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NECESSITY OF EXPANSION. Speech of M. E. Ingalls at the Banquet of the Bankers' Club in Chicago. Plan for Free Trade.

prove his action, which it subsequently did, and authorized him to do it again under similar circumstances and continue the suspension as long as necessary.

There isn't any one in this country vested with the authority to suspend tariff duties on the necessities of life when grabbers corner them, but if there were and that authority was exercised as President Diaz exercised it, it would very soon settle the corner business, and the combinations which make millions by taking advantage of the people's necessities and making extortionate prices for what they buy to it.

But there is more politics in the tariff in this country than there is in Mexico, and for that reason American Presidents mightn't be so quick to put the brakes on the trusts.

WIPING OUT THE POLL TAX. Some time ago Senator Pritchard, as chairman of the Republican State Committee, published a letter "to the people of North Carolina" on the subject of the poll tax.

"The R-republican Commissioners of the Madison county, have been releasing at every meeting for several months back an unusually large number of tax-payers from the payment of their poll tax.

Senator Pritchard doubtless knew that this game was on in his county, and probably in other Republican counties, when he issued that address, as a sort of "stop thief" blind, so that the Republicans could have it to say, when charged with it, that they did it because they were "informed" that the Democrats intended to play that game in the Democratic counties.

But the Republicans are not going to lose any votes if they can devise any plan to get them into the ballot boxes, and this should stimulate every Democrat or believer in white supremacy and decent government to pay his poll tax and save his vote.

There are \$4,000,000 invested in creameries in Minnesota, and they pay out \$8,000,000 a year for the milk they buy. The product amounts to 50,000,000 pounds of butter, worth \$11,000,000.

THE SUGAR TRUST DOWNED. The Democrats in the House of Representatives and the "insurgents" scored a victory Friday, when they rode over the Speaker's rulings, removed the differential from refined sugar from Cuba, and knocked out the Sugar Trust.

Twenty per cent. isn't much of a reduction in the tariff but it is a victory for the people all the same and for Cuba also, for it is an entering wedge—and it will be easier to get a further reduction than it was to get this twenty per cent.

Highwood is an Illinois boy. He had a high time at a recent election and when the returns came in. A pool room was the issue and the anti-pool room candidate for mayor came out with seven majority.

Rathbone may have been wiping that Cuban postoffice away, of which he was convicted, or not, but Mark Hanna is his friend, and, professing to believe in his innocence, sticks to him.

Investigation of the tax books shows that 3,000 voters, white and black, in Guilford county have not yet paid their poll tax.

When the Beef Trust follows give the shortage of cattle as a reason for the advance in the price of beef, they are puzzled to account for the fact that at Omaha the purchases were 5,000 more for the week ending April twelve than they were for same week last year.

A Chicago man proposes to make a cruise to the North Pole next Summer with a fleet of three air ships, of the dirigible kind, which are now being built in that city.

CONFIDENTLY PREDICTED THEY WILL GO UP QUARTER OF A CENT. The following special to the Richmond Dispatch will be read with interest:

BERRY MOVEMENT. Great Preparations for Truck Handling Now Going On in Shipping Circles.

THE SCHEDULE OF TRAINS. Fruit Growers' Express Has Made Ample Provision for Successful Business. "Empties" Piling Up All Along the Line—Other Notes.

LOCAL DOTS. If you have not yet paid your poll-tax for last year, and fail to pay it on or before May 1, you cannot vote in the November election.

CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE. Called to Meet at Fayetteville Wednesday, April 24th—The Members.

NOT AN EMPTY DREAM. Somsambulist Fell from Second Story of Felton House and was Injured.

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FROM RALEIGH TO WASHINGTON. New State Railroad Project—Wallace Brick and The Company Chartered. [Special Star Telegram.]

ATLANTIC SEAPORT. A dispatch from Norfolk says: "The belief is strong here that some arrangement has been effected between the Seaboard Air Line Railway and the Louisville and Nashville which will afford the latter system an Atlantic seaport on the Chesapeake coast."

WATER MAIN BURST. Killed and Two Others Injured. PITTSBURGH, April 19.—As the result of the bursting of a water main of the Pennsylvania Water Company, on Frankstown avenue, Wilkensburg, this evening, Ida Englehardt, aged six years, her sister, aged five, and a boy, aged fifteen years, is so badly hurt that she is not expected to live through the night, and the children's father, Wm. Englehardt, has a leg broken and is so severely hurt otherwise as to make his condition serious.

A SAN FRANCISCO TRAGEDY. C. B. Hadley Declared to Be the Murderer of the 16-Year-Old Girl Nora Fuller. San Francisco, April 19.—Chief of Police Whitman officially announced today that the murderer of Nora Fuller was C. B. Hadley, for fourteen years accountant in the business office of a San Francisco newspaper.

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MATTERS BEFORE SENATE AND HOUSE. Numerous Measures of Minor Character and Many Private Bills Passed.

THE RIVER AND HARBOR BILL. Will Be Called Up for Consideration Monday in the Senate—House Proceeds—Legislation—Fortifications Bill Passed. Cuban Reciprocity Bill.

By deed filed for record yesterday M. Pembroke Jones purchased for \$75 the life estate of Mrs. Bellinda A. Larkins in the "Larkins Tract" land on Wrightsville Sound.

MEASURE SENT TO THE SENATE—PREDICTED IT WILL BE ALLOWED TO DIE IN COMMITTEE. WASHINGTON, April 19.—The Senate is by no means decided as to what it will do with the Cuban reciprocity bill.

After the turbulent scene of yesterday, marking the passage of the revised Cuban reciprocity bill, the House adjourned to resume its session today. An opportunity was found, however, for the two elements in the recent struggle to give expression to their feelings.

High tension was manifested by the members of the House to-day as a result of the action of the House last night in over-ruling the Ways and Means Committee on the Cuban reciprocity bill.

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