

A Chaparral Christmas Gift

By O. Henry



THE original cause of the trouble was about twenty years in growing. At the end of that time it was worth it.

Had you lived anywhere within 50 miles of Sundown ranch you would have heard of it. It possessed a quantity of jet black hair, a pair of extremely frank, deep-brown eyes and a laugh that rippled across the prairie like the sound of a hidden brook. The name of it was Rosita McMullen; and she was the daughter of old man McMullen of the Sundown sheep ranch.

There came riding on red roan steeds—or, to be more explicit, on a paint and a sea-bitten sorrel—two wooders. One was Madison Lane and the other was the Frio Kid. But at that time they did not call him the Frio Kid, for he had not earned the honors of special nomenclature. His name was simply Johnny McRoy.

It must not be supposed that these two were the sum of the agreeable Rosita's admirers. The bronchos of a dozen others champed their bits at the long hitching rack of the Sundown ranch. The eyes that were cast in those savannas that did not belong to the flocks of Dan McMullen. But of all the cavaliers Madison Lane and Johnny McRoy galloped far ahead, wherefore they are to be chronicled.

Madison Lane, a young cattleman from the Nueces country, won the race. He and Rosita were married one Christmas day. Armed, hilarious, vociferous, magnanimous, the cowmen and the sheepmen, laying aside their hereditary hatred, joined forces to celebrate the occasion.

But while the wedding feast was at its liveliest there descended upon it Johnny McRoy, bitten by jealousy, like one possessed.

"I'll give you a Christmas present," he yelled, shrilly, at the door, with his .45 in his hand. Even then he had some reputation as an offhand shot.

His first bullet cut a neat underbit in Madison Lane's right ear. The barrel of his gun moved an inch. The next shot would have been the bride's, had not Carson, a sheepman, possessed a mind with triggers somewhat well oiled and in repair. The guns of the wedding party had been hung, in their belts, upon nails in the wall when they sat at table, as a concession to good taste. But Carson, with great promptness, hurled his plate of roast venison and frjoles at McRoy, spoiling his aim. The second bullet, then, only shattered the white petals of a Spanish dagger flower suspended two feet above Rosita's head.

The guests spurned their chairs and jumped for their weapons. It was considered an improper act to shoot the bride and groom at a wedding. In about six seconds there were twenty or so bullets due to be whizzing in the direction of Mr. McRoy.

"I'll shoot better next time," yelled Johnny; "and there'll be a next time." He backed rapidly out the door.

The cattlemen swept out upon him, calling for vengeance.

But the sorrel failed in its vengeance. McRoy was on his horse and away, shouting back curses, and threats as he galloped into the concealing chaparral.

That night was the birthright of the Frio Kid. He became the "bad man" of that portion of the state. The rejection of his suit by Miss McMullen turned him to a dangerous man. When officers went after him for the shooting of Carson, he killed two of them, and entered upon the life of an outlaw. When he was, at last shot and killed by a little one-armed Mexican who was nearly dead himself from fright, the Frio Kid had the deaths of 18 men on his head.

Many tales are told along the border of his impudent courage and daring. But he was not one of the breed of desperadoes who have seasons of generosity and even of softness. They say he never had mercy on the object of his anger. Yet at this and every Christmastide it is well to give each one credit, if it can be done, for whatever speck of good

he may have possessed. If the Frio Kid ever did a kindly act or felt a throb of generosity in his heart it was once at such a time and season, and this is the way it happened:

One December in the Frio country rode the Frio Kid and his Satellite and co-murderer, Mexican Frank. The Kid reined in his mustang, and sat in his saddle, thoughtful and grim, with dangerously narrowing eyes.

"I don't know what I been thinking about, Mex," he remarked in his usual mild drawl, "to have forgot all about a Christmas present I got to give. I'm going to ride over tomorrow night and shoot Madison Lane in his own house. He got my girl—Rosita's—would have had me if he hadn't cut into the game. I wonder why I happened to overlook it up to now?"

"Ah, shucks, Kid," said Mexican, "don't talk foolishness. You know you can't get within a mile of Mad Lane's house tomorrow night. I see old man Allen day before yesterday, and he says Mad is going to have Christmas doings at his house. You remember how you shot up the festivities when Mad was married, and about the threats you made? Don't you suppose Mad Lane'll kind of keep his eye open for a certain Mr. Kid? You plumb make me tired, Kid, with such remarks."

"I'm going," repeated the Frio Kid, without heat, "to go to Madison Lane's Christmas doings, and kill him. I ought to have done it a long time ago."

"There's other ways of committing suicide," advised Mexican. "Why don't you go and surrender to the sheriff?"

"I'll get him," said the Kid. Christmas eve fell as balmy as April. Perhaps there was a hint of far-away frostiness in the air, but it tingled like seltzer, perfumed faintly with late prairie blossoms and the mesquite grass.

When night came the five or six rooms of the ranch house were brightly lit. In one room was a Christmas tree, for the Lanes had a boy of three, and a dozen or more guests were expected from the nearer ranches.

The guests had arrived in buckboards and on horseback, and were making themselves comfortable inside.

The evening went along pleasantly. The guests enjoyed and praised Rosita's excellent supper, and afterward the men scattered in groups about the rooms or on the broad "gallery," smoking and chatting.

The Christmas tree, of course, delighted the youngsters, and above all were they pleased when Santa Claus himself in magnificent white beard and furs appeared and began to distribute the toys.

"It's my papa," announced Billy Sampson, aged six.

Berkly, a sheepman, an old friend of Lane, stopped Rosita as she was passing by him on the gallery.

"Well, Mrs. Lane," said he, "I suppose by this Christmas you've gotten over being afraid of that fellow Mc-



"Oh, Thank You!"

Roy, haven't you? Madison and I have talked about it, you know."

"Very nearly," said Rosita, smiling, "but I am still nervous sometimes. I shall never forget that awful time when he came so near killing us."

"He's the most cold-hearted villain in the world," said Berkly. "The citizens all along the border ought to turn out and hunt him down like a wolf."

"He has committed awful crimes," said Rosita, "but I—don't—know. I think there is a spot of good somewhere in everybody. He was not always bad—that I know."

Rosita turned into the hallway between the rooms. Santa Claus, in muffling whiskers and furs, was just coming through.

"I heard what you said through the window, Mrs. Lane," he said. "I was just going down in my pocket for a Christmas present for your husband. But I've left one for you, instead. It's in the room to your right."

"Oh, thank you, kind Santa Claus," said Rosita, brightly.

Rosita went into the room, while Santa Claus stepped into the cooler air of the yard.

She found no one in the room but Madison.

"Where is my present that Santa said he left for me in here?" she asked.

"Haven't seen anything in the way of a present," said her husband, laughing, "unless he could have meant me."

The next day Gabriel Radd, the foreman of the X O ranch, dropped into the post office at Loma Alta.

"Well, the Frio Kid's got his dose of lead at last," he remarked to the postmaster.

"That so? How'd it happen?"

"One of old Sanchez's Mexican sheep herders did it—think of it! The Frio Kid killed by a sheep herder! The Greaser saw him riding along past his camp about twelve o'clock last night, and was so skeered that he up with a Winchester and let him have it. Funniest part of it was that the Kid was dressed all up with white Angora-skin whiskers and a regular Santa Claus rig-out from head to foot. Think of the Frio Kid playing Santy!"

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The General News of The Land of Flowers.

CULLED FROM THE STATE PRESS

An Epitome of the Week's Most Important Happenings in the State's Domain.

