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LET THE NEWS FOLLOW. Editorial: The news should not follow the news. The news should lead the news.

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MR. TAFT IDENTIFIES HIMSELF WITH THE OLD "BOSSSES."

The cause of all the discord and dissatisfaction and resentment are not in New York and Massachusetts, but here in Washington, where control of affairs has been turned over without reservation to men whom the public has refused to trust and to predatory interests against the exactions of which the public is appealing for protection.

It is the Washington correspondent of the Republican Philadelphia North American who writes this.

President Taft has not only allowed himself to be guided largely by Aldrich, Hale, Elkins, Cannon and men of their type, but has been exploited as their champion. Though it did not meet his demands and was merely a compromise in which the high protection "standpatters" retained the advantage, the Payne-Aldrich tariff law has been warmly defended by Mr. Taft. He has gone out of his way to eulogize Senator Aldrich, and only a few days ago he was induced to go to Aldrich's own home and there again identify himself with the Rhode Island Senator and declare his bill "the best tariff law ever framed."

"If this strange face-about is due to Mr. Taft's theory that he is the head of the party and therefore chargeable with all its acts," exclaims the New York World, "it is the most surprising instance of self-sacrifice that our political history affords. The people were willing to acquit him of the tariff fiasco. He has made it his own. They were inclined to believe that Payne and Aldrich had fooled him as well as them. He has done his best to shift the blame from their shoulders to his own."

Mr. Taft seems not to understand that Aldrich and his clique of reactionary Senators are as thoroughly discredited in the public mind as are Cannon and the old machine that has ruled the House. The great mass of Republicans are quite as "insurgent" as the Democrats. The Chicago Tribune has polled the Republican and Independent editors of the country. It finds in the east 789 against Aldrich, Cannon and the high tariff, and only 197 sustaining them. In the West 77.1 per cent. are against them, 22.9 per cent. for them; in the South 62.8 per cent. opposed to them, 37.2 per cent. upholding them. New England shows the greatest surprise, only 39 Republicans and 3 Independents favoring the old leaders and policies, while 184 Republicans and 57 Independents announce themselves as "insurgent."

In Ohio such progressive Republicans as former Secretary of the Interior Garfield and ex-Gov. Myron T. Herrick are speaking out boldly against the extravagance, the high tariff, the reactionary tendency of the Taft administration.

All this is in the highest degree significant. Mr. Taft seems determined to identify himself and his administration with Aldrich, Cannon, Hale, Payne, Lodge and the old "bosses" and "reactionaries" of the Senate. He heard from some of the voters in Massachusetts a few days ago. He will hear from the rest of the country next fall.—Baltimore Sun.

MR. ROOSEVELT'S INTENTIONS.

Emerging from the wilderness at Khartoum, Mr. Roosevelt at once crashed into politics, like a black rhino into a greenhouse, by praising British rule—in Khartoum, so lately redeemed by the money and blood of the Egyptian nation!

The Nationalist press, which has read the Declaration of Independence, murmured. Then the Colonel called the Cairo editors together for a Sunday lecture on religious tolerance as enforced "when I had power in America," and by Hell Roaring Jake and others in Samar.

It may have been a Coptic Christian whose ancestors welcomed Amr the Arab after intolerable persecutions by Christian Greeks who reminded Mr. Roosevelt of the excel-

lent examples of toleration set by the Mohammedans during most of 1,300 years. No editor asked what affair of their visitor was Egyptian politics. All were pleased to meet so great a man. As one said, according to the London Mail, "he doesn't know what he is talking about, but he means well." Yesterday Mr. Roosevelt made another queer speech on Egyptian politics to the students of the university.

In addressing the English upon tariff reform and the budget, advising the French upon the sequestration of church property and instructing the Prussians how to keep the Poles in subjection, Mr. Roosevelt will doubtless continue his usual policy and commend his views to his scattered hosts by ignorance and good intention.

THE POLICY OF LOVE.

Col. Gordon, with his "I love everybody," has aroused the "whole country" as no one has done since Lincoln said he wanted to join a church which would have for its motto, "Love of Man." The expression "I love everybody" is a noble saying and worthy of the general acceptance which it has received; but what does it involve? Is it any more than a poetical figure? Has it really any practical application? If so, what is it?

