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THE FATHER OF THE TRUSTS.

The republican platform declares for a revision of the tariff, and it goes without saying that the democratic platform will do the same.

This might seem to indicate that a radical revision is assured. But all that it really means is that the tariff question is practically eliminated from campaign discussion.

The "friends" of a high protective tariff are afraid of the issue which twice in 24 years has caused them defeat. By promise of "revision" they turn the mind of the public from a system of extortion which is the very backbone of a thousand monopolies.

A tariff levied for protection plunders for private use—yes, worse, for it destroys the levy made for the good of the government. The higher the tariff the less the income, because the less the imports; and this continues until monopoly is without limit and the government without revenue.

We have some 80,000,000 people. The one pursuit of all this multitude is making a living. This can be done in two ways, and no third.

One is by honest labor, the other by theft. The great mass, recognizing this fact, labor honestly, or offer honest labor, for their living. Were the entire population to do this, few would be rich, but all would be comfortable.

A minority, however, prefer theft to labor. Greed added to cunning enables such to steal, and they steal with impunity. It is singular that a man thus constituted is not content with robbing another of his living, but is impelled by his brutal nature to rob many. He will, if he can, seize on and possess himself of the subsistence that belongs to a thousand.

We long have been assured that if the government takes care of the wealthy that class will care for the poor. To use the glib language of the political arena, the capital favored by the tariff will provide work for labor.

God help the men dependent on such a delusion as that! There is nothing more cruel than a million dollars, unless it be several millions. A tariff fed millionaire may drive his automobile from castle to castle with his digestion undisturbed and his dreams undistorted although he knows that his wretched workmen are toiling in privations or idling in hunger to which he would not subject his dogs.

However, there is no good in denouncing the class. It is the system which makes such a class possible that is subject to attack. "Ding down the nest and the rooks will flee away," says a Scotch proverb.

The protective tariff is altogether a commercial affair, and under it more than 200,000 miles of operating railway have passed to the control and virtually the ownership of a few men; the vast steel interests of the land are conducted by a small board; even our circulating medium is the property of some few thousand corporations that contract or expand it to suit their own selfish purposes; trusts multiply, until food, clothing, shelter—in a word, all we live on—are worked through monopoly to make millionaires.

And the foundation of all this stupendous structure to facilitate plunder of the people rests on the robbery encouraged by a tariff for extortion.

"Its 'friends' will really remedy it—when the devil takes a bath in holy water.

COLD WAVE IN ARIZONA

The denizens of Phoenix, Ariz., are to be pitied. In the last 24 hours the thermometer there has just got up to 102, which is frosty

weather for Phoenix this time of the year. El Paso, Tex., can't get above 100, and Red Bluff, the hottest place in California, is shivering along at 92. Spokane registered 78, but this spring has prepared Spokane for anything.

YEASTHOP'S FABLES

(Translated From the Original Choctaw.)
BY F. W. SCHAEFER



THE RAVEN AND THE SWAN.

A raven who was about the tint of the inside of a coal bin on a dark night saw a swan which was white as they make 'em, and that's some whiter than even a bridegroom's shirt front at a classy wedding. Thereupon the raven felt himself incited to get a similar outfit. Supposing that the swan's parlan marbla complexion arose from paddling in the water, the raven here thought he ought to take a bath. Nothing doing. Right here he ought to end, but it can't, because the raven came up smiling. Investing in a bot. of peroxide of hydrogen (29-cent size) he kept his color down to a greenish gray for quite a time, much to his satisfaction.
Change of habit can not alter nature, but the drug store can help some.

THE SECOND BATTLE SAN JUAN HILL

No. 3—A PEEP INTO THE CAMP OF THE ALLIES.



WIRELESS MESSAGE FROM SKYGACK, OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Suspicion well-founded—Went to distant hill—Saw another tribe of earth-beings engaged in various pastimes—One member of tribe had black crowded chin hair—Another played with company of dark members of tribe—Still another, with brown vegetable in mouth, was caressing monster pet—Noticed earth-being hovering over scene in air conveyance.
P. S.—Can hear noises of approach coming from surrounding jungle—Will remain here indefinitely.
SKYGACK

SOLDIER AND FIGHTER CLEAR THROUGH

This Is the Kind of Man the War Department Has Banished From Service.

