

The Aldrich Makeshift.

The Charlotte News.
The Payne tariff bill, in so far as it represented a fulfillment of the party pledge of honest downward tariff revision, and in so far as it offered relief to overtaxed consumers, was bad enough. The Aldrich makeshift is a thousand times worse. Neither bill, it passed, would benefit the consumer. At various times prior to the election President Taft promised tariff revision downward. The party is pledged to such revision. The public expects the honest fulfillment of these promises from its chosen representatives. Living expenses are abnormally high, due to the Republican system of high protection. In place of bread, the public is offered a stone. There is a storm of popular protest against iniquitous Aldrich measure which the senate has just passed. The people will have a say.

Discussing the Aldrich measure, and the effect it will have if accepted by the House, the New York World says:

The House of Representatives that passed the McKinley tariff numbered 166 Republicans to 159 Democrats when it organized. In the next Congress there were only 88 Republican representatives, while there were 236 Democrats.

The Wilson tariff bill was passed in 1894. In the preceding election 220 Democrats were elected to the House and 126 Republicans. In the Congressional elections following the passage of the Wilson tariff the Democratic majority was changed to a minority numbering only 194, and the Republican minority became a majority with 546 members.

In 1896 206 Republicans and 134 Democrats were elected and the Republicans were assured a large majority for the passage of the Dingley tariff. But at the next election, in spite of the popularity of the war with Spain, the Republican majority fell from 72 to 22.

Last year 219 Republicans and 172 Democrats were elected to the House, making a Republican majority of 47.

What would be the effect of an Aldrich tariff on the Republican majority in the Congressional elections next year?

During the national campaign last year the promise was made by Republican campaign speakers that the revision of the tariff would be honest, thorough and in the main downward. Mr. Taft personally confirmed these pledges many times. The tariff bill as adopted by the House was on the whole as good a measure as could have been expected from a party wedded to high protection. But Mr. Aldrich in the Senate bill has practically undone the work of the House. He has raised the most important rates to the old Dingley figures or fixed them even higher. Revision under his management has not been honest, it has not been downward. As the bill leaves the Senate it is a mockery and a betrayal.

The Republicans of the House will soon be on trial before the country. By standing firm on their own bill, by refusing to accept the innumerable increases and cunning devices by which Senator Aldrich has contrived to defeat downward revision in behalf of the consume, they will not only redeem the pledges of their party but will have a just claim upon the gratitude of the voters. The Aldrich schedules cannot become a law without the consent of the House. Virtually every member of the body will be a candidate for re-election sixteen months hence. Is there a single Republican representative who thinks the Aldrich schedules will further his chances or furnish him with a defensible plat-

form upon which to go before his constituents?

Mr. Taft gave timely warning of the Republicans of the House when he said at New Haven a few days ago that "unless the Republican party lives up to its promises and the expectations of the people there is no doubt that it will be relegated to the position of the minority opposition."

The refusal of ten Republican Senators to vote for the Aldrich-Payne tariff bill when it was placed on passage in the Senate should, in the estimation of the Democrats in Congress, prove a warning to the dominant party. With one sixth of the Republican membership of that prominent conservative body, the Senate, refusing to vote for the Aldrich-Payne anomaly, they suggest, is it not evident that considerably more than one-sixth of the voters, most of whom are consumers rather than manufacturers, will refuse to vote again for the party which is responsible for the tariff bill? If anything like one-sixth of the voters refuse to vote for Republican candidates for the House in November, 1910, is it not a reasonable assumption that the reign of Cannon, Payne, Dalzell, et al, will be ended, and that a Democratic majority will come into its own?

A queer thing occurred in Atlanta the other day. A. C. Snyder had not seen his sister, Mrs. D. S. Webb, in 17 years. They had completely lost track of each other. Meanwhile both had married. Perhaps they had almost forgotten each other. Snyder had an interesting photograph of Edgar Allen Poe, and The Georgian got it and published it. Mrs. Webb saw it and remembered it and her brother. She had him come to her home, and there they held reunion, and to and behold, discovered that they were living within four blocks of each other, in the crowded city.

Judge and Mrs. W. B. Councilll left Tuesday for Denver, Colo., where they will spend two weeks. They will then visit Salt Lake City and other places of note. Judge Councilll has some interest in real estate in Colorado which he will look after on this trip. Owing to a special term of court trying the Biggers case in Charlotte, Judge Councilll was detained for a week and will not take in the exposition at Seattle, Wash., as he had planned.—Hickory Democrat.