The officials of the Florida East Coast railway in St. Augustine are busy getting everything in readiness for the inauguration of the magnificent train service which will be in effect during the winter months. The service over this road this season will far surpass that of any previous year, and magnificent all-steel trains will be operated.

Ex-Mayor Frederick A. Salomonson passed away in Tampa a few days ago. In his death Tampa loses one of her oldest and most respected citizens. Mr. Salomonson was mayor of that city for three consecutive years.

The Southern Motor Boat is the name of Jacksonville's latest publication. It is an illustrated monthly publication devoted to the exploitation, encouragement and development of the motor boat interest in the south.

It is understood that Homestead will soon have the honor of having a banking institution. This new institution has been organized and will soon be in operation.

A considerable quantity of dressed pork has been shipped from Ft. Christmas during the past two weeks.

Although the business activity of the state is so young, several places have gained reputation for particular products. Tampa and Key West for cigars, Sanford for celery, Manatee for truck, Fort Myers for catfish shipping, Starke, Lawney, Lakeland and Plant City for strawberries, Arcadia and Waculla for oranges, Cedar Key for cedar and oysters, Titusville, for fish, Jacksonville, St. Augustine, Daytona, Orlando, Palm Beach, Miami, Fort Myers, St. Petersburg, and Tampa are the most prominent tourist resorts. Florida is the tourists' Mecca and the finest hotel in the world are found here, and the finest beaches.—Starke Telegraph.

Despite the efforts of physicians to save his life, L. P. Cuttings, who was murderously assaulted Friday morning between 4 and 6 o'clock at the Tampa Steam Ways where he was employed as a watchman, by robbers who entered the office of the plant died late Sunday night without regaining consciousness.

The popularity contest which has been running for some time at the Star Theatre closed Thursday night. The prizes were awarded Friday night by Mayor Luke, who made a few appropriate remarks and presented the three lucky young ladies with the following gifts.

Miss Estie Purdon, 1st prize, a beautiful diamond ring.
Miss Margaret White, 2nd prize, lovely silver toilet set.
Miss Linda Connelly, 3rd prize, a gold headed silk umbrella.

The enterprising management of the Star Theatre is now giving the Sanford people Tampa's best licensed films service. The reels are new, being run only four or five weeks before being shown here. They are three or four months newer than the licensed pictures formerly shown here.

In music they have moved up a notch by adding two of the well known Stunoon family to their orchestra, and are giving something good in music every night.

Prizes at Star

The members of the Sewing Circle met at the residence of Mrs. R. C. Maxwell Thursday evening.

The circle entertained themselves with their pretty fancy work until the dainty refreshments were served, after which the dining room doors were thrown open and the guests were invited to enjoy a very pretty Christmas tree which ornamented the dining table. It was beautifully decorated with pretty tinsel and was ablaze with miniature candles. Best of all it was laden with presents, which when taken from the tree all bore the name of Miss Gail Moore, the charming president of the sewing circle. These packages contained gifts of beautiful articles, the handwork of each member of the circle and was intended as a pleasant surprise to Miss Moore, who will be married next Thursday afternoon in the Presbyterian church to Mr. Morton Hopson. The happy

couple will leave on the afternoon train for Jacksonville for a short visit.

When the shower was over the young people enjoyed a pleasant half hour in having their palms read by a very clever palmist, who predicted many interesting futures for the young ladies.

The members of the sewing circle who attended the shower were Mrs. R. C. Maxwell, Miss Ruth Standifer, Misses Emma and Estelle Beard, Mell, Alice and Lucy Whitner, Lillian Gibson, Margaret and Eleanor Roberts, Alberta Hopson, Carrie and Mary Ensminger, Miss Johnson, Miss Crux, Miss Brain and Miss Gail Moore.

At The People's Church

On Monday night the congregational church was taken possession of by the children for their Xmas tree. The assembly room was handsomely decorated for the occasion. The front of the church was a bank of Christmas greens, and on one side of the platform stood a beautiful, asymmetrical tree, which during the evening was lighted with many electric lights of red, white and blue. These decorations were in charge of Messrs. Beecher and Harry Kent. In the lighting they were assisted by Mr. Hooper.

The opening half hour was pleasantly spent in Xmas songs and recitations. Here the work of the little ones made the hit of the evening. Then came the dismantling of the tree. It was a goodly sight to see the sparkling of the children's eyes as they received their little remembrances. Even the grown-ups carried off trophies of the occasion from a box of oranges sent in by Dr. C. E. Lewis.

BRICKS FROM FLORIDA SAND

The Bond Company at Lake Helen Have a Fine Plant

Pessimists who say there is "nothing in Florida but climate" and that we live on "fish and strangers mostly" should stop off at Lake Helen on the branch road from Orange City Junction to New Smyrna, and see how the Bonds, father and sons, make brick out of Florida sand and Florida lime burned at Palatka. Get off the train and ask the first man you meet "Where is Hobt?" and he will probably say "Try at the office," which same is a neat little building of various colored brick ranging from the conventional red to a white and which would honor the "Hydraulic Consolidated" of any of our largest northern cities. Inside is an obliging office force, fitted with the modern appliances for tabulating the brain work of a big business. When you laugh at the idea of baking brick by steam you are told to go over the plant and see for yourself, and you do so almost expecting to see the bricks served on a platter and garnished by Sanford celery and lettuce.

Coming first to the "No Admission" sign on the boiler you "get by" with a question to the foreman as to how deep the hole is to get the water and he replies that you can get artesian water at 250 feet, but that the water used in the boiler is piped from the lake.

Inside you are at once impressed by the immense and efficient mechanical working power of the place. A large band worked by electricity brings the sand from the sandpits and deposits it in a pile on the floor, while lime comes from the case through a chute and both are deposited conveniently for the workers. You find immense cylindrical mixers revolving while darkways are dumping in sand and lime in proportion of 4 to 1.

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A Tribute to the Living

Miss Bertha Hunter whose marriage to Mr. Paul E. Miller, occurred Dec. 20th, is a young woman of rare beauty and of all the qualities of sweet disposition and lovely character and we consider Mr. Miller very fortunate in winning this young woman. We shall miss her greatly at the West End, where she has lived so long and where we have learned to love her and admire her sterling worth. Our loss no doubt will be some one's gain, so we rejoice with her, in her happiness. The high esteem in which Miss Bertha was held, was manifested by the many receptions held in her honor when her engagement became known.

We extend congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Miller and wish them many years of happiness.

A FRIEND

Notice

The Republican voters of Sanford are requested to meet in the band room in city hall building at 10 a. m. Dec. 29th for the purpose of selecting nine (9) delegates to the coming Republican convention to be held in Orlando Tuesday, Jan. 2nd, 1912.

OAS F. HASKINS,
Chairman

The Crooked Tree

Childish propensities are as strong as frequently mistaken. A thought full child hearing someone wonder why a certain tree in the garden was so crooked, replied, remembering the proverb, about "As the twig is bent, the tree is lincbed." I suppose somebody must have stepped on it when it was little.

After the Robbery.

Woman to detective—Why, it was this way. There came a ring at the door and there stood two men who said they were from the gas company, inspecting meters. They looked so dishonest I thought they were, so I let them in!

Very Realistic.

First Paris Artist—Vy you put zat salt wid ze paint? Second Artist—Eet is for a marine picture. I make ze paint salt; zen when ze English put zair fingers to zat lips, zay say, "Eet is wonderful, almost taste ze salt on ze ocean." Zan say buy.

Truly Conservative.

Talleyrand's conversation was summed up by a witty comment. Paul de Courrier, who declared that if Talleyrand had been present at the creation, he would have exclaimed: "Good gracious! Chaos will be destroyed!"

