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The Tariff and Politics

BY SAVOYARD.

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The New York Butchers' Association has been investigating the perplexing question of the tariff, and has found out that the duty on live stock, poultry, eggs and things has increased the cost of living and is a special hardship on their guild. Had they made a little deeper investigation they would have ascertained that there is even a more onerous duty on dressed meats; but that is a circumstance they do not care to tell in Gath or proclaim in Asheton, as it is for their protection, and thus again is vindicated the true philosophy of tariff graft—viz.: "Every man is a free trader when he comes to buy and a protectionist when he offers to sell." These New York butchers appeal to the President for the abrogation of the duty of \$2 a head on calves, \$1.75 a head on cattle past the yearling stage, \$1.50 a head on swine, 3 cents a pound on poultry, 75 cents a head on lambs and \$1.50 a head on sheep. From that it would seem that our friends of the New York slaughterhouse are not very strong on the Constitution of the United States, which, in Clause 1 of Section 8 of Article I, confers on Congress and not upon the President, the work of making and unmaking tariffs.

Now I have no objection to immigration. I would welcome every foreigner of Caucasian blood with a character and a muscle for work, or a character and a brain for thought. But I think we are getting them a little too fast, and are a little careless in our scrutiny of those who come. First, let me be pardoned for speaking for a piece of opinion. When we admit free of tax a bale of goods made abroad we put some American artisan or farmer to work making something to exchange for it, but when we admit the foreigner himself he takes the place of some American workman. We have established a tinplate industry upon that very principle. It has made some Pittsburg millionaires, of whom we sometimes read in the newspapers that chronicled scandal and crime, but it has brought tens of thousands of aliens to compete with domestic labor. It was done in the name of the farmer, as though he cared whether his products were consumed in Pennsylvania or in Wales.

blankets there would be fewer inhabitants and cheaper foods in the United States, less concentrated wealth and more content.

Let us see the schedule the beef trust wrote in the present tariff, the Dingley law: Bacon and hams, 5 cents a pound; beef, 2 cents a pound; lard, 2 cents a pound; mutton, 2 cents a pound; pork, 2 cents a pound; poultry, 5 cents a pound; veal, 2 cents a pound; venison, 2 cents a pound; butter, 5 cents a pound. In addition the outrageous robbery perpetrated in the fish schedule of the Dingley tariff is in practice a positive protection of the meat trust, for if Canada fish is excluded it makes more home market for Chicago meat. The robber duties on eggs and cheese in the same way swell the ill-got gains of the meat trust.

But the worst of it is that it makes living dearer, and cheap living is the foundation of all real prosperity. Last year England imported from Australia 100,000,000 greased rump steers, free of duty. She took meats, fish, poultry, game, eggs, cheese, butter, fruit, and everything else for the dining table, except tea, coffee, and wine, from all the world free of duty. The beef trust, the poultry trust, the egg trust, the fruit trust could not live five minutes in England, but here these octopuses lay tribute every day on every urban dining room.

Here are both parties on their heads chasing the railroad octopus that has done ten thousand times as much good as it ever did harm, while they leave in perfect security the tariff octopus that has done ten thousand times more harm than it has good, and Mr. Bryan, true master of the opposition party, tells us that the tariff must by no means be made paramount, and that the chase of the railroad octopus is just begun.

There was a time when England had protection run mad. Edward III, greatest of the Plantagenets, hanged those of his subjects, he caught exporting raw wool, and every reader of Blackstone will tell you how it was the law that the dead should be buried in wooden, not iron, coffins, and the oppressions of the tariff that by the dawn of the eighteenth century it was honorable to be a smuggler, and he was the proudest Englishman who drank wine that never paid the King tribute. I believe that it was in 1785 that there rose a diplomat in England—one Eden—mark the name—who set on foot a reciprocity treaty with France. It was nearly accomplished when the revolution and the succeeding Napoleonic wars postponed the thing for half a century. In 1848 England adopted free trade, since when she is the first of the financial and commercial peoples and, except the United States, the first of the manufacturing peoples, in many lines of which she is ahead of us out of sight, especially in cotton goods, for which she draws from us the raw material.

And all these times the "balance of trade," the blessed, the precious balance of trade, has been adverse to England, yet she persists in growing richer and stronger instead of weaker and poorer. Mr. John Dalzell will prove to you by rule and plummet that an adverse balance of trade is ruin—that to live the country must export more than it imports, otherwise bankruptcy inevitably follows.

