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AS TO THE MIDDLEMAN.

The enterprising New York World has obtained an inkling as to the direction of the tariff board's activities which moves it to impatience and sarcasm.

This is impressive. There are no manufacturing trusts organized to take advantage of high tariff protection. There is no inflated capital in protected production working out high dividends from high prices.

Indeed and indeed this is impressive. The persistent injection of the middleman into tariff discussions is noteworthy, and its most marked effect seems to be the clouding of the issue.

There is apparently a large amount of loss to the ultimate consumer in the methods of distributing necessities, especially certain classes of farm products.

FRIED CHICKEN AND SUCH.

Raleigh News and Observer: "The biggest asset Western North Carolina has is its visitors. If it will grow on its lands all that is necessary to feed them is people that get rich."

RUSSIA'S VIOLATION OF TREATY OBLIGATIONS.

President Taft, in his recently transmitted message on foreign relations, was able to give official assurance that negotiations are now in progress with Russia which promise speedy adjustment of the differences arising widespread demand in the United States for the abrogation of the Buchanan treaty.

S. Montgomery Smith is a lively citizen. It is a flat, stale and unprofitable week when the scheme and fashion of some gigantic industrial or commercial enterprise leaps not forth from his facile mind, like Minerva from the brow of Jove, perfect and wonderful.

The secretary of the Board of Trade informs us that the newspaper advertising this winter will be financed as usual—partly from the municipal fund and partly from private sources.

The average yield of corn in North Carolina, says Major Graham, the commissioner of agriculture, is now 22 bushels to the acre, and of cotton over a bale.

SURVEY OF STATE FROM THE CAPITAL.

The bitter fight between Commissioner Graham and a majority of the members of the board of agriculture reached a climax last afternoon when a set of resolutions prepared Thursday were adopted by the board by a vote of seven to three.

Commissioner Graham submitted an apology to B. W. Kilgore and Franklin Sherman, Jr., the gentlemen criticized in his report, and says that it was "not fair or just to refer to Prof. Kilgore and Sherman in the language used."

Therefore, he it resolved: First, That recognizing the wishes of the citizens of the state, as expressed by the action of the last legislature, the board of agriculture be instructed to employ of the department, who have been severely criticized by the commissioner of agriculture.

A Christmas Gift of Merit.

And worthy of your notice—An Automatic Eye Glass Holder. New designs just received. Full line to select from. Include this on your list.

CHARLES H. HONESS, Optometrist and Optician, 54 Patton Av. Opp. P. O.

HOT WATER BOTTLES. We are agents for the Kankalek Water Bottles and Fountain Syringes. They are made of Fara rubber and guaranteed for two years.

GRANT'S PHARMACY, Agency for Wood's Seeds.

Commissioner Graham gave out the following: "The commissioner of agriculture explains and with days. He has not been able to leave his home in several weeks, but until a week ago was thought to be recovering steadily."

Resolved, That the board of agriculture deprecates the differences between the commissioner and the board. Resolved, further: That the press of this state be allowed permission to examine the records of the department at their pleasure.

The board adopted this resolution: Resolved, That the state board of agriculture, realizing the meaning of good roads to the farming interests of the state, believes in and endorses the policy of building, working and keeping up the roads of the state with convict labor.

Col. Kenan's Condition. The condition of Col. Thomas S. Kenan, clerk of the Supreme court, who is ill, has been so favorable during the past few days, that he has not been able to leave his home in several weeks, but until a week ago was thought to be recovering steadily.

Two Prisoners for Pen. Ed Suggs and William Henry Tillery, two negroes, were brought to the penitentiary from Halifax county by Sheriff J. A. House to serve terms of three years each for second degree murder. They killed a negro at a supper.

Mammoth Power Plant. The span of 39 miles from Raleigh to Hilolet's Falls, the largest hydro-electric plant south of Niagara, was completed Tuesday night when the last high potential wire was strung.

Gigantic Plans of S. Montgomery Smith and His Associates Outlined. The greatest development of timber resources in this locality is now being undertaken through the organization of the Asheville Timber company as the holder of vast timber tracts in western North Carolina.

Steel Orders Increased. New York, Dec. 9.—Unfilled orders on the United States Steel corporation's books November 30, were 4,141,955 tons, compared with 3,694,228 tons, October 31.

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Evening Slippers

Made of extra fine satin, with chiffon rosette on toe, in black, white, pink and blue; these are the very best product in the line of slippers that can be procured, and are dainty and graceful in appearance.

FOUR DOLLARS. Brown-Miller Shoe Co. Leaders in Fine Shoes. Patton Ave. Asheville.

Anything Electrical. W. A. WARD. Phone 449. No. 12 Church St.

J. L. SMATHERS & SONS. MAMMOTH FURNITURE STORE. 15 NORTH MAIN ST. 24 LEXINGTON AVE. PHONE 226.

DOLL CARTS. We have a large stock of "Doll Carts," Velocipedes, Wagons and Hand Cars for Christmas. Prices from \$1.00 up.

Biltmore Estate Industries. No. 8 Plaza, Biltmore.

Christmas gifts in articles of Woodcarving, Homespun Fabrics, and the Handicraft of the region.

Our salesroom is bright with attractive goods, and we extend a cordial invitation to Christmas shoppers to view the products of our shops.

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PROMPT SATISFACTORY LAUNDRY SERVICE. An up-to-date, modernly equipped, sanitary laundry.

Swannanoa Laundry. We Treat Your Laundry White.

Wachovia Bank & Trust Company. Capital and Surplus \$1,610,000.00. Resources \$6,250,000.00. Trust Assets \$1,400,000.00.

BATTERY PARK BANK. J. P. SAWYER, President. E. SLUDER, V-Pres. T. C. COXE, V-Pres. J. E. BANKIN, Cashier.

AN EVENT THAT MERITS THE SPECIAL ATTENTION OF EVERY PERSON IN ASHEVILLE: THE OPENING AND DISPLAY OF OUR CHRISTMAS STOCK OF JEWELRY.

Cadillacs and the Automobile. We have also some unexcelled bargains in second-hand cars.

Show Folks. We carry a complete line of Steins make-ups, liners, grease points, cold creams, etc.

TO EXCHANGE. 11-Room House, 11 acres of land in West Asheville for Improved City Property.

Seawell's Drug Store. 15 So. Main St.

Bon Marche. Initial Showing of High Grade Rugs. The Bon Marche announces the addition of a Rug Department.