

valorem. Tariff revision is a task which congress must undertake in good time for the whole country. It can not be accomplished in one schedule and not in others—that is, the revision of one schedule at a time is impossible under the conditions which govern such legislation and which have their foundation in human nature. Understanding this, the publishers of newspapers supporting the general fiscal system of the United States will act with dignity and reasonableness in the matter of the paper tariff, as in other matters, notwithstanding the fact that there are restless individuals among them endeavoring to precipitate a stampede."

Some of the gentlemen who write the editorials are managing to "act with dignity and reasonableness in the matter of the paper tariff," but the man in the counting room who has to make both ends meet seems to have lost his dignity entirely.

The Wisconsin says "there are those who doubt that paper would be cheaper under free trade than it is now," but evidently they do not inhabit the business office of a daily newspaper. The "restless individuals" comprise the overwhelming majority of newspaper publishers and The Commoner makes bold to say that even the business office of the Evening Wisconsin is not an exception to the rule.

#### SELF INTERPRETING

Senator Burkett of Nebraska, referring to the published statement that President Roosevelt had bitterly criticised the anti-injunction plank adopted by the republican state convention said: "I am sure that upon a fuller understanding of the real meaning of the plank of the platform of the republican party in Nebraska he is not so critical as might have been inferred from some of the accounts printed of the interview."

The plank referred to is as follows: "We favor the enactment of a federal statute, and if need be an amendment to the federal constitution, which will forbid the federal courts from issuing writs of injunction against officers charged by the law with the enforcement of state statutes."

That plank is self-interpreting. "The real meaning of the plank" can not be misrepresented. Manifestly it is a declaration in behalf of the rights of the states; manifestly it is a protest against Mr. Roosevelt's policy of centralization.

#### EARNING THE TITLE

In his speech before the Philippine assembly Secretary Taft said that the policy of this government "must logically result finally in ending the sovereignty of the United States unless both peoples agree to retain the bond owing to mutually beneficial trade relations."

In the same speech Mr. Taft said that he did not think the Filipinos would be fit for self-government for at least a generation.

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In the opinion of Mr. Taft the United States must withdraw from the Philippines, giving the people of those islands self-government; but not now, not now. The Filipinos must trust the republican party.

Surely Mr. Taft is proving his right to the title of "the Great Postponer."

#### WHY NOT?

In his address to the Philippine assembly Secretary Taft said that the present day policy of the American government "must logically result finally in ending the sovereignty of the United States unless both peoples agree to retain the bond owing to mutually beneficial trade relations."

Then what objection is there to the proposition that the American congress shall frankly say that the purpose of the American government is to deal with the Filipinos as it has dealt with the Cubans, giving to the Filipinos the right of self-government?

#### WELCOME

The Philadelphia North American, a stalwart champion of Mr. Roosevelt, says that the president is now engaged in building up "a new republican party." The North American explains: "The new republican party, which the supporters of the administration will organize if they control the convention, will be a

national party. Its aim will be the upbuilding of the nation with the individual members of the great population regarded as the most important component parts of the nation."

In other words the authority of the states in local matters, so far as great corporations are concerned, is to be blotted out. Welcome to the "new republican party"—welcome "with bloody hands to an hospitable grave."

#### AN HONEST GAME

Baseball maintains its hold on the American public because it is not only a manly sport but an honest sport. How honest it is has been demonstrated by the championship games between the champion teams of the two great baseball organizations. The Chicago "Cubs," champions in their league, contested with the Detroit "Tigers," champions in their league. Seven games were to be played, and the gate receipts were to be divided among the players. Had the seven games been played probably \$125,000 would have thus been furnished for division. Other sports might have been "fixed" so as to keep the public in suspense and thus get its money, but baseball is not "fixed." There were but four games, for the "Cubs" won four straight games and the world's championship. Nothing would prove more conclusively the honesty of the great national pastime. And that is one reason why the people love it and support it royally. Managers of other sports who look to the public for support might ponder over this fact with benefit to themselves.

#### REGRET

The Chicago Record-Herald, a newspaper that recently opposed Mayor Dunn and supported Mr. Busse, the republican nominee, says: "Mayor Busse's course in ignoring the offenses of the hundred saloonkeepers recently convicted in the criminal court of violating the state laws, and permitting them to retain their licenses and continue their offenses, has just this effect. It is a mistake to say that Mayor Busse is the patron of the liquor interests of Chicago. What he really is the patron of is the lawbreaking and persistently lawdefying elements in that business."

If the Record-Herald can not lead any better than it did in the Chicago mayoralty campaign it would do well to do a little following in the future. Had the Record-Herald thrown its great influence to Mayor Dunne these tears of regret would not be necessary.

