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OUR SHARE OF PROTECTION.

In the preparation of the new tariff bill it is apparent that the two great industries of coal mining and lumber cutting, in both of which Washington is heavily interested, are to receive full and adequate protection...

The Washington lumbermen have, under the provisions of the existing law, been subjected to foreign competition in two of their leading markets. In California they have been forced to compete with the British Columbia lumbermen...

It is in the California market for coal, however, that one of Washington's greatest industries has had to meet with the most serious foreign competition ever since the Wilson law reduced the duty on coal...

The Washington coal industry does not seek a higher duty on coal for the purpose of this being enabled to charge a higher price for its product. What is wanted is a market for more coal at the present prices...

There are coal mines enough in the state of Washington, either already in operation or which could be readily put in operation if there were a market for the product...

FIXING RAILROAD RATES.

In the determination to arbitrarily reduce all railroad freight rates in this state by a horizontal reduction of 15 per cent, arrived at by the lower house of the state legislature...

THE STATE LEGISLATURES.

The Philadelphia Press in a recent number published a compilation, showing the political complexion of the various state legislatures, including not only those which were elected last fall, but those in the few states, such as Iowa, Ohio and Maryland...

Table with columns: State, Rep., Dem., Pop., Fus. Lists states like Connecticut, Delaware, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New Hampshire, New York, New Jersey, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Wisconsin.

In these eighteen states, including the richest and the most densely populated in the Union, but one single Populist was elected to the legislature, and but one man who is ranked as a fusionist. Nearly four-fifths of the members of the legislatures of these states are Republicans...

shows clearly that the sentiment in favor of the Republican party was widely distributed all over the various legislative districts in each state. In Delaware alone do the Democrats have a majority of the legislature, which was due solely to the fact that two distinct Republican tickets were run in every legislative district...

It is in the Western group of states that the Populist strength is greatest. The legislatures of the thirteen states included in that section stand as follows:

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The classification is made with substantial accuracy, subject, of course, to the qualification that as a result of the fusion which took place generally in these states and the breaking down of party lines, it is not always possible to tell in which category to place some of the numbers.

In the fourteen states of the South the legislatures stand as follows:

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The Democrats, of course, preponderate in the South, but not so greatly as might be expected. The interesting point is the showing made in the border states. In Kentucky there are as many Democratic as Republican members of the legislature...

THE DRIFT OF IMMIGRATION.

No more distinct proof of the change in the character of the immigration which is now reaching our shores could be found than is contained in a recent bulletin giving the figures as to where the immigrants now seeking our shores are locating. When the immigration was from the British islands and from the countries of Northern Europe, the great majority of all the arrivals went to the states of the West...

When asked what port he calls from, the immigrant responds with glee: "I'll point that name above the helm. Where ships from tax are free."

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FLATS AND SHARPS.

By the P-I Philosopher. Patrons of husbandry—women. "Cast Aside"—"After the Ball." Where there is a will, there is generally a way. Newspapers are the mirrors of public reflection. The Post-Intelligencer Sunday cartoon, indicating the burial of the investigation of the senatorial election, is one of the best things that has appeared in that paper for some time.

immigrant of former days came to this country with a definite purpose before him—he was looking for the cheap land of the West on which to make a home, and his route of travel and ultimate destination was generally selected before he left his home in the old country.

The Turkish government says the statement is absurd that there has been any considerable loss of life in Crete. Some few killings have taken place, but that is all. This must be a source of great gratification to those who were murdered. It should always be a consolation to a corpse to know that its fellow-victims are few in number.

The English papers announce as news of considerable moment that the secretary for the colonies is laid up with an attack of gout. It should be remembered, to the credit of the Cleveland administration, that no member of the cabinet has exhibited such weakness.

President Harper, of the University of Chicago, has been lecturing on "Life After Death Among the Hebrews." Many of us have often wondered what kind of people we would live among after death, but this is the first practical attempt to answer the question.

Mayor Wood has now to make an appointment to the health board. The question with him is whether he ought to select a man on account of his fitness for the office or to insure representation on the board of all schools of medicine.

FOR LADIES' FAVOR.

In a loyal and gallant effort to intrude itself more strongly in the good graces of the ladies of the state of Washington, the Post-Intelligencer has entered upon an expense which it announces today with gratification. Beginning possibly next Sunday, but certainly a week later, this paper will publish simultaneously with a New York paper, a Boston paper, a San Francisco paper, and the Chicago Tribune, exclusive and absolutely correct fashion plates from Europe.

The negotiations have been proceeding for over a year, and it was necessary for the agency through which this is to be accomplished to send a gentleman to each of the centers of fashion in Europe in order to complete the arrangements.

Nearly every newspaper makes an attempt to furnish "fashions," but ladies know how unsatisfactory they have been, and those who are well posted were aware that even the metropolitan papers were often a month and two months behind Paris and London. This has been very annoying, because our season opens earlier than in Europe, and ladies were compelled to yield to the dressmakers and milliners—who no better informed than themselves—used the previous season's modes.

