

REPUBLICAN CONFESION.

Senator Aldrich, Republican, in a debate in Congress the other day, admitted that the tariff is entirely too high and out of reason. This ought to justify Democrats in demanding a revision of the oppressive schedules of the Dingley tariff law.

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THE RIGHT OF FREE MUD-SLINGING.

Since the Rev. J. C. Massie, in the Baptist State convention at Charlotte, advanced government squelching of newspaper utterances, the newspapers on massie (with apologies to Massie) have been editorially elaborating on the right of free speech.

Free speech is all right, boys, but allow one who has been up against it to send a howl to the effect that the emancipated article oughtn't be put in type until you have thoroughly gone over the situation as to whether some old over-toughness back will stop his paper or order out his advertisement.

However, when it comes to a matter of speaking out on principle, which an editor has to deal with now and then, we would go down in the typhoon with our colors flying. Now, please do not get the idea of free mud-slinging mixed up with the right of free speech.

THE PANAMA COMPLICATIONS GROWING.

At the banquet of the Quill Club, held at the Hotel Manhattan, New York, on Tuesday night, Assistant Secretary of State F. B. Loomis said some very plausible things in defense of the action of the Washington administration with regard to the Panama republic and the canal policy of Roosevelt.

"The moment that the cables flashed from Bogota to Paris the astounding news that the extension of the French canal between France and Colombia, a French squadron from Martinique would have borne down upon the isthmus and perhaps landed marines at Colon and Panama and along the line of the canal to protect the interests and property of French citizens."

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Pierce's Favorite Prescription. For Weak Women.

AMERICA'S MESSAGE TO A CERTAIN SOUTH AMERICAN REPUBLIC. "Wail, Colombia!"—Punch. Capitalization has proved to be a somewhat unsatisfactory substitute for capital.—Puck.

HE—Was that you I kissed in the conservatory last night? "About what time was it?"—Life. First Bostonian—Did you meet any Americans aboard? Second Bostonian—No, nothing but New Yorkers.—Life.

REVENUE OFFICERS ON THE NIGHT OF DECEMBER 13TH, captured a large illicit distillery near Little River church in Orange county, where so many stills have been captured of late.

REDS SPRINGS VISITED: The machinery has been put in motion and Red Springs can boast of another industry. The college laundry is now turning out large quantities of work in the most approved style.

GREENSBORO TELEGRAM: It looks as if the two parties are going to have a hot race to see which can beat the other to it with a strong tariff reform plank. But tariff reform in Democratic doctrine, and Republicans should leave it alone or become Democrats.

SALISBURY NEWS: Salisbury is to have another ice factory, and it is to have a capital stock of \$25,000. Most of the capital has already been subscribed, chief among the subscribers being Mr. N. B. McCannless and Capt. C. L. Welch.

DURHAM NEWS: Durham is to have a new enterprise in the shape of a candy manufacturing plant. The parties will do a general wholesale and retail business.

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