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THE ECONOMIC DODO

THE CALL offers a tribute of more or less respectful sympathy to an afflicted contemporary left stranded by the march of events and asking for a divorce from its party on the ground of incompatibility.

In its present shape the blooming little idol is perfect, inviolable, and should be eternal. The sacrilegious hand of the tinker threatens national calamity.

We quote from the Chronicle its latest lament:
The republican party has hitherto stood for protection to home industries. It professes to still stand for that principle.

We quote from the president's message to congress on Wednesday:

The time has come when we should prepare for a revision of the tariff. This should be, and indeed must be, preceded by careful investigation. It is peculiarly the province of the congress and not of the president, and indeed, peculiarly the province of the house of representatives, to originate a tariff bill and to determine upon its terms; and this I fully realize.

The president's position is identical with that of the recent Ohio and Iowa platforms. It is in accord with the policy of the most enlightened leaders in the party.

There is nothing sacred about the tariff. It is purely a business arrangement, subject to modification as conditions change. There are certain schedules manifestly wrong and unjust.

The Call is quite aware that California has profited by the tariff, nor shall we surrender the principle of protection as far as there is any principle, but some of the schedules are oppressive and others, like the duty on coal, are wholly injurious in so far as they operate at all.

We must not refuse to note and act on the fact that this country is becoming a vast manufacturing concern, and that we have made tremendous advances on this line since the Dingley tariff went into effect.

The truth is that the Chronicle is still living in the last century. It is a sort of economic dodo. The paper presents a very interesting case of arrested development. It really belongs in the park museum.

WHY WE ARE INVITED

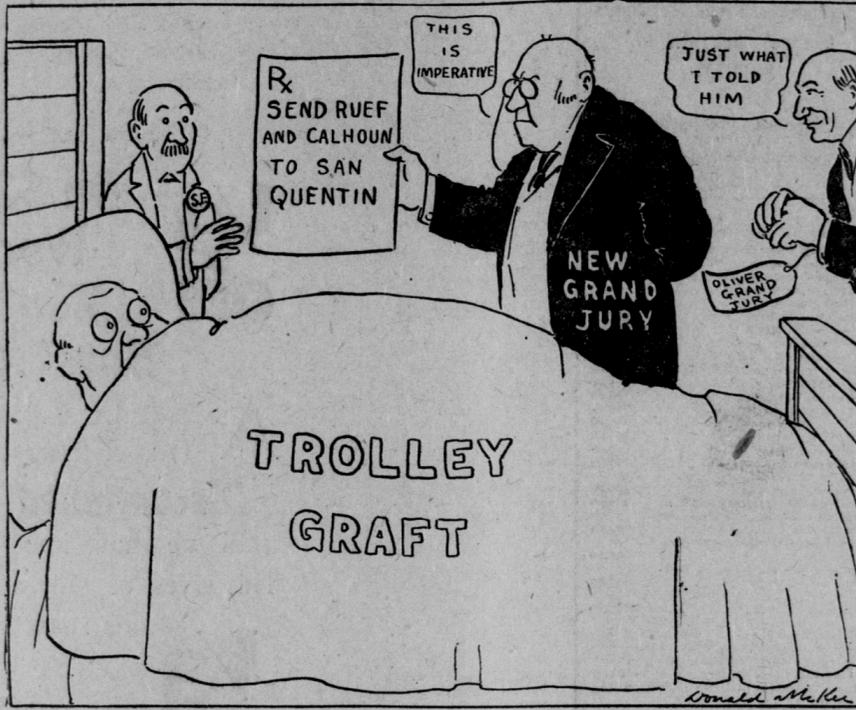
JAPAN has invited our battleship fleet to visit that country. The invitation is said to be cordial. No doubt. The "cordiality" of the Japanese is proverbial in the orient, as are his courtesy and his smile.

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There is no reason, however, why our fleet should not visit Japan. It will be as safe in Japanese waters as it would be in our own. There will be no repetition of the Maine disaster in Yokohama bay.

