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TARIFF COMMISSION TO FAIL.

It looks as if the Indianapolis tariff commission, which met last week, will have had its labor for the pain and that the assurance of Senator Beveridge that Congress will surely authorize a permanent tariff commission will fall of fulfillment.

The Washington Herald says that while the commission was in session, the fate of the commission scheme was settled at a quiet conference here in Washington of the transients which will rule the destinies of the republic after March 4th next.

President-elect Taft, Speaker Cannon and Senator Aldrich. It was determined that there should be no tariff commission and that it will be done.

The Washington correspondent of The New York Tribune, who is understood to be on the inside of things, furnishes the details.

Mr. Taft and Mr. Cannon had the President-elect that he was not the slightest less in regard to the tariff commission than the members of Congress would have none of it.

It is understood that a commission would serve no good purpose, that the nation and ways and means of the tariff commission were composed of tariff experts, who were simply competent to reduce the schedules, and that the members of both houses would be most unwilling to delegate their prerogatives to a commission or to accept its recommendations.

The President-elect did not commit himself on the subject of the tariff commission, but he said that the tariff commission was unwarranted and indicated that as the method by which Congress arrived at its conclusions in regard to the necessary changes in the tariff schedules was a matter of no importance.

He asked results, he said, that the tariff commission would be a failure, and that the tariff commission would be a failure, and that the tariff commission would be a failure.

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A TERRIBLE ARRANGEMENT.

Under the caption, "Pure Scoundrelism in Tennessee," The Louisville Courier-Journal has one of the most lurid and remarkable editorials that ever appeared in a newspaper.

It shows on its face that it was written by Mr. Watterson himself and as a specimen of invective is worthy of reproduction.

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BYRAN AND HIS PREDICTIONS.

"Widespread interest among politicians," we are told, "has been aroused by a magazine article by William J. Bryan entitled 'The Future of the Democratic Party.'"

The Democratic party, it may be remarked parenthetically, will have no future as long as he hangs around its neck.

It is more than possible—it is even probable," he declares, "that the House of Representatives to be elected in 1910 will be Democratic."

Except for him it would. He tells the President-elect that he "cannot possibly satisfy the expectations of both elements of the Republican party."

How, he asks, "can he escape conflict either with the Republican leaders or with the Republican voters of the Mississippi Valley?"

Which would seem to be Mr. Taft's business. "In discussing the tendency toward reform legislation," we are told further, Mr. Bryan says:

"The Democratic party is in sympathy with the growing demand for remedial legislation. It is therefore rowing with the tide for the tide is onward. Democrats, recognizing the responsibility of their position, and strong in the confidence they feel in the rightness of their cause, are prepared to wage a winning fight against an opposition already panic-stricken."

This is the same sort of flub-dub that the quill was set on during last year's campaign—a panic-stricken Republican party and a united Democratic party.

The result showed that, as usual, the Democrats had the facts exactly reversed.

The comment of 'The Portsmouth Star' upon all this is that "Influential Democrats declare Mr. Bryan's article to be the most important political paper printed since the election of Mr. Taft last November."

A good many years ago we lost faith in the judgment of the "Influential Democrats," and there is nothing in this latest expression from them to warrant a renewal of it.

The fact about the business is that the only important political paper that Mr. Bryan would print now would be one acknowledging that he is down and out and the only service he could render the Democratic party would be to take his head from out his heart and take his form from off its door.

As testified by Mrs. Eastman, Senator Carmack stood with his revolver held in his hand by the barrel, while being shot to death, how came the bullet in Young Cooper's shoulder?

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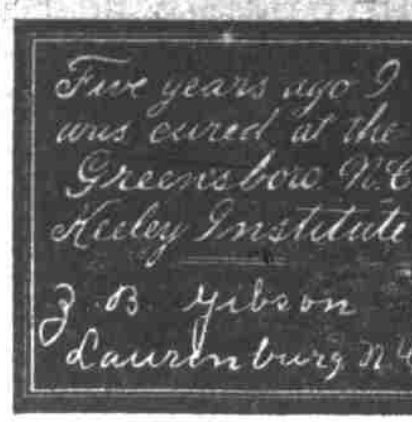
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MISS BOYSON EXPLAINS.

She Intended to Honor Lee But Has Lost Out With Both the South and North.

