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WEDNESDAY, DEC. 14, 1904

AN UTTER FARCE

The performance of Congressman Tawney with reference to the importation of wood pulp is enough to make the gorge rise. It is a sample of the attitude of your stanch protectionist.

We are told that "Representative Tawney is after the print paper trust." Is he indeed? There is a very easy way to handle the print paper trust, and to put it out of existence forthwith.

The print paper trust is the most completely organized and the boldest in its operations in the whole United States. It owns all the paper mills, most of the sources of supply from which wood suitable for making pulp can be drawn, regulates all the markets and makes its own prices.

This trust could not live for a moment without the tariff. Across the line in Canada there are wooded areas so large in volume that they are still beyond the trust's control. It would pulp could be obtained from that quarter, capital to build mills outside the trust would be ready and a free paper supply could be obtained.

Observe how carefully Republican legislation has provided that this trust be not interfered with. The tariff is its main bulwark; but in addition to that, lest somebody out on the Pacific coast should do business outside the trust, that wood pulp must not be shipped from Alaska.

ington and Oregon and possibly California. It would help no others. Wood pulp is a bulky commodity and so its print paper. Were a supply of wood pulp to be obtained from Alaska sufficient to make all the print paper used in the United States, it would not become available. The freight charge for carrying either the raw material or the finished product from 2,000 to 3,000 miles would add so much to the price that the trust's schedule would not be interfered with.

The big stick theory appears to have made a hit with the zemstvos.

CUT IT SHORT

There should be no more paltering with the street railway company. Unless it has a definite proposition to offer including material concessions to the city at the next meeting with the council committee, the conference should be adjourned sine die.

The city has done all and more than all that could be required of it. It has but one interest in the matter; which is to carry out the litigation already begun, and to insist that the provisions of the city charter be complied with.

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The Letter family has annexed another lord without adding a glimmer of luster to the name that Joe made famous.

THE CLARK LIBRARY LEGACY

Judge Greenleaf Clark's bequest of twenty-five thousand dollars to the St. Paul public library will make a new public library building for the city a less remote possibility. The size of the legacy reveals the interest of a public spirited man as well as a scholar in the growth of this civic institution, and also indicates his conviction that some such impetus as he has given was necessary to promote its growth.

The present library quarters will do very well for a few years yet, and the fact that a makeshift will not have to be provided but that when a building is erected to house the books it will be because the city is prepared to erect one, encourages the belief that some day St. Paul may boast of a very fine public library building. Heretofore the public spirited have shown themselves somewhat inclined to pass the library by. It has received much appreciated donations of books, pamphlets, pictures and sculpture, but no large gift of money. But now that the example has been set it may fare better in the future.

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Contemporary Comment

Republican Press on the South. But while some of the Northern papers are outspoken in their hostility, it is satisfying to know that many others, and standing Republican papers at that, are holding out the olive branch, and are strongly opposing all the appeals of sectional or partisan prejudice. They believe that an era of good feeling is opening on the country, and that nothing will be more certain to defeat the efforts to restore peace and to destroy our proud prosperity than an internecine quarrel among ourselves.

Time for the South to Name a Man. There is likewise a movement in the South to select a Southern man for presidential candidate four years hence, and as there is sense in this proposition, it is adopted, though the chances are that it will not be. It is certainly time for the South to claim recognition in national conventions for some of its sons. It furnishes all the strength and not for the purpose of building a political machine—Wilkes County Gazette.

Rockefeller would gladly give a million dollars to the ragged negro roustabout who would take a barrel of pork by the chimes and chucks it into the hold of a steamboat, if the negro could transfer to Rockefeller his physical strength and his indomitable will. No doubt, says Mark Twain, more money than he has earned in all his life, if Mark could place in Morgan's hand that odd vagary of intellectual strength which he has inherited from his "Jumping Frog"—Sask Centre Herald.

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Among the Merry-makers

The Question of the Hour. "John," said the wife in a firm tone. "What is it, my dear?" responded the husband. "You've been supporting Mr. Shifflins for congress for the past two months, haven't you?"

