

It is said Foraker agrees with Boss Cox. Why of course he does, such birds of a feather always flock together.

The Chicago Inter-Ocean says "let us have peace" and immediately begins to fight for it by pitching into Teddy. This Republican organ plays a rather reactionary tune.

Our tariff angers France, says a stand-patter journal, and if it would take off its protection spectacles it would discover that protecting the trusts angers about 80,000,000 of the American people.

The Republican outfit in Ohio seems decidedly averse to holding that presidential primary. One side is afraid and the other side procrastinates, and both sides claim the majority of the vote committee which has the "say so" as to the time for the voting.

The last congress authorized 18,993 new offices and employments at an annual compensation of \$12,716,184.16, and those abolished or omitted are 5,674 in number at an annual compensation of \$3,864,425, a net increase of 13,319 in number and \$8,851,759.16 in amount. Who will say the Republican party is not given to extravagance?

The Republicans of North Carolina are to be required to prove their loyalty to the Roosevelt dynasty as an object lesson to the Republican politicians of the other southern states. That's it, Mr. President, keep the rascals up to the scratch or cut them off from feeding at the administration trough.

GERMANY refuses to accede to the discussion of the limitations of armaments at the Hague peace conference, so it will virtually be a waste of time and money for the delegates to assemble. Germany's position is that to have peace you must fight for it and tax an impoverished people to keep up a great army and navy.

SOME of our Wall street magnates make money by wrecking railroads, while others make money by buying them after the wrecking has been accomplished, by issuing bonds in excess of the cost to resuscitate them. Both of these methods of plundering must be stopped by law for the people have to pay the cost in unreasonable rates.

OUR big importers are objecting to the special privileges granted to German exporters and the administration, therefore, is continuing its policy of secrecy about the agreement with Germany. The people are demanding information and not secrecy about the tariff that protects the trusts.

The Swedish parliament has reduced the tariff duty on corn about 60 per cent, which should greatly help our export of corn to that country. Sweden seems to be one of the few countries not putting up a tariff fight against us. Now what must we do in return? Admit Swedish iron at reduced duty or still continue to protect the steel trust?

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WALL street is reported to be "hopeful," but as the frenzied financiers who do business there are reducing their expenditures it not apparent on what ground they base their hopes. There is the satisfaction to know that unless their hopes are realized the Republicans will have to get along with a reduced campaign fund at the next election.

THE great trouble with our enormous incorporated wealth is that those who control the corporations amass great fortunes while the people who own the stocks and bonds only receive, on an average, quite meagre interest. As the people are bled to fill the purses of the industrial oligarchy the question is how to fairly inaugurate an industrial Democracy by removing the causes that have built up and fostered our industrial oligarchs. All special privileges, such as protecting the trusts, by the tariff, must be abolished and the reconstructed railroad corporations must be so controlled that the public whose money has created them and whose patronage supports them will have equal rights with those who manage them.

THE SALARY GRAB.

When the increase of the salaries of congressmen from \$5,000 to \$7,500 was voted upon in the house of representatives last winter the proposition was defeated by 188 noes and 100 yeas, and yet the increase was eventually agreed to through the connivance of the Republican speaker and the Republican majority. This was accomplished by refusing to second the demand for a roll-call when there was another opportunity to press the increase proposition, so it was adopted without putting the members on record who favored or opposed it. The vote on the legislative appropriation bill in December last is, therefore, the only test of how the members voted. The senate was more open and above board and a roll-call disclosed 21 senators voting against the increase and 53 for it.

It was expected that when this 50 per cent increase in salary was voted that the 20 cents mileage for each mile traveled going to and returning from each session of congress would be modified to the actual expense of the trip. This graft, however, is still collected and amounts to \$3000 for the members from the Pacific states and others in proportion to the distance traveled which is all out of reason with the actual expenses, which do not exceed 20

per cent of the amount paid by the government.

After July 1 congressmen will receive \$125 a month as the salary for their clerks, and as many members do not employ any regular clerk, to such this amount can be mostly added to their salaries. There are, however, some members who employ two clerks and expend more for clerk hire than they receive. There is also another perquisite of congressional office of \$125 per annum for stationery which is rarely expended, as the official letter-heads and envelopes furnished free to each member of a committee and the franking privilege cover most of such expense. Then the government furnishes the large manila envelopes that are used for mailing speeches and does the work of enclosing and sealing them free of charge, the member only paying for printing the speeches.

