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The Blackest of Governmental Sins

The Simmons resolution in the Senate has brought a long list of manufacturers who are backing the proposed high tariff schedules, as they claim, to defend the protection of American industry. But, according to their income tax statements, they are already making too much.

The fact is that there never was a more selfish tax measure present to Congress than the present one. It comes from a combination of interests embracing iron and steel, electric machinery, dye-stuffs, foodstuffs, manufacturers of shoes and leather goods, woolen manufacturers, rayon mills, powder mills, manufacturers of glass, cement, cooper products, printing machinery, paper, flour, and many others; and if it is passed their dividends will be doubled and the cost of feeding, clothing, and housing the people of the United States will be largely raised to pay every cent of it.

If our unequal laws grow much greater in their scope, our few rich will grow richer while many of the poor will have to go barefooted, ragged, and hungry. Of our governmental sins, the high protective tariff is the largest and the blackest.

The Proposed New Schedule

Weldon-Kinston midday trains will be discontinued on October 20, according to an order of the Corporation Commission, in passing on a petition of the railroad at a hearing in Raleigh this week.

This will affect the present 1 o'clock mail schedules at points from Tarboro to Plymouth but slightly. It will cut out the morning papers coming from Norfolk which leave there on a train at 8 o'clock, coming here by way of Hobgood, Parmele, and on down by Babcock's bus line, but since the train leaves Norfolk before business hours, it would not affect much of the business correspondence from Norfolk, which leaves Norfolk at 8 o'clock at night, comes on the Norfolk-Southern to Plymouth and up on the early morning Atlantic Coast Line train.

The *Virginian-Pilot* would be practically the only mail that would miss the bus mail delivery. On the other hand, if the bus schedule was moved up a few minutes going down it would reach Plymouth in time to connect with the Norfolk-Southern train, which would make a quicker mail delivery for Washington, New Bern, Greenville, and Raleigh, leaving Plymouth at the same time it now does to make deliveries for southbound mail at Parmele and carrying northbound mail to Tarboro for the north and west.

Judge Devin's Charge

Judge W. A. Devin's charge to the grand jury touched deeper down into the fundamental principles of law than judges generally do. He discussed the Federal constitution, which has grown step by step and article by article, keeping pace with our civilization, saying that every amendment has been added because of a growing sentiment demanding it.

The election of United States Senators, the income tax amendment, the eighteenth amendment outlawing intoxicating liquors, have been added in recent years, all for the purpose of giving all men an equal and a fair showing in life. The same application was made to the State constitution, the only difference being that the United States constitution is a joint document granted by the sovereign States, while the State constitution comes direct from the people, who reserve to themselves all the rights not specifically embraced in the constitution, leaving a wide range of privileges for our State legislature.

Such charges should be heard by the citizens of every community, that they might know more about why we have law and of the necessity for law and order to insure peace and happiness to the people of a country, since there are two specific reasons why we have law. One is that people may know what is right, based on ages and centuries of experience; the other is that those who fail to do right must be forced to do so by the law.

Where We Fall Down in Education

"The records show unmistakable evidence of progress in every field of endeavor," says *State School Facts*, in speaking of progress in public education—which statement we look upon with serious doubt. Not that we are not lengthening our school terms, building

better houses, employing better teachers and spending far more money for education, but that we are teaching away from the points upon which we have to depend for our prosperity.

The trend of education today, just as it has been for many years, is to quip ourselves for life as bankers, accountants, merchants, doctors, lawyers, school teachers; positions that only a few of our children can hope to gain. When we think of the scattering few who are being educated to be producers, we are forced to believe we have an unbalanced system.

Very few pupils in our schools are being taught to transform the properties of the earth into food, raiment, and shelter, and none of them are being taught how to make a fair and honest distribution of their productions or how to exchange with other sections.

All we know about farming is how to produce crops and throw them in piles for somebody else to distribute for us. We are not teaching our children that there is more profit in distribution than there is production.

Our schools will not achieve their proper standard until they educate upon the fundamental factors of life and progress in proportion to the number of people who will be forced to follow and live by the various vocations.

We are spending many times more in North Carolina schools in teaching ball playing than we are in teaching the growing and marketing of every agricultural crop produced in the State. We will never be on the proper educational basis so long as we neglect to educate the people on the principles upon which our success depends.

A Real Service to Society

That the third time brings success is again proven by the findings of a Martin County jury, in the rendering of a verdict of guilty of first degree murder against John Sawyer for the killing of John I. Britton, near Everetts, on July 26.

In February of this year, Togo Pulley, a notorious character, induced Policeman Jones of Bethel off and killed him on the highway at Butlers Bridge. In May Frank Cox slipped up to the home of J. H. Jolley and, standing in the dark, shot him dead while Jolley was standing in his own door. In both of these cases, the murderers escaped the electric chair because some slight circumstantial doubts arose in which the State would have been at some disadvantage in furnishing proof, although each case was clean-cut first degree murder.

These cases seemed to give the criminal-minded a fresh courage and nerved them up until they lost their fear of justice, which made life somewhat insecure. The first-degree verdict in this case will cause would-be murderers to give more serious thought before arranging their plots for crime.

The jury rendered a real service to society when it faced its duty squarely and performed like men, in accordance with the laws of our country.