Good Thing It's the Short Session. Speaker Cannon being ambitious to keep down congressional expenses, a substitution of the tortuous stogie for the straight razor was adopted shortly after the holiday recess.—Milwaukee Sentinel.

Would Explain All. Dr. Swallow has some crumbs of comfort. Though defeated at the polls, he reads that there has been a great drought in Kentucky and that prohibition is rapidly gaining in Texas.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Especially a Few Corporations. Chairman Cortelyou is still resting from the "Jewel Song" and he says he is going to continue to rest for a couple of months more. In the meantime he will keep us all guessing.—Boston Herald.

Had Heard of It. Young Professor (who has taken her down to dinner) by the way, Miss Gaswell has your even the nebula of Andromeda?

A Hard Case. "Heavens!" gasped the object ball, with a strawberry blush. "Can't you kiss without making a noise like a pistol shot?"

It's Her. She sent for an eminent dr. To tell her what malady she had. He gave her a pill. A thousand is just what she needs.—New York Sun.

Specially Honored. "Do you mean to tell me that when Monteburn's daughter started away on her wedding trip she threw lumps of coal at the carriage?"

The Celestial Clippers. "Mamma, do barbers go to heaven?" "They are good, dear; but why do you ask?"

One Sign. Mrs. Skip—P. Pusher is trying to make people believe she is a society woman.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE. The Ordinary Closet a Breeding Place for Tuberculosis Germs. To the Editor of The Globe: I have just read your esteemed paper I read with great interest an account of a discussion taking place in the Episcopal church of St. Paul, Minn., on the white plague and its prevention.

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What the Editors Say

Democrats in Minnesota, are much in the position of a woman whose husband was engaged in a bear fight, who exclaimed, "Go it husband, go it bear," regarding the senatorial contest. They are disinterested spectators in a fight in which they cut no figure. Still, when it comes to turning out a good man, one who has shown himself a worthy successor to the lamented Dearth, they are not to be faulted for their refusal to believe that it is either good politics or good business. Especially is this true if his successor is to be one who has the only qualification that power with the impetuous legislator. We refuse to believe that in resurrecting that human leech, the late Congressman Gilfillan, our Minneapolis friends are acting honestly. Wait until the time is ripe for knowing ones, say, and Lowry will be in it. We shall see.—Le Sueur Sentinel.

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Manager Scott, of the Metropolitan, has engaged the Metropolitan for the next week, beginning with a matinee Sunday afternoon at 2:30. The headliner of this is the popular operatic star, Jessie Bartlett Davis, who, it is asserted, is in much better voice than during the "Erminie" engagement last season. Horsemanship has often been the fad with the young women, but few of them have carried it to the extent pursued by the Metropolitan, whose trained horses will be a feature of the show. She has trained two of her big equine pets to box a six-round "go" J. J. Murphy's definition of a ravine, as given during his sketch with Eloise Murphy, is said to be funny enough to cause convulsions among the most staid theatergoers. Mr. Elmer Agout, appearing with Charles H. Weston in a pantomimic comedy called "An Interrupted Supper," is of the famous family of Agoutis, European jugglers who created a sensation during their initial American tour.

The first matinee of Charles E. Blaine's play, "The Curse of Drives," will occur at the Grand today at 2:30. The story of the play revolves around the downfall and reformation of Bill Sanford, a railroad engineer. The play is of the wholesome, humorous type, appealing to all classes of theatersgoers, and while it teaches a strong moral lesson, the end is accomplished in a manner pleasing to all. P. A. Anderson, as the drunkard, is an actor of fine quality.

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DRY WHEAT FLOUR MAY BE ALLOWED

But the Problem Secretary Shaw Must Solve Is a Complicated One

Globe Special Washington Service. 1417 G Street. WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—Secretary Shaw's scheme for the allowance of a drawback on flour ground from Canadian wheat promises to revolutionize an important branch of the milling industry in the Northwest. The only question is one of feasibility. The legal objections, if any, can probably be overcome without further legislation by congress.

