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dustier than I do the statement that Mr. Taft is the creature of the trusts, and as for Mr. Kern's possible election being a menace to business it is positively absurd.

### The Tariff

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I do not believe that "business scares" gotten up to influence elections are calculated to help legitimate business, and therefore, should not be encouraged by business men.

Sincerely yours,  
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"Stop!" said the judge, "we can't have any heresay evidence here!"

"Not!" exclaimed Farmer Giles. "Then how dost know who thy feyther was 'cept by heresay?"

After the laughter had subsided the judge said: "In courts of law we can only be guided by what you have seen with your eyes, and nothing more or less."

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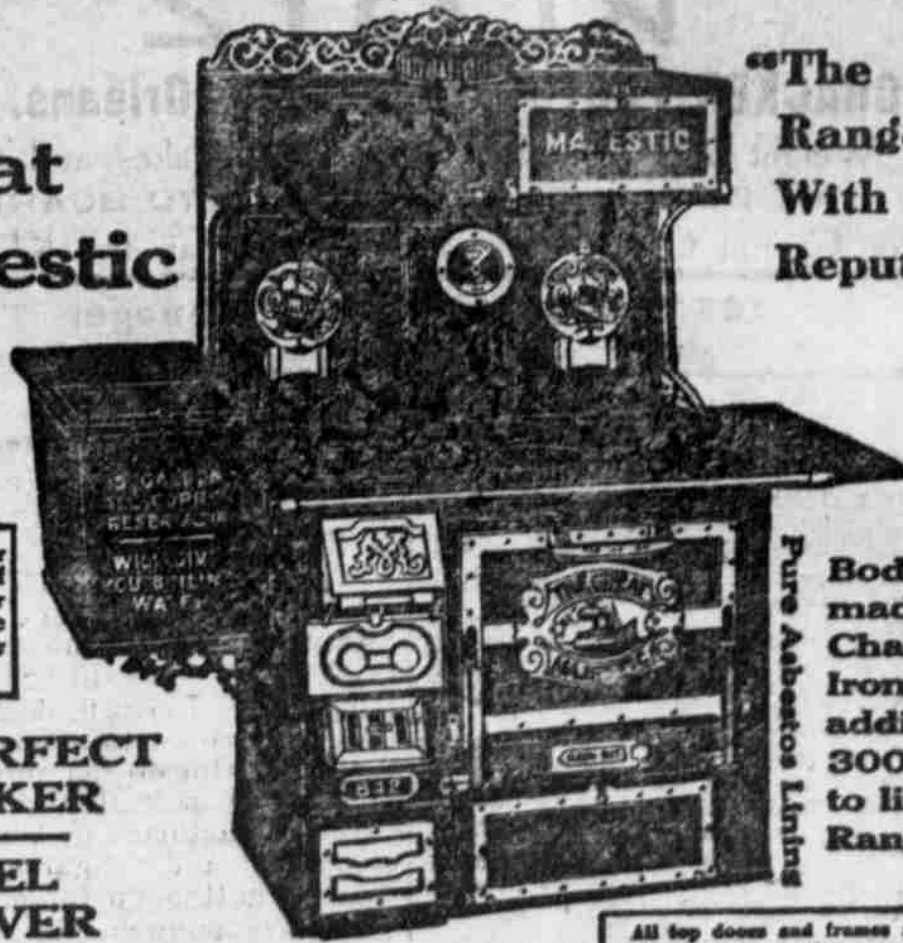
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