

NATIONAL POLITICS

What is Stirring in a Political Way in the Life of Our Country.

When the Payne-Aldrich bill was before the Senate, blind Senator Tom P. Gore, of Oklahoma, staked his reputation that if the measure was passed extreme high prices would follow. The prophecy was fulfilled. Average prices rose more than 17 per cent from June to December, 1909. The prices of steel trust common stock more than doubled in six months in 1909.

It is the history of all protectionist countries that tariff revision upward means increased prices. It is not generally realized how rapidly the price of tariff protection articles rose after the passage of the Dingley law in 1897. From July 1, 1897, to January 1, 1900, the first three years following the Dingley law, the cost of living advanced 31 per cent or at the rate of 9 per cent a year. More trusts were formed during this than during any other similar period in our history.

The price of wire nails rose from \$1 36 a keg, in August, 1898, to \$3 53, in December, 1899-1900 per cent, in 18 months.

The price of barb wire rose from \$1 65 per 100 pounds, in August, 1897, to \$1 43, in December, 1899-1900 per cent in 2 years.

The price of window glass rose from \$1 75 a box, in April, 1897, to \$4 80 in April, 1901-1902 per cent in 4 years.

The Dingley tariff made the trusts and the trusts put up the prices. But few, if any, trusts were formed during the three years of the comparatively low duties of the Wilson bill.

When the German government introduced its tariff law of 1902, it published an explanation which contained the frank statement that "inland prices are raised, so far as a consideration of the circumstances of the last ten years will allow us to judge, in proportion to the duties."

In France, Italy, and some other European countries a part of the municipal revenue is raised by duties on goods entering the towns.

At the gates of such towns there is an official who collects this tax, and it is found that the difference in prices of articles purchased outside of the towns and within the towns is in nearly every instance exactly the amount of the duty. The same happens in trade between nations.

The reason the sugar trust, the steel trust, the lumber trust and the harvester trust are willing to contribute large sums to the campaign funds of President Taft and republican candidates for congress and are unwilling to contribute to the funds of Democratic candidates, is that the Republican party is the party of excessive protection. Tariff revision upward means increased prices, and the tariff trusts know that they can collect from the people in new profits whatever sums they may invest in the Republican campaign funds.

After Election  
The republicans promised to make public the source of their campaign contributions after the November congressional election.

The report of the standpat Republican members of the Ballinger investigating committee is to be made public after the election.

Nothing further is to be said of the \$5,000,000 Taft-Humphrey ship subsidy grab bill until after election.

The soft pedal is to be applied to the Oklahoma Indian lands thievery, until after the November election.

Nothing is to be done with the Loumer investigation until after election.

No step is to be taken in the sugar trust-friar lands Philippine scandal until after the November election.

And, last but not least from the standpoint of relative importance, the National Monetary commission, of which Senator Aldrich is chairman, will not make its report recommending a central government bank until after the November election.

Another Case Of Larceny  
The national republican platform of 1897 contained the following paragraph:

"We denounce the efforts of the Democratic majority of the House of Representatives to destroy our tariff laws piecemeal, as manifested by their attacks upon wool, lead

and lead ores."

Times have changed. Republican candidates for Congress, upon the advice of President Taft, are now advocating and promising tariff revision "piecemeal" with the intimation that the schedules enumerated will be the first ones tackled.

Why Meat Is High

Thirty-five per cent is the amount of profit Armour & Co., forced the public to pay last year. This became known through a statement submitted by Armour & Co., in connection with the listing of a bond issue of \$30,000,000 on the stock exchange. The company by its own showing made a gross profit of \$10,581,000 for the year 1909 on a capital stock of \$20,000,000 and earned a surplus of \$7,127,926, or the equivalent of a dividend of 35.6 per cent. As the price of beef was boosted with the beginning of 1910 it would appear that in the opinion of Armour & Co., a 35.6 per cent profit on capital stock is not ample, even though the commodity involved is one of the necessities of life.

Armour & Co., is one of the beef trust firms which enjoyed perfect immunity from prosecution by the government until Federal Judge Landis of Chicago, an insurgent, forced the Taft administration to take cognizance of the fact that the beef trust was illegally holding up the public.

The Postal Banks Cheat  
Twelve hundred and fifty banks in various parts of the United States already have made application to the postoffice department to be designated depositories for postal savings funds, and 648 post-masters have made requests for the establishment of postal savings banks in their offices. About 80 per cent of the applicants will be disappointed. The government intends to start but one or two postal banks in each state for the present. Some day, perhaps, possibly when a central government bank which can be manipulated by Wall street comes into existence, the postal bank system may be extended.

