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There appears to be pretty general opposition among the republican members of congress to a tariff commission of the character proposed by President Roosevelt. The consensus of opinion is that such a commission could have no practical result.

The low senator said further that the tariff must be considered from a practical standpoint and there are so many men in congress who have made a special study of the tariff that necessarily in the end their views must prevail.

It seems an entirely safe prediction, therefore, that the proposition for a tariff commission will have few supporters among the majority in congress. It is also certain that no attempt will be made at the coming session to revise the tariff generally or to modify any of the schedules.

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The taxation department of the National Federation has started out as its first step in the direction of general taxation reform to secure legislation in the different states for more uniform taxation of mortgages.

In his annual report to the secretary of the treasury Director of the Mint Roberts recommends that the mint at New Orleans be abolished, explaining as the reason that the capacity of the mints at San Francisco and Philadelphia and of the new mint about to be opened at Denver is sufficient to meet all the requirements of the government.

Recognizing the fact that our state revenue systems are almost entirely based upon the property taxed, the purpose is to have each not only confine itself to its own jurisdiction, but also to follow the same rule in determining what property is subject to taxation in its jurisdiction.

Booker T. Washington needs to offer no apology for giving advice and information, when requested by the president or anybody else, regarding the interests of the black race.

Northwestern's foot ball players brought two carboys of drinking water with them all the way from Evanston to Lincoln but even water could not fortify them to the point of scoring against Nebraska.

Another Guess Coming. Brooklyn Eagle. The Pennsylvania friends of Mr. Dalsell claim that the speaker's figures sent out from Washington in favor of Mr. Cannon are merely guess work.

Shallow Gleanings of Barons. Chicago Chronicle. One of the grievances of the coal barons in the arbitration business is the fact that John Mitchell "was permitted to occupy four and a half days with his testimony."

Cleveland and Third Term. Philadelphia Record. There is neither wit nor force in the suggestion that ex-President Cleveland's appeal to the democracy to fall back on solid ground is inspired by a desire for a third term in the White House.

Steel Trust Rivals. Springfield Republican. Any number of independent concerns are trooping into the field of iron and steel production as competitors of the big trust.

Rural Free Delivery. Plea for Extra Allowance for Care of Carriers' Horses. W. B. Ball of Friend, Neb., carrier on Route 1 of the rural free delivery in that vicinity, makes a strong plea for an allowance for the care and keep of horses in use by carriers.

POLITICAL DRIFT.

For the first time in twenty years the New York Sun is throwing bouquets at Grover Cleveland.

The cost of the twelfth census is now figured out to have been \$12,854,813, and it is further added that this is an average cost of 15 1/2 cents per capita in the United States.

A man died in New York the other day whose chief distinction in life was to vote the straight party ticket ever since Andy Jackson's campaign.

The office of superintendent of public instruction in Colorado is held by a woman. She is a democrat. The salary is \$3,000.

There will be 131 new members in the next national house of representatives. The latest revision of the roll of members shows that only two parties will be represented and that there will be a republican majority of 60—there being 208 republicans and 178 democrats.

The retirement from the United States senate in March next of John P. Jones of Nevada will leave William Boyd Allison of Iowa the senior senator in unbroken length of service.

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OTHER LANDS THAN OURS.

The carrying out of Mr. Chamberlain's plan to visit the Uganda railway will probably place in the hands of the public more thorough information in regard to this important feeder to the projected Cape-to-Cairo line than has yet been acquired.

The speculation in land values, which set in with the beginning of the railway, has not only abated, but prices have gradually returned to a very little over that at which they stood when the line was commenced.

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