

## LOUP CITY NORTHWESTERN

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President Palma is trying to induce Gen. Prosperity to locate in Cuba.

It's a poor place that can't get up a volcano or an earthquake scare now.

The one time in a man's life when he is satisfied to take a back seat is when he goes to church.

Gen. Joe Wheeler is going to Europe. He must think there is going to be fighting over there.

It is keeping Hayti busy these days looking to see whether she has her president on straight or not.

That Franco-Russian alliance has to be kept pumped full of mutual compliments to make it run smoothly.

The news that babies are being sold in St. Paul, Minn., naturally leads the public to expect a squally market.

The caved-in hat is copied from the feminine hat. Next year it may be carrying feathers or birds or flowers.

A Massachusetts man has just died from the severe mental exertion of chess playing. Score another for ping pong.

We of the profession are getting curious to see the first issues of Mr. Carnegie's syndicate of perfect newspapers.

Science is completely baffled by the St. Pierre horror. The best the scientists can do is to describe it as a mysterious force.

Martinique might be a sufficiently rowdy island to keep the world's anarchists amused if they were to be colonized there.

The man who braves the ascent of Mount Pelee these days is hardly more daring than the man who follows him with a kodak.

Visiting Frenchman will notice that we have grown since their ancestors helped us turn that little trick at the time of the revolution.

It must be heavenly to be a baby and be privileged to screw up your face and howl whenever people whom you don't like speak to you.

Simon Sam is going to rest awhile in Paris. That town must be full of landladies who are willing to take in ex-potatoes as star boarders.

Partial asphyxiation of a young dentist is said to have resulted in his marriage. It isn't often called this, but it nearly always acts in the same way.

Cecil Rhodes was the happy possessor of a small library composed of typewritten books. The average author can boast a similar unique collection.

Uncle Sam is responsible for the present sanitary condition of Havana. The Spaniards who blew up the Maine will not know the place should they ever return there.

A glittering prize has been hung up for a coming entertainment in a Colorado mountain camp. A four-pound sirloin is to be contested for in a grand steakwalk.

Henry C. Frick owns the biggest building in Pittsburgh and the fastest automobile, but some of his timid neighbors object to giving him both sides of the street for a race course.

While willing to cultivate peace, the Kaiser never forgets the possibility of war. Hence he gladly accepts the invitation to send expert officers to inspect our military college at West Point.

A jealous husband has recently been chasing old King Leopold of Belgium. It might be well for Leopold to remember, too, that jealous husbands are sometimes even more dangerous than anarchists.

It has been found that there is a warm strata of air six miles above the earth. The coal trust will probably make arrangements to control it as soon as New Jersey will grant the incorporation papers.

The use of American agricultural machinery is increasing in France. Crops all over the world are planted and harvested with American machines nowadays, thanks to the inventive genius of the Yankees.

A Wisconsin hypnotist thought he could subdue a bull by looking into the animal's fiery eyes. If the hypnotist gets well he may be able to explain what happened on the theory that the bull must have winked.

That was a mean joke to play on the spoony couple who were taking a drive. Some one tied a "contagious disease" placard on the back of the carriage and in blissful ignorance they continued the even tenor of their way.

Scientists are telling us that the volcanic dust from Mont Pelee will not get up here and redder the sunsets in the United States until the last of the month. That is the way we like volcanoes—exceedingly diluted and at long range.

## ARE WE TOO RICH?

THE FOLLY OF TAKING LIBERTIES WITH PROSPERITY.

