opinion that the House also did. He pointed out that the tariff board—a tribunal created by Congress—would be ready to report shortly, and took the ground that revision could and should wait until the receipt of that report.

But Mr. Underwood and his friends stood upon another proposition, which was that, from sources of their own, they had prepared for action, and would report to any report or reports the tariff board might make. If the President was depending on the tariff board, they were not. Their bills represented as full preparation by them as in their opinion the matter called for.

It is in the larger analysis, it is more important that the House be right than be strictly consistent. If better bills can be drawn now, with or without the aid of the tariff board's figures, they should be. Consistency is not the question. Satisfactory tariff revision is. If for any reason Mr. Underwood and his friends are able to see further into the business than when they were operating under the pressure of the extra session, they should proceed with the aid of the new light.

It is assumed that the figures of the tariff board will justify recalculation, and that the President will recommend accordingly. In that event the contest will be, not between progress and staidness, but between two forces both heading toward. The question will be, how much progress? If the President's proposal what the House considers only a half loaf, will the House stand out for a full loaf or no bread?

Mr. Underwood's leadership—deservedly admired and praised at the extra session—is looked upon for a new test, and a more severe one than the other side give them, and as the result of his carriage then, the Alabama has become a presidential quarry; and more attention is fixed on his advice and maneuvers than ever before.

It would be well to ascertain who was responsible for the spread of the report that the depositors in the old Freedmen's Bank would be paid in full at the Capitol yesterday. If it was a hoax it was cruel to raise the hopes of the aged colored people who have been waiting for years for the refund of their savings, only to dash them in disappointment. If it was proposed merely to gather a delegation in Statuary Hall to wait on the Speaker and urge the passage of relief legislation somebody blundered egregiously. Nothing could possibly be accomplished through the assemblage of several hundred creditors of the defunct bank. They could not be heard save through a spokesman or a small committee. The source of the circulation of invitation should be discovered and a sharp admonition given that the public buildings are not proper places for the rendezvous of claimants.

Gen. Bixby's resignation for \$15,000 to start \$40,000 worth of work to put the Colorado road in good shape should be promptly granted. Congress ought to be willing to keep at least one of the national highways in prime order.

A college professor can figure out that four hours is enough for a day's work. He is not liable to get much support in his theory from either employers or employees.

Sometimes it hinders the official usefulness of a senator to land in Washington at the height of the investigation season.

The confessions in the McNamara case have interested Detective Burns so much that he would like to hear some more.

Bosses Now Under Protection. The open season for hunting bosses is over. For eleven months at least there will be a lull in such proceedings, and that sort of quarry will deposit itself and fatten at pleasure. Men abroad without their guns will see strange things.

The troublesome situation in New York republican circles last year was Boss Barnes of Albany. Every kind of epithet was hurled at him, and he was forced into the background. He emerged now as the Hon. William Barnes, Jr., and is once more the grand mogul of the state's state organization. Everybody is bowing down to Haman. Next year the Hon. Mr. Barnes will conduct the republican campaign in the Empire state.

A much despised person in New York democratic circles last fall was Boss McCooley of Brooklyn, described by his enemies as a stool pigeon of the Hon. Murphy of Tammany Hall. He was charged with much bunking, and when Kings county went republican Boss McCooley was saddled with the full responsibility. A logical move began for his displacement. It failed. In a poll conducted by a majority of 20, 80 McCooley disappears and the Hon. John M.

McCooley is again in evidence. Next year he will be a much courted man in political circles.

A roundly abused man in democratic circles in Maryland last fall was Boss—otherwise "Sonny"—Mahon of Baltimore. The city machine made a mess of things, and he was held accountable. But he is in charge, and according to rumor getting ready for next year. He aspires to a voice in the naming of the democratic candidate for President, and was reported as in New York the other day conferring with Boss Murphy on the subject. He is now the Hon. John J. Mahon. First and last, Boss Murphy has a hard time during the whole of the recent campaign. The New York democracy entered the light both for the legislature and the city prizes in bad shape, and the Tammany influence was blamed for the situation. When the elections result was announced a cry went up for the boss' scalp. But it has not as yet been taken, and may not be. Richard Croker still refuses to countenance the feeling for his return to power, and even compliments Boss Murphy. In all probability, therefore, the Murphy regime will continue. And once more ceremony has set up, and Boss, or Charley, Murphy has given place to the Hon. Charles F. Murphy.

