

Prominent Editor and Politician Arrested on Charge of Embezzlement.

THE CASE APPEARS TO BE SERIOUS

Uncle Sam's Official at Seward Shy Trifle Over Three Thousand Dollars-One of His Bondsmen Drops Dead When Informed of the Condition of Affairs in the Postoffice.

LINCOLN, Feb. 19 .-- Frank G. Simmons, for many years a prominent newspaper editor and politician and for the last two years postmaster at Seward, was placed under arrest on the charge of embezzlement of government funds. A complaint, charging him with converting to his own use funds of the United States to the amount of \$3,062.38, was filed this morning with United States Commissioner Dillingsley and a warrant for his arrest was at once issued. This warrant was placed in the hands of Deputy United States Marshal Moore, who brought Simmons to this city at 1 o'clock this afternoon. Simmons was appointed postmaster at Seward in February, 1898. Previous to that time he had for years been the editor of the Seward Reporter. It is learned here that Simmons had been in financial trouble for some time and not long ago he came to Lincoln for the purpose of squaring up some old matters. Postoffice Inspectors Sinclair and Swift have been at work on the case for several weeks and Wednesday Inspector Sinclair went to Seward and instituted a thorough investigation of Simmons' books. The investigation showed that a large shortage existed, both in the money order and in the postal fund, the latter represeanting the sales of stamps and the rentals of boxes. Sinclair at once confronted the postmaster and demanded a explanation, but Simmons could give none. He admitted that he had used the money, but asserted that he could make good the shortage if a little time were granted. He said he had used the money to pay off personal debts.

The inspector laid the matter before the bondsmen of the postmaster and asked them to name some man whom they desired to take temporary charge of the office. David H. Figard was appointed to take charge of the office, but he died from a sudden stroke of heart failure immediately after he left his home and John Woods, one of the bondsmen was selected in his place.

The shortage of Postmaster Simmons covers a considerable period. In the money order department it amounts to \$2,460.97, and in the postal fund to \$601.41.

# INQUEST OVER HOWE'S BODY.

Despondency Causes a Telegraph Operator to Take His Life.

LINCOLN, Neb., Feb. 17 .- An inquest was held here over the remains of Anderson C. Howe the young telegraph operator who committed suicide in the office of the Western Union in this city. Not a cent of money was found on his person and it is supposed that his act was induced by the despondency resulting from the loss of his situation in Topeka and the barren prospect of securing another in the

near future.

J. H. Lee an operator in the office of a local bucket shop, worked for several years with young Howe in Topeka, Kan. He said the young man was considered a steady, reliable fellow and one of the best men in the employ of the company. Some eighteen months ago he was induced to resign his position and "hobo" to New York city. He soon tired of this life and returned within a year and was given his old position. Two weeks ago the company found it necessary to reduce its operating force in Topeka and as Hawe was the last man employed he was the unfortunate one to be dropped from the pay roll.

From Topeka he went to Kansas City, sold his typewriter, checked his baggage through to New York and prepared to follow it immediately. In some manner as yet unexplained he lost all his money. He took a train and came to Lincoln. He applied for a position at the local office of the Western Union, presenting the highest recommendations, but his assistance was not needed. He found his former friend, Lee, who took him to breakfast. He met other friends in the city during the day, but to none of them did he confide his straitened financial condition. He even intimated that he had money, expressing his intention of going to Omaha in search of employment.

Farmer's Institute at Friend. FARERMS' institute at Friend .qd,...