We must not jump to the conclusion, however, that this invitation is an absolute guaranty of the good faith of Japan. It was inevitable that Japan should invite our fleet to visit her waters; there has been so much talk by the busybodies of European chancelleries concerning strained and straining relations between this country and our neighbor across the sea that to have omitted this

When Doctors Agree



formal courtesy would have indicated a modicum of truth, at least, in the war talk of the meddling diplomats of Europe. Moreover, we must accept the invitation for the same reason that prompted it—not because such acceptance will serve to "still further cement the long standing friendship of the two countries."

The diplomatic calamity howlers may be wholly wrong in their guesses and prognostications; everybody, except the war merchants and the supply speculators, hopes they are; but, in the meantime, our best policy is an honest effort to mind our own business, while compelling the other fellow to mind his, for as surely as self-interest is the dominant trait of humankind the moment the business of America and the business of Japan clash there is going to be trouble.

IMPOSED ON UNCLE SAM

YOUNG America has been taking a mean advantage of the benevolent and accommodating spirit of your Uncle Sam. The old gentleman, in the innocence of his heart, desirous of saving the time and temper of a sweating generation, installed certain perfidious slot machines in the New York postoffice.

It serves Uncle Sam right for meddling with these treacherous instruments and their knavish tricks. Evil communications corrupt good morals. The Boston Transcript, making learned defense of these insidious, humbugging machines, declares that they originated in Egypt in the time of the Pharaohs.

THE WATER POWER GRABBERS

THE president, in his message to congress, gives explicit notice to the schemers who have been busy for some time in the endeavor to grab water power privileges on navigable and other streams in perpetuity and without compensation.

Numerous bills granting water power rights on navigable streams have been introduced. None of them give the government the right to make a reasonable charge for the valuable privileges so granted in spite of the fact that these water power privileges are equivalent to many thousands of acres of the best coal lands for their production of power.

The president here speaks only of navigable streams, but it is known that he holds the same position in regard to water rights on mountain streams passing through national forest reserves. A determined effort has been making and has not been abandoned to pledge the republican party to some well disguised scheme of grab on these lines, and some attempt to get a plank in the Chicago platform with that purpose may be expected.

NOTE AND COMMENT

The wonder at the number of the rats caught is eclipsed by wonder that there can be any left.

"Kings are necessary," says the Pall Mall Gazette. Not always. Sometimes dunces backed by an air of confidence will do the trick.

The butchers' trust of Oakland has collapsed rather than have justice meted out to it.

A talented Oakland youth, who has no conception of right or wrong, has been classed as a high grade imbecile. Sort of a higher up.

Answers to Queries

THRO' THE RYE—A. R. City. Does the song "Coming Thro' the Rye" mean coming through a field of rye or crossing the river Rye?

The original version of the song entered at Stationers' hall in 1796 and sung by Mrs. Henry at the Royal circus in a pantomime called "Harlequin Marine" had in it these opening lines:

If a body meet a body, going to the fair, If a body kiss a body, need a body care? In that there is no dispute as to the meaning of the author, but when there was a change and the following was substituted:

If a body meet a body coming thro' the rye, If a body kiss a body, need a body cry? there was considerable discussion as to whether the author meant a field or the river. It is generally accepted at this time that he meant a field of rye.

INSURANCE—M. A. City. Sold a piece of improved property on the installment plan. Insurance is due. Who has to pay the same, the seller or the buyer?

That depends upon the conditions of the sale and what may have been agreed upon.

BACK DATE—T. K. City. On what day of the week did April 14, 1874, fall? Monday.

By The Call's Jester

A WARNING

Sing a song of vaccine, Pocket full of quills. Students by the hundred Made immune from ills. Two a head's the fee they Charge for scraping arms. Filling them with virus Fresh from dairy farms. This should mean enrichment Of the doctors who Practice down at Stanford On the student crew. 'Twould but for a traitor Who has cut the rate Down to half a dollar— Scrape you while you wait.