#### PUZZLING

The Santa Fe railroad has been convicted of rebating and will be fined. This is not the Santa Fe's first offense. It was found guilty of the same thing two years ago, but the legal department of the government decided that as it was the railroad and not an individual that paid the rebates, nothing could be done. Whereupon the official who had admitted on the stand that the rebates had been paid was made secretary of the navy. Now the Santa Fe is convicted again on the same charge and will be fined. There is something puzzling about all this.

#### NOT ALL POWERFUL

William Jennings Bryan is not in close touch with the metropolitan dailies. Still that doesn't hurt Mr. Bryan perceptibly. New York City is a big spot, but there is a mighty lot of territory and a large number of people outside of New York who think a great deal of the Nebraska statesman.—Wheeling W. Va., Register.

#### REPUBLICAN CAMPAIGN FUNDS

The Houston (Texas) Post throws light on a bit of republican buncombe in this way: "It is announced from Washington that the republican congressional committee is preparing to set up a great campaign thunder factory at the federal capital for the purpose of conducting a long, persistent campaign for the control of the next congress and some people are wondering where the money is to come from, since it is not probable that the 'yellow dog' funds will be available. Don't be alarmed about the ability of the republicans to get money and plenty of it, and they will get it from the same old sources in the same old way. So far as this Washington bureau is concerned, however, it will be apparent later on that the public itself will pay the burden of the expenses. The approaching session of congress will witness a vast output of oratory. These speeches will be printed by the tens of thousands at a nominal cost and mailed to all sections of the country

under the congressional frank. Thousands of tons of documents, prepared for campaign purposes, will thus go to the voters. The voter who gets this stuff, together with seeds, books, etc., may swell up when he thinks of the courtesy of the congressman in thus remembering him, but it will not occur to him, perhaps that he is paying for it himself. All the preaching we have heard about civic righteousness will count for little when the exigencies of the campaign require money. The republican managers may not get it from Mr. Harriman or from the life insurance companies, but the protected barons are still interested in the Dingley law and they will have to pay the cost of its maintenance as usual. They know very well that the republican talk of tariff revision is buncombe and they will be prepared to do business with the campaign managers when money is needed. Of course, these contributions will not come directly from the treasuries of the trusts and corporations, but it is merely a matter of juggling the books to transfer the money to the hands of some individual who will hand it over. All the indications are that next year's contest will be fought between the people and the money power. The democrats will have less money than ever before and the republicans will have all they need for legitimate purposes and an abundance with which to buy voters in the doubtful states. The problem of getting the money is not troubling the republican managers in the slightest."

#### FISH AND HARRIMAN

Mr. Fish and Mr. Harriman are having a desperate struggle for control of the Illinois Central. The struggle is costing a lot of money, but no one believes that either Mr. Fish or Mr. Harriman will pay it out of their own pockets. Who then? Chiefly the people who have to pay freight rates based on stock consisting largely of water. While the stock is being used as a financial football between Fish and Harriman the people who pay the freight might just as well reach for their pocketbooks and be ready when the expense account is presented.

#### PLAYFUL

How can a fellow read at all,  
I'd like to have you say,  
When you're a-tuggin' at his arm  
An' teasin' "Tum an' p'ay."  
For how can any daddy  
Remain seated where he's at,  
When a baby is a-tuggin'  
An' a-coaxin' him like that?

There isn't any story  
Ever written, or been planned,  
That has got the stren'th to hold me  
Like a baby's dimpled hand;  
There ain't no book nor magazine  
At all around the place  
That's half so dear an' half so queer  
An' sweet as baby's face.

An' so I lay my magazine  
Or paper down an' go  
The way my taby wants me to,  
An' gallop to an' fro;  
An' giddap when she say giddap,  
An' gee when she says gee;  
She doesn't need no lines at all  
Or whip a-drivin' me.

But when she's straddle of my back  
We have the mostest fun;  
I scramble all about the house,  
An' hump myself an' run;  
But there ain't nothin' makes her cry,  
Nor makes her baby fears;  
It's daddy's back she's straddle of,  
She's holding' daddy's ears.

An' so she rides him round the house  
An' up an' down the stairs,  
Into the rooms an' through the hall,  
An' never baby cares  
The pace we take at all, at all;  
She's frightened not a bit;  
Her daddy is the horse, an' she  
Is safe, an' sure of it.

But when she is abed you'd think  
I'd read a little then;  
I do get out my magazines  
An' try now an' again;  
But tain't a b't o' use at all,  
For, where there ain't a stir,  
I git so lonesome I go in  
An' snuggle down by her.

—J. M. Lewis in Houston (Texas) Post.