FRIEND, Neb., Feb. 16 .- A very interesting series of farmers' institutes closed at this place, during which Professor Hunter delivered an address on 'Insect Pests;" E. Whitcomb on "Fould Brood and Its Treatment;" P. J. Gessard on "The Brood Sow-How to Select and Care for Her Brood;" Rev. L. P. Luden on "Poultry;" Dr. J. V. Beghtol on "Raising the Boy;" E. F. Stephens of Crete on "Horticulture;" Mrs. C .A. Blanchard on "Poultry on the Farm:" J. H. Rushton on "Dairying", and C. A. Whitford on "How to Make the Farm Pay." Mrs. J. D. Pope, Miss Sams, Miss Farrenburg and the young ladies' and young gents' quar-



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SOME REPORTS ON THE SUBJECT

THIS STATE

Old Lines Will Make Extensions and Eastern Capitalists Are Being Interested in Plans for a Number of New Roads-The Nebraska and Gulf Line.

ATKINSON, Neb., Feb. 15-If the present appearances are to be regarded as any indications, it is probable that the first year of the twentieth century will be a record-breaker in the matter of railroad building in the west, particularly in northwestern Nebraska. In the first place, the indications point to the Fremont, Elkhorn & Missouri Valley railroad carying through its long-promised extension from Casper. In fact is seems that it will be forced to do so to protect what it regards as its legitimate territory from the encroachments of the Burlington & Missouri River Road, which is rumored to be preparing to build from Gering, in Scotts Bluffs county, west to connect with the Cheyenne & Northern, of which it is said to have secured the control. This will take the Burlington & Missouri into the territory of the Fremont, Elkhorn & Missouri Valley road at Orion Junction, with facilities for further encroachments upon its territory. Another matter of interest to this section of the country is the present activity of the representatives of J. J. Hill, the present owner of the Sioux City & O'Neill Short Line and the prospects of a speedy extension of that road to Alliance, Neb. It is thought there is an understanding between the managements of the Great Northern and the Burlington & Missouri roads in this matter and that this stretch of road is being constructed in the interest of each of those lines. It will be a very marked advantage to both roads and an immense benefit to this section of Nebraska.

A third enterprise that is attracting some attention is the Nebraska & Gulf, organized by Judge Cessne, Charles Dietrich, W. H. Lanning and other capitalists of Hastings, Neb. There is considerable interest being felt in this line from the fact that it will shorten the distance to the seaboard by several hundred miles and render the cost of transportation to New York about half what it is now. The Nebraska & Gulf people now have a corns of men in Boyd county seeking an available route and trying to get options for a right of way. They are presumably seeking to reach the large cattle ranges in the White river country. But it is not at all probable that this part of their road will ever be built, for the reason that it is said by engineers familiar with the country to be an impracticable route because of the conditions which obtain in that section. In the first place the condition of the banks of the Niobrara river are such that it can be bridged at but two places. The only points where the conditions are favorable to bridging are at the Whiting bridge, north of O'Neill, and at the point, where the Atkinson & Northern crosses the Niobara. It is understood that this branch of the Nebraska & Gulf road has not got beyond the paper stage, and the probabilities are that it never will.

## TAYLOR TAKES INITIATIVE.

## fraugurates Logal Measures Against

Suit was filed in the circuit court at Louisville, Ky., by counsel for Governor Taylor seeking to restrain J. C. W. Beckham from acting as governor and General John B. Castleman from attempting to discharge the duties of adjutant general. Summons were served on the defendants.

The suit will be allotted to one of the circuit judges by a drawing. This drawing may not be held for several days. The sult is brought by Governor Taylor for himself individually and as governor of Kentucky.

At Frankfort, Ky., when informed that Judge Taft had refused jurisdiction, Governor Taylor made the following signed statement:

"The decision of Judge Taft, holding that his court has no jurisdiction in the case of the minor state officials, does not affect the merits of the case. He does not determine that the petitioners had no merits in their cases. but only that his court could not take jurisdiction and right the wrong. If he had held that he had jurisdiction it would have all been over, for the outrages were so glaring that the republicans would have won hands down. The decision doer not in the least affect my case '

The suit of Beckham against Taylor for the possession of the office of governor was filed in the circuit court at Frankfort. Up to a late hour the sheriff had not succeeded in serving notice on Governor Taylor and the chances of his doing so did not seem bright, as all visitors to the office of the governor, or to the gubernatorial mansion, were compelled to run a gauntlet of guards who were on the lookout for gentlemen with suspicious papers. The petition in the suit holds that W. S. Taylor is not the governor of the state and that with an armed force he holds possession of the executive building. It alleges that he is drawing money without authority of law from the state treasury, pardoning convicts and doing other things that are detrimental to the welfare of the state.