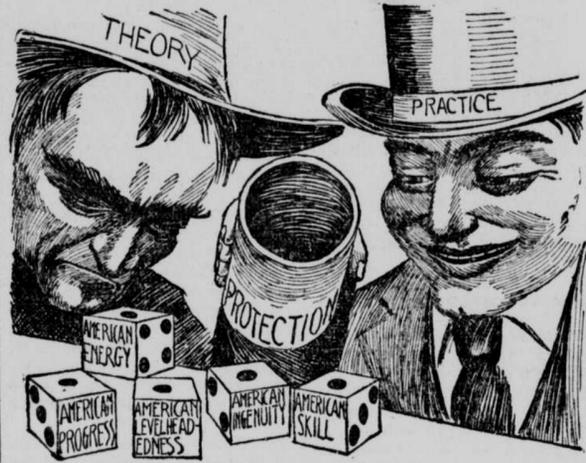
Meddling with the Tariff Seems to Be a Passion with Some People, But It Has Always Resulted in Alternating Streaks of Plenty and Famine.

It would be an excellent thing if the good sense of a country noted the world over for its practical turn of mind could be concentrated for a time upon the question of "taking liberties with prosperity." There should be more of the sort of discussion that is to be noted in the current columns of such newspapers as the San Francisco Chronicle, the St. Louis Globe-Democrat and the Columbus (O.) Journal, setting forth the insane folly of establishing alternate periods of prosperity and stringency by means of tariff changes. Commenting upon the tendency of our people to "get tired of their riches" and to revert to lean periods through the operation of "reforming" the tariff, the Columbus Journal says:

"We leave it to the common sense of the American people if this alternation between plethora and famine is not ridiculous. If there is a law of nature which makes it imperative that prosperous tariff years should be followed by lean free-trade years, as in old Egypt, the seven fat years of regular inundation and rich crops were followed by seven years of drought and famine, then the country should know it. Meanwhile, it is reasonable to think that if the voters of the nation would take a little thought for the morrow there would be no occasion for these alternating streaks of plenty and famine.

"If, now that the country has filled up with wealth again since the poverty and beggary and hand-to-mouth borrowing of the last Democratic administration, there should come the same old alternation to a so-called tariff for revenue only, then there will be the usual failure of business, tendency to panic,

### PRACTICE ALWAYS BEATS THEORY.



withdrawal of capital and all those other symptoms of a disease that requires a violent remedy. If it is unwise to pay too much attention to the various interests of the country which ask for high tariffs, it is certainly not less unwise to listen to nobody except the New York Importers and the newspapers which these importers control.

"The usual New York clamor has already begun. It invariably in the past has controlled the action of one of the great political parties of the country. Now is the time to stop that, once for all. The nation is too big to be starved for four years and then overfed for eight, age without end. Let us have a little more common-sense and a little less epigram and fine writing and oral eloquence in this matter of the tariff."

We would remind the Journal that the clamor for tariff tinkering is by no means confined to New York newspapers that are under the influence of importers. It is best to look the situation squarely in the face and to acknowledge that the passion for "taking liberties with prosperity" inflames the brains of many men and many newspapers located far in the interior. The country is full of theorists who cannot control their desire to tackle the tariff. They are to be found in Congress and out of it, and they are not all Democrats and free traders either. Far from it. But it is time that level heads and "horse sense" should come to the front and sit down hard on the policy of alternation between fat periods and lean periods. The country has, to be sure, grown very rich since the last fat period was installed with McKinley and protection; but has it grown so rich that it is tired of prosperity? If it has, we shall see the tariff rippers in the saddle once more, and that very soon; if it has not, we shall keep our hands off the tariff for some time to come and take no liberties with prosperity.

### RESULT OF THE ENTERING WEDGE

It Will Interrupt Home Production and Cripple Industry.

The Intelligencer some days ago claimed that the worst feature of the "Cuban relief policy" was that it would act as an entering wedge to be driven still harder into the protective tariff policy as maintained by the Republican party. We do not know what the fate of the Payne-Sibley compromise measure will be in the senate, but we are assured that it will be op-

posed by both Senators Elkins and Scott, who stand firmly for the integrity of the measure. The passage of the measure by the senate will be used as an entering wedge is pretty clearly defined by the half chuckling remarks of the ultra-free trade Philadelphia Record, which loses no opportunity to thrust a knife into the vitals of protection. In a recent issue it pointed out that the Cuban measure was a splendid tactical opportunity for the Democrats, and added:

"It would be miserably poor policy to oppose a rightful measure to which the faith of the nation has been committed in order thereby to secure a merely partisan advantage. No opportunity should be lost to make a breach in the protection wall. Small and niggardly as is the proposed 20 per cent reduction of the 97 per cent duty on Cuban sugar, it should not be refused by the aid of Democratic votes. It is an entering wedge which may be driven home when further opportunity shall offer."