BY B. H. CANFIELD

Special Correspondence to The Press
WILLCOX, Ariz., June 24.—When I shook Col. Stewart's hand to leave him, I said: "Colonel, I feel like congratulating you upon your courage and fortitude and, as an American citizen, I am ashamed of your condition here which, so far as I can see, represents injustice and tyranny."

The old man shook his head. "There is no reason why I should be congratulated," he said. "I have always tried to do my duty and I am trying to now."

"After all, I see where some good will come out of this unfortunate affair. This will be of great benefit to the army, for it may show how such things are done and perhaps will prevent similar occurrences."

What sort of man is Col. Wm. F. Stewart, who has been banished by the war department to a ruined and abandoned fort in the Arizona desert?

Thousands of persons have asked the question. It is probable that millions will ask it before the Col. Stewart case is a closed incident.

Therefore Col. Stewart's personality and characteristics are interesting. His enemies have pictured him as a bully, a domineering and dictatorial man in authority, who made life so unbearable for his subordinates that it finally was decided he is "unfit to command troops." Others have sketched his portrait as that of a meek, suffering and turn-the-other-cheek individual.

Col. Stewart is neither one nor the other.

The banished officer is about five feet seven inches in height. He weighs under 135 pounds. His eyes are deep-set and piercing. His nose indicates the fighting instinct. His jaw plainly shows tenacity. His hair, mustache and eyebrows are white, his face weather-beaten and deeply lined, but testifying to good health. His slender figure is erect and he walks with a swinging, untiring gait that will take him 30 miles a day over almost any sort of country.

"The department has been talking of a marching test for officers to follow the horsemanship test," said Col. Stewart. "They were figuring on requiring the officers to make two and a quarter miles an hour. Personally, I'd like the test to be three miles an hour. I could make three much easier than two and a quarter."

Even if he wore civilian's clothes it would be easy to deduce the fact that Col. Stewart is a horseman. "One of the things I don't like about this post," said the colonel, "is that I haven't any saddle horse. I could kill a great deal of time if I had a horse to ride. I have a pair of government mules here, but they don't like the saddle."

It is easy to see that Col. Stewart spends much of his time at

the ruined post in keeping himself in good physical condition. Although 59 years of age he is more athletic and agile than most men of half his age. He walks from 10 to 15 miles daily, although in walking about Fort Grant a person is in constant danger from the deadly rattlesnakes that infest the ruins and rocky hillsides. A snakebite would mean a terrible death. The bite of a rattler requires immediate medical treatment. It would take hours to get a doctor to Fort Grant. But the rattler pest doesn't prevent the colonel's walks. In fact, about the only amusement he has is killing snakes.

Col. Stewart's characteristics are neither those of a bully nor a mollycoddle. Pres. Roosevelt said in a letter which was presented to the senate by Sen. Rayner that Stewart is a tyrant. The president's charges were as follows: "Grossly unfit to hold his present rank."

"Usefulness has irrevocably passed."

"A nuisance to the service. Incompetent and temperamentally unfit to exercise command or to behave with propriety when brought in contact with civilians."

"His arrogant narrowness, suspicion of those about him, frequent if not habitual tyrannies, apparent malice and vindictiveness, are faults which cannot be ignored."

Pres. Roosevelt has seen Col. Stewart but once and then it was only a formal meeting. Yet the

president seems to have made up his mind as to the colonel's characteristics and temperament, and, as a result, has banished him to a pile of snake-infested ruins in the desert.

I talked with Col. Stewart five hours, and during that time probably learned a few more things about his personality than even Pres. Roosevelt could have learned in five minutes of formal conversation.

(To be continued)

For the Tiny Girl

A useful little dress for a tiny girl is made of navy blue lawn and is cut body and sleeve caps in one



piece. A handsome embroidery is set into the skirt and forms the square neck. A pretty frock for an older girl is of white linen, with large dots embroidered in pale blue. The hat is a white chip, with large bows of pale blue ribbon.

TWO VACATIONS ORDERED

The council last night passed ordinances vacating a portion of Cora av. in J. M. Morgan's addition, and the alley, block 15 in Dennis & Bradley's addition.

