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### Reducing the Revenue.

A Washington dispatch which purports to give the legislative programme that is favored by the President includes the question of financial reform, and says that the President's views on this subject are in accord with those of Senators Aldrich, Spooner, Allison and Hanna. It then proceeds to explain that the senators believe that the huge surplus in the treasury is "superfluous and even dangerous." Hence they would prevent further accumulations, and this they would do "by reducing internal revenue and not by touching the tariff." They will give the American people the benefit of reduced taxation "rather than reduce the tariff, and thus practically throw off the tax upon foreign goods at the expense of domestic producers."

As the internal revenue is derived from tobacco and alcoholic liquors, and the tariff affects scores of articles which may be classed as necessities in common use, the brilliancy of this distinction in behalf of the American people is equaled only by its profundity. But it appears that there is a great principle at stake and that the policy of protection must be strictly adhered to. Upon this interpretation, therefore, protection is summed up in the Dingley law. If we depart from that law in any particular we are traitors to protection. The fact that it is almost prohibitive in some schedules and produces a surplus in others makes no difference. Its clumsy inequalities are sacred, and it is inviolable in whole and in part.

How far the President and the senators may go toward indorsing this grotesque notion we do not know, but it is not sanctioned by the platform pronouncements of the Republican party. The party has declared expressly that it is not pledged to any particular schedules, and it is much too shrewd ever to bind itself absolutely to all the details of any tariff law. So the question is not one of principle at all but of practical politics. If public sentiment favors revision, and if revision continues to find favor with a large section of the Republican party, it is a safe guess that both the President and the senators will ultimately set forth the

advantages of some changes here and there, provided that they are not effected by Democrats. The test of orthodoxy will not be the Dingley law but that elastic and useful confession of faith that the tariff should be revised in the house of its friends.

### Scandinavian Immigration.

In the record-breaking immigration of the current year the newcomers from Austria, Russia and Italy have been in such great excess over all others that they have almost monopolized attention. It is nevertheless true that immigration from other lands is increasing at an even higher ratio than from these. The dispatch from Copenhagen stating that twice as many Danes started for the United States in May this year as in May a year ago is only one indication of this fact.

In the first ten months of the current fiscal year, while the total immigration increased 33 per cent over the corresponding months of 1902 the immigration from the Scandinavian lands, Denmark, Sweden and Norway, increased 45 per cent. If the proportion of arrivals in May and June bears the same ratio to the arrivals of the preceding ten months this year as last the United States will receive for the whole year 7,000 Danes, 25,000 Norwegians and 46,500 Swedes, a total of 78,500.

This will not, however, make 1903 the year of the greatest immigration of Scandinavians. In 1882, the record year up to the present for total immigration, these three lands sent 105,326 persons to our shores. The years 1880, 1881 and 1883 were also years of heavy Scandinavian immigration. After that the numbers fell off some what, but increased in 1887 and 1888 and again in 1899 and 1903.

With 1904 and hard times in this country came a swift decline, which continued till 1896, when less than 30,000 immigrants came from the three countries together. The increase since then has been steady.

### PARAGRAPHS

#### Adversity and Success.

I met a friend on a busy street,  
And he told me a woeful tale,  
How hard-earned riches, on pinions  
fleet,

Had flown in a business gale,  
And as we parted he shook my hand  
And said: "Though the world may  
frown,

At the top of the ladder again I'll  
stand,  
For you can't keep a good man  
down."

These words kept ringing in my ears  
For many and many a day,  
And I thought of the sighs and the  
bitter tears  
So needlessly thrown away  
By those who crouched when reverse  
winds blew

And mourned for their lost renown  
Instead of saying: "I'll start anew—  
You can't keep a good man down."

At times in the life of every man  
The clouds may obscure the skies  
When every venture his brain may  
plan

Down the highway of failure flies,  
But the heaviest clouds will soon  
pass by

And success will his efforts crown  
If he push ahead with the nery cry:  
"You can't keep a good man down."

A man in the Mormon state of Utah  
has \$1,000 in ready cash for any woman  
who will marry him. It must be a  
mighty poor man who has to hire a  
woman to rescue him from single  
blessedness in a land where other men  
are running herds of wives.

