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## SOME CURT CURRENT COMMENTS

Wool is of common use. Rich and poor alike must have it. Silk and rubber are used more by the well-to-do than by the wage earners. Raw silk and raw rubber are admitted duty free. Wool in all its forms is taxed. If it is necessary to raise \$15,000,000 revenue from something, why raise it by taxing an article that the poor must have and letting in free the raw silk and the raw rubber that the rich and well-to-do use? Take the tariff tax off of wool and put it on raw silk and rubber.

Ollie James will have no opposition in the democratic senatorial primaries of Kentucky. This is well. Ollie James is a democratic democrat, just as LaFollette is a democratic republican. There are no trust strings on Ollie James; neither is he a creature of "big business" or special privilege. He is a stalwart, upstanding, four-square man of the people. If the people of Kentucky want to be represented in the United States senate, now is their opportunity.

Let's see, Hale of Maine saw the handwriting on the wall and declined to stand for re-election to the senate on account of his "health." Aldrich of Rhode Island, after getting well started, backed out of the senatorial race on account of his "health." Senator Paynter of Kentucky, whose democracy is exactly like the republicanism of Aldrich, announced that he would be a candidate for re-election. But he will not be. He followed the lead of Bailey, and he voted to retain the unspeakable Lorimer. Then he heard from home—and withdrew from the race.

Senator Clark of Wyoming reminds us of Sir Boyle Roche. It was Sir Boyle who said in parliament, "I smell a rat. I see him floating in the air! But we will yet nip it in the bud!" Senator Clark recent-

ly said in the senate: "You are turning the grindstone to sharpen the scythe that will put the hide of protection on the fence all over the country." We'll not question the instrument of skinning just so the "protection hide" is removed, but we confess to some curiosity as to why they use scythes in Wyoming for skinning purposes.

Through Senator Smith, chairman of the senate committee on territories, President Taft has announced that he will veto the Arizona constitution—or refuse to approve it, which is the same thing—if the judiciary recall is not eliminated. Of course the recall will be eliminated for the reason that Arizonans want statehood now. But if they do not, immediately after achieving statehood, put the recall back in and then wriggle their fingers from the tips of their noses in the direction of the president, and all other opponents of the recall, then we will believe that Arizonans, instead of being men of nerve, are a lot of tallow-spined quitters.

The finding of the referee in the ouster suit against Chief of Police Donahue of Omaha occasions no surprise, unless it be that it does not find Donahue guilty of enough. Either Donahue knew that both state law and city ordinance were being violated every hour of the day and night, within a stone's throw of the police station, or Donahue is too fearfully ignorant to be connected with any department of the city government. Knave, crook, ignoramus or incompetent? Does it not strike you that Donahue must come under one or the other?

We are informed that at Ak-Sar-Ben's den in Omaha the other night Governor Aldrich drank milk. Our informant used a tone of voice indicating surprise that

the chief executive did not crowd up to the pine board bar with the rest of 'em.

Ethel Barrymore Colt has sued for a divorce on the grounds of cruelty, as well as upon statutory grounds. Ethel married a man five years her junior who happened to be heir to the Colt millions—also heir to a consuming thirst, a craze for the prize ring and a "bug" on chorus girls. She says her husband once struck her while intoxicated—while he was intoxicated, we mean. Instead of suing for a divorce on that account, Ethel, who is no sylph, should have taken Russ across her knee and spanked him to a finish.

A few weeks ago a Lincoln man tanked up on booze and went home and beat his wife. He was arrested and sent to jail for thirty days. In the meanwhile the bruised wife will have to earn the living for herself and three small children. The punishment falls on the wife and children; the drunken and brutal husband enjoys a thirty days' vacation. We want it distinctly understood by everybody that Will Maupin's Weekly favors the establishment of the whipping post for wife beaters.

There are six justices of the Nebraska supreme court. All six of them live within 125 miles of the Missouri river. Three of them live within 60 miles of the Missouri river. The western two-thirds of the state is not represented on the supreme bench. The voters should bear these facts in mind on primary day.

Otto Koutouc of Humboldt has filed as a democratic candidate for regent. Mr. Koutouc is a graduate of the University of Nebraska, is a successful business man, and as a member of the legislature for two terms demonstrated his ability as an