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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. The discovery is nothing less than that the long-suffering middleman is about to be swatted again The board is said to be convinced that this class is chiefly responsible for the high cost of living, and not the tariff. Says the World:

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. There are no high tariff taxes effective for increased cost in production.

No! It is the millions of distribu-

tors in industry where competition is most intense who make the great difference between consumers' prices here and abroad.

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. On the one hand we are informed that the trusts are outlaws because they have crushed competition and established monopolies; on the other that the middlemen are a nuisance because so many of them are in competition

There is apparently a large amoun of loss to the ultimate consumer in the methods of distributing necessities, especially certain classes of farm products. Trust magnates would say. however, that this is due to the competition they have so nicely eliminated in their lines. Recently we demonstrated in these columns, to our own satisfaction, that very few middlemet here or anywhere else are operating get-rich-quick enterprises. A numer ous class of people get a living by this means and few of them so much more as to arouse the envy of cupidity.

Taking a leaf from Judge E. H. Gray's book, we have hit upon a theoretically perfect scheme to eliminate the middleman, but in practice therappears an insurmountable difficulty. The scheme is: Organize a distributing trust have the government reguiate prices and put the middleman who have been pestering us all these years on the rock pile. The objection is there wouldn't be a corporal's guard left to keep the middleman pounding rock.

FRIED CHICKEN AND SUCH.

Raleigh News and Observer: "Th biggest asset Western North Carolina has is its visitors. If it will grow on its lands all that is necessary to feed them its people will get rich. The Asheville Gazette-News puts a volume in a few words when it says: 'It will soon be time to make New Year reso lutions. One of the best for Western North Carolina would be to provide plenty of friend chicken, biscuits and tomatoes for every summer visitor." One of The Gazette-News' New Year resolutions, it might as well be announced, is to urge, in season and out, preparedness for the summer tourist season, and the desirability of the garden and the poultry yard vs. the can as a source of provender for the visitors. Of the hundreds of boarding houses in the mountains many have abundant gardens and populous chicken yards, and their guests biess the Land of the Sky forever. Many behalf of the board, asking for a legal others rely upon the tin can of commerce, and feed none too bountifully from that; and their guests remem ber our climate and scenery as fine but not filling. Western North Carolina must be famed, not only as the land where the eye feasts and the spirit sours, but where fried chicken is the standard, where tomatoes, fresh and luxcious, abound; where the supply of biscuits, and home-grown butter, and ross'n ears and beans is inexhaustible. Then shall our resorts come into their full giory, and the rest of the world be depopulated every

President Tart, in his recently transmitted message on foreign relations, was able to give official assurance that negotiations are new in progress with Russia which promise speedy adjustment of the differences arousing widespread demand in the United States for the ibrogation of the Buchanan treaty. Resentment at Russia's refusal to and efficient services for the depart-honor passports issued by the state department to certain classes of ricultural interests of the state.

American citizens has attained a pitch Third: That we hereby dony and deplored in view of the always friend-

ly relations of the two nations. Russian discrimination against the by his management of the test farms but by the management of his own the news of the movement of protest; but the fact is the Jews are not farmer the only American citizens discriminated against. Catholic priests and Protestant missionaries have also been the duties or prerogatives of the com inder the ban

citizen. It is a flat, stale and unprofit-was a member of the board and in able week when the scheme and fashion of some gigantic industrial or expression. commercial enterprise leaps not forth wonderful. Of the latest project of and carry out the broad policies and Mr. Smith and associates, briefly stated efficient work formulated and inaun a dispatch to yesterday's Gazette-News, one must speak in terms of millions and billions, Vast sawmills, pulp mills, acid mills, nardwood, soft wood industries. and ownership of all the timber land n western North Carolina except what of his report deemed objectionable. the Champion interests control; an eventual financial organization many million dollars strong-all these are in prospect, and there is a present corporation chartered, with an authorized capital of a million dollars. And tions they occupy in this department. there is fifteen hundred dollars paid Papers which published the matter

The secretary of the Board of Trade informs us that the newspaper advertising this winter will be financed as usual-partly from the municipa fund and partly from private sources. About \$400 comes out of the public fund and the remainder, \$600 or more, is contributed by the hotel and other private interests. The remainder of the municipal fund is devoted to industrial development; and besides, large portion of the Booklet is devoted to industrial opportunities.