So runs the world away. If the red slayer of reform thinks he slays he has another guess coming. Bosses appear to fall before the scythe, but they refuse to stay down. They have a nimble knack of springing up again, and sometimes seem in their rehabilitation to be stronger than before. Killing bosses is easy, but who will devise a means of killing them dead?

The Western Governors.

Washington welcomes the nine western governors, but is determined to receive them and grudge that they can stay only a short time. In the two days that they have allotted to the capital in their tour they can get just a glimpse of the national city, every minute of their time being occupied with some form of entertainment. They will be here for a week here and devote some of their days to a more intimate study of the local affairs than they can possibly manage on this trip.

When the first conference of governors was held here several years ago it was generally felt that the innovation was in the interest of better government all around. If the states are in truth component parts of a national organization, it is almost the duty of every state executive to come to Washington at least once a year, not perhaps for any specific business, but to keep in touch with the general government. Unfortunately the gubernatorial conference is now held elsewhere, and it has unquestionably in consequence lost somewhat of the significance which originally attached to it.

These western governors now touring the country are a combined business and pleasure trip. They are having a good time personally, but incidentally are getting acquainted with conditions in other states than their own and other sections of the country. They represent in a measure a different phase of the American civilization. The states whose affairs they are now administering are among the newer members of the family of American commonwealths.

Most of the citizens of these nine states today are of the second generation, sons of the men who made their way across the plains and established homes for themselves and began to organize. Some have migrated from the east, seeking in the west the broader opportunities which conditions offer. A few of the veterans remain, men of years and experience and in most cases prosperous, looking with satisfaction upon the results of their adventuring, gratified to see the territories that they settled and defended from savage attacks and molded into self-reliant communities grown into great states, rich in products beyond the concepts of half a century ago.

The woman who jointly sues a local traction company and a passenger because she was knocked down by the arm or foot of the latter protruding from a passing car raises an interesting point of law. The plaintiff, an established home, assumes all risks when they stick heads or arms or feet beyond the lines of the cars. This relates to the possibility of accidents to the passengers themselves, but does not affect the rights of the pedestrians who may be "squeezed" by a head, hand or foot sticking forth, even at the owner's risk. If cars are so built that such protruberances are possible.

The arguments in favor of making the Panama canal free to all nations might persuade a legislator to amend the act. The Rockefeller and Mr. Morgan to take the entire proposition over and endow it for the benefit of posterity in general.

An estimate for shelter sheds for the farmers who have their stands near the Center market has been added to the list of proposed District appropriations. From the point of view of humanity this improvement should be authorized.

It is a wise statesman who recognizes a line of invitation private him until he will be tempted to talk his own boom to death.

Woodrow Wilson's habit of getting out bulletins would almost suggest that he is related to the Secretary of Agriculture.

The statesman who rested his claims to attention on the slogan "Down with the trusts" is practically obsolete.

Some critics think the cash register has managed to get too busy ringing up profits on its own account.

Washington's Building Record. There is no reason whatever why the works undertaken by the federal government should not be included in the building operations of the District in the calculation of statistics respecting construction enterprises at the capital. As regards the purchase of materials and hire of labor it is of no moment whether the work is undertaken by private parties or by the United States. In point of fact many of the building operations in Washington are governmental, and to exclude them from the statistics, as has been the practice heretofore, would not correctly represent the local activity along these lines. Consequently the decision of Building Inspector Hacker to incorporate the federal works in the statistics for the local city each month will result in a more correct presentation of the District's building business. In all matters of this kind the government's proceedings and business should be reckoned as part of the local community's score. Definitely maintained as a non-commercial city, in advertising an established policy, Washington cannot expect to rival such cities as New York, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, Chicago, St. Louis, Boston and Cleveland in business enterprise and progress. The government's departments, bureaus and mechanical plants stand here for the great industrial enterprises of other places. They are the workshops and the factories, and the commercial offices that elsewhere make for local prosperity. Of late years there has been a distinct advance in the local building of a private character, owing to the selection of Washington as a place of residence by people of means

seeking quiet, comfort and a meet place of intellectual refinement. To meet the needs of the steadily growing population large mercantile establishments have been developed, and within a few years several notable additions to the physical equipment of the city have been made in the erection of costly and attractive bank and office buildings. But even with these constructions the local building showing is often overshadowed by those of other cities unjustly as to statistical reckoning unless the government's work is included. To be sure, the government does not build often—but no means often enough for its own needs—but its constructions are large and substantial and correspondingly expensive, and they should be placed to the credit of the District in all comparisons between cities.

