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If a single tariff is good why would not a dual tariff be twice as good?

Cuba's annual balance was \$24,000,000 to the good, a showing about \$48,000,000 better than our own.

Lineovitch is printing some advance agent notices that he will have great difficulty in living up to.

M. Witte seems to be laboring under the delusion that he is the one who is submitting the demands.

Up to date the beef trust has been able to declare regular dividends on its accumulation of injunctions.

By the way, what effect has the publicity remedy had on Mr. Rockefeller and his Standard Oil trust?

The indications are that the G. O. P. leaders are again preparing to use the reciprocity wig-wag to the limit.

They are now talking about a "dual tariff." Well, the republican may have to come to the double standard yet.

The deficit in Mr. Shaw's presidential boom seems to be running a neck-and-neck race with the deficit in the treasury.

It seems that Mr. Taft has also wasted considerable time adding to the already large list of fair promises made to the Filipinos.

The Iowa census shows a decrease in population, but the loss is attributed to the presence of so many Iowans in public office in Washington.

The outcome of all this promising to shackle cunningly recalls the bright things promised for the Belgian hare industry a few years ago.

It is to be hoped that Japan will insist upon extortionate demands long enough for the czar to grant self-government as a matter of pure self-defense.

The report that numerous Iowa statesmen are waiting for Senator Allison's shoes is not borne out by the facts. Senator Allison walks in carpet slippers.

It requires a great many columns of space for the newspaper correspondents at Portsmouth to conceal their ignorance of what is going on between the peace commissioners.

The suggestion that Mr. Rockefeller wrote that sketch of himself for the government report deserves no credence. Not even a billionaire could have bungled English after that fashion.

Thoughtful readers of the daily papers wonder why the aforesaid dailies printed columns about the international convention of teamsters at Philadelphia and only an occasional line about the international convention of printers at Toronto. The printers, however, know why.

Now that some Chicago professors have exploded the nebular hypothesis there is reason to hope that the protective tariff theory will be abandoned, for it is even more nebular than the theory of world building.

Referring to the plan of furnishing amusement for the canal workers, let it not be forgotten that there are several hundred thousand workers in the sweat shops of American cities who never have any amusement.

The Lincoln, Nebr., Star says that Japan is actually governing Korea and adds "which its own people are utterly incapable of doing." How glibly republican editors now talk of "incapacity for self-government." Such is the influence of imperialism.

The Washington Post declares that upon his return from Europe Senator Allison made the unqualified assertion that he enjoyed the trip. If the Post is correct it has discovered the first instance wherein Senator Allison made an unqualified assertion.

Just as soon as he finishes up the task of manufacturing peace between Russia and Japan and making the South American republics pay their debts, President Roosevelt might earn the remainder of his salary by busting the beef trust some more.

The Washington correspondent of the Cedar Rapids, Ia., Gazette claims to have discovered a conspiracy against the Panama canal route. The discovery is woefully belated. It was a conspiracy against the canal that worked out the selection of that very route.

Funny, isn't it? When the teamsters were striking in Chicago the big business men of that city insisted that the streets belonged to the public. Now that the strike is settled they have resumed their task of insisting that the streets belong to the franchised corporations.

Germans complain that their country's tariff on American lumber is too high, and they want a reciprocal agreement whereby it may be lowered. But why should the Germans complain? Being the foreigners who sell the lumber of course we have to pay the tariff.

C. M. Henry, Rittenhouse, Pa., desires to know where he can obtain a copy of "The History of the Panic in 1893," published by J. W. Schuckers who during the war was private secretary for Salmon P. Chase, secretary of war. Will some one give Mr. Henry the desired information?

The Kansas City World defies anyone to define reciprocity. Huh! Reciprocity is something used by the beneficiaries of a protective tariff to keep people talking so much about that they forget they are being robbed by the aforesaid beneficiaries. The World should hunt up a harder one next time.

When Governor LaFollette declared in a recent speech that "one of the greatest evils in legislation is the granting of railroad passes to lawmakers" he did not give expression to a new truth, but he did give forceful expression to an old truth that seems just now to be dawning upon the public mind. The subtle influence of the railroad pass when wielded by corrupt lobbyists has worked untold injury to the people at large, and by its use great abuses have been foisted upon the people. The evil is an insidious one, for many men who would resent the offer of a money bribe are unconsciously influenced by the gift of a railroad pass. The people are becoming aroused to this evil, and there is a growing demand for its abolition.

Very recently President Roosevelt spoke some words of warm appreciation of Mayor Weaver's splendid fight against graft and corruption in Philadelphia. Now comes the Springfield Republican and points out to the president that he could with consistency follow up his remarks with additional remarks about the fight that other men are putting up in Cincinnati and in Ohio against the corrupt practices of George B. Cox. Cox is a "boss" par excellence, and the fight in Ohio is

in part a fight against the corrupt leadership of Cox. Will President Roosevelt lend the weight of his words and his influence to the efforts of those who are trying to oust Cox regardless of the fact that the republican machine in Ohio owes its ascendancy to the manipulations of this same Cox.

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