Daily Thought.

We sleep, but the loom of life never stops; and the pattern which was weaving when the sun went down is weaving when it comes up tomorrow.

—Henry Ward Beecher.

Mallon Gore Wants Our Boys And Girls To Plant Corn

Orlando, Fla. Dec. 21, 1911

In The Echo of The Herald.

No doubt most of your readers are familiar with the efforts of the Department of Agriculture to interest the boys and girls of the Southern states in the growing of corn, as well as the results of those efforts. Instructors have been sent out by the Department to advise the young people in the selection of seed, the preparation of the ground, and the care and cultivation of the crop. Experiments are confined to a single acre of ground to each boy or girl. Prizes are offered by the states and a free trip to Washington and a diploma from the Department, are offered to the prize winners.

NEWS OF THE WORLD

Items of Interest Gleaned From Various Sources

HAPPENINGS DURING THE WEEK

Here the Readers Will Find a Brief Historical Spring Flowing For Hurried Readers

Miss Clara Barton, famous the world over as a Red Cross worker, reached her ninetieth birthday anniversary today. Congratulatory messages from friends and admirers in many parts of the world were received at the home of the famous nurse at Glen Echo, Md.

Under the call of their executive committee the Democrats of Alabama will express in their primary election their presidential preference and the twenty-four delegates from that state will be instructed to vote first, last and all the time for the presidential candidate who receives the highest number of votes in the primary.

It is now predicted that the senate will declare Senator Lorimer's seat vacant, but the grounds on which this decision will be based are not stated.

The secretary of the treasury insists that the country is suffering because the banks are not organized into a protective and cooperative system.

Mr. Vanderbilt takes his bride to a suit of rooms whose furnishings would command a rental of \$40,000 per annum.

Masons Elect Officers

At a recent meeting of Sanford Lodge No. 62, F. & A. M., held on Dec. 21st the following officers were elected for the year 1912.

- H. E. Toler, Worshipful Master
- F. L. Miller, Senior Warden
- W. L. Morgan, Junior Warden
- M. W. Lovell, Secretary
- C. R. Walker, Treasurer

These officers will be installed Wednesday night of St. Johns Day, Dec. 27th, 1911, at Masonic Hall. The installation will be public and be preceded by the installation of the officers of Seminole Chapter No. 2, Order of Eastern Star.

Boy Scouts' Ball Game

The Boy Scouts of Troops 1 and 2 will play their second game of base ball on Monday, New Year's Day at Holden Park. The game will be called at 2:30 p. m. to give time to complete the full nine innings before dark. Entrance with admission to the grand stands is 25 cents. The proceeds will go to the general equipment of the two troops. These boys know how to play ball. Go and see them.

Methodist Christmas Tree

The Methodist Sunday school, had their Christmas exercises and tree, Christmas evening, in the church, which was filled with the parents and those who are always interested in the pleasure of others—especially children. A very entertaining program of recitation and songs had been prepared by Mrs. C. B. Summers, Mrs. Chas. Seigh and Miss Lillie Farnsworth, who trained the children in the parts assigned them, and which was charmingly rendered by each child, who took part in the exercises.

At the conclusion of the interesting entertainment the superintendent of the Sunday School stated, that the usual custom would be somewhat varied, instead of giving the presents on the tree, to the pupils of the school, that they themselves had brought the articles which were on the tree in the desire to make this Christmas as bright and happy, as it was in their power for others less fortunate than themselves, and that the Yuletide fruit on this Christmas tree, was to be given to the orphans in the orphanage at Enterprise; from the Methodist Sunday school. The members of the school were each given a box of candy and the two youngest classes some of them little tots were given a present with their box of candy, as it was thought that they were rather young to understand and appreciate an object lesson in self sacrifice and the delightful realization "that it is more blessed to give than to receive."

Story of Chicago Physician

A prominent physician tells this story: A poor woman went to a nearby dispensary to ask aid for her little son who had one of his fingers smashed with a baseball bat. At the first room where she applied a curt attendant told her that the boy could not be treated there. "Wrong place," he explained, "this is the eye and the ear department." "Where is der thumb and finger department?" inquired the woman, simply.

Importance of Being Correct.

The Sunday school teacher was telling her class about the wicked children mocking the good prophet, and how two she-bears came out of the mountains and "ate up" over forty of the wicked children. "Now, boys," she concluded, "what lesson does this teach us?" "I know," said one youngster; "it teaches us how many children a she bear can hold."

Get Out of the Rut.

The dull man is made, not by nature, but by the immersion in a single business, and all the more so that he is sedentary, uneventful, and ingloriously safe. More than half of him will remain unexercised and undeveloped; the rest will be distended and deformed by overnutrition, overcerebration, and the heat of rooms.—Robert Louis Stevenson, in "The Wrack."

None May Think.

Every hand is wanted in this world that can do a little genuine, sincere work.—George Eliot.

Arrival and Departure of Trains

NORTH BOUND

No. 82	Ar. 1:25 a. m.	Lv. 1:35 a. m.
No. 84	" 11:03 a. m.	" 11:13 a. m.
No. 80	" 2:35 p. m.	" 2:55 p. m.
No. 28	" 9:00 p. m.	

SOUTH BOUND

No. 83	Ar. 2:16 a. m.	Lv. 2:26 a. m.
No. 89	" 2:05 p. m.	" 2:25 p. m.
No. 85	" 6:05 p. m.	" 6:25 p. m.
No. 29	" 8:20 p. m.	" 8:20 p. m.

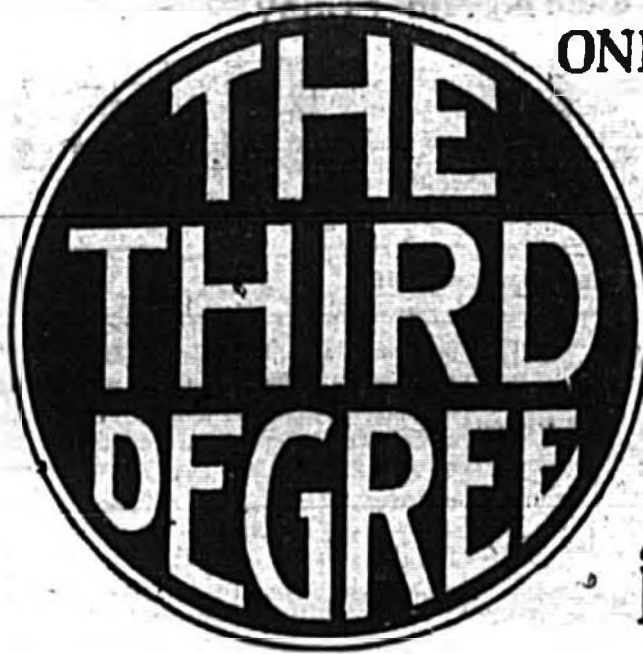
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Tribby & St. Petersburg—No. 25, Ar. 1:01 p. m., No. 24, Lv. 2:15 p. m.
Leesburg—No. 21, Ar. 11:28 a. m., No. 22, Lv. 6:15 p. m.
Ovelda—Ar. 10:30 a. m., Lv. 3:00 p. m.

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IS WORST OF JOKES

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We May Ultimately Come Under Rule of Tariff Board, but We Soaroly Need It to Investigate the Shell Game.

We wish we could take that tariff board seriously in all respects, but it is impossible. For 40 years now the high taxers have been marking up tariffs. Poor fellows; they never had a tariff board. They simply consulted their inward sentiments. If the spirit moved them to buy a private yacht, to build a \$150,000 cottage by the sea or to endow a library or university, they told the people in Washington that they wanted more tariff to assist in the enterprise and they got it.