The many friends of Mr. I. P. Caldwell, editor of the Charlotte Observer, will be very sorry to learn of his relapse recently, on his return from Hendersonville, where he attended the meeting of the North Carolina Press Association he had improved during April and May and went to Birmingham Ala. to attend the annual convention of the Southern Newspaper Publishers Association of which he was president. He is now in the Charlotte Sanatorium for treatment. We hope he will soon regain his former strength.

"Current events in Washington indicate that revision of the Republican party must come before the people can get revision of the tariff," says The Charlotte Observer, and President Taft practically declared the same in his address to the Yale alumni, when he said unless the Republicans in Congress made good their pledges the party would be reduced to "a minority opposition."—Chattanooga Times.

Jim Jewter and Mallie, Green, spying a fresh earth mound near Durham, reported the matter to the police and out to the grave went a party, dug carefully, said it was a baby until a beard appeared through the dirt when it was declared an old man. Digging some more, the body of an ancient billy goat came to view, whereupon the sensation died, and laughter held both his sides.—Dispatch.

The great prohibition fight in Bristol, Va., is now a thing of the eternal past, and the "wet" are in the saddle for the next two years by a majority of 32. The Prohibitionists put up a great fight but were unable to overcome the influences of cold, hard cash with which the city was flooded for the purpose of re-enslaving the bar rooms on the Virginia side of the twin city. Of course the result is a beautiful disappointment to many, but money has talked many have been allowed to vote against their own consciences and their own interests, by the click of coin, and early in August the bar rooms in the beautiful city will begin to sow the seeds from which an abundant harvest of crime is sure to be garnered. The minority can only bow to the will of the majority. That is all.

Kentucky and Tennessee have recently shipped four solid train loads of tobacco to be exported to Liverpool, England. It amounted to 1,725,000 pounds and when loaded onto a vessel furnished almost a complete cargo.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA
THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE NORMAL AND INDUSTRIAL COLLEGE.

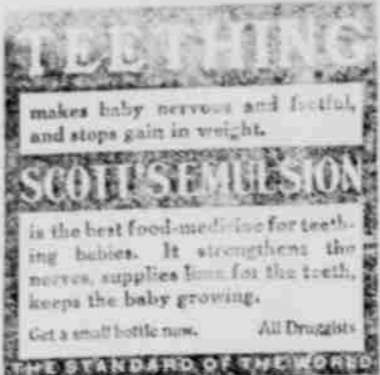
Maintained by the State for the Women of North Carolina. Four regular Courses leading to Degrees. Special Courses for Teachers. Fall Session begins September 15, 1909. Those desiring to enter should apply as early as possible. For catalogue and other information address
J. I. FOUST, Pres., Greensboro, N. C.

FOR SALE.
PURE-BRED SHORT HORNS.
Three 2-year-old heifers; one heifer calf; one bull calf; two cows; one herd bull. These cattle are all well bred and Registered. I will sell as a whole or any part of them cheap.
F. W. RICHARDS, Banner Elk, N. C. June 10, 2m.



We have just received a big stock of the celebrated Craddock-Terry shoes known over the entire country as one of the best lines of goods manufactured. These goods are made in the South by its largest manufacturers and are not only sold here but are being bought in the large cities of the north in competition with Northern made goods. This line of shoes received two medals at the Worlds Exposition the only manufacturers to receive but one. Be sure to try a pair of these goods and you will use no other. "The best is the cheapest."

Your attention is also again called to my splendid line of clothing for men, youths and boys. They are of the best material, the best make, and are being sold at the best prices to be found in this section of the county. If you have not bought your summer suit, be sure and investigate my stock, at least, before purchasing. Dry Goods, Notions, Hardware, Groceries, etc., always in stock and at bargain prices. Bring me your trade, and I will save you money.
Very respectfully,
H. C. MILLER, Blowing Rock, N. C.



IT IS WELL WITH YOU.

If you have a watch that needs repairing or any little job you wish done bring or send it to me at my office at Silverstone and I will give you a first class job.

I also keep a nice line of groceries and other goods that I will sell you real cheap for cash or good produce.

Thanking you for the nice patronage you have given me and hope for a continuance of the same, I am,
Yours Very Truly,
S. M. GREENE, Jeweler.

Entry Notice, No. 2491.
State of North Carolina, Watauga County, Office of Entry Taker of said county,
P. M. Winkler locates and enters ten acres of land on the head waters of Flannery's Fork of New River, in Boone township. Beginning on a birch tree, on said Winkler's corner, then various courses so as to include all the vacant land for complement. Entered June 12, 1909.
H. J. HARRIS, Entry Taker

CATTLE, CATTLE!
For Sale.—One yoke large work cattle; one yoke of 2-year-old cattle; two fresh milk cows, and one fine half Jersey heifer.
Apply to
ISRAEL HOLLER, Blowing Rock, N. C. July 8, 4t.