# **POSTAL SERVICE ON THE INCREASE**

#### Plan to Have as Few American Clerks as Possible.

The director general of posts of the Philippine islands has transmitted to the Postoffice department a copy of a letter written by him to General Otis, in which is outlined a plan for the extension of the postal service in the islands. His plan contemplates that | sisted of himself, Governor Hauser, Mr. the army shall take charge of the ser- Davidson, Walter Cooper, State Sen-

## WITH HIS OWN MONEY.

The Clark Case Being Considered by the Committee on Elections.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14 .- When the senate committe: on elections resumed its consideration of the Clark case today J. S. McNeil of rielena, who was on the stand when the committee adjourned yesterday, was recalled. He was questioned closely by ex-Senator Edmunds concerning the impression letter boon from which he cut the copy of his letter to T. J. Johns of Lewiston. Mr. Neil said that he had cut the letter out of the book on Saturday last and Monday had expressed it to Helena. Mr. Edmunds commented on the fact that the book had been sent tack on the very day that Mr. Nell was to go on the stand as significant. Mr. Nell said he would interecpt the book and bring it back, but that he would not agree that the entire book should undergo inspection.

The witness was cross-examined by Mr. Campbell.

"Did you do any work for Mr. Clark during the last senatorial campaign in Montana?"

"I did all I could in my newspaper and otherwise in a legitimate way."

"Did you spend any money in either the legislative campaign of the senatorial contest before the legislature?"

"Yes, but it was my own." "Did you spend any except your own?"

"I did not."

"Didn't you leave some money in Fergus county?"

"I did leave some money there for Dave Hillger and Mr. Williams, but it was given me by A. J. Davidson and I was little more than a messenger in the transaction "

"Changing the form of the question, how much money did you handle in the senatorial contest that was not vour own?"

"I did not handle any money during the senatorial fight except such as one would naturally spend-not to exceed in the aggregate, \$1,000."

"Did you spend no money except in Fergus county?"

"I cannot say precisely as to that. Those were exciting times, 1 was in the thick of the fray and preasy busy." Mr. Neil spoke of the various places used as headquarters during the senatorial contest, but he said he had not been at the quarters at the Helena hotel often, as Mr. Wellcome was there and he and Wellcome were not on good terms. Nevertheless he had taken Mr. Whiteside there and introduced him to Wellcome.,

The witness said he had seen Senator Clark frequently during the campaign and that at 4 o'clock on the day of the Whiteside exposure he had met several of Mr. Clark's friends at the latter's rooms. This delegation convice of points where it is impracticable | ator Hoffman and several others whose

## HIGH PRICE OF PAPER.

TARIFF TAX ON WOOD PULP A COSTLY ONE.

May Compel Subscribers to Pay More for Their Country Newspaper - The Cry for Its Instant Repeat Is Very Loud-Paper Trust Robbery.

There are very conclusive reasons why the present tariff tax on wood pulp and printing paper should be repealed, and there is no reason in the interest of American industry that pleads for the continuance of these taxes. They are now simply an element of robbery under color of law. and they should be effaced from our statutes.

The paper trust is now taxing the newspaper and book publishers of the country many millions, not because of any such actual increase in the cost of producing paper, but because the trust has the power to extort from the purchasers of paper up to the extent that would make tariff-taxed foreign paper and pulp cheaper than the prices demanded here. This trust has played its scheme of extortion to the uttermost. and congress should at once remove the tax that protects no American industry and that has become only an agent to rob the consumers.