Never was such treason Known among the meds; Loud are they in protest, Shouting off their heads. Drop a tear of pity O'er their awful plight, Cheated of the fat fees Hovering in sight. Pity, too, the other, The half a dollar doc, Busy vaccinating Students by the flock. Twenty men an hour Is the best that he Can expect to fix up Working rapidly. So you see starvation's Bound to be his fate— Warning to physicians Who would cut the rate.

CHEAPER

Guest—I will be here for more than a week and I want to do some auto-mobiling every day. So— Hotel clerk—Yes, sir. We have automobiles for hire. I'll see that one's sent around for you in the morning. Guest—You didn't wait for me to finish. I said I intended to be here several days and was just going to remark that it would be cheaper to buy a machine.

IN ALASKA

First Native—They say old Oomy Gook's going crazy. He's buying ev'ry dog he can find. Second Native—Oomy's not so foolish as he looks. If he can only corner the dog market before those around the world automobilists get here he'll be able to charge them whatever he pleases for hauling them out of the snow.

THE PROPHET

The forecast man is busy now With "dope" on nominations. And at the ending of the row He'll be as busy telling how He missed his calculations. W. J. W.

Drunkness in France

Alcoholism in France is, says the "Hospital" held to be one of the most terrible scourges of the present day, and is also, apparently, one of the chief causes of death.

The Academie de Medecine invited members of the medical societies to collect statistics of all deaths in their wards. M. Fernet has communicated a summary of these statistics, and finds that during the last 15 months, among a total of over 1,500 deaths occurring in 11 different hospitals and asylums, alcohol played a part in the cause of death in one-third of the cases. It was the principal cause in one-tenth of the deaths, and it was the accessory cause in more than one-fifth. As the principal fatal manifestations of alcohol are included such affections as delirium tremens, pachymeningitis hemorrhagica cirrhosis and cardio-vascular diseases. Conditions in which alcohol played an accessory part to the fatal issue include cases of pneumonia, erysipelas and other acute infectious diseases. Alcohol showed a still greater influence on mortality in asylums than in the general hospitals. At the Asile Sainte Anne 30 out of 53 consecutive deaths were among alcoholics. In asylums generally alcohol was the cause of disease and death in nearly half the male cases, and in one-sixth of the female cases. In view of the recent discussions as to the relation of alcohol to insanity in this country these figures are of especial interest.

The Insider

Relates the story confided by Senator Platt of New York to a friend that newspaper cartoons won for him his beautiful wife

Platt Won Wife Through Cartoons

WHEN Senator Tom Platt was out here the last time he confided in a friend who could not understand how the aged senator, who is not exactly an Adonis, could have succeeded in attracting his beautiful wife.

"I'll tell you," said Platt, "she first fell in love with me through seeing the pictures the press artists made of me. Cartoons have made more marriages than the funny picture artists would believe. When you abolish cartoons you lessen the chances of marriage."

Parental Problem Too Deep for Her

On the sands of Del Monte beach sat a 4 year old tot beside his mother's young woman guest. The little fellow stared musingly at the blue waters of the bay for the space of a minute, and then said: "Say, what would I be (what nationality) if I was born on the ocean?" "Whatever your mother and father were, dear," she replied. "But," and his big blue eyes widened with intenseness and his infant voice deepened in expression, "supposin' I was comin' across with my auntie?" She passed.

Bud Who Prevents Cigarette Stains

One of my bud friends tells me that the saffron tint that frequently appears on the thumbs, forefingers and third fingers of cigarette devotees, causing the poor girls considerable worry, need not be such a bugbear to them if they follow her preventive. "Mine used to be quite horrid," she said, "and even lemon juice and pumice stone sometimes failed of effect—except to take the skin off—until I evolved my great idea. Of course it's only good when you're enjoying one in your own home. Some girls use the mouth piece, but I don't like it. I cover those particular fingers with kid ones cut from an old pair of gloves. It's just great. See mine now," and she spread out five slender fingers all beautifully pink and white, "aren't they nice?" I herewith present her great idea for the benefit of the suffering saffron fingered sisterhood.

