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SECRETARY SHAW ON THE TARIFF AND TRUSTS.

Since Secretary Shaw has been in the Cabinet he has done more stump speaking than any other member of it. He seems to like it, too, and it must be said of him that he has a shrewd and deceptive way of putting things which is well calculated to mislead the average person who can't tell just where the deception is.

He doesn't want any tariff revision and he doesn't want the trusts curbed by reducing the monopoly which the Dingley tariff gives them in the home market. He so declared in his speeches previous to and during the campaign last Fall and he so declares now.

He represents do not propose to have the Dingley tariff modified if he can prevent it, and they are beginning thus early to check public sentiment which is turning in that direction and are trying to nullify the efforts of those Republicans who are advocating tariff revision, at least on articles and manufactures controlled by combinations which take advantage of the protection they have to extort high prices and large profits from American consumers.

Roosevelt on the trusts. At Milwaukee, where Mr. Roosevelt spent Friday, he chose as the subject of his speech the Trusts. This, like his speech in Chicago, the day before, on the Monroe Doctrine, was practically a defence of the course the administration has pursued on the trust question.

It is a well known fact that the legislation which has been enacted did not go as far as he thought it should have gone, but he was prevailed upon for party reasons, and for others of a different kind in which he had a more personal interest, to accept the compromise and declare himself "satisfied."

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AN ERA OF BUILDING.

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INDICATION OF CONFIDENCE. People Are Willing to Put Their Money into Homes and Business Houses.

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What is getting into the Supreme Court, anyhow? A short while ago the Massachusetts court set aside a verdict for damages in favor of a woman because her beauty influenced the jury, and now the Supreme Court of Wisconsin has done likewise because the jury was hoodooed by the eloquence of the counsel.

Hon. Hoke Smith, of Atlanta, doesn't think that Mr. Roosevelt will have smooth sailing for the nomination for the Presidency, but thinks that Governor Odell, of New York and Hon. Mark Hanna, of Ohio, are strong possibilities.

The Roosevelt family is spreading over a good deal of territory about this time. He is on his West-ern jaunt, Mrs. Roosevelt and some of the children are taking a cruise along the coast.

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The new Chinese Minister thinks the best thing he can do is to "follow the example of his predecessor" The Ting-fang, and has therefore already begun to make friends with the newspaper boys.

A BANK CLERK AN EMBEZZLER.

The Capital City National of Atlanta, Ga., Robbed by a Trusted Employee.

Abstracted at Various Times, Extending Back Several Years—Institution Absolute Safe—Clerk Admitted His Guilt—Prosecution.

ATLANTA, Ga., April 4.—G. Hal-lam Sims, collection clerk for the Capital City National Bank, has been placed under arrest by United States Deputy Marshal Scott, upon a warrant sworn out by President Spear, of the bank, charging Sims with embezzling a sum estimated at nearly \$84,000.

SOME NEWS OF THE BUILDING. Over \$100,000 Construction Work Now in Progress—New Front Street Street.

A well known architect remarked last night that, including the Atlantic Coast Line additional office, there is now going on in the city more than \$100,000 in new buildings.

FIRE RAGING NEAR POINT GASWELL. Home of Mr. W. W. Malpass Destroyed and Other Damage Wrought.

POINT GASWELL, N. C., April 3.—To-day about noon, while members of the family were cooking dinner at the home of Wm. W. Malpass, the house took fire and before help could arrive the house with everything inside was completely destroyed.

SUDDEN DEATH OF MAIDEN LADY. As Asst. of Mr. E. F. Gore Passed Away Suddenly—Interment Near Warsaw.

Miss Zilphia S. Guy, 45 years of age, died suddenly at 4:30 o'clock Saturday morning at the home of her nephew, Mr. E. F. Gore, No. 205 North Tenth street.

SAFE BLOWING NEAR RALEIGH. Store at Garner Brokes Open and About \$40 Stolen—Postoffice Funds.

RALEIGH, N. C., April 3.—Hal-lam's store at Garner, ten miles south of Raleigh, on the Southern railway, was entered at 8 o'clock this morning. The safe was blown open and forty dollars in cash taken.

CHATTANOOGA SENSATION. Two Prominent Citizens Assaulted by State Senator Walter J. Peak.

CHATTANOOGA, TENN., April 4.—State Senator Walter J. Peak to-day assaulted John H. Cantrell and Wm. Dowling, prominent citizens, on the principal thoroughfare. He carried a heavy stick with which he struck Mr. Dowling upon the face, seriously injuring his eye and it is said breaking the bone in his hand.

RECEIVER APPOINTED. Failure of Aultman, Miller & Co., Manufacturers of Agricultural Implements.

THE SCHOONER JNO. H. BUTTRICK.

Captain Sprague and Mr. C. D. Maffitt Back from the Wreck.

Mr. C. D. Maffitt and Capt. Charles W. Sprague returned yesterday afternoon from a trip along the coast in search of the body of Capt. Sprague's brother, First Mate E. H. Sprague, who was drowned last Monday morning in the wreck of the schooner Jno. H. Buttrick off Frying Pan.

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Some of the other buildings by Mr. Bonitz and others are the following: Brooks & Taylor, store on west side of Water, between Market and Dock, \$2,000.

THE CAPE FEAR IMPROVEMENT. Return of Fayetteville Committee—Scheme Entirely Practicable.

Yesterday afternoon's Fayetteville Observer says: "The River Improvement Committee returned last evening from Wilmington eminently pleased with the result of their mission.

Wanted in Florence, S. C. John Bishop, colored, was arrested this morning by Policeman C. E. Wood on a warrant from Florence, S. C., charging him with burglary.

During the month of March there were recorded in the office of the Superintendent of Health 48 deaths (37 white and 11 colored) and 63 births (18 white and 45 colored).

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