Love is a quality. It is an attribute of humanity, and as we have understood it, it implies reciprocity. Sweeney says, "Love is life"; that is if one did not love something he could not live.

Yet, still, what does it involve? Is it simply to remain a subjective quality or is it to be an active principle? A person may be very unlovely, and utterly incapable of responding to your love, and yet you may practically love him. You may pity him, you may yearn to do him good. You may be willing to do nearly everything or anything to better him and yet you might not be able to associate with him. You could not live in the same house with him.

This puts a face upon this loving business, this fraternity sentiment, these brotherhood obligations that, when carried out to logical sequence, will clear up many of the confusing notions which men have of their relations to each other. More later.

MINISTER AS EDITOR.

The other day in California the Rev. Malcolm James McLeod, a Presbyterian clergyman, who soon will undertake ministerial duties for a New York congregation of large wealth, edited one issue of the Pasadena Star. He entered the editorial offices with the young vigor of an undaunted convict that nothing in the nature of the newspaper business presented an obstacle to a man of intelligent theories, even though the details of execution were unknown to him.

Mr. McLeod did his day's work, and the profession observing the fruit of the labor of the amateur can say that he did it well, but here is the expression of his revised convictions: "My time is now almost up as I pen this last line; my head is almost paralyzed; my brain is befuddled, and I am free to confess that I am right glad to vacate the holy spot. Such rush and riot and disarray. Such a jumble and potpourri. It strikes me as the daily effort to bring order out of chaos, and to do it lightning quick, I am reminded of the memorable words, 'The earth was without form and void, and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the spirit moved upon the face of the waters.' Never shall I criticize newspaper men more. I shall pray for them. They will have my heart's forbearance henceforth and forever, the hardest worked, shortest lived, poorest paid brain workers on this old world of ours."

Heterodox as it may be, one is almost forced to believe that the same law of selection which in the long run puts men into the work for which they are best fitted and gives that work the best available may even operate in the production of newspapers. We do not wish to be rash and will not insist that this is so, but we gather that it is the new belief of the Rev. Malcolm James McLeod.—Chicago Tribune.

BLIND TIGERS.

This is the way the blind tiger operates in Boston, the quoted matter being from a New England paper: "The Boston police thought it expedient to examine the interior of a lodging house 'kept by a lady' a few days ago. Among its other furnishings they found a five-foot shelf of books. Its titles did not correspond

to those prescribed by Dr. Elliot, but they seemed innocent. Of course a Boston policeman is ever literary, so these passed for a moment to peruse the literary gems. One took from the shelf a volume which was alleged on its back to be Dante's 'Inferno.' As he pressed it, it loosed upon and disclosed, not any cold type presentation of the infernal regions, but the real thing in the shape of a bottle of best 'red eye.' Interested, he looked further. The table of contents of 'Elizabeth and Her Golden Garden' was rock and rye. The People's Home Physician and 'The History of Our Country' were likewise lacking in dryness."

Literary Boston is still literary, even in the operation of her blind tiger establishments.—Raleigh Times.

AFTER EDUCATION.

Many boys who are inclined to imagine that making a fortune will bring more into their lives than education could possibly contribute will read with interest and profit the story of a millionaire who at the age of 45 has entered college. The Baltimore News says: "A new idea of the value of an education is given by Daniel Waldo Field, millionaire shoe manufacturer, who has entered Harvard at the age of 45 years. He is one of the many 'self-made' men of this country of opportunity; he is one of the countless 'examples' pointed out to the youth of every generation. 'Yet Mr. Field is conscious of a great lack—the lack of an education. He began as an apprentice, became a factory foreman, established his own factory, accumulated a million or two and extended his activities into other lines. He still needs the education he failed to acquire when a boy. And, unlike most men, he intends to have it. Like many others who pass beyond the accustomed period when education is acquired, he regrets that he did not try harder in his younger days to accumulate knowledge. He sees the need of it even now, and, further, he ventures the suggestion that 'the day of the successful business man who began as office boy is over.' He adds that a new generation of business men is being trained in the scientific principles of manufacture and commerce, and, consequently, the boy of the future who depends upon the traditional ladder of success, and sneers at school training, will find that it is difficult to climb to great heights. 'Just because great men of past generations struggled to the top without an education it is not a certainty that it can be repeated over and over again in the future. Education is being more and more recognized as essential to success.'"

