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MRS. EVA BARTHO, 133 East 12th St., New York City, N. Y., writes: "I suffered for three years with leucorrhoea and ulceration of the womb. The doctor advocated an operation which I dreaded very much, and strongly objected to go under it. Now I am a changed woman. Peruna cured me; it took nine bottles, but I felt so much improved I kept taking it, as I dreaded an operation so much. I am to-day in perfect health and have not felt so well for fifteen years."—Mrs. Eva Bartho.

Mrs. Senator Roach, of Larimore, N. Dak.; Mrs. Senator Warren, of Cheyenne, Wyo.; Betsy Lockwood and Mrs. General Longstreet, of Washington, D. C., are among the prominent ladies who endorse Peruna.

Miss Helen Rolof, Kaukauna, Wis., writes: "Several times during the past two years or more my system has been greatly in need of a tonic, and at those times Peruna has been of great help in building up the system, restoring my appetite and securing restful sleep."—Helen Rolof.

Miss Muriel Armitage, 36 Greenwood Ave., Detroit, Mich., District Organizer of the Royal Templars of Temperance, writes as follows:

"I suffered for five years with uterine irregularities, which brought on hysteria and made me a physical wreck. I tried doctors from the different schools of medicine, but without any perceptible change in my condition. In my despair I called on an old nurse, who advised me to try Peruna, and promised good results if I would persist and take it regularly. I kept this up for six months, and steadily gained strength and health, and when I had used fifteen bottles I considered myself entirely cured. I am a grateful, happy woman to-day."—Miss Muriel Armitage.

Miss Lucy M. Riley, 33 Davenport St., Cleveland, Ohio, writes:

"I wish to add my indorsement to thousands of other women who have been cured through the use of Peruna. I suffered for five years with severe backache, and when weary or worried



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in the least I had prolonged headache. I am now in perfect health, enjoy life and have neither an ache or pain, thanks to Peruna."—Lucy M. Riley.

It is no longer a question as to whether Peruna can be relied on to cure all such cases. During the many years in which Peruna has been put to test in all forms and stages of acute and chronic catarrh no one year has put this "remedy" to greater test than the past year.

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**POLITICS
OF THE DAY**

The Tariff Tax.

Even the protectionists, who are determined to stand pat, acknowledge that the tariff is a tax upon imported products. It is therefore important for every voter to discover how much tax is collected from him when he purchases the necessities and luxuries of life. The receipts of the government from custom duties for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1903, were \$284,479,582, and as there were 16,239,737 families in the United States at the last census, which were increased to perhaps sixteen and one-half million on the same date, it will therefore be seen that each voter who is head of a family pays, on an average, \$17.24 as his share of the tariff tax. It does not matter how poor you are, you pay this tax; in fact, in most cases the cheapest quality of goods pay the highest tariff. If the tariff tax were collected as the personal property tax, or the poll tax is, there would be vigorous kicking from Maine to Texas and the Congressman that would not vote to reform the tariff would get but few votes. But the tariff tax is collected in an indirect manner, the merchant who imports the goods paying it and adding amount of the tax to the cost of the goods. So the consumer not only pays the tax, but a further percentage to the importer for his outlay for the tax he has paid.

This indirect tax, it might be said, is necessary to support our greatly enlarged army and navy and the increased cost of pensions and generally to help keep up this great and glorious republic in the modern lavish fashion that prevails under Republican administrations. If the amount collected by the government was all the taxpayer had to pay, there might be some force in the contention for the retention of the tariff at its present high rate, but the 54 per cent average protection which the tariff creates has begotten monopoly and the monopolists or trusts are enabled to extort a much greater tax in the form of profit on what they produce and sell to the American people. So that not only do tariff duties increase the cost, and therefore the selling prices, of the imported goods on which tariff taxes are collected, but they permit the selling prices of all similar home-manufactured goods or goods produced in this country to be increased to what it would cost to import them, with tariff and costs and charges added. Since the present high tariff was enacted the cost of living has advanced 34 per cent and the creation of trusts has become a national scandal.