There has been no convincing proof brought forward that distress exists in Cuba of the character that would warrant any relief from this country at a definite cost and injury to some of our own people. In a letter to a member of the Republican club of New York city, a member of the house of representatives who fought the Payne-Sibley compromise states that of Republicans throughout the country thoroughly understood the situation there would be such an overwhelming sentiment against this new proposed un-American policy as would sweep it out of existence and leave it without a single Republican supporter.

Referring to the reports as to the prevailing distress on the island the congressman quoted says that "it is conceded by those who are advocating this policy that there is no distress in Cuba; that the demand for labor there is greater than the supply; that wages are higher than ever before; that at least two-thirds of the sugar crop is produced by non-resident corporations and wealthy individual planters whose domicile is either the United States or Spain. Two-thirds, therefore, of the reduction of duty

would go to these non-resident planters, if it did not all go to the sugar trust, and there is abundant evidence that it would."

A great deal has also been said about the late President McKinley's position with regard to reciprocity as enunciated in his Buffalo speech, but we do not see how it can be twisted to apply to Cuba. His advocacy of reciprocity was qualified by this phrase: "sensible trade arrangements which will not interrupt our home production we shall extend the outlets for our increasing surplus." The "relief of Cuba" would not only interrupt home production, but will cripple, if not paralyze, two important industries—the beet and cane sugar interests.—Wheeling Intelligencer.

### Sound Senatorially and Editorially.

The demand for tariff revision and for the increased admission of foreign goods to compete with and displace domestic production does not exist in the west to the extent claimed by revisionaries and reciprocaters. Where it exists at all it is chiefly to be found in editorial sanctuaries. Among the people there is little or none of it. Senator Hansbrough of North Dakota is an editor, but not of the revisionary and reciprocity type. In his newspaper, the Devil's Lake Inter-Ocean, he says: "Tariff revision should not be attempted through reciprocity treaties. Reciprocity is not as yet an exact economic science. It has been and will continue to be employed as an adjunct of protection, which has been and will continue to be the sheet anchor of our industry. We will enter into reciprocal trade relations with foreign nations when by so doing we may derive mutual benefits without destroying any domestic industry.

"The free trader will be obliged to abandon his attempt to make 'the tail wag the dog.' This in our judgment is the view the present administration must take of the subject."

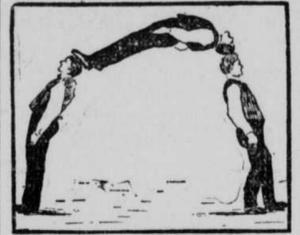
This is sound Republican and protectionist doctrine, likewise sound common sense. Certain nearby editorial neighbors of Senator Hansbrough's, with larger pretensions and smaller grasp of economic questions would do well to paste it in their hats.

Sir Henry M. Stanley is now devoting himself almost exclusively to country life, and developing into a gentle man farmer.

Great boaster, little doer.

## Out of the Ordinary

**Sensational "Tura" in Theater.**  
Some wonderful acrobats and hand balancers called the Erotots are appearing in London. Their chef d'oeuvre is shown in the illustration. Three of them lie at full length on the ground in a straight line, the feet of the center one resting on the head of another, while the former's head touches the head of the third member of the trio. With a slight jerk of the neck the two outer ones raise the middle one from the ground and by degrees raise themselves so as to form a living arch. All three of them turn on their own axes



at the same moment without losing their equilibrium. It is the art of balancing brought to a pitch of perfection never before attained.

**Lizard a Seventy-Footer.**  
The fossil expedition sent out by the American Museum discovered one of the largest skeletons of extinct mammoths ever found in America.