Two-thirds of the wood pulp used in the manufacture of paper for American consumption should come from Canada, but it is excluded by a tariff tax, and we are now rushing headlong in the destruction of our forests, while Canada, with its almost limitless supply of timber, cannot reach our markets because of the tax imposed by the tariff.

The two conclusive reasons which should make congress act promptly are -first, that the paper trust should be at once halted in its rapid destruction of our American forests by the admission of free wood pulp from Canada; and, second, that the present extortion practiced by the paper trust upon publishers of newspapers and books shall cease to have the protection of the government.

The time has come when any trust that makes arbitrary profits by tariff duties must cease to be protected by the government. Where American industry needs protection it is reasonable to permit it, but where alleged protection is used only for systematic robbery, it must be overthrown.

We can now manufacture paper as cheaply as any country in the world. There is no excuse whatever for a tax

# Beckham and Cast'e nan.

#### No Chancellor Yet.

LINCOLN, Feb. 19 .- The University Board of Regents adjourned to meet next April and there is every indication that a permanent chancellor will be chosen at that time to succeed Acting Chancellor Bessey, who desires to retire from the executive office of the institution and return to his former position at the head of the department of botany. It was the intention of the regents to make a selection at the meeting which adjourned but owing to the absence of two members of the board the mater was deferred until the next meeting. In his report to the board, Dr. Bessey requested the regents to appoint his successor as soon as possible, and there appears to be no disposition on the part of the board to delay action any longer than is absolutely necessary.

#### Wants Out of the Army.

LINCOLN, Neb., Feb. 19.-Governor Poynter has been asked to make an attempt to secure the discharge of Eenjamin Gomme of Eddyville, now serving with the British army in the Trans vaal. Gomme is said to be a naturaiized citizen of the United States. Those who are asking for his release assert that he was seized while in England and forced into the British military service. Not having his naturalization papers with him at the time, he could not prove that he was a citizen of the United States. This story is not belleved at the state house, for the reason that here is no such thing as compulsory enlistment in England. Governor Poynter will refer the request to Congressman Neville, who will be asked to lay the case before the proper authorities in Washington.

#### Swindling Formers.

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., Feb. 19.-Au agent for the Pierce Co-Operative Medical dispensary of Chicago, Ill., recently visited the farmers in this county and succeeded in persuading some of them to sign a paper which proved to be a note. Otto Jahn, living near Elmwood, was one of his victims. His note was sold to R. Adel McCurdy, who, through his attorney, J. L. Root, brought suit before Judge Archer to collect the note of \$150. Attorneys H. D. Travis of this city and William Deles Dernier of Elmwood appeared for the defendant. After being out a few minutes the jury brought in a verdict for Jahn.

#### Soldier's Remains.

NELSON, Neb., Feb. 19 .- The remains of Sergeant Charley Mellick of company H, First Nebraska, who was killed in battle at Manila. April 23, reached here last week. The body will lie in state until that of Otto Kustenborder, which is now on the way, arrives, when a double funeral will be held.

ets furnished excellent music for all the sessions.

#### Granted a Change of Venue.

KEARNEY, Neb., Feb. 17.-Judge Homer Sullivan refused the application for a continuance, but granted a change of venue for Frank L. Dinsmore, the alleged murderer of Mr.s. Dinsmore and Fred Laue, from Buffalo to Dawson county on the ground that the prejudice against him in this county is of such a nature that he could not get a fair trial. Court convenes in Dawson county March 5.

#### Preparing for Toursament.

YORK, Neb., Feb. 17.-At a meeting of the York fire department J. W. Moist, J. V. Hyder, C. N. Carpenter, Charles Rosenlof, L. R. Carey and W. D. Fisher were elected a committee to make arrangements for a state firemen's tournament to be held in York in July. The mayor of York has called a citizens' meeting for Friday night to assist in the work of the committee.