The Smart Set

A PRETTY wedding yesterday was that of Mrs. Alice Russ Habernight and Dr. Albert E. Sykes, which took place in the Centenary church in Bush street at 2 o'clock. The ceremony was performed by Dr. McBurney and witnessed by only a few intimate friends and relatives.

The bride, who wore a gray gown and a gray hat covered with ostrich plumes, entered the church on the arm of her brother, George Rush. Her sister, Mrs. Hoffman, was matron of honor. A wedding breakfast followed the ceremony, after which Dr. Sykes and his bride started for a month's trip through the southern part of the state. In the fall they will leave San Francisco for a long tour of Australia and New Zealand. The bride is a gifted and charming woman. Dr. Sykes has won many friends during the years he has spent in California and is prominent in his profession.

Francis and Mrs. Carolyn will be hosts Sunday at a luncheon to \$0, which will take place in their Burlingame home. Their guests will all be members of the smart set's most exclusive circle, and the occasion promises to be one of the most brilliant yet recorded for this winter. Mrs. Patrick Campbell will be the guest of honor and her daughter also will be present. The San Francisco guests will go down to Burlingame by motor at noon Sunday, many of them remaining overnight at the various big homes of the southern town. Mrs. Carolyn entertained 20 society women at luncheon yesterday and also gave a luncheon Tuesday in Dr. Campbell's honor. Yesterday's affair took place at the Fairmont hotel, where the guests were seated at a round table, exquisitely decorated in violet petunias. Among those present, besides the guest of honor, were: Mrs. Peter Martin, Mrs. Rudolph Spreckels, Mrs. James Keeney, Mrs. Sally Stetson Winslow, Mrs. William Irwin, Mrs. J. A. Folger, Miss Stella Patrick Campbell and Miss Agnes Tobin. Miss Campbell will return next week to England, where her mother will join her in the fall.

From Fort McKinley, near Manila, comes the news of the arrival of a son in the home of Captain and Mrs. Louis Brechemin. The Brechemins were stationed at Fort Baker for two years after their marriage and have many friends here. Mrs. Brechemin was Miss Ruth Miller of Sausalito.

Mrs. Linda Bryan was hostess at an informal tea yesterday, about a score of friends coming in during the late afternoon hours.

Judge and Mrs. Dunphy, who have been in the east for several months, will return to town next week and will reopen their home.

Mrs. Henry Thornton Lally will be hostess at a luncheon to 12 April 2. The affair will take place in her Pacific avenue home.

Miss Marie Deane was hostess at a dinner to eight at the Claremont country club Saturday night. The guests went to the club in the late afternoon by motor. Miss Deane's guests were Miss Mabel Toy, Mrs. Linda Hoag Bryan, Miss Kathryn Voorhies Henry, George Lewis, James Plunkett, Frederick Woods and Lutha Elkins.

Miss Josephine Lindley, the daughter of Judge Lindley, gave a tea in honor of Miss Georgia Spieker last Tuesday afternoon. The Spiekers, who have returned their Ross Valley home, made a flying visit to the Fairmont hotel this week.

Miss Josephine Brown and Harry Stetson will be married in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Hayne April 25. Only a score of friends will witness the ceremony.

Conditions in California

The California Promotion committee wired to its eastern bureau yesterday as follows: California temperatures for the last 24 hours:

Table with 4 columns: City, Minimum, Maximum, and another column. Rows include Eureka, San Francisco, San Diego, Los Angeles, Oakland, San Jose, Stockton, Sacramento.

Bank clearings for the week ending at noon Thursday, March 26:

Table with 2 columns: City and Amount. Rows include San Francisco, Los Angeles, Oakland, San Jose, Stockton, Sacramento.

Public improvements contracted for in Richmond, Contra Costa county, will involve the expenditure of \$250,000 and include the construction of school-houses, sewers and street paving.

Construction work has started on the Royal Insurance Company building at Pine and Sanson streets, San Francisco. It is to be an 11 story class A building, costing \$500,000, and to be ready by April 15, 1939. The first two stories will be faced with marble, the third with marble and brick, and the next five with tinted red brick, and the last three in white, trimmed with red brick and terra cotta.