The Chinese have about the same opinion of the Manchus that some sections of this country once entertained toward carpet-baggers.

The opium smugglers conduct their business in such a way as to render them entirely indifferent to any questions of tariff revision.

Philadelphia has managed to reform its drinking water, which will help some in the cause of purification.

SHOOTING STARS.

BY PHILANDER JOHNSON.

A Candid Admission. "Are you sure you know all about that topic you write on at such length?" "Certainly not," replied Mr. Hibrow. "If I were sure I knew all about it I shouldn't be sufficiently interested in it to write about it."

On Second Thought. "You know," said the Chinese philosopher, "that our nation really invented gunpowder." "Yes," replied the court official; "and when I see the trouble we are having I can't help thinking it was rather foolish of us."

Afronted Sympathies. "Most of the deer has left this part of the country." "Yes," replied Farmer Cornetsoel. "You know a deer is a tender-hearted kind of animal, and I s'pose the critters couldn't stand it to hang around 'n' see the way them hunters shot one another up."

Commendable Inaccuracy. The sunshine lingers on the hill. The mild wind drifts along. Let's hope the weather prophets will keep kindly guessing wrong.

Assistance. "Are you going to make any New Year resolutions this year?" "I ought to do it," said Mr. Dustin Stax; "but I'm so tremendously busy I guess I'll have to turn the job over to my clerks."

Busy Days. Mother's looking dry goods over. Picking presents out. Sister's at the jewelry store. Peering all about.

Grandma's looking at the toys through her polished specs. Father's hid a rabbit waiting game. Father's writing checks.

Packages piled in the hall! Bundles hid and waiting game. In the new piano tall! No one dares to play. What a rushing life we've led. Risking limbs and necks. All, save father—lightly tread!—Father's writing checks!

Chinese War Lagging. From the Cleveland Plain Dealer. A well developed Chinese rebellion, even if because of ultimate failure it never attains the dignity of a revolution, is likely to last for fifteen or twenty years. Chinese history is full of records of outbreaks against government stronger than that which at present holds power at Peking. They start with a rush and with non-pollution and a rapid waiting game. There is a sudden effervescence of enthusiasm. But in time the Chinese character reasserts itself and the fighting ceases. It is not likely that the powers of the western world will permit the present state of war to continue for any such indefinite period. But the lagging of hostilities that commenced with such ferocity is quite in accord with Chinese precedent, and does not indicate that either side has the slightest intention of giving up.

Anti-Phoshy Jaw Bill. From the Chicago Tribune. One of the measures before Congress which has the most dangerous is the Each phosphorus bill. This is to put an end to the frightful occupational disease, "phoshy jaw," which afflicts workers in match factories. The Diamond Match Company, which owned a patent on a process of making matches, had a manufacturing plant, with singular humanitarianism, given up its advantage and canceled its patent, so that its competitors might no longer oppose protective legislation on the ground that the Diamond Match Company would thus have a monopoly of the industry. This bill is presented and act by the so-called trust, opposition remained, and the delay has permitted further ravages of the disease. "Phoshy jaw" is a disgrace to the nation, virtually the only civilized country which has not prohibited the use of phosphorus.

A Session of Little Hope. From the Cleveland Leader. The present session of Congress has begun with scant hope of doing important work and accomplishing valuable results. In an unusual sense it commences with-out confidence and its expectations are as meager as its prospects are poor. The House is democratic, with the majority of the members being from the republican party. The Senate is republican, but there the majority is divided into warring factions, the minority is in the House of Representatives. In neither house is there a majority in harmony with the President, and any bills of important subjects which may be agreed upon by the House of Representatives and the Senate, if they are not supported by the President, will have to run the chances of his veto.

Thin Ice. Several victims of skating on thin ice have been reported, first of the season's crop. It ought not to require any more facilities to convince boys and girls and men of the reality of this peril and to lead them to avoid it. There is no honor in such a death.