The process was the easiest imaginable. It was like the first law of nature, which is to help yourself. No body ever thought of calling it scientific. It was not even expert. With most practitioners the work was coarse, if not clumsy. Would a duck swim? Would a hungry man eat? Would a boy attend a circus?

Those were great and primitive days. You saw what you wanted and you took it. In the course of time it became necessary to apologise occasionally for taking too much and to offer excuses for taking it from the wrong man, but the domain of science was not invaded and a tariff board was unheard of.

It now appears that all this use of the power to tax everybody for the benefit of somebody was highly scientific and that only scientists of the first order of merit can undo any part of it. Who should amputate a limb but a surgeon? Shall the intricacies of a costly chronometer be entrusted to the clumsy hands of a wood chopper? Is the average American well enough acquainted with the higher mathematics to be able to throttle a scientist who chances to be rifling his pockets?

These are profound and harrowing questions, but we nevertheless believe that what was done by one instrumentality may be undone by the same agency. It may be that we shall ultimately come under the sovereign rule of the tariff board, but we hardly need it to investigate the shell game or to make a report upon the newest get-rich-quick scheme. Designing women whose object is matrimony, learned metallurgists who know how to dispose of gold bricks, and skilled engravers having an over-supply of greenbacks may find it profitable on occasion to refer their clients to a tariff board, but it will be only for the purpose of gaining a little time. The sleuths will be upon their trail in a minute.

Great Combination.

If Mr. Clark is elected president next year, a congress Democratic in both branches is likely to supplement that result, and the first business in hand in 1913—probably in the spring—will be tariff revision. The Payne law will come in for a complete overhauling. What then shall we see? A man in the White House familiar with the tariff from a Democratic point of view, a man in the speakership—Mr. Underwood—familiar with the man in the White House, and some man chairman of ways and means familiar with both. A majority of the majority of the house will be men who have served with the president in congress. The combination will be as closely knitted as was that of McKinley, Reed and Dingley.

Thrusts at Trusts.

The department of justice is said to have a thousand complaints against the trusts upon its books. Investigation of alleged violations of the Sherman anti-trust law leads the department to believe that it can carry through several prosecutions with success before the end of the year.

The decisions in the cases against the Standard Oil company and the American Tobacco company proved that the Sherman law could deal with the trusts so far as to halt their policies of greed and tyranny. But they

have not shown that the trust problem could be settled thereby. What are half a dozen suits, or half a hundred for that matter, as against the formation and the conduct of new combinations, new trade associations, new pools and new agreements? They amount to no more than the pin prick in the hide of a rhinoceros.

Only a few politicians who still perceive advertising material in the denunciation of the trusts pretend that prosecution can ever effectively stay the course of economic evolution. They but help to postpone the discovery of the solution. The real work of dealing with the difficulty lies with those who are confident that regulation, not foolish attempts at destruction, constitutes the answer.

Remedy is With Voters.

Discussing the defeat by Canada of the reciprocity scheme, the Indianapolis News says:

"As for ourselves, we can, as President Taft says, 'get along.' There probably never was a people in the world with greater capacity for paying taxes. It is true that that capacity is declining somewhat—or at least there is less resignation than there once was. Men and women are beginning to ask why they can not get what they need without being forced to pay tribute to protected favorites. They are coming to see that reciprocity is not the only recourse. For we have full power to lower or remove taxes without waiting for the action of any other government. Reciprocity is merely an awkward device for getting what we can get at any time by the enactment of law to which the consent of no government but our own would be necessary. We are the masters of our own destiny, and so can order our political affairs as we please. This fact has found lodgment in many minds. Sooner or later it will bear fruit. But for the present we shall have to get along as best we can under monopolistic conditions."

Country's Needs Not Supplied.

The country feels a general depression of energy. It feels that the times are lean and growing leaner. It is not plunged in adversity, but it feels a depressing slackness of prosperity. The cause is plainly the confusion of politics and public affairs. The need of definite policies, of constructive convictions, of firm leadership, is felt everywhere. And it is difficult to see how Mr. Taft's campaign plans are going to supply that demand.

What Might Have Been Expected.

There will be no honest enforcement of the pure-food law until all the upstarts like McCabo and all the unlawful boards like that headed by Prof. Remsen are excluded from the bureau of chemistry. It is highly characteristic of a president who surrendered to the standpatters to pat Dr. Wiley on the back and yet leave him practically bound and gagged in the hands of his enemies.

More Light Needed.

The spectacle of such earnest advocates of tariff reform as Root, Penrose, Crane and the other distinguished guests felicitating the president upon taking their advice to veto any "linking" with the sacred tariff schedules must have been both an imposing and inspiring sight, but the importance of that scene will suffer somewhat because of the burning curiosity that will be aroused to know what assurances were given the president as to the next campaign.

Mr. Taft's Form of "Recall."

President Taft has manifested something akin to bitterness in his opposition to the recall feature of "progressive" politics.

All the same, he is on a trip of speechmaking, with the purpose of urging the recall of every congressman who does not agree with his policies.

For Mr. Taft, recall by law is all wrong; but recall at the behest of the president is all right.

Protectionists and beneficiaries of government favoritism to the few at the expense of the many are rejoicing throughout the world over the blow to commercial freedom in Canada.

IS VERY BAD EITHER WAY

Taft's Veto of the Wool Bill May Cause Him Many a Bad Quarter on an Hour.

We are confident that President Taft, by his veto of the wool bill, has prepared many a bad quarter of an hour for himself. It may appear that he has done an uncomfortable disservice to his tariff board by so much insisting upon the necessity of basing revision of the schedules upon its report and findings.

The Underwood revision of the wool schedule Mr. Taft found to be unacceptable, because it had been prepared without information as to cost differences and other factors which the tariff board is engaged in studying. The general opinion of the country, we are sure, is that, in signing a bill which reduces the run of duties on woolen fabrics from 95 per cent. to 45 per cent. he would have run no great risk of sanctioning duties too low to meet differences of production cost and the "reasonable profit" to American manufacturers. However, he was of a different opinion, and vetoed the bill. Now, suppose the report of the tariff board should be of such a nature as to justify rates below those fixed in the Underwood bill. That would show that Mr. Taft had entirely misjudged the situation in imputing haste and recklessness to them in preparing the new rates. On the other hand, suppose the board's report should indicate the necessity of duties considerably higher than those fixed in the Underwood bill. Does the president suppose, do the woolen manufacturers or the friends of protection generally imagine for a moment, that the country would accept such a report as a fair and impartial presentation of facts fit to serve as a basis for the revision of that schedule? Would it not, on the contrary, be everywhere said that the president's tariff board was but a part of the great protectionist organization, cooperating with the Republican party and with the president himself to maintain the "defensible" duties of schedule K?

It seems to us that embarrassments which might easily have been avoided by signing the wool bill have been deliberately invited by the veto.

The most important advantage to be found in the reciprocity agreement, according to Secretary Wilson, is the access it affords to the Canadian woods. Are we to infer from this that the secretary foresees the personal need of retirement to the tall timber?

Those eminent financiers who say that agitation is bad for business should have thought of that before they agitated for so much tariff and such a lax enforcement of the laws that especially concern their enterprises.

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IN AND ABOUT THE CITY

Little Happenings—Mention of Matters in Brief.

PERSONAL ITEMS OF INTEREST

Summary of the Floating Small Talk Succinctly Arranged for Hurried Herald Readers.

