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If they are not prepared to refute this twaddle with an array of facts and figures that will convince all but the dyed-in-the-wool, hide-bound and rock-ribbed Republicans. They have rightly on their side, and if they will rightly employ it, they can show up the duplicitous, the fraud and the thievery of the tariff in black and white.

tieman. He was not in the habit of making broad assertions. He did not indulge in the use of superlatives. . . . I do not believe my father made the statement. This leads the Springfield Republican to remark: "Of course, if General Lee had said that General Grant was without a superior in history, he would have shown simply a distorted judgment."

sorrow, but as a day of pride and of reverence as well. "Anxious Inquirer" wants to know why it would not be a good thing to require uniformity in the horns of the automobiles. He complains that it is difficult to tell in the present discord of horrible sounds how to know whether one has to make way for a bicycle, a hand organ or a red devil, some of the most magnificent of the roadsters chirping like little birds and others of the less conspicuous cars possessing lungs of the fog-horn order.

the rest of a noble army of the benefactors of the human race have made us all look very much the same when we are dressed up, in our hospitality clothes. What Congress ought to do is to make up the deficit in the President's traveling account. That would be true hospitality, and far more honest than when the members of Congress took their "mileage" for the constructive session a few years ago.

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TUESDAY, MAY 31, 1910.

LORIMER IS INDIGNANT.

William Lorimer has struck back at last. He demands an investigation of the charges of bribery and corruption that have been made against him by the Chicago Tribune, which has alleged with great particularity of detail that William was elected to the United States Senate by ways and means which are not regarded by some of the mollycoddles as exactly straight. William insists that a special committee shall be appointed by the Senate to ascertain the facts in connection with these charges and report as early as possible.

The shippers are unanimous on one point; the new rates are confiscatory, and, of course, unjust to the last degree. Ruin stares them in the face, calamity is at the door, desolation and disaster are to be the lot of every man who hauls his produce on any of the railroads affected by the new agreement. Have the railroads any regard for justice in this matter? Have they any rights to consider? Have they a cause which has a fair hearing in equity? Of course not. The railroads are robbers and they are stealing more and more every day. This is the burden of the wall that the telegraph is bringing to Washington.

As a matter of fact, it is safe to say that nine-tenths of the men who are thus protesting against the new freight rates have not looked into the merits of the question in any way. They take it for granted that the railroads are robbing the people, and they think that the whole machinery of government should be employed to protect their interests. The increased expenses of the railroads, their burdens of taxation and the hundred things that might be said in their behalf are completely forgotten or intentionally overlooked. Confound the railroads, anyway!

The new rates may be high; they may be unjust. We have not studied them and cannot pass upon them, but it strikes us as common sense and common justice that the railroads, if they are to be heard before they are condemned by an unthinking public and time-serving Congressmen. After all, the railroads have a right to their property and a right to make a profit as well as the rest of the business world.

RIGHT FRONT INTO LINE.

Senator Borah, of Idaho, recently made a speech in which he said that General Lee said: "I have carefully searched the military records of both ancient and modern history, and I have never found Grant's superior as a General. I doubt if his superior can be found in history." W. Gordon McCabe, of this town, formerly Captain and Adjutant of Pegram's Battalion of Artillery, A. P. Hill's Corps, Army of Northern Virginia, denied daily that General Lee had ever said anything such and called on Senator Borah to give his authority.

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UNJUST OF COURSE.

Western shippers are deluging the Department of Justice with telegrams of protest against the new freight rates which the Western Trunk Line Association will put into effect tomorrow. Congressmen and Senators, aroused by their constituents, are crouched by the Attorney-General, beseeching him to do something to prevent injustice to the West. There is much talk of injunction proceedings and there are loud invocations of the Sherman Anti-Trust law to stop the enforcement of the new rates.

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ISAAC WYMAN ALIVE AND DEAD.

Appraisers are at work on the estate of Isaac Wyman, trying to estimate the value of the property which the Massachusetts man left to Princeton College. Their preliminary estimate exceeds \$10,000,000, and they are daily finding more property owned by the dead real estate investor. Incidentally, they are finding out a great many things about the man who spent his life, accumulating property in a dozen States to bestow it on his Alma Mater.

Wyman is dead now, and he died a philanthropist. It may be unjust to review his life and to judge his motives, yet the story of his career is not without its moral. Wyman was a miser with a mania—the endowment of Princeton. Those who knew him casually and those who paid him rent on his property thought him hard, merciless and unyielding. Those who knew him better saw his love of art and wondered at his appreciation of the beautiful; but even they could not understand why it was that he denied himself the joys of travel, spent little pressed his tenants hard and refused every demand of charity. So far as the outward appearance went, Wyman was a misanthrope. The people built a Y. M. C. A. in his home town, and he refused to contribute a dollar; they made up subscriptions for this purpose and for that, but his name never appeared among the donors.

There ought to be great activity in Atlanta. There the railroads run their engines with "potentially cracked wheels," there "murder, unafraid and insolent, stands at the elbows," there the farmers have been advised to "mentally visualize" the oncoming boll weevil, there the "pivotal thoroughfare" is so constricted as to penalize both traffic and commerce, and there "in executing the diabolical programme of disease," the negro "is often a sort of immunized vehicle for spreading to the white race the death and suffering to which he is himself slower to succumb." Manifestly, Atlanta is the place for great missionary effort, and we can very well let Timbuctoo alone until we have saved Atlanta.

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EXIT: THE RED-HEADED WIDOW.

The Houston Post has withdrawn the red-headed widow from the market. It explains that the supply is not equal to the demand, that if the annual output were ten thousand there would still not be enough of them to go around; but we strongly suspect that the paper has really been led to this surprising course by the "letters to the editor" complaining that the widow business was being overdone, that it was hurting Houston, that there can be too much of a good thing, and so on to the end of a long string of perfectly harmless, but none the less annoying, objections from those who could not have invented the red-headed widow, because there is really no such person, and who think that nobody else likes to read about her because they do not care for "that sort of stuff."

As matter of fact, the red-headed widow has obtained for the Post, which invented her, and for Houston, in which some innocent persons have imagined that she was domiciled, more advertising than all the conventions and ice cream festivals and fishing frolics that were ever held in that town. It would be just as easy to write about fossils or the tariff or tuberculosis or missionary enterprises, but it would not be nearly so entertaining to so many people. It is the human touch that newspaper readers want. They know the price of cotton or tobacco as well as the editor, they can read the dictionary if they care to be absorbed in words, they can be as dry as dust without any help from the editor; but they really like a little something every day that will take them out of themselves and away from themselves. That is the reason they go to the baseball games, so that they can "root" and hear the funny things that are said in the field or on the bleachers. That is why they always like to have an original view of what the great ones of earth are doing and how they are doing it. They will go to a fire or a fight or a parade just to see what the other outside of themselves and their sober-thinking is like, and unconsciously they find themselves a part of it, whatever it is.

That is why thousands of persons all over the country, with the help of the publicity she has gained in newspapers that really have circulation, have become interested in the red-headed widow of Houston, Tex. There is no such person, of course, but neither was there a sacred white elephant in the Barnum and Forepaugh show, but people want to see them just the same, even as people will read about great men or red-headed women. But exit the red-headed widow of Houston. The people outside of the Postoffice, who wouldn't know where to start if they tried to make a newspaper, have their wish.

Lost or strayed, from the United States Senate, one Senator, answering to the name of Jeffrey Davis. When last seen the lost man was very morose and had not spoken a word for three days. Doubts are entertained as to his sanity after this long silence. It is not thought that he has been stolen, because nobody would have him as a gift.

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