The recent find of the almost complete remains of a marine lizard known as brontasaurus, eclipses all others in its scientific value.

This giant creature's body in life measured seventy feet and stood about twenty feet high, twice the height of an elephant. Its footprints cover a square yard. Its ribs measure six feet.

The fossil was dug up near Medicine Bow, in southeast Wyoming, and was found entombed in a bed of shale rock, twelve feet below the surface. Extracting the immense petrified remains from the rock matrix took over three months of skilful work.

This is the first almost complete skeleton of such a monster so far recovered; heretofore only fragmentary parts have been found. It flourished in the age of reptiles, variously estimated at five to ten million years ago, and inhabited an immense inland sea which once covered the area of a portion of our western continent.

**Underground Photograph.**  
There are thousands of people who have desired to see what the bottom of an oil well looked like after a hundred-quart glycerin torpedo had been exploded in it. But no ordinary mortal could crawl down a six inch hole to the depth of 2,000 feet if he wanted to, and no sane one would want to if he could. So the curious oil-seeker has heretofore been compelled to guess as to the effect of the torpedo shot.

An oil country photographer furnished the desired picture. The successful experiment was made at Warren, Penn. The instrument was let down to the bottom of a 1,700-foot well which had been subjected to a torpedo explosion.

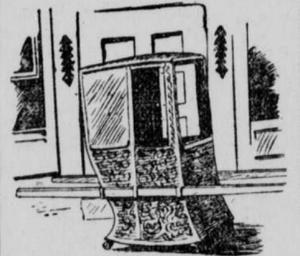
When the camera touched bottom a bright flash lit up the cavity, impressing a perfect picture on the negative. A cavity fourteen feet broad and seven feet deep below the oil sand was revealed. Into this cavity, enlarged by the force of a glycerin explosion, from the ordinary six-inch drill hoie the oil trickled and accumulated, ready to be pumped to the surface.

### Ping-Pong in Washington.

Mark Hanna has taken to ping-pong. That is, he has installed a ping-pong set in his Washington home and the game is open to all comers as a means of amusement while waiting their turns to see the senator. Jerry Simpson, the erstwhile sockless one from Kansas, has taken to ping-pong and is actually said to be the champion of Montana. Jerry played with three millionaires and is quoted as saying that this was the first time he ever beat the rich at their own game.

### Pope Leo's Sedan Chair.

The great age of Leo XIII has laid upon him a heavy burden of weakness and infirmity. The extent of his state apartments is too vast to be traversed by the faltering footsteps of ninety-two. Whenever he leaves his own



chamber to give audience in any reception room, or to take a drive in the beautiful gardens of the Vatican, he uses a sedan chair, in which he is carried down the long staircases and along the passages and corridors of his immense palace.

**So Near and Yet So Far.**  
In a remote part of the parish of Kincardine, Ross-shire, Scotland, there dwells a gamekeeper whose nearest

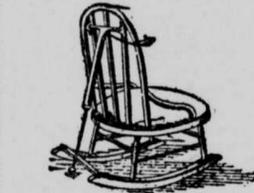
neighbor is about five miles distant. There is a bridge path between both houses, yet if this keeper were sending a letter by post to his nearest neighbor it would be carried a distance of no less than eighty-three miles. He would first take it ten miles to the nearest postoffice; from there it would go by mounted post nine miles to Arday; thence by rail fifty miles to Garve; then by mail coach eighty miles, and finally by foot six miles. It would thus travel thirty-three miles by road and fifty miles by rail, and be delivered at the nearest house to the one it was sent from, only five miles away.

### Lives with Bullet in Heart.

Before a surgical congress, recently held in Berlin, Germany, Professor Trendelenburg, of Leipzig, described the case of a young man who had attempted suicide by shooting. It seems the bullet lodged in the right chamber of the heart, but the wound quickly healed. Under Roentgen rays the bullet was seen to move backward and forward in time with the man's heart beats. Professor Trendelenburg said there were nineteen cases known in medical science in which persons with bullet holes in their hearts had survived.