Joe James has become a hero again. N. Whitner and C. M. Hand went hunting Tuesday morning.

Paul Biggers has returned from a visit to the Beacham family at Orlando.

Miss Alberta Hopson left Saturday to spend the holidays with home folks in Tampa.

S. A. Irvin left Christmas day for Ohio, he was called to the home of his mother, who is very ill.

Mr. J. M. Silver, of Sanford, was down last night to see one of our most popular young ladies.—Reporter Star.

George Atkins is spending the holidays at home with his mother. His Sanford friends are always glad to see him.

Miss Willie Singletary, who has charge of the public school at Winter Garden, is spending the holidays with her parents.

Weather is warm and the water is warmer at the sulphur spring at Woodland Park. Open Saturdays and Sundays.

Miss Clarissa Starling has returned from a short visit to Jacksonville, where she went last Friday to spend Xmas with relatives.

Woodland Park is better than ever and the water is warmer than in the summer. Get a sulphur bath. Open Saturdays and Sundays.

The Sanfordites enjoyed a quiet Christmas. The Christmas exercises of the various Sunday School brought many of the people together.

The members of the Wednesday Club are reminded that the club will meet at the residence of Mrs. L. R. Phillips Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 27th.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Brown of Enterprise have been in Sanford a day or two. They attended the Welaka Club dance at Lake City Tuesday evening.

Judge Harvey Milton Mabry, Mrs. Mabry and little son, Hakon Washburn, with Miss Washburn of Fitzgerald, Ga., are here with their sister, Mrs. G. F. Smith.

Miss Rosina Jacobs went up to Sanford today to visit friends and attend the ball to be given by the Welaka Club, at the Sanford House tonight.—Reporter Star.

Mrs. Geo. A. DeCottes has returned from an extended visit to North Carolina points and Jacksonville. Her many friends are glad to see her home once more.

Judge Joseph Manuel Allo and wife, from the Isle of Pines are spending the holidays in Sanford. Mrs. Allo was Miss Myra Munson and is a niece of Mrs. Annie S. Munson.

The people of Sanford, especially the benevolent societies and the young people and Sunday schools, have been more than generous in their loving sympathy, interest and gifts to the orphanage this fall and Xmas.

Miss Laura Fish of Sanford and Miss Edna Smith, a friend from New York who has been visiting here for several weeks, have been the guests of Mrs. Martha Wood for the past three days.—Defiant Record.

Mr. C. R. Dickinson and Miss Rose, have returned from their visit to Jacksonville, where they went Saturday just to spend the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Harry Sloan, Mrs. Dickinson's daughter, who resides in Jacksonville.

Mrs. R. Bryan of Wrightsville, Georgia came in the city Saturday evening and will visit her daughter, Mrs. R. M. Mason.

Mrs. Bryan was accompanied by two sons, W. L. Bryan, Superintendent of Adel High School of Adel Georgia, and Joe M. Bryan of Americus, Georgia.

Miss Bowler after after spending a couple of days with his parents, left Christmas afternoon, for New Orleans, to attend the biennial convention of the Kappa Alpha Fraternity which convenes in New Orleans the 27th, 28th and 29th, as the delegate from the chapter at the A. and M. College, at West Raleigh, North Carolina. He will return to Sanford from the convention and probably remain a day or two, before returning to college.

Notice Annual meeting of the stockholders of The Sanford Light & Fuel Company, for the election of directors will be held at the residence of the president Monday, January 7th, 1912, at 2 o'clock p. m. F. H. RAND, President S. L. & F. Co. Geo. H. FERNALD, Secy S. L. & F. Co. Dec 4, 1911. 27-4t Fri

KEEPING FENCES IN REPAIR

It Will Keep the Live Stock Out and May Be Used as Support for Some Ornamental Vines.

The garden fence may well serve two distinct purposes. It may keep out stock and support useful ornamental vines. The winter is a good time to plan the boundaries of the new garden, secure the fencing material and do the work.

The fence for the garden should not only be high and tight, sufficient to turn poultry and other small animals; but strong enough to turn hogs, cattle, and all other large farm animals. Poultry netting is largely used for the purpose and serves it well when nothing but poultry is to be turned. But poultry netting is a very frail fencing material and when it is once mashed down or gotten out of shape in any way it is difficult to mend and becomes practically worthless, says a writer in an exchange. Once the hogs start to get under or the cow to get over it you might as well throw it away, for mosquito netting would afford just as much protection to the garden.

There are several makes of heavy but chicken and pig tight stock fences, with No. 9 wire at the top and bottom. These heavy fences are not much more expensive than poultry netting, will last much longer, and are much more efficient in every way.

By the use of heavy grade woven wire fencing and strong, well set, and well braced posts ten to fifteen feet apart the garden fence may serve as a support for grape vines, climbing beans, other useful fruits and vegetables, and a whole list of ornamental flowering plants. By planting these useful or ornamental vines along the garden fence they are out of the way, of other plantings, their support requires no extra material, and they form a pretty frame to the garden picture.

In our garden we allow the garden fence to support grapevines, butter beans and lima beans, ornamental gourds, wild grapes, morning glories, and sweet peas. One year the entire fence was covered with sweet peas, and what a beautiful sight they were from July till frost. No better permanent ornamental vine can be had for the garden fence than the wild grape vine. It seems to be easy to at home on a wire fence. The young vine will run from the ground to the top wire of the fence and there branch into two divisions, one following to the right and the other to the left along the top wire. The vine is light and graceful, the foliage is bright, attractive, and refreshing, and the whole plant from early summer till very late in the fall possesses charm, individuality, and grace that few cultivated plants possess. The blossom of the wild grape has the sweetest and most enchanting odor of any flower that blooms. To smell it in its natural haunts of the thicket and wood in May or June, to the nature lover makes life almost complete. To smell it in one's garden or grove makes him feel that the best of nature is near at hand.

At Least a Year Too Late Mr. Mann, Republican leader in the house, in his statement to the country reviewing the work of the extra session of congress, makes one point against the Democrats. He charges them with having delayed the passage of the measure for the direct election of senators.

But what profit can Mr. Mann hope to gain for his party by calling attention to this fact? The stand pat whig of the Republicans in congress, to which Mr. Mann himself belongs, has delayed the passage of a measure for the direct election of senators through the sixteen years of its control of congress. Although the measure passed the house under Republican control, did anyone ever hear of Mr. Mann pointing to the fact that its defeat by a stand-pat senate was a party blunder?

The Republican house leader is at least a whole year too late in seeing the light.

A New York stock exchange firm has just failed for \$4,000,000. It ought to be evident to the most careless eye that this might have been prevented by permitting the Steel trust to absorb something at the psychological moment.

Who Could Beat Taft? President Taft is at certain of re-nomination as he can be certain of anything in the changes and chances of this mortal life. It is quite idle to assert, as some Democrats are jauntily asserting, that any Democratic nominee can defeat him. The fact is, only a Democrat who commands the confidence of the country in an unusual degree can hope to do it.

Probably no Democrat of the politician class can do it. The people who would vote against Mr. Taft are crying out for a new sort of leadership. Their only chance of getting it is through the party that has for some years been on the outside. If the managing Democrats are wise enough to put forward a leader of so commanding a personality as to satisfy that demand they will be likely to win.—World's Work.