It has been estimated by expert statisticians that the tariff tax paid to the trusts by the head of the family exceeds, by more than five times, what is received by the government, and that the average for each family closely approaches \$100. These figures are obtained by making careful estimates based upon the amounts which are spent for each of the more important articles consumed. The most exasperating thing in the monopoly the tariff gives the trusts and corporations is that it allows them to sell their surplus productions cheaper abroad than here, which shows the enormous profits realized from the home market. When the trusts export their products they have to pay freight and other expenses and the tariff tax that all other countries impose, except England, and yet undersell the same class of products in the country they export their products to.

Postoffice and Other Scandals.
If the Republican leaders of Congress had been certain there were no more frauds and scandals to be exposed in the postoffice and other departments, would they have voted, as they did, to prevent a thorough investigation? It would certainly have been to their political advantage to have allowed the Democrats a free hand to investigate, if there was nothing to cover up.

As far as Mr. Bristow was allowed to go he discovered everywhere fraud and corruption, but he only investigated one bureau and serious charges have been made that other bureaus are also rotten. The Postmaster General was opposed to the Bristow investigation and stoutly maintained that "nothing was the matter," until the exposure was so imminent that he had to change his tune. To discover and expose any more scandals "before election" would be disastrous, so all the attempts of the Democrats to pass a resolution through Congress were defeated by Republican votes.

When Senator Lodge in speaking against the passing of the resolution for investigation said that "in our own time and in our own way" the further investigation of the Postoffice Department would proceed, he virtually admitted that more fraud and more scandals were known to exist by the Republican leaders. "In our own time" will probably be after election. "In our own way" will be pretty sure to protect the big rascals and let a few of the small ones feel the weight of the law.

There never yet has been or probably will be a one-sided investigation that will expose all the misdoings of its own partisans. A Congressional investigation would have representatives of both parties and the political advantage to have accrued to the Demo-

crats to expose the party in power would have been an incentive to a thorough overhauling of the whole Postoffice Department. As Senator Lodge is known to voice the political feelings of President Roosevelt, he must have approved this "our own time and our own way" program and the tips from the White House must also have reached the lesser Republican lights, for they all voted against investigation.

That Do-Nothing Congress.

The Republican newspapers are defending the majority party in Congress from the charge that the late session was a "do-nothing" session. They cite the docket clerk's compilation as a refutation of the charge and point to the 16,170 bills introduced as a monument of criticism was not that Congress had done nothing at all, but that it evaded consideration of nearly all the legislation promised in the Republican platform and the measures in which there was widespread public interest. Tariff reform, reciprocity treaties, labor laws, interstate commerce law amendments, financial legislation, statehood bills, the impeachment of Judge Swayne, the Smoot case and a number of others, were not considered; yet thousands of private bills were passed increasing or awarding pensions and numerous bills in favor of claims and other matters of personal interest to constituents of Congressmen. Private bills of that nature which were passed were in the ratio of 8 to 1 of the public bills passed, and nearly all the public bills were for such local matters as to give the right to railroads to bridge rivers, for light-house stations, for new terms of United States District Courts, all of which may have been meritorious measures, but cannot be classed as of general importance. Nor can it be argued that the same condition always exists prior to a national election, for in the session of Congress prior to the election of 1900, when similar political conditions prevailed, the ratio of private to public bills passed was only 4 to 1.

When the Republican leaders determined to pass the appropriation bills and "go home," it is possible that a good many of the lesser lights of the party did not approve the program, but they are all equally guilty, for when given an opportunity by Democratic amendments, they were voted down by a strict party vote. Also the bills introduced by Democrats, which covered all the matters of public interest, they were not allowed even to be considered in the committees, or rejected by a party vote. So there is no escape from the record made, that the Republican party feared to go on record on bills of great importance, or were so intent on a policy of conciliation that they adopted the "do-nothing" program.

Going A-Begging.

