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The more the Payne tariff bill is discussed the worse it becomes.

The boy who neglects his education will have a sad memory to follow him in the days of his discretion.

Democrats and Republicans alike will unite in wishing Mr. Roosevelt bon voyage and a safe return to his countrymen from the wilds of Africa.

Little Billy Whitla's abduction cost his papa \$260, the amount of the \$10,000 ransom not recovered, but he has been the most-talked-of boy in the country for a week or more.

Judge Wall at Tampa, in a suit brought by the board of county commissioners to determine whether the board or the sheriff has the right to appoint the county jailor, ruled that the selection rests entirely with the sheriff.

With automobiles largely supplanting the horse in the White House stables, it is hardly to be supposed that the famous "riding tests" instituted by Mr. Roosevelt will continue to be the bete noire of the army officer of ample proportions.

The Sun's Washington correspondent says a petition has been sent to Congress from eighty-six lumber firms in Alabama and Florida protesting against the reduction of the duty on lumber, and urging Senators and Representatives from these States to vote against any reduction in the duty on lumber and its products.

Should there be no appeal taken from the verdict rendered in the case of Owen, the man convicted of murder in the first degree Friday, his execution will be the first of a legal nature to occur in Alachua county in many years, and the first white man ever hanged here by lawful process. The first legal hanging in Gainesville took place in 1875 when Jim Monroe was executed for murder, and the last to occur here was that of Richard James convicted of wife-murder on Dec. 22, 1897. He was hanged during the early part of 1898. Two other negroes were hanged between the dates mentioned, John Lee and John Hardy.

The President has the right to maintain forty cadets at the Military Academy at West Point, and twenty at the Naval Academy at Annapolis, filling the vacancies as they occur by reason of graduation or discharge for deficiency. It has been the practice to confine these appointments almost entirely to the sons of army and navy officers, with the result that much influence is brought to bear on the White House to obtain the few coveted appointments each year. Mr. Taft has under consideration plans for making these appointments after competitive tests, as he believes it would be more fair to the large number of candidates whose applications are on file if the selections were determined by examination, limited to the class hitherto recognized. This plan would be an excellent one as it would not only relieve the President of the great pressure that is always brought to bear for these appointments, but would also remove, in a measure, the discontent of these who are necessarily left out.

## PENSACOLA QUILTS.

Several weeks ago the sheriff of Escambia county announced that he proposed to enforce every law upon the statute books with reference to the observance of Sunday.

This meant that he would not only put a stop to all forms of petty traffic on that day, but that he would put an end to the running of trains, the loading of ships, the manufacturing of ice, the operating of street car lines, and other industries which under modern conditions have come to be looked upon as necessities on every day of the week.

But Pensacola has seen the futility of trying to enforce antiquated and obsolete blue laws, and has quit.

The city, the sheriff and the people have seen the uselessness of trying to put an end to modern conditions and turning back the hands on the clock of time.

The reaction has come, as come it must, and Pensacola, according to advices sent out by the wire, is as wide open as ever it was.

The thirsty Pensacolan can get his soda water on Sunday. He may even purchase a cigar on that day, or buy a newspaper.

Pleasure boats with happy excursionists once more ply the waters of the bay, and on last Sunday, so it is said, there were two cracking good games of baseball played on the home grounds.

It was ever thus when the pendulum swings the other way.—Miami News-Record.

## CURRENT COMMENT.

The Chattanooga Times says: "The legislators are still wrestling with the problem: What to do with pistofuting. Just for an experiment, suppose we try removing discretion from judges to the jail sentence. If a law is intended to be enforced it ought to be enforced. Embody all exemptions and exceptions in the law itself and make it just as much a crime to sell as it is to buy, and there are chances that the evil will be minimized. As it is, the penalty doesn't fit the crime at all. The present method of dealing with the question is a failure."

The Washington Post says: "As for the inheritance tax, already protests are coming in from the legislatures, declaring that this source of revenue belongs to the States. The protests are likely to become loud and powerful if this plan of increasing the Government's income should be widely discussed in Congress. President Taft has blocked out clearly the task that confronts Congress. Now let the Republican majority, which is the responsible party, go ahead and adjust the revenue to the expenditures, bearing in mind the fact that every day of unnecessary debate is itself a heavy tax upon the people."

The Louisville Courier-Journal says: "Mr. Cannon's Democratic allies in the House get their rewards promptly. Their defection is only another illustration of the fact that the Democrats are usually divided enough on any policy to insure them only defeat. They get a little in this instance, with the help of rebellious Republicans, when they might have got all they desired. But let them reform their lines and charge again, at the proper time. Just now they can do the country no better service than to expedite the disposition of the tariff bill, with any Democratic features they may be able to engraft upon it."

The Hartford Times says: "A remarkable modification of the system of direct nomination has been attempted by the Montana Legislature, which has passed a law forbidding the nominations of candidates for the State judicial offices by political parties and requiring that only those candidates shall be voted for who have been nominated by a certificate signed by a percentage of the voters, each of whom must also record his place of residence and his business occupation. The aim is, of course, to divorce the judiciary entirely from politics. It will be interesting to watch this new experiment in Governmental methods, in which our Western commonwealths are so fruitful."

The Columbia (S. C.) State says: "Mr. Dickinson is not a Democrat of course. Neither, so he says, is he a Republican. What then is the answer? The Augusta Chronicle suggests the one word: 'politician.' But we shall be more polite with Mr. Dickinson. We shall say that he is an Independent, or Mugwump. He doesn't vote with the Democrats regularly,

and doesn't vote with the Republicans at all, so he says. So the only thing Mr. Dickinson may be charged with is Mugwumpery. He has lost his bearings; he doesn't know where he is in politics, and so he must be pardoned for his inclination to sit on the fence. So much for the political status of the new Secretary of War."

The Philadelphia Record says: "Sugar planters in Cuba insist that the prosperity of the island is in a large measure dependent upon the prosperity of the sugar trade. The sugar trade in turn will be profitable or unprofitable as the market for raw sugar in the United States is made accessible or out of reach by reason of reciprocal or antagonistic tariff rates. When the planters can sell their sugar at advantage they furnish work for the otherwise unemployed. When there is no work the distress brings on turbulence, reprisal and revolutionary enterprises. More revolution would make necessary further American intervention. The planters argue it would be financially more advantageous for the people of the United States to let the Cubans supply them with cheap sugar than to maintain in the island an army of occupation to keep peace and preserve order."

The names of qualified electors of the city of Gainesville appear elsewhere in this issue of The Sun. The list is not as lengthy as last year, many neglecting to pay their poll tax, but it may be that in its preparation the names of some who have qualified were omitted, hence it would be advisable to read the list carefully. If you hold a poll tax receipt for 1908 and your name does not appear, Clerk J. Maxey Dell will rectify the error.

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