WANTS

All Local Advertisements Under This Heading, Three Cents a Line Each Issue

Voice Lessons—Italian method. Call, phone or address Mrs. G. L. Hoy. 32-31f

Wanted—To purchase or lease with option, small piece of irrigated land with or without buildings. Price must be low and terms reasonable. Drawer 1289. 32-1f

Hurry your grape vine planting, as best time is passing. Have a few on hand for immediate delivery. Plant Amor Privet for hedge and secure beautiful and everlasting inclosure. Cut flowers and plants, nursery stock. L. H. Temple, phone 156. 32-1f

Lost—Large bound, red with white around neck and down breast, (female). If found return to or let me know and receive reasonable reward. A. S. McLendon, R. No. 2, Phone No. 315-2

For Sale—Locomotive type boiler, forty h. p. Economic boiler thirty h. p. seven inch, four side Houston mowing machine, twenty h. p. engine; bolting saw table with 31 inch inserted tooth saw; saw table (double end); power grind stone; one horse log cart, shafting, pulleys, hangers, belting, etc., etc. V. Schmelz R. No. 2, Sanford. 32-2tp

Wanted—To rent first class upright piano four or five months. Phone 209. 32-1f

For Sale—Eight room house, nicely finished, four large porches, including live lots neatly fenced, outdoors, flowing well, shrubbery, etc. A nice home in good location on First street just west of bridge. V. Schmelz, R. No. 2, Sanford. 32-2t p

For Sale—Door casings, with and without transoms, window casings, hotel range with boiler, laundry range, sinks, tubs and fixtures, double doors with casings and fixtures, double doors and glazed doors with casings, three quarters, one and 1/2 inch galvanized pipe, etc. Also a 50x30 ft. two story building, the dining hall of Pine Crest Inn. All material strictly high grade. Some sills and joists and laths left. V. Schmelz, R. No. 2, Sanford. 32-2t p

Lost—Jersey heifer, three years old, crop off left and split in right ear. Finder bring to J. W. Sykes on Celery avenue, and receive reward. 28-1fc

The Gate City House has brought down the high cost of living. Only \$4.00 per week for the finest table board in the city. See Parker. 28

For Sale—5 acre farm, twenty bearing orange trees, 50 peach trees, also very large bearing pear trees, modern 5-room cottage, front and back porches, faces south Golden Lake, 3 miles south east of Sanford; 5 minutes walk to street railway, also Ocala railroad. Fine drinking water, good bathing, fishing and swimming. Also 10 acre tract of the very best celery and lettuce land, well located, one west Cameron City, less than a quarter of mile from Sanford traction carline. Land has a gentle slope from North to South End, so there will never be any danger of soiled land, guaranteed to get flowing wells on land. Reasonable price, and terms to suit. Address box 1127 City. 2-1fs

I bought five tracts of fine land three years ago. I improved and cultivated them. Well located. I want one for a home and trucking. See me for bargains on others. Levi Binford, just south of Crystal Ice Factory. 27-1f

Wanted—Steady position with fruit or truck grower. Reference: John R. Eagle, Pottstown Pa. 29-4tc

For Sale—By Owner, 3 room, 3-story strictly modern house at 514 Oak avenue, one of the best residence streets in Sanford; good barn 80 foot front, good shade; 5 blocks from heart of city. Call Phone 139, or address P. O. Box 1220. 31-4tc

Bargain—5 acres of land in Beck Hammock; best land in the county, all cleared and irrigation plant complete, with 1 acre celery, 1 acre lettuce, another acre ready for potatoes or anything. Crop and land complete. \$3,000.00. F. M. McCartney, Sanford Fla. R. F. D. No. 1. 31-1f

For Rent—Furnished room, electric lights, hot and cold water centrally located. Address: Box 1117 City. 3-1p

For Sale—Horse, wagon, carriage, single and double harness, gasoline engine and pump, farming implements and automobile, all at a sacrifice. A. H. Brock. 1f

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Sanford man in Jacksonville wearing crepe on his arm was asked about his bereavement and said he had just received word that his subscription to the Sanford Herald had expired.

SANFORD'S SPECIALTY

The shipments of lettuce from Sanford for the month of December will reach 120 cars and round out a business so far this season of 400 cars. That money scatters itself over a much larger region of Florida than the city about which it is grown and from which it is shipped. Celery will possibly have to take a back seat in Sanford, though for years it loaned its name to the use of the municipality.

But lest the reader does not find the Sanford specialty in a paragraph both naming celery and lettuce, we will explain that Sanford's specialty is "cash for vegetables and vegetables for cash." It is a combination that is hard to beat.—Tampa Times.

THE TRUTH ABOUT FLORIDA

The following item clipped from the Palatka News means more to the state of Florida than any one can imagine at present:

"The Federal grand jury at Jacksonville on Saturday handed down an indictment against the Florida Home Land Company, of which A. S. Mann, S. W. Bolles and T. S. Hand are the principal manipulators. These men will answer to the charge of fraudulent misrepresentation. It is to be hoped this finding by the grand jury will be followed by other indictments against several other fraudulent land sale schemes in this state. Florida has sufficient natural advantages of soil and climate to induce immigration; too many in fact to tempt other than natural crooks to misrepresent. The A. S. Mann named in the indictment above referred to is the father-in-law of former governor William Sherman Jennings."

The Florida Homeland Co., exploited the colony known as Celery City over in Volusia County. They obtained the name and fame by trading on Sanford's reputation. Their literature contained a map showing Celery City to be located just seven miles from Sanford when it was nearer twenty by road. They made the suckers believe that Celery City lands were the same as Sanford when in reality they were under water during the greater part of the year and no flowing wells could be procured upon them. Their main talking point was the immense profits made at Sanford and. "Why should you pay \$100 per acre for Sanford lands when at Celery City you can buy the same kind for \$25 per acre." Their agents circulated upon every train from Jacksonville to Sanford, pounced upon the unwary, carried him to Sanford, showed him the beautiful fields of celery and lettuce, the flowing wells and the prosperous farmers and then carried him across the lake to "Celery" City where they had the same conditions at \$25 per acre.

Certain kind of crops did grow at Celery City but the poor deluded buyers who had passed up the legitimate real estate at Sanford and listened to the only tongued land shark not only did not get good land but after they had paid out their money discovered that they had no title to the lands.

The Herald two years ago sounded the warning note about these so-called celery lands. Our main cry was to see the lands, make them show you the crops growing and above all examine the title.

What was the use? We talked to the land buyers until our breath gave out about the difference in Florida land and that the genuine flowing well land, drained, protected and well situated could not be bought for a song. But the siren song of the land shark was sweeter to their ears than the home made axioms. The highly colored literature of the fake land schemes and the cheap prices was more than the simple tales told in The Herald and they went, some of them saw and all of them were buncoed.

The Herald will watch this trial with interest. Our community has suffered by the contamination of these fakirs. They traded on our good name and we want to see them punished as they deserve to be and should have been twelve months ago. There are only a few real vegetable sections in the state of Florida where a

man can make good on five acres of land and unless they can show you the actual results the scheme is a fake and the man who perpetrates the fraud should be handed over to the police like any other malefactor who puts his hand in your pocket and takes your money. There is no state in the Union that is so rich in promise for the homeseeker as Florida and because of this fact our fair state has become the stamping ground for all the gold brick men of the universe. This fact should not deter the man from making investments, for we are only emerging from the chrysalis of boom methods and getting into the light of safe and sane methods of land selling. Our state will suffer, but the real facts will not hurt the legitimate real estate dealer or the real farming sections, although it will have a tendency to depress the selling and make more timorous the dollar of the homeseeker who should have invested at first hand in a section where stuff will really grow, and the titles are clear.

This is cleaning up day for Florida and the house will be in better shape to receive visitors after the dirt has been brushed away.