This was due to the rigor with which Felix, of Paris, and Drecol, of Vienna, guarded their designs until the 8th of May and 8th of September in each year. It was a custom which had grown up through many years, and was maintained with arbitrary stubbornness by the leading costume designers.

They have come to a realization that the taste and wealth of the United States have become too important to be ignored, and an agency has been established through which exclusive information will be given for the next two or three years for publication in certain United States papers. The contract has been made with no other newspaper on the Pacific coast, outside of San Francisco, except the Post-Intelligencer.

No one event in relation to the fashions has occurred for many years of so much interest to ladies as the consummation of this agreement, which will revolutionize styles on this continent.

POSTSCRIPTS.

If Greece is discreet she'll get Crete. The council has decided that the legislature needs another dose of Parry-goria. A man who does not own a million-dollar mine isn't in it—so much as some others.

There's a man on the bench they call Bogue. Who deals law out rough to the rogue. He picks up the fines. As they did in old times. When a monthly round-up was in vogue.

Some of those pussy willows that are out so soon may yet get a taste of Jack Frost's cauldron. There is more rejoicing over one dividend-paying mine than over ninety-nine paper bonanzas.

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Ding, dong, dell. Who's going to we'll. Who put it in. The Pope and Silver men; Who'll take it out? Republicans, no doubt.

Oh, what a silly people that. Who didn't know what they were at! They killed a not quite perfect Cat, But left a large and monstrous Rat. You understand, we mean by that. The aggregation slung at the Olympian, taking through its hat.

Baseball is safe. The senate is sound on individual rights. A case is a young man's weakness and an old man's support. A match is a small thing, but it can bring down plenty of large things. There is a young lady in Oregon so modest that she walks five miles in place

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THE ADMIRING THROUGS. That last week viewed our new goods prove more forcibly than can our words that ours are right, both in style and price.

New Paris Suits. Colored Dress Fabrics. Our line comprises all of the new weaves. Some decidedly new color combinations are represented. Good sensible All-Wool Knocks about \$2.50, \$3.00, \$3.50, \$4.00, \$4.50, \$5.00, \$5.50, \$6.00, \$6.50, \$7.00, \$7.50, \$8.00, \$8.50, \$9.00, \$9.50, \$10.00.

Black Dress Fabrics. We received many new lines of the leading novelty weaves in Black Dress Fabrics during the week. See the new Imported Suits. New 48-inch Lattice Grenada, the latest, at \$1.00 a yd.

NEW SHIRT WAISTS—A large variety. NEW TRIMMING LACES—See our corner window. NEW COLLARS AND RUFFLES—The very latest. NEW LININGS—All that's new, including SATIN BROCHE, SHRUNK DUCK, PERCALINE, etc.

SPECIALS. Ready-Made Sheets and Pillow Cases. 100 dozen Extra Heavy Linen Huck Towels, a very large size, 28x44 inches, hemmed and washed ready for use, worth every cent of 25c, now only 20c each.

Table Linens. 72-inch Pure Linen Cream Table Damask, a heavy weight and in up-to-date designs. You pay \$6 a yd every day for the same grade. Now special at \$5 a yd.

Bed Spreads. 60 Extra Heavyweight Reversible Honeycomb Spreads, largest size, a \$1.50 grade. This week only \$1.15 each.

Chenille Table Covers. A standard grade at special sale prices. 1 1/2 yard square, now 45c each. 1 1/2 yard square, now \$1.15 each. 2 yard square, now \$1.35 each.

Prints. Extra Heavy Weight Twilled Prints, in a large variety of patterns, including plaids and stripes, 27 inches wide, reduced from 70c to 65c a yd.

Towels. 100 dozen Extra Heavy Linen Huck Towels, a very large size, 28x44 inches, hemmed and washed ready for use, worth every cent of 25c, now only 20c each.

Table Cloths. Another lot of those Turkey Red Cloths have just been received. These are absolutely fast colors. 2 yard long, now 60c each. 2 1/2 yard long, now 75c each.

Towelling. 1,000 yards of Checked Glass Towelling, 2 1/2 yds. long, cut this week at 35c a yd.

For New Goods That You'll Be Satisfied With Try BALLARGEON'S Grand Sacrifice Sale OF ... BOOTS AND SHOES ... AT L. A. TREEN & CO., 707 FIRST AVE. Good Shoes at low prices. Special bargains in all parts of the large store. Our Receiver is anxious to pay another dividend, and we must raise money. Large reductions on all goods, Rubbers excepted. Our 50c, 75c and \$1.00 Bargain Counters are loaded with Ladies' CHARLES G. SCOTT, RECEIVER. VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA. THE BADMINTON (Late Manor House) THE MOST COMFORTABLE HOTEL IN THE CITY. VERY CENTRAL AND CONVENIENT. American Plan. \$2.00 to \$2.50 Per Day.