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THE SOUTH'S SHARE OF PROTECTION.

The esteemed Winston-Republican quotes this paragraph from a recent editorial in The Star:

"A great many people seem to forget that the Democratic Senators and Representatives at Washington are not in the majority and therefore can not carry out the Denver platform as to the tariff. Therefore, the best that they can do is to see that all the protection does not go to the North."

The Republican then makes this comment:

"This is about the poorest excuse yet printed. If Democratic Senators cannot carry out the Denver platform they could at least vote and thus stand by the sentiment it expresses. Again, if protection is good for the North it is good for the South. There is no dividing line in this respect."

The Republican ought to know that Senators and Representatives are not sent to Washington for sentiment but for business. The Star's position has been all along that if we are going to have a protective tariff, and that is what the Republican majority is determined that the country shall have, Southern Congressmen should see to it that the South gets its share. This contention in no way violates the sentiment against a tariff so high that it burdens the consumers and yet produces no revenue for the government.

The South, and as a matter of fact the country at large, wanted the tariff revised downward and not upward as the Republican majority is doing it. As we are going to have higher protective duties, wouldn't the Republicans think Southern Congressmen would be chumps, for the sake of mere sentiment, to sit in the Senate and the House and see the tariff revised downward for the South and upward for the North?

The Republican must very well know that consumers in the South, consuming Northern manufactures, would be at a terrible disadvantage if they had to pay tariff tribute to the North while none of the tribute came back to the South. The Star's editorial was a contention that if the Republican majority is bent on protection there should be an equitable (equal would be better if it were possible) distribution of the benefits for all sections of the country, North, South, East and West. Sentiment cuts no ice when it comes to the South's sharing equally with the other sections of the country in a tariff that is revised either upward or downward. All should be fed out of the same spoon, and it would be an absolutely absurd proposition for Democratic Senators to be in Washington nursing a sentiment about the Denver platform while the Republican majority is scrambling after all the protection it can get out of a tariff that is being "revised by its friends." The Senate is working under the Chicago platform and not under the Denver platform, and Southern Senators who know their business will see to it that the South gets a square deal in tariff distribution. Sentiment be hanged! The Senate is not legislating on sentiment now. It is legislating on the tariff, and if it is going to be protective, the business of Southern Senators is to see that the great interests of the section they represent gets its proportionate share of it.

If this doesn't satisfy our esteemed Winston contemporary, the editor should read an interview with Mr. D. A. Tompkins, published in Tuesday's Charlotte Observer. He occupies about three columns to demonstrate what The Star endeavored to do in a short editorial. Mr. Tompkins was speaking of the cotton goods schedule, in which the South is vitally interested, because we now spin more cotton than the Northern mills, while at the same time the South is doubly interested because it produces the raw cotton as well as manufactures it. What would the Republican think of Southern Senators, if, for "sentiment," they would sit by and see the cotton goods schedule revised downward for the South and upward for the North? Our sole contention is that if we are to have protection on cotton goods, the South should get its proportionate share of the bounty. There's no treason in that.

However, we fear that in considering the cotton goods schedule our Southern Senators did let "sentiment" make them more or less mute, for in speaking of the fight against the cotton industry, Mr. Tompkins in that Charlotte Observer interview says: "The most serious phase of the situation seems to be that in a fight between a few insurgents of the North-west impelled apparently by the motive of revenge against Aldrich for disappointed desires, neither the cotton trade nor the cotton goods trade had a voice lifted in their defense in the Senate by those who particularly represent these in the South. The Representatives of the whole piedmont section remained speechless and allowed themselves to be bluffed by Dilliver, LaFollette and Beveridge. Look at the combination and we can but wonder that they succeeded in the bluff in so far as the vote of the South is concerned but happily not so in so far as the schedule is concerned, thanks to the New England Senators—the Yankees."

The South now spins more than 2,000,000 bales of raw cotton, and the Southern cotton manufacturer as well as the Southern cotton grower certainly have a right to expect their Senators and Representatives to take care of such a great interest when such a momentous question is up for action and the "friends of the tariff" are working it for all it's worth.

The Philadelphia Evening Times says Senator Rayner, of Maryland, is the most solemn visaged man in the United States Senate. He's all right, however, and has a remarkable sense of humor, but lately he just had to look shocked at the lame excuses which some Democratic Senators give for voting for protective tariff schedules.

Another sign of the improvement of business is that the railroads report that the net decrease of idle cars last week was 10,589. Within ninety days a still larger number of the 273,890 idle cars in the United States and Canada will go into commission to move cotton, grain and other products of this wonderfully productive country.