Some members of congress have been known to save all their salaries and W. F. Tyndall, who was retired at the last election as the member from the fourteenth district of Missouri, boasted before leaving Washington that he had saved his entire salary of \$10,000. He acted as his own clerk and was enabled to live in Washington on the money which he drew under his clerk-hire and stationery allowances.

CONSTITUTIONAL DEBATE.

The magazine debate between Mr. Bryan and Senator Beveridge on the constitutional question of the reserved rights of the states and incidentally of the Beveridge bill to regulate labor in factories, known as the child labor bill, has been generally read. To Democrats the discussion is of transcendent interest, for it foreshadows a much more important debate within the Democratic party on the issues of state rights and home rule. The first installment comes from Senator Rayner of Maryland in the Baltimore Sun of May 13, in which he summarizes the policies advocated by Mr. Bryan as follows:

"First—Ultimate ownership by the government of all the interstate railroads of the United States.

"Second—The initiative and referendum.

"Third—Congress to have the right to arbitrarily fix the total product of all interstate corporations, quasi public and private, and to destroy their business if they transgress the congressional limit.

"Fourth—The supreme power of congress to prescribe the terms upon which all interstate commerce shall be conducted, and whenever congress (which, of course, means the dominant party) conceives it to be against public policy, it shall have the right absolutely to prohibit commercial intercourse between the states upon the interdicted article (as is fully exemplified in the provisions of the child labor bill).

"My own deliberate judgment is that if we embody these doctrines in a Democratic platform the next step that it will be necessary to take will be to change the name of the party and revive the name of 'Federalist' or take some other title suitable to the occasion; and then, after we have done this, the final step will be, with our leaders in the van, in solemn procession to accompany the remains of Democracy to their resting place; and when we are engaged in performing the last sad rites and obsequies, and are commemorating her departed virtues, do not let us forget to recount the tragic manner of her death, so that posterity shall know that in the hour of her brightest hopes and most alluring prospects, determined to end her great historic career, she threw herself upon the poisoned weapon of federal centralization,

and died of a self-inflicted wound."

Democratic voters will have to decide these issues before they elect and instruct delegates to the next national convention, and to do so must investigate the arguments on both sides to arrive at a just conclusion.

The discussion of all these theories of government; the suggestion of Secretary Root that the constitution be changed by construction so as to deprive the states of their reserved rights; the Beveridge bill and Mr. Bryan's doctrines—all these things have tended to direct public attention to questions of policy and constitutional law which have been dormant almost during this generation. Such a masterly exposition as that of Senator Rayner, by so profound a student of the constitution as he is, will do much to bring the people back to the old paths.

AN HISTORICAL PARALLEL.

The New York World pretends to have reliable information that Thomas Fortune Ryan of Virginia is in the field as a candidate for the presidency. The grounds upon which this information is based are not exposed, but it is incidentally mentioned that, among other elements of his strength, is the strong Catholic following he would undoubtedly command. This is a very slender reed and has never been pleaded in behalf of any candidate, except in the memorable instance of Chief Justice Roger Brooks Taney, in whose case it proved fatal. Any student of our politics knows that religion is a thing quite apart from party allegiance, and that any pretension of privilege depending upon church influence must inevitably arouse wide resentment. Considered from this point of view, the announcement in the "World" may be regarded as an attack on Ryan's availability, although his church connections are not quoted against him, nor is it clear from anything revealed in the "World's" exposure that he is in fact a candidate. If he is in truth a candidate, some more substantial grounds than those given by the "World" must be found for him to stand upon.

The history of the efforts of the friends and admirers of Chief Justice Roger Brooks Taney in the same field of endeavor in which the "World" now says Mr. Ryan is active, is commended to the enthusiastic friends of the ambitious Virginian

To Democrats.

Trusts are spending big money to strengthen the leading Republican and independent newspapers for Taft for president. They control the associated press news service. It is high time that the Bryan forces organize for 1908 by spreading Democratic literature. THE KANSAS CITY DAILY POST is the only Democratic daily newspaper of a large city between St. Louis and Denver. It has the Hearst telegraphic news service, the most complete, the best and the fairest in America. Therefore I appeal to Democrats to help this newspaper. By mail, \$2.50 a year; four months, \$1 00. Send name and cash to THE POST, Kansas City, Mo. B. J. SHERIDAN, Editor and Manager

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