MEADOW MACHINERY.
I have on hand a lot of Deering Mowing Machines, Deering Hay Rakes, and a good assortment of Repairs. I have the latest improvement on the Mower; light draft and high speed. If in need of anything in this line I am sure I can save you money on the same.
W. W. BLACKBURN, Moretz, N. C. 7-1 4t.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is not satisfied after using two-third of a bottle according to directions, your money will be refunded. It is up to you to try. Sold by J. M. Hodges.
Parham is now a first-class post office, the seventh to be come such in the state. The receipts are now more than \$40,000 a year.
Advertise in this Democrat.

WATCH THIS SPACE!

The undersigned having bought this space for the mutual benefit of both myself and customers, I desire that you watch it closely, and when in town give me a call. I can show you the largest and best selected stock of general merchandise ever exhibited in Boone.

IN DRESS GOODS:—I have all kinds, qualities and prices, from a 10c lawn to \$1.50 silk.

IN NOTIONS:—I have a stock that is unsurpassed. **MY STOCK OF SHOES** is complete in every detail. I have the greatest stock to select from I ever exhibited. I am expecting daily a big line of Oxfords for men and ladies in all kinds of leather styles, colors and prices.

Spring and Summer Clothing.

I make a specialty in this line, I have the latest New York styles, with prices unsurpassed considering the quality of the fabric. Have them in all sizes childrens to mens.

Hats for all Sized Heads.

I carry the famous John B. Stetson hats in different styles and prices, also a great many other makes of hats at prices to suit.

I am doing my utmost to keep in stock the needs of my customers of all articles usually kept in an up to date line of general Merchandise. My limited space forbids me quoting prices but I assure you *Prices are Right* considering the quality of the goods I offer you.

Thanking you for the patronage in the past you have so generously given me and hoping to merit it in the future.

Most Respectfully,
M. B. BLACKBURN.

March 17th 1909.

TENNESSEE FARMS FOR SALE.

If you will write the East Tennessee Real Estate Co., Moretz, Tenn, they will send you free of charge a booklet containing a full description of the Valley of East Tennessee, and a complete price list of various farms of all sizes and prices. This booklet is of value to you, and it's free; just write a postal card for it, dress.
EAST TENN. REAL ESTATE COMPANY, Moretz, Tennessee.

A. P. BRINKLEY, Pres. W. H. STAFF, Cashier

THE CITIZENS BANK

ELK PARK, North Carolina.
We are prepared to handle your banking business of every description, be it large or small, and will be glad to have you avail yourselves of our services at all times. We are open from 9 a. m., until 4 p. m., but if you want any banking business done before or after those hours, you will find one of our officers around town. He will be glad to accommodate you in any way you may desire. The best service is none too good for our friends.
Don't forget, keep it before you, 4 per cent interest compounded semi-annually on savings Deposits when we issue certificates of Deposit.

N. L. MAST, Pres. W. C. COFFEY, V. P. G. P. HAGAMAN, Cashier

THE WATAUGA COUNTY BANK.

BOONE, N. C.
We are in position to give our customers every convenience and accommodation consistent with safe banking. Accounts of any size accepted. 4 per. cent interest paid on time deposits. Even if you use your money from week to week, pay it through *This Bank*. The returned checks are legal receipts for all bills paid.
As a County Institution we solicit the patronage of our County people.
When you visit the county seat we shall be glad to have you call on us at the Bank.

New Years Greetings to All!

The holidays are now over; the New Year is with us; and I am pleased to say that I am still prepared to furnish my trade with fresh staple drugs, standard patent medicines, confections and, I believe I will say, the prettiest line of Toilet Articles to be found in the county.

I also still have on hand, left from the holiday trade, a small stock of handsome jewelry, suited for both gentlemen and ladies, that will be sold under a positive GUARANTEE. If you need anything in this line be sure to give me a call.

I always have on hand a nice little stock of well-selected groceries, sugar, coffee, rice, tee., that should be tested by every one in reach of my store. My goods are fine; my prices are right. Give me a part of your trade.

Boone, N. C., Jan. 1. J. M. HODGES, M. D.
Offices in Blackburn Hotel.

THE DEMOCRAT ONE YEAR ONE DOLLAR.