Burns Was Right. From the Chicago News. It is sometimes better not to get fighting mad over the impugned innocence of our friends until we learn the facts in the case.

Immigration Argument. From the Los Angeles Tribune. As a non-commercial city, in advertising the ballot would be by removal to California.

Enough to Go Around. From the Pittsburgh Gazette Times. Advance indications are that almost everybody will be able to afford a little turkey with his cranberries.



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Christmas Cards, Booklets, Calendars and Diaries; also Christmas Seals and Paper—Main Floor, Eleventh and G Streets.

Christmas Suggestions From All Over the Store.

TART early to make up your list; jot down a suggestion as it comes to you; wander through the store as often as possible—you will have your gifts selected before you know it. You'll avoid most of the disagreeable experiences of Christmas Shopping by coming here. Store arrangements and conveniences help to make buying comfortable. Then you skip all uncertainties about the merchandise. There are no risks to take, no worries to assume. You are sure of quality—sure of fairest prices. Best of all, you find here the broadest array of gift things.

AN IMPORTANT SPECIAL SALE Women's and Misses' Winter Coats.

AT \$25.00. REGULARLY \$35.00 AND \$37.50.

LONG COATS have never been so highly favored by all women as they are at present, and the graceful new lines which mark the styles in this sale afford a fit more perfect than has been obtainable in some time. These beautiful coats are made in the very latest winter styles, and in five distinct models. There are only fifty coats in the entire assortment, yet despite this limitation of quantity, the offering is a most exceptional one, both as to style and values.

The materials are the highest grade broadcloths, diagonal serges and pebble chevits, in the highly desirable black and blue colors. All have the large shawl collars, in circular, square and pointed back effects, the latter finished with tassel. Some of the collars are entirely of velour, others are trimmed with velour and buttons—the turn-back cuffs match the collars; some are trimmed with fancy silk braid.

Every garment is lined throughout with satin of guaranteed quality, and there are all sizes for women and misses. One of the most remarkable values we have ever offered.

Special price, \$25.00 each. Regular values, \$35.00 and \$37.50.

Third floor, G st.

Umbrellas Receive Much Attention With the Near Approach of Xmas.

IT is impossible to give a stronger or more forcible impression of our Christmas readiness than is afforded by the great gift resources of the umbrella assortments. And what other line of merchandise is more closely identified with the holiday spirit of giving and receiving—certainly there can be no gift more acceptable.

The present display is most extensive and includes many novelties in handles exclusively confined to us, enabling the choosing of distinctive and individual gifts, of an article at once practical and useful.

Men's and Women's 28 and 28 inch Gloria Cloth Umbrellas, case, cord and tassel. \$1.00 each.

Men's and Women's 28 and 28 inch Umbrellas, of silk gloria with tape edge; selected wood and fancy handles. \$1.50 each.

Women's 28-inch Union Taffeta Umbrella, with handles of boxwood and mission wood, gold and silver trimmed. \$2.00 each.

Women's 28-inch Union Taffeta and Satin Gloria Umbrellas, with handles of natural, mission and carved wood; gun metal, gold and silver trimmed. \$2.50 each.

Women's 28-inch Black Union Taffeta and Silk Umbrellas, with handles of carved, natural and mission wood in various novelty styles. \$3.00 each.

Women's 28-inch Extra Fine Quality Silk and Union Taffeta Umbrellas, with imported handles of carved and natural wood. \$3.00 each.

Suit Case Umbrellas for men and women, made of union taffeta silk, with assorted handles. \$3.00, \$4.00 and \$5.00 each.

Men's and Women's 28 and 28 inch Silk Umbrellas, exceptional quality and very choice roll, with variety of the finest selected handles, gun metal, ebony, carved wood, pearl, rosewood, etc. \$6.00 to \$15.00 each.

Women's 28-inch Silk Umbrellas, with a choice assortment of imported silver, gold, burnt ivory and pearl and silver inlaid handles. \$3.00, \$4.00 and \$5.00 each.

Our Special Men's Umbrella, made in 28-inch size, of excellent quality union taffeta; assorted wood handles. \$3.00 each.

