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We notice a slight but gradually increasing apprehension that the tariff bill, as revised and improved by the Senate, may not after all prove such an agent of public and private opulence as at first supposed.

The trouble seems to be that the Senate, in its desire to encourage and promote domestic industries, has carried the protection idea too far. It has made an ideal tariff from a purely academic standpoint.

The prospect now is that the House, on receiving from the Senate this amended and sentimentally beautified instrument, will refer the same to the Committee on Ways and Means, and then leave Mr. Dingley and his colleagues at leisure to calculate exactly the extent of the deficit.

We reproduce these two editorials, although somewhat lengthy, because they come from two of the leading journals of the country, and doubtless express the views of the independent voters of the country.

Minor Mention. In view of the fact that the tariff boomers who have been increasing the protective duties justify it on the pretence that it is necessary, the increase of manufactured exports for eleven months of the present fiscal year show manufactured exports to the amount of \$267,480,370, which is 26.08 per cent. of the total exports.

are credited to the Eastern States, a number of these being woolen and silk mills, very few of these being credited to the South, which leaves the South with much more than half the whole number of cotton mills.

There has not been a step taken in this tariff business since the bill, as remodelled, was presented to the Senate that has not been characterized by cunning and duplicity.

The tariff is a protection measure, which is already confessed to be more for protection than revenue. This is one thing, aside from its anticipated failure as a revenue measure, which has disgusted many who would favor a reasonable and moderate protection.

Rev. Dr. Barrows, of Chicago, has been doing some predicting and rises to remark that before two centuries the center of the universe will be on the southwest shore (that's Chicago) of Lake Michigan.

The American Wool and Cotton Reporter reports the number of mills actually undertaken or projected during the first six months of this year at 87, which, if the proportion be kept up for the year would give 174.

INDEPENDENCE DAY.

CELEBRATIONS AT OCEAN VIEW AND CAROLINA BEACH.

Canoe and Yacht Races—Tennis Tournament—Other Amusements—Bath Bathers—Fireworks—Ball—The Seashore Thronged with People.

The fifth dawned forth very brilliantly and auspiciously at Ocean View. The day was a perfect one although Old Sol vainly endeavored against a strong breeze to make it as warm as possible.

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THE SCHOOL TAX.

THE PEOPLE SHOULD VOTE DOWN THE PROPOSITION FOR AN ADDITIONAL TAX.

The Superintendent of Public Instruction says the election to be held in August on the question of additional taxation for public schools will be a costly one.

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AGAINST SCHOOL TAX.

This Will be the Verdict in the August Election—Free School Terms of Six Months Can Be Had Without Levying a Special Tax—So They Representatives from the Several Districts in Meeting Assembled Yesterday.

A most enthusiastic and highly important educational meeting was held in the county court house yesterday morning at 10 o'clock.

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CITY MARKETS.

Prices at the city markets yesterday were practically unchanged except that vegetables are getting scarcer if anything.

Vegetables—Beets, 5c per bushon; 5c per bush; sweet potatoes, 95c per bush; Irish potatoes, new, 85c per bush; carrots, 5c per bush; cabbage, 3 1/2c per bush; squash, 10c per bush; string beans, 10c per bush; cucumbers, 5 to 10c per bush; okra, 10c per bush; vegetable eggs, 10 to 15c; new cow peas, 10c per quart.

Meat—Loin steak, 12 1/2c per pound; round, 10c; chuck beef, 7c; stew, 5 to 9c; mutton, 10 to 12 1/2c; veal, 10 to 12 1/2c; togs, 8c each.

Poultry—Growth chickens, 50 to 60c per pair; spring chickens, 50 to 60c per pair; dressed chickens, 60 to 70c per pair.

Remarks were also made by Oscar Pearsall, Lewis Hollingsworth, Wm. Waddell, Robert H. Hewlett, James Cowan, John Holt and others.

It was clearly the sense of the meeting and exactly in agreement with an article in yesterday's STAR, that the additional school tax and present conditions would be highly undesirable.

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STRANGLED TO DEATH.

A NEGRO WOMAN MURDERED IN WAKE COUNTY.

Arrêt of the Man Charged with the Murder—An Ex-Convict Shot by a Deputy Sheriff—Efforts to Reach the Beach Through Senator Pritchard and Gov. Russell—Other Raleigh News.

It is expected that Senator Butler will refrain from voting on the Tariff bill as the Populists did in the House.

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