Among Those Present



Yes, Mildred, that lady with the three crying babies in the front row at your commencement was Aretusa Minerva Hicks, class of '98, who won the intercollegiate oratorical prize with her powerful essay, "Women's Sphere Is Not the Hearth; Higher Heights Are Hers to Win."

THE WONDER

A Most Magnificent Stock of Garments for the Little People—Dresses, Coats and Undergarments at Lowest Prices in Spokane

The Wonder Children's department is in good shape to take care of the wants of the girls. Our assortments of dresses is a great one and all styles in white and colors are plentifully represented here. Under garments of all kinds are in stock for the little babies to the biggest girls, and the needed Summer Coats are being shown in great abundance. Come and see these goods. They are displayed in the Children's department on the Second Floor.



Children's White Dresses—In several pretty styles, made from fine India linons, lawns and batistes and trimmed with laces and embroideries. A special lot of dresses are made in sizes to fit 8 to 14 years; slightly musled and soiled from handling; regular values from \$3.00 to \$10.00; all on sale at half price.

Children's Jumper Dresses—In both white and colors; extra smart in appearance, and made from good materials. The white ones are made from lawns and batistes and the colored ones from chambrays, gingham and madras; many of them are becomingly trimmed with lace and embroidery and quite a few of them have lace or embroidery sleeves and yokes; sizes from 4 to 16 years. Prices from \$2.00 to \$15.00.

Vacation Gingham Dresses—Fine garments for the girls to wear during vacation time; they save the better dresses and always are cool and pleasant looking. We have them in pink, blue, green, tan, red and brown in plain colors and in stripes and checks and in every size to fit the girls. Prices from 75c.

Children's Summer Coats—Made of plique and Bedford cord, in pure white, smartly gotten up and trimmed with fine Swiss embroidery and heavy lace. These are in sizes to fit the little tots and at our prices are decided bargains. Let us show these goods to you; they are new and attractive. Prices range from \$3.00.

Infants' Wearables—Gowns, slips, shirts, petticoats, booties, Ruebens vests, stockings, baskets, and all the other little things wanted in the children's wardrobe can be bought at the Wonder for less prices than elsewhere.

A One Day Rug Special

A splendid bargain offered for one day in the carpet and drapery department. This is too good a special to last very long; in fact we expect that the whole assortment may run out before the day is over.

BRUSSELS RUGS—Full 9x12 size, just 18 of them, all standard make and in choice colors and designs. Some of them seamed, others seamless and not one worth less than \$22.50 and \$25.00. We will sell the lot at, each..... **\$17.35**

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HAMMOCKS—Fifty in the assortment; good weight, strongly made, neat designs and colors with head rests and spreaders; complete with hooks; bargain at, each..... **\$1.10**

Time to Buy Wash Goods for the Fourth of July Dress

and the Wonder is the place to buy them. We offer the best values that can be picked up in the Northwest. In almost every case our prices are from 10 to 35 per cent less than you pay for the same goods in other stores. Come in and be convinced.

DRESS LAWNS AT 7c—This is the same cloth that others sell at 10c and some even at 12½c. We show it in 50 different designs, every one good and pretty; the fabric will wash well and is very desirable for children's dresses.

DRESS BATISTE AT 14c—This is the same material as other stores sell all the time at 20c. We are satisfied with a small profit in order to get the goods out early in the season, rather than keep them and sell at half price when the season has gone past. In this lot there are 23 designs and colors to choose from.

SILK TISSUES AT 50c—One of the prettiest, at any rate one of the finest cloths of the season, looks like figured silk; wears better, is double the width and half the price. Some extra pretty ones come in white grounds with delicate floral designs of pink, green, blue and lavender.

French Gingham—All pretty. These make very serviceable dresses; they wear better than any other wash fabric and they look so pretty and they wash so well that after every washing they look just like a new dress. Less priced at the Wonder at, a yard..... **35c**

MIDSUMMER FESTIVAL

The Spokane branch of the Swedish National league is holding

a picnic this afternoon at Manito park. It is the first observance of the old country midsummer festival that has been observed by the Swedish people here. The day was passed with music, speeches and sports.

Rev. Dr. Stanley B. Roberts, Minneapolis.

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