These mills which are bonded are, and have been for some time, allowed to bring in Canadian wheat without payment of duty and export all the products of that wheat. The whole process has been carried on under bonded supervision, and in the course of the evolution of milling methods and of the local and foreign trade, the system has become cumbersome, generally intolerable. The millers complain that it is impossible to continue under the present usage, and it is declared that some of the mills will be obliged to shut down unless something is done to relieve the situation.

Bonded mills operate under a specific provision of the law. It is proposed now to give the millers the option of bringing in the needed Canadian wheat for blending with American wheat—without payment of duty, or of paying the duty of 25 cents per bushel on the flour, and then exporting the flour and receiving a rebate of the duty paid. Necessarily the question is a complicated one, for the processes of milling wheat and the character of the wheat varies in many cases. Under the present system it is necessary for the miller to export all products of the foreign wheat imported in bond—not only the flour, but the middlings, bran and shorts. Secretary Shaw hopes to arrange it so that, by the allowance of a drawback, only the white wheat produced from the Canadian-grown wheat need be exported. A part of the same arrangement would be, of course, that the bran, shorts and middlings could be sold in the home market, and that the payment of duty only on that portion of the imported wheat which contributes to the production of articles other than flour. In brief, the difficulties to be overcome are, chiefly, two in number:

1. To insure the rebate of duties paid on just so much wheat as goes to make up the actual flour produced from that wheat.

2. To protect the government, by reserving so much of the duties as is payable on that portion of the wheat which goes into the middlings and bran sold in the home market, or, at least, not exported. Special Agent Kemp, who was detailed by the treasury department to investigate the matter, has reported to the department, and Mr. Shaw expects to make an announcement in the near future on this question. It is believed that the character of imported wheat varies so greatly, that an elastic plan will have to be devised by which each case may be treated on its own merits.—Walter E. Clark.

Dies at 104. SPRINGFIELD, Dec. 13.—Mrs. Bessie Bernhart is dead at her home in this city, aged 104. She was born in Warsaw, Poland, and lived in this country twenty-seven years.

News Condensed

Paris—The American embassy is making urgent representations to the foreign office in behalf of American insurance companies and against the features of the insurance revision law passed by the chamber of deputies and about to pass the senate. It requires the companies to hold bonds for the amount of the premium to their outstanding insurance. Heretofore the law has permitted the holding of American or other foreign securities.

London—The Gazette contains dispatches from Gen. MacDonald, military chief of the Youngbush mission, describing the operations in Tibet. There were 200 British casualties, including twenty-three officers, of whom 111 were killed and 89 were wounded.

Washington—Dr. R. S. Woodward, dean of the faculty of Johns Hopkins University, New York, has been elected president of the Carnegie Institution for the year 1905. He succeeds Dr. D. C. Gilman, former president of Johns Hopkins university. The latter resigned because of old age.

San Francisco—Gen. Miles, as chief of the staff of the government, will review the centennial of the American university, action was taken looking to the immediate enlargement of the university work. Dr. David H. Carroll was elected president of the body.

Washington—Gen. Oliver, acting secretary of war, has written the secretary of the house recommending that the act making the first Monday of September Labor day, as proposed by the committee, be passed by the house that per diem employees receive payment for that day.

Washington, D. C.—At the semi-annual meeting of the trustees of the Methodist American university, action was taken looking to the immediate enlargement of the university work. Dr. David H. Carroll was elected president of the body.

Chicago—Because of an alleged broken contract concerning a deal in mining stocks, John V. Lemoine, of Baltimore, has brought suit against Walter T. Kenan, of Milwaukee, for \$50,000.

London—A majority of the Rhodes scholars at Oxford will spend the Christmas holidays on the continent. They say they find college life at Oxford too different from that in America.

Washington—Negotiations are pending looking to the reconvening of a discredited Canadian reciprocity of the joint high commission representing the United States and Great Britain.

London—Mail advices from Sofia state that Bulgarian bands are crossing the Macedonian frontier in large numbers and that others are forming. Boris Sarafoff is directing the movement.