At The Presbyterian Church

The children of the Presbyterian church look forward to the coming of Santa Claus each year because they know that Supt. McLaulin always places his order early with old Saint Nick and that the tree will be loaded. This year was no exception and the many children and the parents gathered early Monday night at the church to take part in the festive occasion. The little tots, and the larger children, and all that could, had a place on the program and music and recitations followed one another until it seemed that the Presbyterians had developed the Sunday school into a musical and elocutionary class, so well did the scholars acquit themselves. Their good work is due to the excellent corps of teachers and the superintendent and there is plenty of latent talent in those good Presbyterians.

At the close of the exercises Supt. McLaulin called Messrs. Hopson and Peck to assist him in stripping the immense tree of all the good things and each and every boy and girl received a present and a nice box of candy. Many of the older folks also received handsome gifts and the pastor and officers of the church were remembered.

The members were glad to have their beloved pastor, Rev. J. F. McKinnon with them on this joyous occasion. Although his life has fallen in different lines he returns to his former flock as often as possible.

CONCRETE FLOORS FOR HOGS

Have Been Found to Be Very Serviceable, Convenient and Economical—Cement is Only Cost.

The loss in feeding on the bare ground, especially in bad weather, has been a serious drawback in hog raising. Wood floors are expensive and too short lived to become general. Concrete floors are found to be very serviceable, convenient and saving, writes J. H. Haynes in the Farm and Home. We have been feeding on floors open to the weather, but in the future such floors shall be under cover.

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POULTRY

IN recent issues we have given you a few figures comparing Florida with the very best Northern States in the production of corn and potatoes. It is not possible to compare Florida with all of the states on all kinds of crops, because certain crops in Florida pay so much money to farmers that they do not care to give attention to some other crops which are staple in the North. In looking over the statistics on any crop that is grown both in Florida and the Northern States, we find that Florida has a decided advantage.

Owing to our wonderful climate, we have advantages along other lines—in the raising of stock, for instance. It is not necessary to protect stock from the weather, and consequently all kinds of stock run at large the year 'round and require no attention and but little feed. This is one of the most inviting fields for the cattle business in the country. We may have more to say on this subject later on.

Just now we call your attention to the raising of Poultry.

Poultry raising as an industry has made wonderful strides forward in the past few years, yet the demand for poultry products is increasing much more rapidly than the supply, and prices are advancing slightly each year. This fact is due to several reasons. Almost everybody enjoys eating poultry products. The general high cost of living along other lines undoubtedly adds to the consumption of poultry products and tends to increase prices. Still another, and we think a greater reason than any other, is due to the rapid increase of population in our cities and the decrease in population of our country districts. The census of 1910 reveals some startling facts. The State of Illinois, for instance, lost 45,000 population in the rural districts in the past ten years, while the state as a whole, including the cities, gained over 800,000. What is true of Illinois is true of practically every other state in the union. As people flock to the cities they, of course, cease to be producers, but still continue to be consumers. That this condition of affairs will continue for years to come is a practically settled fact.

For one of limited means we do not know of any field so inviting as poultry raising, and certainly if one is going into the poultry business, no place in the world offers the advantages today that Florida does.

In the Year Book of the Department of Agriculture of the United States for 1910, pages 643 and 644, are two tables giving prices in each state of eggs per dozen and chickens per hundred pounds for every month during the past two years. We have selected six representative states out of this list and figured the average price for two years on both eggs and chickens. They are as follows:

STATE	EGGS PER DOZ.	CHICKENS PER 100 LBS.
South Dakota	\$.203	\$ 9.04
Illinois	.216	11.26
Indiana	.220	11.48
Iowa	.203	10.20
Missouri	.194	10.80
Kansas	.195	10.37
Average for the six states	.205	10.37

Now compare Florida from the same table: Eggs 24c and chickens \$13.34. This will show you that the price of eggs in Florida during the past two years has averaged 3½c higher than the six states above mentioned, and that the price of chickens has averaged \$2.97 per 100 pounds higher than in the six states above. This difference of itself should be an attractive margin of profit.

In the vicinity of Sanford but few people pay any attention to poultry, probably because they are engaged in truck growing, from which they make enormous returns, and consequently do not care to fool with chickens.

Being near the great resorts of the country, and having such excellent transportation by both water and rail, the demand here is much greater than in other parts of the state and the prices at Sanford are consequently considerably above the average given.

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Mr. Throop buys all his feed and does not attempt to grow any of it, as his farm is located on a few town lots.

It is so easy to grow anything or everything in Florida that we should certainly advise one who intended trying the poultry business to buy sufficient land to grow all his own feed, especially so when our Volusia Farms can be bought at the present low price. There is no question about an advance in value later on, and besides being able to raise feed for one's poultry, one would get the benefit of the advance in value of the land itself.

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TAFT'S THREE POINTS

PRESIDENT SHOWN AS STAND-
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In Effect the Chief Executive Declares
His Opinion That the People Are
Incapable of Deciding Tar-
iff Question.

In his preliminary talks and ad-
dresses in the east and in his veto
messages, President Taft indicated
the points he would seek to emphasize
in the course of his western trip—
that is, in connection with tariff dis-
cussion.

Those talks, addresses and messages
show that he bases his policy and pro-
gram on three assertions.

The first is, that he will deal with
the tariff on the basis of recommendations
by a board appointed by himself
and responsible to nobody but him-
self.

Second, he is opposed to all tariff
legislation not in accord with the Re-
publican national platform.

And, third, congress is incompetent
to exercise proper judgment on tariff
matters.

Last November, the people sent to
congress a new lot of representatives,
especially charged to carry into effect
the popular demand for tariff revision.
Mr. Taft pronounces the people in-
capable of deciding on such policies
and scorns the men selected to carry
them into effect—though gratefully
welcoming their aid in connection
with his pet projects.

He stands pat of the pat in ser-
vice adherence to party platform
harshes.

He announces adherence to no plans
or policies not formulated by his per-
sonally conducted tariff board.

These are the three points of his
propaganda in the west. He grows
weaker and weaker, all the time, in
the estimation and support of the
people.

Must Out Out the Graft.

No revision of the tariff would be
"scientific" except a revision that
would take out the graft. Any tariff
designed to raise prices instead of be-
nefitting the tariff revenue is a graft
measure—it is so by the law of its
being, and cannot be anything else.
The understanding of the president
and of the "friends of the tariff" is
that "scientific" revision consists in
going about among the beneficiaries
to find out with how much profit they
should be reasonably content, and
then fixing the schedules so that the
benefits desired would accrue. City
councils might with equal justice con-
sult with municipal contractors as to
the profits desired by them and award
contracts in accordance with the un-
derstanding reached. Tariff graft and
contract graft are in the same category
of wrongs; the only difference is
that the former has obtained legalized
respectability and an odor of sanctity,
while the latter is still a penitentiary
offense which smells to heaven.

Not a Waver; No, indeed.

The spokesman of the New England
Association of Commercial Execu-
tives, on taking leave of the presi-
dent at Beverly, said: "Other sections
may waver, but we will not."

Oh, no. There was no wavering in
Maine last year when the entire Dem-
ocratic state ticket was elected and a
Democratic United States senator
chosen; or in Massachusetts, where a
Democratic governor was elected; or
in Connecticut, where the same thing
was done; or in Rhode Island, where
Nelson W. Aldrich did not find it con-
venient to be a candidate for re-elec-
tion; or in New Hampshire, where the
Boston & Maine railroad oligarchy
was overthrown.

There was no wavering in any of
these upheavals, but they registered
the low-water mark of stand-pat Re-
publicanism in New England. If Mr.
Taft can find comfort in them he will
pass from joy to ecstasy when he
reaches the insurgent west.

