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SENATOR ALLEN'S INQUIRY.

The resolutions introduced by Senator Allen requesting the secretary of the treasury to furnish the number of persons engaged in protective industries...

Senator Allen's inquiry is very pertinent at this stage of the tariff debate. The question is, how can the secretary of the treasury or anybody else ascertain what number of workmen are affected directly and indirectly in their wages by the policy of protection?

The decision of the United States supreme court upholding the law passed by the legislature of North Dakota to regulate the rates charged by owners of grain elevators for their use as public warehouses is of more than passing interest to the people of this state.

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Several explosions of lamps and gasoline stoves have occurred recently and demand attention from the state oil inspector. It is possible that these mishaps are due to defective apparatus for using the oil rather than to the poor quality of the oil itself.

WORK FOR THE MUNICIPAL LEAGUE. The bane of American cities is boodlerism. More than twenty years ago the high-handed and defiant municipal thieving in the city of New York under the lead of that prince of boodlers, Boss Tweed, forced the taxpayers and respectable citizens of the metropolis to band themselves together for self-protection.

THE REPUBLICAN POSITION. Failure of the republicans to agree upon a plan of action in regard to an important matter of legislation is so unusual as to cause a feeling of disappointment at the barren outcome of the caucus of republican senators Monday evening, called with a view to laying out the course to be pursued by those senators toward the tariff bill.

There is a great chance for the bicycle factories to show their gratitude. The Commonwealthers are fighting the battle of the bicycle men and clamoring for good roads. Why can't the bicycle men furnish bicycles for the Commonwealthers to ride upon?

HERE AND THERE. The song of the lawn mower agitates the town. These perfunctory times lend a halo of pleasure to recollections of snow storms.

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GUESSWORK ON PATCHWORK.

Probability of the Passage of the Wilson Bill Soon Somewhat Dubious. DATE IS AS YET MERE CONJECTURE.

One Senator Says One Thing and Another Another, and Between the Two There is No Middle Ground Apparent at Present.

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APPROPRIATION BILLS BEHIND.

None of Them Have Yet Passed the Senate and Only Three Reported Back.

WASHINGTON, May 15.—The condition of the appropriation bills, and the suggestion has been made in some quarters that these bills are not so far advanced as in former long sessions of congress.

Up to this date nine of the fourteen appropriation bills have passed the house and three of the remaining five have been reported from the house committee on appropriations.

The legislative and the deficiency bills have not yet been reported, but the former will make its appearance in a few days and the latter is purposely held back so it may include all deficiencies occurring up to a reasonable time before the fiscal year closes.

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