Farmers Should Organize

Dunn Dispatch.

The tobacco farmer is unorganized, but the tobacco buyers are organized. There is very little increase in the production of tobacco, but according to all reports there is a very great increase in the consumption of tobacco. The law of supply and demand has little to do with it. The farmer gets for his tobacco just what the three or four large buyers care to give him. He can take it or leave it. He takes it, and is rightfully dissatisfied, but he refuses to believe in cooperative marketing. For some reason he just can't bear the thought of having a pro rata part of the expense of his own association deducted from the amount his tobacco or cotton brings when sold through the association. At the same time he forgets that somebody is paying the expense of a large corps of buyers, auctioneers, and warehousemen, most of whom put up at the most expensive hotels, ride in high-priced cars, and so on. He forgets that somebody is paying the profits that are taken out by warehousemen, commissions that go to buyers, and other expense that is involved in the auction system. The farmer can't see that cooperative marketing is, or should be, the cheapest plan of marketing, from his own standpoint. He doesn't see that he foots the bill, even under the auction system which gives him no control over the size of the bill.

There is little or no hope for the farmer as long as he is willing to do nothing for himself more tangible than to assume a disgruntled attitude because he fails to get a fair price for what he produces. As long as he willingly submits to the autocracy of the few tobacco buyers who control his destiny, as long as he does not declare his own independence, there can be no more prosperous future in store for him.

The Way to Satisfy Farmers

New Bern Sun-Journal.

This particular "satisfied tobacco farmer" that we told about sold his load of tobacco for an average of 22 cents, and he will be entirely satisfied if he sells the rest of his crop for this average.

We have found that, as a rule, the farmers are not so hard to please, but when they bring a big load of tobacco to market and do not get enough for it to pay the actual expense of producing it and placing it on the warehouse floor, they have a just cause for complaint and the evil should be remedied.

There is no danger, from the manufacturers' standpoint, that the price of tobacco-products will ever have to sell any lower, so with this protection that is offered the manufacturers, they should certainly stabilize the price of leaf tobacco at a level where the farmer can make a living out of the business of raising it.

THE LETTER-BOX

ANSWERS CHARGES AGAINST KEHUKEE ASSOCIATION

A few days ago there appeared under the head of "The Letter-Box," an article charging the Kehukee Association with placing itself in disorder at its last session, in October, 1928, by attempting to settle a local disorder in the churches composing it.

The Kehukee Association never has at any time attempted to settle local church troubles, but leaves each church to itself in a sovereign state to attend to its own affairs and dispose of its own difficulties in a gospel way.

The church at Smithwicks Creek became hopelessly divided into two factions, and failed to come to an understanding with each other, and the minority faction organized itself into a separate body. It was recognized by the corresponding churches, by the union, and by the association, as the original Primitive Baptist church at that place.

The majority faction applied to the association for recognition and was rejected because their conduct did not merit the association's fellowship.

The association, in accordance with its own rules and long-established custom, did not attempt to rule, coerce, drive, or attempt in any way to discipline that or any other church, but left them to themselves, or until they get their house in order, when it will

gladly recognize them in love, and receive them in full fellowship.

The Kehukee Association was organized in 1765, and has had an honorable existence of 164 years. It is older than our flag, constitution, or the organization of our government. It has not departed from its time-honored customs, but attends to the business of the association only. It was organized not for an ecclesiastical authority to rule over the churches, but for the pure worship of God, where brethren from widely scattered portions of country might engage in solemn but delightful worship of Him who has called them to glory and virtue.

Submitted in love and in behalf of the truth by

B. S. COWIN,
Clerk of Kehukee Association.

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Prices Are Higher at the Farmers Warehouse

Sales at the Farmers Warehouse have been increasing steadily in pounds and prices for the last few days. We expect the increase to continue—Because:

First, the farmers are thoroughly convinced that we are working for their interest at all times. Second, they are assured of the top market price; and third, We sell tobacco and nothing else.

For your information, we give you a few averages made on our floors:

GRIFFIN AND WILLIAMS			WYNNE AND BULLOCK		
146	27.00	\$ 39.42	142	37.00	\$ 52.54
124	32.00	\$ 39.42	140	34.00	47.60
212	35.00	74.20	78	32.00	24.96
192	38.00	72.96	88	27.00	23.76
164	40.00	65.60	126	30.00	37.80
118	51.00	60.18	166	27.00	44.82
	Totals	\$352.04	160	25.00	40.00
	Average	\$36.82	78	22.50	17.55
			26	51.00	13.26
			1004	Totals	\$302.29
				Average	\$31.00
STALLS AND BULLOCK			SALES NEXT WEEK		
56	18.00	\$ 10.08	Monday, September 23rd	First Sale	
186	23.00	42.78	Tuesday, September 24th	Third Sale	
114	31.00	35.34	Wednesday, September 25th	Second Sale	
62	40.00	24.80	Thursday, September 26th	First Sale	
48	26.00	12.48	Friday, September 27th	Third Sale	
	Totals	\$125.48			
	Average	\$27.00			

Tobacco is low, but no house is having better sales than our house. For the last two or three days we have had a floor average of from 13 to 15 cents. Bring us a load, and we will do our level best to satisfy you.

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