Champ Clark's Reply.

Champ Clark's reply to President
Taft, reduced to its essence, amounts
to this:

"We Democrats were put in power
on our pledge to give the people re-
lief from tariff exactions. We did our
best to keep faith. We helped the
president put through the reciprocity
bill because it meant lower duties.
We united with progressive Republi-
cans in other tariff legislation for the
benefit of the people.

"We stand for the best interest of
the masses; he stands for a handful
of protected tariff barons and by his
veto enables them to continue to levy
unjust and exorbitant tribute upon the
consumers of the land."

Rapidly, that is the issue as it now
stands. And on that issue there can
be no question what the verdict of the
people must be.

Sheepskin of prairie dogs are to be
used for making gloves. It is reason-
able, therefore, to expect American
prairie dog raisers to immediately ap-
ply for a high tariff on prairie dogs.

Just Like Him.

Some exceedingly powerful business
combinations being involved in the
matter, the president's action in the
case of Doctor Wiley is inconclusive.
Mr. Taft exonerates Wiley from
trifling charges trumped up against
him, but he does not go to the root of
the matter at all.

The department of agriculture is
presided over by an aged person of
the name of Wilson. It actually is
run by a young and active person of
the name of McCabe. It is McCabe
who has made most of the trouble for
Wiley. Wiley wants to enforce the
pure food law. McCabe seems to have
other views.

If the president were constitutionally
and temperamentally capable of tak-
ing a position and holding it, his find-
ing in favor of Doctor Wiley in the re-
cent absurd little controversy would
have necessitated the prompt elimina-
tion of McCabe from the public serv-
ice. Instead of separating McCabe
from his usurped position in the de-
partment, however, Mr. Taft barely
mentions him. He is too stout, too
merry, too keenly intent upon travel
to make a thorough job of anything
in which private interests appear in
antagonism to those of the people.

To Him That Hath.

Since the first of the year, sugar has
advanced something more than 93 per
cent. According to the calculations of
Wall street brokers, the sugar trust
profits to the extent of \$40,000,000 as
a result.

Under decisions of United States
courts, the trust was obliged to pay
the government several million dollars
because of wholesale dishonesty. Of
course, that was unpleasant for the
trust management.

But, by the tariff schedules and the
short sugar-beet crop, the robbers
have been furnished conditions to of-
set the incommensurate requirements of
the law.

"To him that hath shall be given"—
so long as tariff extortions shall be
permitted.

It would be mighty interesting to
know what a gathering of notables
who are in such close touch with the
voters of the country had to say about
the political situation. What do you
suppose, for instance, Hon. Curtis had
to say about Kansas, and the im-
mense enthusiasm for the leader-
ship of "Hons." Wickersham, Penrose,
Hoot and Lippett?

Out on the Gravois road there is an
expressman who has "General Grant's
wagon." It has been repaired to some
extent, but one of the hubs really
formed part of a wagon belonging to
the silent man of the '60s. This is
like some of the Abraham Lincoln Re-
publicanism we have heard about in
the relation of the goods to the label.
—St. Louis Republic.

Millhand Must Wait.

In 1881 James G. Blaine was the
foremost American champion of high
protection. In June of that year he
as secretary of state sent to congress
a report on the cotton goods industry.
In this document he submitted a mass
of statistics on which he based this
statement:

"Undoubtedly the inequalities in the
wages of English and American opera-
tives are more than equalized by their
greater efficiency and their
longer hours of labor. In the
two prime factors which may be said
to form the basis of our cotton manu-
facturing industry—namely, raw ma-
terial and labor, we hold the ad-
vantage over England in the first, and
stand upon an equality in the second."

That meant that, thirty years ago
we could beat the world in the cheap
production of cotton goods; for Eng-
land could easily beat any other com-
petitor. It meant that our manufac-
turers could hold the home market
without tariff help.

Yet they are still getting this help
just as they were thirty years ago,
and the national labor bureau finds
that precious little of it gets past their
stockholders and their treasury into
the pay envelopes of their hired men
and women and children.

These beloved, wards of the stand-
pat guardians must wait—how much
longer?—for a commission report.

Modern inventions, says Mr. Taft,
are fast making farm life very desir-
able. True; but think how much
more desirable it would have been if
that free list bill had not been vetoed.

Three Achievements.

These three achievements of the
attorney general of the United States
remain most prominent in the public
mind.

1. The exoneration of Ballinger
and the condemnation of Glavin on a
most perfunctory examination of the
record, including the falsifying of the
date of the opinion.

2. The denunciation in a speech of
the progressives after the tariff ses-
sion for an attitude which has proved
to be the general attitude of the peo-
ple.

3. The recommendation of the dis-
missal of Doctor Wiley, a most in-
competent public servant, on a charge
which was evidently absurdly trivial.

GRADE CROSSING IS DEADLY

Growing Movement for Its Abolish-
ment is Justified by Comparison of
America With England.

In the recent primary elections in
New Jersey, opposite the names of
some candidates for the legislature ap-
peared on the ballots a brief state-
ment of measures they advocate. One
such indication of purpose was "Abol-
ish grade crossings." Here is one as-
pect of an agitation which is gaining
ground not only in New Jersey but
in other states, and especially in those
which have communities close to the
metropolis; and New York city itself
is still discussing what to do about
"Death avenue," the worst series of
grade crossings in the world. How
greatly reform as to grade crossings
is needed is proved by the figures
sent out recently by the National
Highways Protective society. These
figures show that in New York, New
Jersey, and Connecticut during the
seven months ending on August 1 last
68 people were killed at grade cross-
ings and 67 people were seriously in-
jured. Compare this—and compare
also the estimate that, the country
over, about 1,000 persons are killed
and double the number injured at
grade crossings every year—with the
fact that Great Britain there are ab-
solutely no deaths from this cause, for
the very simple and conclusive reason
that in Great Britain grade crossings
are not allowed to exist. It is true
that in this country the original con-
ditions of the construction of railroads
were such that it is not surprising
that grade crossings should have been
permitted. This does not at all, how-
ever, affect the fact that they should
got rid of with the utmost rapidity
consistent with fair dealings between
state and local authorities and the
railroads. It may very fairly be ar-
gued that the railroads should not be
called upon to bear the entire cost of
the reform, and in some states, we
believe, a system exists of compelling
the railroads to abolish every year a
certain number of grade crossings, be-
ginning with the most dangerous. But
it should never be forgotten that,
while some reforms may properly
move slowly, unnecessary loss of life
through removable causes is not a
matter to dally with. Action—and
prompt action—must be taken to re-
move the present annual murder-
ous stigma of grade-crossing calamities
from American railroad annals.—
Outlook

Rising Prices.

It may be that reciprocity would
not have lowered prices, but the de-
feat of reciprocity is at least made
the pretext for raising them. So we
must have been enjoying the result of
reciprocity ever since congress rat-
ified the agreement. In such cases as
this the effects of legislation are, as
we know, often discounted. It may
have been so here. At any rate there
is a general advance in the price of
foodstuffs. We know what has hap-
pened to sugar and coffee. Now it is
said that we shall have to pay more
for flour and bread and breakfast
foods.

Life Surely a Serious Problem.

The only things that are falling are
stocks—notably steel—but the people
cannot eat these. What with tariffs
that limit the supply, and controlled
market conditions, life is becoming a
rather serious problem. Even our
friends to the north of us may find
that their great "victory" will entail
unpleasant consequences. They may
have saved themselves from the awful
peril of "annexation" only to find that
they have robbed themselves of many
of the good things of life.

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