#### Saw Cuts Off Arm.

PAWNEE CITY, Neb., Feb. 16 .-Wesley Walker, engineer in the city feed and sawmill here, fell against a rotary saw and had his left arm severed at the wrist. He was assisting the sawyers with a heavy log at the sawing bench and accidentally slipped. Walker recently came here from Sabetha, Kan., and had been working at the mill but a couple of days. He has a family.

> 12 -Child Fatally Scalded.

TECUMSEH, Neb., Feb. 16 .- Helen Kazda, the 5-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Kazda, was scalded to death yesterday. She was playing about the kitchen stove, when an older girl attempted to remove a pan of boiling water therefrom. The water was spilled, striking the child squarely in the breast. She was terribly purned and lived but a few hours.

### Burglar's Outfit Found.

AINSWORTH, Neb., Feb. 16 .- A valise containing an entire burglars' outfit was found in the attic of a school house south of this town. There was every conceivable article necessary for cracking a safe, drills, files, sticks of dynamite, fuses, revolvers, cart. ridges, etc. The stuff has been taken possession of by the sheriff. No clue to the owners is at hand.

#### Insane Man Shoots a Girl.

AXTELL, Neb., Feb. 17 .- Oscar Nelson, a farm hand, insance from an unknown cause, discharged the contents of a shotgun at the daughter of his employer, ran to his room and shot and killed himself. The attempted murder and suicide occurred four miles south of here. The girl is painfully, though not seriously wounded.

Smallpox Abroad. BEATRICE, Neb., Feb. 17 .- A man E. House of Omaha and Judge James A new method of lighting tunnels is Trinity Methodist Episcopal church Humphrey of Junction City, Kan., are PAWNEE CITY, Neb., Feb. 19.-The named Kennedy of Ceresco Neb., was Western League Schedule Committee to raised over \$4,000 Sunday to liquidate about to be adopted in one constructed here to attend a meeting of the Board smallpox plague in Pawnee county has in the city enroute home from Kansas. an old debt and enough money to put Finish Work There. in Paris for an electric road. Electric of Directors of the contemplated Misnot yet been completely stamped out. where he had gone to secure a team certain repairs on the church. The The schedule committee of the new souri & Iowa Southern railway. A. L. lamps will be turned on automatically One new case was reported from Du of horses which were recently stolen bishop was greeted by one of the lar-Western League of Baseball Clubs in Strang, president of the road, has re as the train enters the tunnel and cut Bois and two from Bookwalter. The from him and which were located at gest audiences that perhaps has ever session at Des Moines, adjourned, to turned from New York. He says the off automatically as it emerges. The assembled in any church in the city. Du Bois patient is a young child of the Blue Rapids. A man named Gray was meet later on call of the chairman at company is now financially prepared lights are arranged on each side on a He showed masterly skill in the manlate Dr. McColm, who died of the dis-Omaha, without having perfected a to carry out its pledges and work wil! captured in possession of the team. level with the windows of the cars, so agement of the finances. Dr. Hodgetts ease. The name of only one of the schedule. Several drafts of schedule commence on the railroad inside of were under consideration. It was vot- thirty days. The road will be built that during daytime it will not be necbut he made his escape after shootstricken persons at Bookwalter was re- ing a deputy sheriff and has not been preached in the evening, after which ed to hold the next annual meeting at from Sedalia through Marshall to essarry to turn on the light in the the bishop made a most interesting ported to the authorities--C. C. Marrecaptured. It is said that Gray was a address and took an additional sub-Denver in February, 1901. Five years | Miami, and thence north to a point in | cars. This mode has been devised by dis, a former grain dealer of that place. partner of the fellow named Hawkins scription for the painitng of the instead of three year franchises were lowa, which has not yet been desig- a French inventor, and doubtless will The impression has been circulated who was killed at Clay Center, Neb. church. that the infection has broken out in be found of great utility. made the rule of the association. usted. Pawnee City, but is untrue.