To that might be opposed an idea drawn from Bastiat, the French genius who taught Mr. William Jennings Bryan what little the Poor Laws know about the tariff. Though Mr. Bryan did supplement Bastiat's

political economy with Tom Moore's sentimental poetry, which I doubt not, inspired Mr. Benton's McKinley to adumbrate a tariff argument with this from Byron:

Many a valiant year and age,
And tempest breath and battle rage,
Have swept o'er Corinth, yet she stands,
A fortress, firm to Freedom's hands.
The whirlwind's wrath, the earthquake's shock,
Have left untouched her heavy rock.
The keynote of a land which still,
Though fallen, looks proudly on that hill.

Rather touching that, but not quite political economy; not at all like Robert J. Walker, or James Guthrie, or John G. Carlisle, or Henry C. Turner, or William R. Morrison put it, for these plain folk dealt in homely speech and convincing logic.

But to return to the Bastiat idea, which he applied to a cargo sent from Marseilles, and which Frank Hurd adapted and sent a ship out from Maine, a wooden country, loaded with staves and bound for Cuba, a sugar country. At Portland, the port of departure, the staves—for sugar hogsheads—were worth \$5,000. At Havana, the port of destination, the cargo was worth \$10,000, and sugar was exchanged for the staves. At Portland that sugar was appraised at \$10,000, thus making the export balance last October. We have an adverse balance of trade of \$5,000.

Mr. John Dalzell, Mr. Joseph B. Foraker, Mr. Albert J. Hopkins, Mr. Julius C. Burrows, Mr. Eugene Hale, Mr. Henry W. Aldrich, Mr. William P. Hepburn, Mr. Charles H. Grover, or any other protectionist, will bring all the logic of absurdity—and it is inextinguishable, limitless—and show to you that a few more innovations like that and Maine will be fit for nothing but the poor house. Meanwhile the fellow that turned the trick would be glad to do it twice over every day in the year, and is absurd enough to think he would get rich at it.

How old did that fine old man, Pigg Iron Kelley, in eloquence more fit for stage strategy than for Congress debate, prove that a favorable balance of trade made impossible business prostitution. We had that favorable balance last October. We have it now, some \$50,000,000, and yet there is report of the soup house at manufacturing centres, while Canada, with a frightful adverse balance of trade, was never so prosperous. Heap of humbug in political economy.

wherein treason is candor and patriotism cant. In the work of civilization England is a hand-and-a-half. We are scarce half a hand. England is promoting the brotherhood of man materially. We are retarding that consummation, but it is inevitable.

If the Democratic party had enough sense to plant a hill of beans, or put up a panel of draw-bars, it would have the next presidency in a basket on the tariff question. But until it sweats out a divorce a vinculo matrimonium from Populism it will not have the openers of a jack pot.

SCHOOL WORK IN DURHAM.

Report of County Superintendent Has Been Compiled and Makes a Fine Showing—Increase of 10 Per Cent. in Attendance and Enrollment.

Durham, June 27.—The report of the county school work for last year has just been compiled by Superintendent C. W. Massey and this report will be presented to the county board at the adjourned session to be held next Wednesday. The report makes a very fine showing, as both the enrollment and the average attendance of the white schools in the county show an increase of almost 10 per cent over last year. The enrollment in the colored schools also shows a fine increase but the average attendance was not as good as the year before. The valuation of all property owned for school purposes increased considerably. The report shows that there are less than one hundred illiterate whites in the county.

The census report is given, this including the children inside the city, as follows: White 7,076 and colored 2,380. Outside the city the total enrollment was 2,421 white children and 1,350 colored. This as compared with the enrollment of 1907 shows a decided increase, the enrollment for the previous year being 2,251 whites and 1,380 colored. The property used for school purposes in the county is valued at \$32,750 for whites and \$5,950 colored, a total of \$38,700. This does not include the new buildings now being erected which will push the total up close to \$50,000.

In the county outside the city limits there are six special tax districts, four of these having been created during the past year. There is a total of 27 districts for the white children and 70 schools. There are 16 districts and 18 schools for the colored.

Stanley Getting Ready for Picnic Day Special to The Observer.

Stanley, June 27.—Preparations for the annual picnic and the celebration of the union to be held here on the 18th of July are coming along nicely; the different committees have got down to hard work, and the affair this year will be on a larger scale than ever. The Seaboard Air Line Railway will operate a special train from Rutherfordton to Stanley on that day, the train leaving Rutherfordton in the early morning and arriving at Stanley at 10 a. m. It will return that afternoon, leaving Stanley at 6. The Seaboard will also put on special rates from Monroe to Stanley.