### Rocking Chair and Breeze Producer.

Strictly in the line of utility, but contributing much to comfort, is a rocking chair newly patented by a citizen of Tracy City, Tenn. The chair provides the person who sits in it with a continued breeze, supplied by a



pneumatic pump attached to its back. As one rocks the pump is actuated automatically, and delivers a steady flow of air. If desired, the contrivance may be attached to a child's cradle.

### Russian Beggar's Unique Record.

A man has just died in Belgorod, Russia, at the wonderful age of 140. He has been a beggar for the whole of his life, his father having been a professional beggar before him. He alternately posed as a cripple and as a blind and dumb man, and three times in his long life did he attempt to work, but in vain. Nine times did he take a wife unto himself. As soon as he was tired of one he calmly left her, and went to another town, when he would marry again. For a long time he lived in St. Petersburg and it is interesting to note that in spite of his long life, he was not burdened with the three great sorrows—want, worry and family.

### The Bearded Lizard.

This strange looking lizard is the most familiar representative of a small Australian group belonging to the great family of Agamoid lizards, so common in Asia, Africa and Austral-



asia. Among the particular features by which the bearded lizard is distinguished from its fellows are its stout build, its large and laterally swollen head and the frill of spines on the sides of the neck.

### CAT TRIUMPHED OVER OBSTACLES

Readers Are Not Under Obligations to Believe This Story.

Dog stories have become so hackneyed that a cat story makes a welcome change. This one comes from Pont Ste. Maxence (Oise,) and for such a place it is an extremely tale. It would appear that a resident in the place, who is an enthusiastic angler used to keep live bait in a small tank on his premises. The angler also had a cat, who, naturally, was fond of fish raw or cooked. This being so, his owner covered the tank with wire netting to keep pussy out of temptation. But the cat knew a trick or two, and went to the nearest refuse heap for some fowl giblets which were providentially lying there. These she took to the tank, let them hang into the water from the netting, and began fishing on her own account. When the fish nibbled at the bait, puss would catch it with a nimble claw! The angler, noticing the trick, threw the bait away, but half an hour later puss was at it again.—Washington Times.

### To Mine for Platinum.

A company has been formed at Seattle for mining platinum in the Tula meen river and Granite creek deposits, where Chinamen have been earning living wages for fifteen years in recovering platinum from the placer deposits.

Dyspepsia is the parent of many disagreeable qualities

Omaha Race Meeting Opens Nebraska Circuit, June 25-28. All the fast horses are entered. The Millard, Omaha's Leading Hotel, is Trotting Headquarters. All Horsemen Stop There. Pools Sold there. Rates as low as \$2 Per Day American Plan, \$1 Per Day European. The Lincoln, Opp. Depots, Lincoln, \$2 Per Day.

**A Victory in Wheat.**  
The energetic people of Australia do not understand why California raises wheat of Australian varieties and sends it six thousand miles farther to the same European market. California produces twenty-five to thirty million bushels of wheat annually. All the wheat belongs to the same class as that grown in Australia and much of it was originally derived from seed of varieties that were first produced in Australia. The climatic conditions are similar in the two countries. How shall we explain the success of these enterprising Californians? The New South Wales Department of Agriculture has sent an agent into California in search of the secret.—From Country Life in America.

**A Character in His Own Book.**  
An interesting fact about Clara Morris' forthcoming novel of stage life is that the actress may herself be recognized in one of the characters. She is not the heroine, however. The personality that rather thinly disguises her is that of the actress of experience and some success, who is instrumental in introducing to the stage the heroine, a young girl with whose fortunes on the boards the story chiefly concerns itself.

**After Twenty Years**  
Lusk Springs, Ind., June 9th.—It would be hard to find a happier man than Mr. William Catterson of this place has been for the last few weeks. For twenty years his wife has been an invalid with a complication of diseases. Neuralgia, Rheumatism and generally broken down constitution. Mr. Catterson had done everything that loving care could suggest, but in vain—his wife only grew worse.

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