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. The census show the following increases for the ten-year period: corn, from 29,000,000 to 57, 000,000 bushels; wheat, 5,000,000 to 7,000,000 bushels; cotton, 500,000 te 771,000 bales.

Georgia is gradually acquiring the Joe Brown habit.

SURVEY OF STATE FBOM THE CAPITA

Gazette-News Bureau The Hotel Raleigh, Raleigh, Dec. 9.

The bitter fight between Commisioner Graham and a majority of the members of the board of agricultur reached a climax last afternoon wher set of resolutions prepared Thurs day were adopted by the board by vote of seven to three declaring that the commissioner had misrepre sented conditions existing in the de partment. The board also went or ecord as favoring the use of con icts on public roads, passed a reso admitting reporters to the ecords of the department, and proided for co-operation between the lepartment of agriculture and the A and M. college in the matter of boys orn clubs, experimental and demor tration work.

Graham submitted in apology to B. W. Kilgore and Franklin Sherman, jr., the gentlemen criticised in his report, and says that "not fair or just to refer to Profs. Kilgore and Sherman in th anguage used."

All this was not accomplished with out a struggle. Major Graham, firm in his belief that his rights were being infringed upon, carried the cammisn into the enemy's country, as it were, and in every issue there was a quare vote. The majority members of the board were as firm as the commissioner, and although the sessions were held behind closed doors, it is carned that little harmony prevailed

during the meeting.

Accompanying Major Graham's statement was the opinion of Attorney General Bickett defining, by request of the commissioner and Mr. Scott the rights and duties of the commis loner. In his report Commissioner Graham stated that he was acting within his authority as interpreted by himself and the attorney general. With the opinion of the attorney general was a letter addressed to this officer by Commissioner Graham, on nterpretation of the duties and pow-

ers of each. The resolution of the board with regard to commissioner Graham's report, a synopsis of which, appeared in

agriculture, in his report to the board of agriculture, which was published in the city evening paper, misrepresents the conditions existing in the depart-ment and the sentiment and action of the board.

inter, and roas bears and beans is reschaustible. Then shull our resorts one into their full giory, and the cettisens of the state, as expressed of the world be depopulated every number.

Therefore, Be 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 by out instructed those employees of the department, who have been so severely criticised by the commissioner of agricultured by the commissioner of agricultures.

of effort and purposes. This these employes have done as ordered by the board and the board hereby accepts

and approves their report.

Second: That the employes severely reflected on by the commis-sioner of agriculture have the full confidence and approval of the board of agriculture for their loyal, long

which, although justifiable, is to be missioner of agriculture against the practical efficiency of the director of the test farm. The director not only farming interests, has shown that he

Fourth: That the board of agriculture emphatically denies that it has taken any action which infringes on missioner of agriculture as established by law and the custom and policy of S. Montgomery Smith is a lively the board during the time which the which he fully concurred by vote and

Fifth: The board in its policy and from his facile mind, like Minerva action during the administration of from the brow of Jove, perfect and ture has merely endeavored to develop the present commissioner of agriculgurated during the administration of the late lamented Col. Samuel L. Patterson.

> Commissioner Graham gave ou the following:

"The commissioner of agriculture explains and withdraws the portion "The commissioner of agricultur desires to say that it was not fair or just to refer to Profs. Kilgore and Sherman in the language used, and he retracts the same. These gentlemen each ably and acceptably fill the posireferred to are requested to publish

W. A. GRAHAM.

December 8, 1911. Deplore Differences The board adopted resolutions de-ploring differences between the commissioner and the board, and giving

reporters permission to examine the Resolved, That the board of agriulture deplores the differences between the commissioner and

Resolved, further: That the press of this state be allowed permission to examine the records of the department it their pleasure.

Convicts and Roads. The board adopted this resolution: Resolved, That the state beard of agriculture, realizing the meaning of od 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

Col. Kenan's Condition. The condition of Col, Thomas S. Kenau, clerk of the Supreme court, who is ill, has not been so favorable during the past few days. He has not been able to leave his home in several weeks, but until a week ago was thought to be recovering steadily. He is a very sick man, but his family and friends have not given up hope of his

Two Prisoners for Pen Ed Suggs and William Henry Til-lery, two negroes, were brought to the penitentlary from Hailfax county Sheriff J. A. House to serve terms of three years each for second degree They killed a negro at a

corporation commission ssued a call for reports on the condition of state banks, as on Decem-

Mammoth Power Plant. to Blowett's Falls, the largest hydrolast high potential wire was strung. By February 32,000 horse-power of electricity will be set to turning wheels and lighting cities in North Eight hundred and South Carolina. men are rushing the great dam and plan to completion, and when the wa allowed to gather above th dam it will cover 2500 acres.