Richmond Dispatch.

Ignorant of the wide circulation given her paper on Robert E. Lee until a letter from a friend in Richmond apprised her of the action of the Daughters of the Confederacy, Miss Christine Boyson, of Winona, Minn., in a reply received here expresses sorrow that she should have written anything which might prove distasteful to Southerners. She says:

"Dr. Johnson, one of the professors at Columbia, advised us to limit our discussion of Lee to some aspect of his life, instead of trying to write a full biography, and with this idea in mind I began to browse around the library for a theme. In looking over some 1907 Outlooks I soon became aware that the Lee centenary had recently been celebrated, and that one of its striking features was the warm praise of him which it had called forth in the North."

"I attempted to lay in just as broad a survey of facts in explanation of Lee's attitude as my space would permit, and from these facts I then tried to explain what has seemed to us of the North an idolatrous admiration for Lee on the part of the South. This I read and wrote, the more I was surprised to find out how truly great Lee was."

"It is only in the more advanced schools of the North, where men of letters and recent training are teaching, that the thought of the justice of the South in the war is ever dwelt upon. To present this cause from the Southern standpoint, to show that Lee must not only indignantly but justly have taken the place that he did, and that he was in himself a greater man than any allegiance to one side or the other could have made him, was my purpose."

"I thought I should like to have someone think I have overdone the thing. It seems as if I have lost out not only with the North, but with the South as well. I am so sorry all this has come about, I submitted my essay only as a matter of course, and very much surprised when the award was made in my favor. I wanted to show that the vast majority of Americans were beginning to feel that Lee is fit to stand side by side with Washington."

A Courageous Official. Wilmington Item.

Lieutenant Governor Newland must be a man of great moral courage to have cast the deciding vote against the proposed mileage bill and thus defeat the measure in the Senate, after all the denunciatory editorials which have been published in some of the leading Democratic papers against the bill.

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IN THE WRONG CHURCH.

New Minister at Clyde Gets Into Wrong Pulpit and Expounds Baptist Doctrines to a Methodist Congregation.

Asheville Citizen, 20th.

To preach Baptist doctrines to Methodists from a Methodist pulpit was the novel experience of Rev. Frank Raymond, until recently pastor of the Baptist church at Waynesville, but now pastor at Clyde, according to a story that reached the city yesterday.

Rev. Mr. Raymond's new pastorate includes, beside the Clyde church, one at Rock Spring, some 10 miles distant. Having been on the pastorate only a short time, he had never had occasion to visit this church until Sunday night, when he was to preach there.

On inquiring the way, he was told that it was a small frame building on the right of the road 10 miles away, that he couldn't miss it if he tried.

Night was coming on and the divine had almost decided that he had passed his church when he saw a short distance away the lights of a church. The congregation had already gathered and he went in and took back seat when Deacon Mark McCracken recognized him and asked him to take a seat in the pulpit. He then gave out a hymn, announced his text and began his sermon, which was a study in the history of the Baptist church.

It was said that the congregation of the Methodist church were without a preacher for the night and when Rev. Mr. Raymond came Deacon McCracken thought he came as a visitor and knowing him, asked him to fill the pulpit for the night.

Driving down the road the belated minister met a number of his flock, who explained that they had given him up and were returning home. His first sermon at the Rock Spring Baptist church will, providence permitting, be preached to-morrow night.

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COAT SUITS ANNOUNCEMENT UNUSUAL

It is USUAL to announce a cut in the price of Coat Suits after the season is over, but to make a statement at the beginning of a season, that the opening models, and finest materials of this spring's styles are to be greatly reduced in price, sounds preposterous and UNUSUAL.

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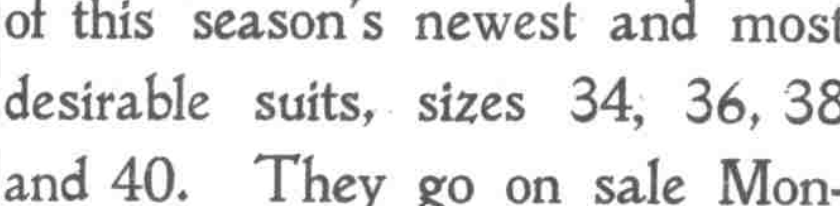
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