

Home Department.

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the meaning of the word "slowly." He walked across the room in the manner the word indicated.

"Now, children, tell me how I walked."

One little fellow who sat near the front of the room almost paralyzed him by blurting out, "Bowlegged!"—Texas Farmer.

Household Hints.

Pickles should be examined every month and soft pieces removed.

Black cotton hose should be dried and ironed on the wrong side to prevent fading.

The occasional addition of a little sugar keeps pickles good and improves them.

A kitchen stool on which to sit while washing dishes is a great boon to delicate women.

Printed letters may be removed from flour sacks by soaking them in butter-milk before washing.

Red tablecloths keep their color if a little borax is added to the rinse water and they are dried in the shade.

Yolks of eggs left over when the whites only are needed, will keep for several days if they are covered with cold water.

Cob ashes, rubbed dry on a copper tea-kettle, and then quickly rubbed off with a piece of newspaper, gives a fine polish.

Stove blacking mixed with soap and water will produce a finer brush and stick better than when mixed with clear water.

Mud stains on dark dresses, when they will not yield to the clothes brush, generally disappear when rubbed with a raw potato.

Borax, dissolved in a little water and added to cold starch, will help to

stiffen the linen, make it glossy, and, besides, prevents the starch from adhering to the iron.—Texas Farmer.

Once in a While.

Once in a while the sun shines out,  
And the arching skies are a perfect blue;  
Once in a while, 'mid clouds of doubt  
Hope's brightest star comes peeping through,  
Our paths lead down by the meadows fair,  
Where the sweetest blossoms nod and smile,  
And we lay aside our cross of care  
Once in a while.

Once in a while within our own  
We clasp the hand of a steadfast friend;  
Once in a while we hear a tone  
Of love with the heart's own voice to blend;  
And the dearest of all our dreams come true,  
And on life's way is a golden mile,  
Each thirsting flower is kissed with dew,  
Once in a while.

Once in a while in the desert sand  
We find a spot of the fairest green,  
Once in a while from where we stand  
The hills of Paradise are seen;  
And a perfect joy in our hearts we hold,  
A joy that the world cannot defile;  
We trade earth's dross for the purest gold  
Once in a while.  
—Nixon Waterman.

Demnition Theory.

In the school of political economy that has been created in the last few years to justify republican policies and republican administration, Mr. John D. Long, secretary of the navy, is entitled to a place at the head of the whole class. He fully established his claim to this distinction the other day in a speech that he delivered at the banquet following the launching of the battleship Missouri. He represents the political economists who disdainfully discard all abstractions and theories and who pride themselves on appealing only to facts, conditions and results. They have no patience with such things as common sense, reason and logic. All that they are particular about is, as Mr. Long most felicitously and elegantly expressed it, "the demnition total."

Mr. Long took the occasion, very naturally, to emphasize the need of a large navy and to defend the estimate of \$130,000,000 for the increase of the present massive establishment. In doing this he threw a great light on the general question of public taxation for political purposes. He says, for example, that we can have the big navy, and that it will not cost us a cent. His words:

The greatest question of the day is as to the distribution of wealth. While few would say that the community should be taxed for the sole purpose of distributing the proceeds of taxation, yet it is some comfort to know that a tax, when it is laid on the community, all returns again to it. If \$100,000,000 shall be appropriated for the navy by the present congress, a small part will go for the purchase of raw material and something for salaries, but the great bulk of it for labor in every part of the union. It is a case where the people can have their cake and eat it, too; they can have their ships and they can have in their pockets the money paid for building them.

It is true that there are few who would say that the community should be taxed for the sole purpose of distributing the proceeds of taxation, but it does seem likely that Secretary Long

is one of the few who might say it. This wonderful discovery of Mr. Long's; by virtue of which an improvement that is sure to cost us \$100,000,000 when we begin it, shall not have cost us a single cent by the time we have completed it, ought to give the biggest kind of boom to public enterprises of all sorts. There should be no trouble now about getting a storage reservoir on every hilltop west of the Missouri river and an irrigation ditch through every section of land. It should be an easy thing to lay the trans-Pacific cable, dig the Nicaragua canal (provided American laborers are taken down to the work and brought back so that they shall spend their wages in the United States), make every river, creek and mill pond in the country free from mud and snags and thoroughly navigable, and run a turnpike from New York to San Francisco. And if the people, simply because the government collects and disburses money, can do all these things for nothing, why the era of public ownership and operation of public utilities, and the era of state ownership and municipal ownership is at hand. The enormous waste and the clumsiness of the present system is so palpable that to continue it longer would be most foolish and criminal. Here we can have a gas plant or waterworks system, for instance. Before a wheel is turned or a whistle blown the citizens of the city have not only paid the whole cost of the thing, but got back every dollar in their pockets and so made 100 per cent on the investment. All after that will be clear gain, for, of course, the cost of maintenance will be apparent merely and not real.

After this, Secretary Long goes on and says something as to how large the navy should be. Waste of words. If we can buy ships worth \$100,000,000 and have the money all back in our pockets by the time they are bought, why not have a billion dollars' worth of ships, so that we can have a squadron of ironclads off every port in the world, and thus put it clear beyond all question that we shall ourselves never be attacked, and force the nations of the world to keep the peace?

Mr. Long ought to do well with a starch factory or beet sugar plant. He says:

Of course, it is rather a taking thing to say as a matter of theory, as this circular says, that \$100,000,000 for the navy means a tax of \$6 on every family in the United States. And yet, on the other hand, as a matter of practical fact, if that sum is spent, there is probably not a family in the United States whose future income could be shown to be \$6 less, and there are a good many families whose income would be \$6 more, and still more families whose incomes would be many times \$6 less if it were not spent.

So the battleship is not simply a fighting machine, a wealth waster. It is a wealth producer. Now, if Secretary Long can make a battleship pay dividends, he could make a gold mine out of a starch or sugar factory.

It is plain to be seen that taxation has no terrors for Mr. Long. Indeed, he finds in it a secret that nations have never suspected. Observe what a magnificent and comforting hint he gives in the following remark:

Somehow, it just now happens that with larger revenues than we have ever had before in time of peace and indirect taxation, there is more prosperity and more money in the pocket of the citizen than ever before. Students may speculate over the economic causes, but this is the "demnition total."—Omaha World-Herald.

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