

THE ROBBERS AND THE ROBBER.

There are two countries in which there is warm discussion upon the tariff question, in both of which the many are taxed for the benefit of the few. The United States is one, Germany the other.

When protection is sifted down, both in this country and in Germany—for these are the two best illustrations of the protective tariff carried to extremes—it is a queer jumble.

Too crowded for Booker. Here is another Booker T. Washington "incident," in which three Springfield, Mass., hotels and Booker figure.

Of course this is a mere pretext, and that is the meanness part of it, in a town and State which professes to have such brotherly feeling for "the man and the brother."

The agrarians, as they are called, declare that American competition is ruining them, and therefore they demand more taxes put on the laboring man's bread and meat.

Senator Quay has struck on a device to reduce the surplus. He has introduced a new pension bill granting pensions to soldiers who served ninety days or more.

"Herr Bebel said there were two nations in the German State, the plunderers and the plundered. The Imperial Chancellor, Count von Eulow, spoke for the former; I am speaking for the latter.

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A BOOST FOR THE SHIP BUILDER.

The decision by the Treasury Department, based on recent decisions of the Supreme Court, that cargoes shipped from this country to the Philippines must be shipped in American vessels ought to give a boost to the ship-building business in this country.

As far as the running of these ships is concerned they can't make any plea for subsidies for there will be no competition with foreign ships, which are ruled out, nor can they ask any bounty for the ship builder for he will not have any competition.

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SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

Greenville Reflector: The Greenville Knitting Mills are now turning out beautiful work and find ready sales for all they can make.

Mount Olive Advertiser: The tobacco acreage of 1911 this section could be increased ten-fold next season, if our merchants and farmers would unite in an earnest effort in that direction.

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CONDENSED STORIES.

New Irving Got a Valuable Tip on Stage "Business." Irving is nothing if not severely accurate. Shortly before he put on the "Merchant of Venice" he inquired of a brother actor if he could supply some stage "business" for the part of Shylock.

Irving knelt, held his hands prayer-like and rehearsed the terrible imprecation: "It would my daughter were dead at my feet and the jewels in her ear."

Upon the actor's saying he was wrong Irving rejoined that he had followed the best stage direction in the book and that all the best Shylocks so did it, as the Keane, Brooke, Fechter and Phelps.

The Eighty-Six Grace. John Lawrence Toole, the most popular low comedian of his day, once gave a supper to 80 of his friends and wrote a note to each of them privately beforehand asking them to tap on the table.

Why do they call them step-mothers? "Well, I suppose, it's because they are so inclined to make their first husband's children step-children."

"I was standing in the lobby of the Auditorium in Chicago," remarked ex-Congressman P. J. Sommers recently to a writer in the Milwaukee Sentinel, "talking with Senator William E. Mason of Illinois when a trampish looking fellow came rushing in and, addressing him, said: 'Bully, lend me \$10. I have a chance to make \$3 in 15 minutes.' 'Bully went down in his trousers, fished up a two dollar and a one dollar note and passed them over to the man. 'I want \$10 to make the deal,' remarked the man as he stretched forth his hand for additional aid. 'You said you could make \$3, didn't you? 'Yes, you've made \$3, and I'm \$7 ahead. See? 'The man saw the point and regretfully withdrew.

His Greatest Reward. The death of Sir John Stainer removes one of the most fascinating personalities from the musical world. A story is told of how once he was walking with a friend by the seaside when he came upon a little group of children singing one of his hymns. "Ah!" he said as they listened to the young voices, "this is the greatest reward that I can ever hope for." The story recalls Sir Joshua Reynolds' famous note on his great picture of Mrs. Siddons as the tragic muse. This picture is the only one which bears Sir Joshua's signature. "Madam," said the artist, "if my name should go down to posterity it must be on the hem of your garment."

Many a man looks upon marriage as an institution that enables him to put his property in his wife's name.—Chicago News.

The Best Prescription for Malaria Chills and Fevers is a bottle of Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic. It is simply iron and quinine in a tasteless form. No cure, no pay. Price, 50c. at all drug stores.

The Radiance from Jewels Stoves and Ranges. The perfect Stove and Range is distinguished by above trade mark.

R. H. BEERY, 10 Market St., Wilmington, N. C.

WHOLESALE PRICES CURRENT.

Table listing various commodities such as sugar, flour, and other goods with their respective prices.



WHEN TOOLE TAPPED ON THE TABLE.

him whether he would be so good as to say grace, as no clergyman would be present. It is said that the faces of those 80 men as they rose in a body when Toole tapped on the table as a signal for grace was a sight which will never be forgotten.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

W. & W. Railroad—618 bales cotton, 4 cases spirits turpentine, 5 barrels tar. W. C. & A. Railroad—308 bales cotton, 18 barrels tar, 12 barrels crude turpentine.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

Table listing shipping companies, vessels, and their destinations.

RECOMMENDED.

WILMINGTON MARKET.

Table listing market prices for various commodities like spirits turpentine, sugar, and other goods.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Table listing prices for country produce such as peanuts, corn, and other agricultural products.

FINANCIAL MARKETS.

New York, Dec. 9.—Money on call was firm at 5 1/2 per cent. Prime mercantile paper 4 1/2 per cent. Sterling exchange steady at 48 1/2.

NAVAL STORES MARKETS.

New York, Dec. 9.—Spirits turpentine steady. Spirits turpentine 84c. Rosin 30c. Turpentine 10c.

COTTON MARKETS.

New York, Dec. 9.—The cotton market opened steady at an advance of 1/8 cent. The market was remarkably strong on enormous demand from shorts who were stampeded by bulk of eight to nine points in Liverpool.

MARINE.

ARRIVED. Steamer Highlander, Brackley, Fayetteville, T. D. Love. CLARED. Steamer Highlander, Brackley, Fayetteville, T. D. Love. OLD NEWSPAPERS. You Can Buy Old Newspapers in Quantities to Suit at the STAR OFFICE. Suitable for Wrapping Paper and Excellent for Placing Under Carpet.

France 880,359 bales; exports 1,099,533 bales. December receipts: 1,099,533 bales.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

New York, Dec. 9.—Flour quotations active and strong. Wheat—spot strong; No. 2, 85c.

Chicago, Dec. 9.—Cotton quotations active and strong. Cotton—spot, 10c.

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