It would perhaps be well for John  
M. Ragan to take a long cruise in  
some foreign waters next year. He  
may find them less turbulent than the  
political waters of his own state which  
threaten to overwhelm him because of  
his affiliations, politically, in the past.

Peace and harmony do not seem to  
harmonize among the democrats and  
and populists of Webster county this  
year.

Judging from the manner in which  
the conventions of the democrats and  
populists in Webster county were  
called there will be no fusion this  
year, which leads one to believe that  
there will be candidates galore who  
also ran.

It is not always that a burnt child  
dreads the fire. Pete Warner, of near  
Bladen, is again a candidate for political  
sacrifice in Adams county. Poor  
Pete!

Ever since the democratic county  
convention at Blue Hill last Tuesday,  
some men have worn a smile that will  
not jar loose.

The man who discovered John M.  
Ragan, we are told, is John M. himself.  
He discovered himself sitting under a  
chestnut tree in his early boyhood  
and as he grew to manhood his ambition  
to become governor of Nebraska  
grew with him.

Redwine is the name of the judge

who presided over trials of feudists in  
Kentucky. His name, however, is not  
indicative of his tastes. He absorbs  
only red liquor.

"Shakespeare was a dub," says John  
L. Sullivan. Come to think of it,  
there is no official record that the  
Bard of Avon won a fight in his career,  
and John is possibly right.

One editor asks: "Should a lady  
Elk be called an Elkess or an Elk-  
rina?" In the land of the animal the  
hunter refers to the species as the calf  
elk or the cow elk, as the case may be.

A would-be funny newspaper man  
directs the following question to his  
readers: "What is the difference be-  
tween a sewing machine and marriage?"  
Don't know, unless that if you  
are not suited with a sewing machine  
you can trade it in on a new one.

Some evil minded persons are al-  
ways endeavoring to drag a man down  
when they see him away up on the  
ladder of well-won fame. Joe Bristow  
is being named as a vice presidential  
candidate.

This should make it unanimous:  
The queen of Italy says: "I admire  
the Americans."

The fence around the St. Louis ex-  
position will be six miles long and will  
be of tight boarding. This will be  
discouraging to the small boy who has  
been praying that it would be full of  
knot holes low down.

A man in Chicago goes about slip-  
ping the hair from the heads of people  
on the streets. He is probably a con-  
verted populist who is endeavoring to  
make amends for the hideous past.

Grover Cleveland is receiving com-  
pensation for telling fish stories in a  
monthly magazine. The rest of us  
must tell ours to the neighbors and  
expect no returns aside from the hints  
that we are loyal disciples of Ananias.

October brides are already being  
flooded with sweet sayings in the col-  
umns of the newspapers. The grooms,  
however, as usual, are ignored as if  
they were on a plane with the buttons  
on the back of a coat—more for orna-  
ment than use.

"We wish we lived under a hedge  
and that some pretty girl would go  
wild with delight at finding us," says  
a paragrapher. He does not stop to  
think that a cow might happen  
along and snap him up before the  
arrival of the girl.

Trolley sleeping cars are to be put  
on between Milwaukee and Chicago.  
This will give Chicagoans an oppor-  
tunity to sleep off Milwaukee jags en-  
route home.

It is the consensus of opinion that  
the man has not yet been discovered  
who can beat A. H. Keene for county  
judge.

The candidacy of John M. Ragan  
for governor on the republican ticket  
in 1904 is looked upon as somewhat of  
a joke by many in his home town,  
Hastings. John's political affiliations  
have been somewhat varied in the  
past dozen years and may have a ten-  
dency to defeat his ambition.

Andrew Carnegie's fortune keeps  
piling up faster than he can blow it in,  
in spite of the fact that he is making  
an effort to escape the disgrace of dy-  
ing rich. The distinguished gentle-  
man is truly in a deplorably unfor-  
tunate condition and worthy the sym-  
pathy of the world.

An eastern editor wants to know:  
"Who owns the Pacific ocean?" John  
Pierpont Morgan, of course; it's on  
his earth.

Tom L. Johnson proposes to raise a  
deuce of a stink in the Ohio campaign  
this fall. He will use four gasoline  
automobiles and Bryan.