GREAT DEVELOPMENT.

Gigantic Plans of S. Montgomer Smith and His Associates Outlined.

(Contributed)

The greatest development of timbe sources in this locality is now being ndertaken through the organization of the Asheville Timber company as he holder of vast timber tracts in western North Carolina.

S. Montgomery Smith and associates who have recently opened for develop-ment the spruce properties around Mt. Mitchell have now secured options or substantially all the remaining spruce racts in western North Carolina out side of the Champion Lamber com pany and its allied interests. properties secured include over 250. 000 acres and contain about one bi lion two hundred and fifty million fee of spruce, six hundred million feet o semlock and one billion one hundre million feet of hardwood. properties are virgin forest and of the very highest grade. Among the hard-woods are the best stands of popular and cherry that ever grew in this re-

The properties are located in four groups but all are within seventy-fiv-miles of Asheville and tributary t

Asheville is to be made the head all the timber. Saw mills to a total capacity of 500 m feet per day, stave sapacity or and in miles of proportionate capacity to work up the inferior timber, a pull work up the inferior timber, a pull mill of large capacity and a tann acid plant will be among the industric to be installed. A notable feature of the development is the complete util ation of all the saw dust and other central power plant, converting it in electric power to supply all the mil and factories from which the was

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s produced, besides a surplus to oper ition of all the plants by electric power eliminates the fire risk to the utmost, and it is contemplated that practically all the buildings will be of

The timber holding company will not itself operate any mills but will sell-specific amounts of stumpage to rellable operators, to supply them for a definite period of years. The timber company will provide the railroad transportation from each tract so that ransportation from each tract so that the mill operators can secure their logs at practically uniform prices delivered regardless of what tract the actua mber is cut from.

The manifest advantage of a location at one central point, especially so large and attractive a town as Asheville, is a great inducement to every operator, and saves the necessity of investing a lot of money in houses for expectage of the same of for employes and makes commissaries unnecessary. The great production from these combind industries makes o large a volume that Asheville will come at once a very important center for lumber buyers and second to no other producing market in the south.

A feature of the woods management will be the placing of the operations substantially under United States Forestry supervision, systematic logging in the fewest areas at a time, lessens the investment in logging railroads. Fire protection under the government supervision minimizes the risk from that source. Co-operation of all the several interests will secure the mo favorable freight rates.

The great volume of raw material produced will be the incentive for the location of all manner of woodworking industries. Hardwood flooring and trim, doors, sash and blinds, vencer, veneer doors, furniture, vehicles, boxes and no end of small industries will be able to secure material for twenty years operation from the lands actually under control, so that all chance on that score are eliminated.

This great enterprise has been brought to its present almost assured uccess in a very brief time. All of the land has been secured within less than one month. Several large mill riends have not given up hope of his operators are already committed to recovery, though he may be ill for the plan and pending negotiations leave no doubt that the ment will be made up before this article reaches the public. The recent ing prices of some of the choicest tracts in western North Carolina has attracted wide attention to the magnifiompany and placing the timber at the disposal of operators in almost any quantity now solves the problem of future supply for the lucky ones who get in on this proposition.

The industrial development of Ashewill now begin on a scale dreamed of and the "Electric city" electric plant south of Ningara, was will henceforth lead the lumber world ompleted Tuesday night when the in the fullest conservation and utiliza- and workmanship, hand-carvtion of one of natures most valuable ed furniture, etc. gifts to man

Y. M. I. Notes.

Tomorrow afternoon at 5 o'clock here will be a special program renlered for the benefit of the parents of this community. The meeting will leal with the evils which are ensuaring the young men and women. ----ll parents who are interested in the velfare and safety of their children are urged to attend this meeting, The hope and preservation of any race or people is largely in young men and women of today and every step and means should be taken to see that they are surrounded with the best environments. Do not fail to be present. Young men's Bible class at 4 p.

Young men, does this appeal to you' so, come. All men are invited.

The entertainment that was held day evening for the benefit of the institution was not very largely and enjoyed by all present. It will be repeated December 28, new features and specialties will be added and will be made a better entertainmetn in every respect.
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