Men's 28-inch Extra Quality Black Silk Umbrellas, with a great variety of designs in gold and silver trimmed handles of horn, gun metal, tortoise shell and ivory. \$6.00 to \$15.00 each.

Women's Fine Colored Silk Umbrellas, with assorted and mission wood handles, also dainty designs in silver-trimmed handles. \$3.00, \$4.00 and \$5.00 each.

IMPORTANT NOTE—All Umbrellas costing \$2.00 or over will be engraved or marked with initials, free of charge, card and ribbon furnished and packed properly for delivery or shipment.

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IF one would look for a "perfect" gift for women we believe they would choose something from the above lines. They are greatly admired for their beauty and their gift fitness has never before attracted so much attention.

Plumes—From our extensive assortments may be chosen the choicest fashion-favored gifts, in styles and shades whose perfectness and exceptional beauty will escape no woman's attention.

Coiffure Ornaments and Corsage Bouquets—The daintiest and most attractive effects, affording opportunity for adding charm and elegance to the costume for any social or formal function.

Special attention is also asked to the new and magnificent styles in Theater Caps, embracing the dainty close-fitting effects of gold nets, also white nets over pink and blue satin, exquisitely designed.

Each selection will be packed in Christmas Box. Millinery Dept., Second floor, Tenth st.

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Special Displays in Open-stock Patterns and Tools.

Now Featured for This Purpose.

A most worthy suggestion and one that we believe will meet with most approval, is to start a Dinner Set as a gift for wife or mother. The usually large and attractive displays have been increased and specially arranged to meet the holiday demand, and to show to the best advantage so as to enable those interested to choose as their taste dictates.

Every article used for table service is here in the finest china from makers across the water and those of our own land, enabling the selection of a few pieces or a complete service as desired. Decorations are very numerous, including the dainty white-and-gold patterns and a most comprehensive showing of floral and other effects in all colors.

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Fifth floor, G st.

Pleasing Gifts for Women.

Silk Petticoats, Silk Kimonos and Bath Robes—gifts that all women will gladly welcome, and nowhere can they be better chosen than here. Perfect in quality, excellent in style, much lower in price than equal qualities can usually be purchased for.

Silk Petticoats of good quality heavy messaline and soft taffeta, in black, white, light blue and all colors for street wearing, including the rich, new changeable effects; an attractive assortment of various styles.

Exceptional value at \$3.85 each.

Heavy Messaline and Soft Taffeta Silk Petticoats, made with accordion-plated flounce—a style that we have sold a great many of this season; black and desirable plain colors.

Special price, \$2.75 each.

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Blanket and Eiderdown Bath Robes, heavy and warm, in light blue, pink and lavender plain colors, and in an attractive variety of floral designs and colorings, with high neck, long sleeves and shawl collar. Snuggly-fitting garments invariably welcome at this season of the year.

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Third floor, Eleventh st.

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We offer only the thoroughly well made kinds—the best possible to procure.

Manual Training Work Benches, equipped with quick-acting steel vise. \$9.75 each.

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HERE are a few suggestions for Christmas presents for men or boys. It is sometimes hard to know what to give them, but one may be sure that the useful things that are needed every day always find welcome acceptance.

For those who can give but little time to gift buying these items will be found convenient in making selections, with the assurance that in our Men's Store there will be found nothing unpleasantly radical, nothing overdone in pattern, but everything in perfect taste.

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Hart Schaffner & Marx Suits and Overcoats, \$18.00 and up. Hart Schaffner & Marx Full Dress, \$35.00; Tuxedo Suits, \$32.50. Fur-lined Greatcoats, \$50.00, \$75.00, \$90.00, \$110.00 and \$125.00.

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Many new and beautiful weaves, colors and patterns, \$1.50, \$2.50, \$5.00 and \$6.00.

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Four-in-hands, String or Batwing Bows, Knit Silk Ties; a large variety from 25c up to \$3.00.

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All sorts, from 50c up to \$1.50. Fine ones of silk, in boxes, 50c to \$1.50.

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All colors, all grades, from the fine lisle and cotton at 25c up to the pure silk at \$1.00, \$2.50 and \$5.00 the pair.

A nice idea is one of the special sets, Cravat, Hose and Handkerchief to match; or Hose and Cravat; or Suspenders and Garters; in neat boxes. You will find lots of nice things here like that.

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