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TUCKER AND SMITH GUILTY.

Two Negroes Get Ten Years Each For Killing Their Fellow Man—Palmetto Peach-Pickers Gather as Gaffney To-Morrow.

Gaffney, S. C., June 27.—The Court of General Sessions for Cherokee county adjourned Friday after the jury had rendered a verdict of guilty in the case of Frank Tucker, who was charged with killing Charlie Means, another negro, at Gaston Shoals. The judge sentenced Tucker to ten years on the public works of the county.

Wash Smith was convicted of manslaughter and was sentenced to ten years in the State penitentiary. It will be remembered that Wash Smith and Will Sarraat were crossing Buffalo Creek on the trestle, when Sarraat in some manner went through the trestle and was drowned. The evidence against Smith was wholly circumstantial, but the defendant failed to satisfy the jury and was convicted. Judge Hydrick was engaged Thursday afternoon and Friday in equity matters. Court will convene Monday for the trial of jury cases in the Common Pleas.

All Gaffney is alive with anticipation on account of the meeting of the South Carolina Press Association which commences on Monday. Mr. DeCamp, of The Ledger, has left his office and is devoting his whole time to the preliminary incident in the reception of the guests.

H. K. Osborne, of the law firm of Butler & Osborne, has formed a partnership with Stanyard Wilson, Esq., of Spartanburg, and will move to Spartanburg at an early date. Mr. Osborne is a good lawyer and is decidedly popular among the members of the Gaffney bar and they sincerely regret that he has decided to leave Gaffney.

Not Dead Yet.

Charleston News and Courier.

"President Roosevelt now belongs to the 'past,'" says The Wall Street Journal. Not quite, but soon. In the meantime it would be just as well not to underestimate his power of mischief. He has nearly nine months coming to him yet in the White House, and he might do a great many things that he will be President until noon of the day on which his successor is inaugurated. Our advice to those who are rejoicing at the prospect of relief is for them to be humbly mindful of the happy day of their deliverance from ever-impending disaster. It will be time enough to "estimate" Mr. Roosevelt after the 4th of next March. Let him who has been humble be humble still.

Social Function at Huntersville.

Special to The Observer.

Harwood-Motley.

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Reidsville, June 26.—On Wednesday afternoon a beautiful marriage was celebrated at the old Motley home, when Mr. James L. Harwood led to the altar Miss Nannie, the youngest daughter of the late T. J. Motley.

Mr. and Mrs. Harwood left on the 8:30 train for Asheville, Toxaway and other resorts. After the 1st of August they will be at home at Norfolk, Va., where Mr. Harwood is engaged in the wholesale drug business.

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COURTHOUSE BONDS

\$35,000 LEE COUNTY (SOUTH CAROLINA) COURT HOUSE BONDS. Notice is hereby given that proposals will be received by W. A. James, Secretary, Bishopville, S. C., until July 14th, 1908, 12 o'clock m., for the purchase of \$35,000 non-taxable, interest-bearing coupon Court House Bonds of Lee County, S. C. Said bonds to be issued in denominations of \$1,000, will be dated February 1st, 1908, payable to bearer 29 years after date, with right reserved to county to redeem all or any part thereof after the expiration of 15 years from date of issue, bearing interest at the rate of 5 per cent per annum, payable annually on February 1st, place of payment of principal and interest to be designated at selection of purchaser.

Bonds to be prepared, executed and delivered at earliest date possible after the award of same, and all bids must include all expenses of printing, issuing and delivery of bonds to purchaser without exception. Certified check, free from conditions, of 5 per cent of issue must accompany each bid, made payable to R. W. McLendon, Chairman. In case of award, deposit will at time of delivery of bonds be credited to purchaser; checks of unsuccessful bidders will be promptly returned. All proposals shall be sealed and endorsed "Proposal for Purchase of Court House Bonds," which proposal shall be submitted in the name of the principal and not his agent, without exception, and the same shall be opened at the office of the undersigned, 12 o'clock m., July 14th, 1908, and award publicly made. No bid less than par shall be considered, and the right to reject any and all proposals or bids is hereby reserved. Further information furnished on application. R. W. McLENDON, C. C. H. Com. June 14th, 1908.