Who'll run with Mr. Roosevelt? It is doubtful whether in all Republican history the Vice Presidential nomination has ever gone so far and fared so ill. First there was a hint thrown out to Mr. Hanna, but he declined with all the positiveness of his nature to play second fiddle in any such fashion.

Governor Yates of Illinois then turned up his nose at the honor. He turned more busily than ever to managing the State administration for the Governorship contest.

Senator Aldrich was suggested; appropriately, too, since the relations of the Standard Oil Company are so close with the administration; but of course the Standard Oil Company would prefer to lie in the background.

Mr. Bristow, the investigator of postal scandals, was the next to receive mention; but the incongruousness of placing a reformer on the ticket with Mr. Roosevelt evidently impressed the leaders and Bristow was dropped.

"Uncle Joe" Cannon came next. But he flatly stated his preference for the Chairmanship of the House. Then it was "put up" to Senator Cullom; who dodged it. Now it is running at large. Mr. Walbridge's friends are said to have been trying to round it up for him. But friends of his also announce that his admiration for Missouri's Democratic Governor-to-be may find adequate expression at the polls; and it would be really absurd to have Mr. Roosevelt's running mate casting a vote for not only a reformer, but a Democrat. What, then, is the nomination to do with itself?—St. Louis Republic.

Go the Limit.

Why not extend the service pension principle to the full socialistic limit and pension all American citizens who are "half incapacitated" by having reached the age of sixty-two. Out upon this half-way paternalism!—Atlanta Constitution.

Republicans' Liability.
The Republicans in 1896 and 1900 had the personality of William McKinley as an asset. To-day they have the personality of Theodore Roosevelt as a liability.—Hoosick Falls Democrat.

Correction does much, but encouragement does more. Encouragement after censure is as the sun after a shower.—Goethe



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One on John Kernell.

The late John Kernell, the Irish comedian, liked in his prime to go back to Ireland, whence he would often bring material, gathered in alehouses and on the high roads, that afterward served him well in dialogue upon the stage.

Kernell once said at a little supper party in Boston that he had met on a summer day in Galway an Irishman driving a horse so thin that it staggered as it walked.

"Why don't you put more flesh on that nag?" Kernell exclaimed indignantly.

"More, is it?" the Irishman answered. "Why, by the powers, don't you see that the poor creature can hardly carry what little there is on him now?"—New York Tribune.

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Where are you going to spend this year's vacation? The Lake Shore Railway's book of "Summer Tours to Mountains, Lakes and Seashores" will help you to decide. It will be sent on application to W. F. Daly, Chief Asst. Pass. Agt., Chicago.

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A traveler in the mountain region of Kentucky found himself one day in need of a piece of rope to mend a broken harness. He was at the summit of a hill, and had passed the last lonely house half an hour before, far below.

As he stood patting his horse and considering his situation, a lank, forlorn-looking man appeared from the woods at one side of the road.

"I suppose you haven't such a thing as a piece of rope up here with you?" asked the traveler. "Where do you live? Anywhere near?"

"I'm living right here for now," said the man, slowly, "and I've got no occasion for rope nor nothing, stranger. You can likely get a piece down at the Widder Granger's. I'll look after yer animal while you go for it. But don't you call her the Widder Granger, 'cause she ain't, really."

"What do you mean by that?" asked the puzzled traveler.

"Well," said the mountaineer, "I just call her that on account of her husband's having left her."

"Oh, I see," said the traveler. "Did it happen long ago?"

"Happened 'bout three hours ago," said the man, seriously. "She nagged him, till finally he 'lowed he'd sheer off from her and be alone the rest of his days, and he did so."

"Can't it be patched up between them?" inquired the traveler.

"Mought be," admitted the hermit, "and then again it mought not."

Suddenly he straightened himself and his lean countenance took on a look of stern resolution.

"You go along down and ask her for a piece o' rope," he said, briskly, "and you tell her you saw Jim Granger up on the top, and he told you she was a powerful good cook and the smartest woman in Kentuck, and he was 'feeling so mighty mean he 'lowed he might be coming home before night; but don't you let a word out o' yer mouth about widders, nor yet widderers, stranger!"

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