Russell Sage should console himself  
with the thought that his mansoleum  
will cost far more than Hetty Green's  
automobile and will last much longer.

Instead of hanging the the defend-  
ant in the Kentucky feud trial the  
intelligent jury only succeeded in  
hanging itself.

A Chicago teamster brought back  
\$52,000 in gold from the Klondike—al-  
most as much as if he had remained  
at home driving a hack.

While endeavoring to sing "Under  
the Bamboo Tree" a vaudeville artist  
at Coney Island was shot by a man in  
the audience. Justifiable homicide.

There is a place in Ireland named  
Muckanagherduhanulla. Although  
in print the name looks all jangled  
out of shape, it is said to be sweetly  
euphonious when pronounced in the  
rich Irish brogue. Try it.

The democratic party may be out of  
meat, but it is not out of fossils. See  
recent finds.

Sir Thomas Lipton will now be  
known as the founder of a long and  
illustrious line of Shamrocks.

It is not thought that Grover Cleve-  
land consulted his own personal de-  
sires in declining a renomination for  
the presidency. It is believed that



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Mrs. Cleveland has been talking to  
him and emphasizing the more salient  
points of her speech with vigorous  
stamps of her dainty foot.

Allen W. Thurman's declaration that  
he does not care what Bryan thinks  
indicates one way of reorganizing the  
democratic party.

One of the Serbian assassins was  
named Lynbomie Zaikovita. A man  
who would harbor such a handle as  
that is fit for treason, strategem or  
any other disreputable old thing.

An eastern chorus girl turns out to  
be the long lost daughter of a mil-  
lionaire. Her press agent made the  
startling discovery while dreaming at  
the end of a long pipestem.

Bixby in the State Journal asks:  
"What the devil will the devil do when  
the earth is destroyed and there are  
no worlds to conquer?" Just remain  
at home and rest upon his laurels, we  
presume, and see that the stokers do  
not shirk their duty.

U. S. Grant, Jr., of California, can-  
not hope for political preferment on  
account of his name. All the magic of  
the name is clustered around that  
honored tomb at Riverside.

Says an exchange: "Bob Fitzsim-  
mons' grief at the death of his wife  
does not seem to have been as deeply  
rooted as at first thought." No, he  
has again signed articles of agreement  
with another.

An Iowa citizen named Ratts was  
thrown from his "trap" while out  
riding the other day and sustained  
serious injuries. Which, if thought  
will be pardoned, was rough on Ratts.

A dispatch says that Mark Hanna is  
hanging on to the endgate of the  
Roosevelt band wagon. Just wait until  
the procession starts and your good  
old Uncle Mark will be seen sitting up  
with the driver showing him what  
route to follow.

A servant girl who lived with one  
Berlin family for forty-five years has  
just folded her toil-worn hands and  
crossed over to a better place. Well  
done, though good and faithful ser-  
vant.

The president has turned the full  
glare of the investigation limelight  
upon the postal thieves, a full report  
of which by Joe Bristow will soon ap-  
pear. This is a noteworthy departure  
from the usual custom of applying the  
lime in liquid form with a brush.

### What to do With Straw.

An unknown friend down in Lake  
Charles, Louisiana, writes the pub-  
lisher a postal card to the following  
effect:

"Have just read that Nebraska farm-  
ers are burning wheat straw to get rid  
of it. Tell them to use it on roads; it  
will prevent both mud and dust; under-  
stand it is used on the Pacific coast,  
and proves satisfactory. They also  
might send some to a paper factory; if  
it makes good wrapping-paper, it  
would provide a new source of in-  
come."

The Tribune submits the above for  
what it is worth—and it is worth the  
effort of following the advice.—Mc-  
Cook Tribune.

### Sugar Beet Bulletin.

The Nebraska experiment station  
has just issued bulletin No. 81 on sugar  
beets. It contains a report on tests of  
varieties, experiments with fertilizers,  
and experiments as to time of plant-  
ing, methods of cultivation and sugar  
beet seed production. The bulletin  
may be obtained free of cost by resi-  
dents of Nebraska upon writing to the  
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coln, Neb.

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