Secretary MacVeigh's Chicago speech in which he handed out certain things that President Taft stands for and will not stand for, was not exactly repudiated at the White House on Tuesday but enough was intimated for everybody to infer that he is entirely too fresh and irresponsible as a mouthpiece.

After Congress adjourns for the Summer, Representative Hollingsworth, of Ohio, should come down South and ascertain for himself that the Civil War came to a close in the Spring of 1865, 44 years ago. Doubtless he has heard of it but the indications are that he believes somebody has imposed on him.

We admire a great many things about the Hon. William J. Bryan, therefore, we hate to look at that splotch on the ceiling here he hit broadside when Senator Simmons took the in-turn on him in that wrestling match for the "inconsistency" stakes on Monday.

Uncle Joe probably would be jealous if he didn't think Senator Aldrich was only trying to pattern after him.

—Booker T. Washington indorses Mr. Taft's policy toward the South. Booker T. has no idea of cutting his cables to the White House—Baltimore Sun.

—If Greensboro only lacks three thousand of being as big as Charlotte she should have no trouble in fixing it up with the directory man.—Durham Herald.

—Next year there will be a great hotel in the Clinchfield country for Summer visitors. Next Winter, if all the present signs do not fail, there will be a modern hotel in Charleston for the Northern visitors.—Charleston News and Courier.

—Isn't it marvelous what a mass of legislation we still need, in both State and Nation, notwithstanding we have been legislating steadily for a good deal more than a hundred years! Is it possible that we will ever get enough of it?—Savannah News.

—Of course a few cities have shown remarkable growth during the past few years, but it has been our observation that same towns, not considered seriously, will show some big gains in population. Every town in North Carolina is progressing, but none more than those in Piedmont Carolina.—Winston-Salem Journal.

—A nation with a history of less than a hundred and fifty years, on a background of bushranging, can hardly be expected to appreciate the finer feelings that matured communities would see officially reflected in their collective behavior; and our diplomats at-home do not appear yet to have realized the fallacy of applying European standard to American conduct.—London.

—Greensboro, Charlotte and Wilmington are squabbling over their population and the papers of those towns are accusing each other of having gotten next to the directory man. Well that's their fight, we won't butt in, but the next time Uncle Sam takes a census here he will have to use about one-half again as much pencil and paper as he did before. Now that's coming some!—Newbern Sun.

—Senator Tillman was wholly right last Saturday when he described the Republican Senators as the "boldest band of buccaneers" that ever was. The Springfield Republican thinks that our senior Senator is "something of a pirate himself" as, for example, in the case of the lumber tariff, but even if that be true, it does not prove that the Republican Senators are not buccaneers, and that was the point of Mr. Tillman's contention.—Charleston News and Courier.

—We are rather inclined to sympathize with the near-beer dealers in their contention for a tax that will permit them to do business. (The license tax is \$1,000 a year.) We are not acquainted with the beverage, but we doubt if it is more injurious to health than some of the so-called dope drinks, but as long as the farmer has to find someone willing to pay a license tax of \$1,000 before he can find a purchaser in Charlotte for his cider, what hope is there for the near-beer man? The law does not prohibit the making of cider, but what is the use of the Mecklenburg farmer saving the by-product of his orchard in that way, when he cannot sell it? It is well enough to bar "spiked" cider, but some way ought to be found to let the farmer in with the honest product.—Charlotte Chronicle.

—Mrs. Grouch—I was deeply touched by Mr. Highbee's misfortune. Mr. Grouch—I was less fortunate. I was touched by Highbee.—St. Louis Times.

—"I can't tell her she's the first girl I ever loved. She knows I've been engaged before." "Well, tell her you're glad you discovered your mistake in time."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

—"Jabez is certainly a real optimist. "As to how?" "The Plunkville team ain't won a game." "Well?" "But he only says it's better to do your losing early in the season."—Washington Herald.

—"You say you are in love with Miss Baggs?" "I sure am." "But I can't see anything attractive about her." "Neither can I see it. But it's in the bank, all right."—Cleveland Leader.

—"Ethel's a horrid thing." "Why, I thought you were friends." "Well, we aren't any more. She has a more hideous hat than mine, and I'd told my milliner to go to the limit."—Philadelphia Ledger.

—Mr. Sunshy—If that young man's coming here to see you every day in the week you had better give him a hint to come after supper. Miss Sunshy—I don't think it's necessary, pa. That's what he comes after.—Detroit News-Tribune.

—"How does it happen that a third of the population of your vast country is in the East?" asked the visitor. "I presume that the discomfort of riding brakebeams has to be regarded as a discovery," explained the native student of sociology.—Philadelphia Ledger.

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