#### Nebraska Corn at Paris.

OMAHA, Feb. 15 .- At its meeting yesterday the Commercial club executive committee decided to push the claims of Mrs. Harriett A. MacMurphy to a position in the corn kitchen of the national exhibit at the Paris exposition. Mrs. MacMurphy received the endorsement of the club for such a position some time ago and yesterday she explained to the executive committee that the small appropriation -\$10,000-set aside for the corn kitchen has been placed in control of the Maize Propaganda, which has headquarters at Chicago, and that Iowa and Illinois have the inside track in its expenditure, so that if Nebraska secures representation her claims will have to be vigorously pushed. It is proposed to increase the appropriation for the exploitation of the uses of corn and its products.

Secretary Utt was directed to take the matter up with Nebraska's senators and congressmen in an endeavor to have Nebraska represented by Mrs. MacMurphy, who has made a study of the work for several years. A letter from Senator Thurston confirmed what Mrs. MacMurphy said concerning the interest taken by Illinois and Iowa in the manifestation of the uses of corn and the fact that those states have the inside track in the absorption of the appropriation.

#### Miles Will Case Closed.

FALLS CITY, Neb., Feb. 15 .- The Miles will case closed yesterday. John L. Webster, for the plaintiff, spoke in rebuttal, bringing the case to a close in a powerful manner. Judge Thompson has taken the case under advisement. The citizens have taken great interest in this case and are now waiting with great impatience to learn the final outcome. After the closing of this case Judge Stull took the bench and began the equity cases.

Recovers His Stolen Team. Bishop Warren at Grand Island. QUITS TO MEET IN OMAHA. SEDALIA, Mo., Feb. 14 .- Colonel J. GRAND ISLAND, Neb., Feb. 15.-New Method of Lighting Tannels.

time.

to employ clerks. Offices in charge of American clerks are contemplated at all places where there is a large number of people and considerable tributary territory.

At points where troops are stationed the commanding officer will be asked to take charge of stamps and other postal supplies and to detail for this postal duty a soldier incapacitated for field services. It is desired to have as few American clerks as possible on account of the expense in salaries, natives being willing to work much cheaper. The revenues from the island of Negros for ten months have not been sufficient to pay the salary of a superintendent for two months and since the withdrawal of the greater portion of the troops from San Fernandino the revenues have amounted to scarcely \$50 a month, about onethird the salary of a superintendent.

## PROTEST AGAINST THE WAR.

### Liberals Meet at a London Hotel and Adopt Resolutions.

Spporters of the liberal party, to the number of 300 or 400, held a private meeting at the Westminster Palace hotel, London, to protest against the government's war policy. Sir Wilfred Lawson, M. P., David Lloyd-George, M. P., and Conwright Schreiner, the husband of Olive Schreiner, the novelist, were among those present. The resolutions adopted denounced the war as a "crime and a blunder," committed at the instigation of irresponsible capitalists; demanded the publication of the full correspondence regarding the Jameson raid; protested against the increasing armaments; reaffirmed the liberals' gratitude to Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, John Morley and James Bryce, and decided to open a permanent fund to carry on a vigorous political propaganua for the principles thus enunciated.

## **KYLE IN REPUBLICAN CAUCUS.**

Committee to Arrange Business for Re-

mainder of Session. The republican caucus of the senate on the 15th authorized its chairman. Senator Allison, to appoint a committee to arrange the order of business for the remander of the session, but the selection was not announced. Senator Cullom gave notice to the caucus that he would call up his bill providing a form of government for the Hawaiian islands and no disposition was manifested to antagonize him

in this purpose. The caucus also discussed the question of the division of the minor patronages of the senate, but adjourned before concluding this portion of its work.