IS THIS RIGHT?

One Mr. Shemwell of North Carolina wantonly shot a citizen who was in peaceful performance of his avocations. The criminal was convicted by a jury and sentenced by the court to a term of imprisonment. Gov. Kitchen suspended the sentence on a surgeon's certificate that the convict was in bad health and needed treatment at Hot Springs to fit him for life in jail. Whereupon Shemwell stayed at home and walked the streets as usual, trusting to his wealth and influence to enable him to defy the law with impunity. Months have passed. The outlaw is still at liberty. Further clemency is asked for him on the same old plea and the Governor is urged to commute the punishment to a fine. Why should the Government act or care whether Shemwell is a well man or not. He showed no concern for the health of his victim when he riddled him with a pistol ball. He has had too much consideration shown him already and Governor Kitchen will have hard work explaining his leniency to the satisfaction of a constituency which is lawabiding and looks to the protection of the law against just such outlaws as Shemwell.—Virginian-Pilot.

IN MEMORIAM: JAMES E. SHEPHERD.

He slept—and came the Infinite Procession. Of all life's tangled meshes wrought aright; Of Equity and Justice wherein "a little child shall lead them." "The still small voice" quelling the voice of might; He slept—and as by habit long directed; His soul slipped out unto the Goal he loved— So simply with a good life's quiet dignity. He entered the Courts of God.

The Federal administration exclaims in horror when a Bogota mob rises against a street railway owned by Americans. Now we wonder if no foreign money has been invested in the street railways of Philadelphia whose property has been destroyed and business interrupted for months? What would be done if the government of these foreign investors "issued an ultimatum" after the manner of Mr. Knox to Nicaragua?—Florida Times-Union.

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Wickedness of Clothes: There is a great truth underlying the fact which the governor of Uganda has just proclaimed, namely, that the more clothes the naked natives wear the less moral they are. Among all the unclothed Nilotic tribes, he says, a notable degree of morality exists; whereas those who have always been greatly addicted to wearing apparel are of notoriously lax habits. It is the same everywhere. Clothes, of course, have their uses in such weather, as we are enduring here and now, but who has not envied and admired the wisdom of Walt Whitman, who in summer days was wont to assume the sartorial economy of Nebuchadnezzar when he ran at grass and march along in his neighboring wood in unity with nature? Physical Progress of Guides: The city man's wonder as to the guide his Maine or New Brunswick guide will carry. The "piece" of the fur trade, whether of furs or supplies, was about ninety pounds in weight. The man who could not pack three "pieces" ought, tump, tump over the average portage ranked low around the campfire. A Chippewa has been known to carry a barrel of pork two miles, with frequent rests, of course; and one smilingly bet a 160-pound man that he could carry him five miles over a logging trail and not get him down once. Some of these men would pack 300 pounds, and it is said sometimes 400, but they were unusually powerful men and working under keen rivalry—the only rivalry which could bring any honor in their country—that of physical prowess. The French Postal Service: The French postal system was inaugurated in the reign of Louis XI, but the first director general was appointed by Louis XIV. He farmed the office, paying 1,000,000 francs a year for the privilege. This method continued until the revolution, when the farmer was abolished and the control was given to ten managers elected by universal suffrage. That plan did not work very satisfactorily and the office of director-general was revived under the consulate. The office of under secretary for posts and telegraphs, held by M. Rimyan, was first created in 1877, abolished in 1878, and revived again ten years later. British Terminal Unit: "British Terminal Unit" is used in measuring the quantity of coal, after analyzing the composition of sulphur, hydrogen and other elements contained. The unit is used by many local experts. Many a man who expects to go to heaven pays out a lot of good money for fire insurance.

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