Senator Kyle of South Dakota attended and participated in the proceedings of the caucus for the first

## names he could not recall. WANTS TO BE GOVERNOR AGAIN.

## Roosevelt Will Not Accept Vice Pres-

idential Nomination. ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 14.-Governor Roosevelt today gave out a statement relative to the vice presidency, in which he declares that he will not accept the honor under any circum stances. His statement follows:

In view of the continued statements in the press that I may be urged as a candidate for vice president, and in view of the many letters that reach | Times. me advising for and against such a course, it is proper for me to state definitely that under no circumstances could I or would I accept the nomination for the vice presidency. It is needless to say how deeply I appreciate the honor conferred upon me by the mere desire to place me in si high and dignified a position. But it seems to me clear that, at the present time, my duty is here in the state whose people chose me to be governor. Great problems have been faced and are be-

ing partly solved in this state at this time, and, if the people so desire, I hope that the work thus begun I may help to carry to a successful conclusion.

## Lepers in North Dakota.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Feb. 14.-Dr. J E. Engstad, of Grand Forks. N. D., has just returned from Walsh county. where he went at the request of the Walsh county committee to investigate the condition of two leepers who are confined sixteen miles northwest of ablec ondition confined in a sod hovel with only one door and one winold, and the other a Swede aged 37, the elder helpless, in the last stages of leprosy, the younger still able to wait on his companion. So great is the popular dread of the disease that not a soul ever approaches the place where the two men await death. Dr. Engstad has written United States Senator Hansbrough, asking him to use his influence to have one of the abandoned military reservations set apart as a

#### place for a leper colony.

Congressman Chickering Found Dead. NEW YORK, Feb. 14.-Congressman Charles A. Chickering of Copenhagen. N. Y., was found dead outside the Grand Union hotel in this city today. He had either fallen or jumped from a fourth-story window of the hotel.

found on the sidewalk of the Fortyfirst street side of the hotel, under the open window of his room, which was on the fourth floor, by a milkman. who was driving through the street at 5 a. m. Evidently it had been lying there for some time, as the clothing was saturated with rain. It was clothed in underwear, socks, night | and sighfully remarked as he bade her shirt, trousers and vest. There was a good-by: "I wouldn't go in, either, if I bad gash in the right side of the head.

## Booming a New Railroad.

upon the manufactured articles, and the raw material should be free, not only because the general principle is correct, but because if it shall not be done promptly our forests will be practically destroyed within a few years by tariff taxes excluding the lumber of Canada from our markets.

Paper and pulp must be made free of all taxes, as the paper trust has demonstrated that these taxes serve only a single purpose-that is to invite robbery under color of law.-Philadelphia

#### A Hard Rain.

"It rains a great deal in the Puget sound country," said the man from that section, "and I heard of a funny incident not long ago about it. Some chap had come from the Missippi valley to take up his residence at Whatcom, on Bellingham bay, where there are very high tides. When the boat landed him at the end of the long pier extending over the tide flats the water was low and the new man didn't notice anything but a wide stretch of sand between the boat and the town. It was in the evening about dark and was raining, and he went to the hotel on the front street and stayed there, going to bed without having gone out for a walk. The next morning when he got up he looked out and the tide was in, the water coming up close to the hotel. He gazed at the widespread waters for Ediburgh. He found the men in a piti- an instant, and, throwing up his hands in astonishment, he exclaimed, 'Gee whiz, but it must have rained hard dow. One is a Norwegian, 50 years last night!' Then he hurried down stairs to the office to find out if there was any danger from the flood, and the clerk 'smiled four or five times and gave him some much-needed information."-Washington Star.

#### Both in the Same Box.

A parson who occasionally preaches in South London arrived to take the place of the vicar, who had been called away on account of some family bereavement, and found an old and rather asthmatic lady struggling up the steps which led to the front door. He courteously gave her his arm to assist her and when they reached the top the dame asked him if he knew who was The body of Mr. Chickering was going to preach. "Mr. So-and-So," replied the parson, giving his own name. 'Oh, dear me," exclaimed the old lady; 'help me down again, if you please; I'd rather listen to the groaning and creaking of a windmill than sit under him," and she prepared to descend. The parson gently assisted her downstairs weren't the preacher."