Many Infected With Hookworm

People throughout the State are becoming more aroused on the subject of hookworm disease as they learn more about its prevalence and serious results. Dr. B. W. Page, who is in charge of the hookworm campaign in this section, says that examinations of more than 2000 people representing the North Carolina Methodist Orphanage, the Old Fellow's Orphanage, the State Militia and College Students, average about 40 per cent infected.

The forces enlisted in the work to eradicate the disease continue to grow. The State Association of County Superintendents of public schools recently pledged hearty cooperation in the fight. The Wake county medical society at a recent meeting passed resolutions strongly endorsing the work and declaring the readiness of its members to prescribe hookworm treatment free whenever desired in their practice.

A majority of the physicians of Montgomery county volunteered to do the same. Furthermore, the Woman's Betterment Association for Public Schools in Wake has offered to provide the necessary medicine for treating all indigent hookworm patients. Also the State Federation of Women's Clubs in this State has taken steps looking to the same end in the State-wide work. The Vance county medical society has started a campaign of education as to hookworm and its cure through articles in the county papers, and send lectures from time to time to various schools. The Guilford county medical society is to have a semi-public session October 4th, to further the crusade against the disease. There is ready for distribution a pamphlet treating the disease by State Superintendent J. Y. Joyner of the public schools.

Farmers Union Meeting

The Farmers' Union will hold a meeting in Asheboro on this coming Saturday, October 15th. As announced last week this meeting was to have been held last Saturday, but owing to the inclemency of the weather a postponement was thought wise. At this meeting some important business is to be transacted and all the local organizations of the kind should be represented. Bear in mind the date—October 15th, next Saturday.

COL. W. P. WOOD FOR AUDITOR

A Confederate Veteran Nominated on Seventeenth Ballot.

At a meeting of the Democratic State Executive Committee at Raleigh on Thursday night of last week, Hon. W. P. Wood, of Randolph County, was nominated on the 17th ballot by a vote of 28 out of 55 votes cast. There were twelve other candidates, the principal one being Major E. J. Hale, of Fayetteville.

Col. Wood is a confederate veteran born in 1843, hearty and vigorous. He enlisted in the Confederate service, when a boy of seventeen, in the Twenty-second North Carolina, and was wounded at Manassas. He is a staunch Democrat and a successful business man. At one time he was Treasurer of Randolph County and has represented his district in the State Senate. The nomination is a strong one, Col. Wood being an extremely popular man, and his friends well declare he will be a tower of strength to the ticket.

Col. Wood was a member of the House of Representatives of this State twice, and served as Chairman of the Financial Committee, this being the most important committee in the House.

The News and Observer has the following to say of Col. Wood:

The contest came at last between Col. W. P. Wood, of Randolph, and Maj. E. J. Hale, of Cumberland, both men who had won honors in peace and in war. Geography played a large part in the final determination, the sentiment in favor of a western candidate of ability and patriotism rather than a big and patriotic eastern man, turning the scales in favor of Col. Wood.

Col. W. P. Wood was born in Asheboro, Randolph County, May 18th, 1843, and scoured his education in the public schools and in the school of experience. He was seventeen years old when the Governor of North Carolina called for troops to protect North Carolina and to fight for Southern independence.

Col. Wood promptly enlisted and became a member of the Twenty-second N. C. Regiment, Jackson's corps, and still carries in his body a ball received at Manassas. He was a brave soldier, and when the war ended returned to Asheboro, where he established a successful business, in which he has had large experience that fits him for the duties of State Auditor. In those days, as now, Randolph was a close county and Democrats had to keep on their fighting clothes. Col. Wood has been in the thickest of the fight in every campaign for Democracy since at the age of eighteen, as a soldier in the trenches he voted for Vance for governor. He has been county treasurer in Randolph, has served two terms as members of the House of Representatives and one term as State Senator. When a member of the House, Col. Wood was chairman of the important Finance Committee. His legislative career was useful and honorable. He took chief interest in the legislation touching the Confederate Soldier and the fiscal affairs of the State. He was one of the first trustees of the Soldiers' Home and has served on other important boards.

Col. Wood was married in 1872 to Miss Henrietta Gunter, of Durham county, who died in 1893, leaving three children. He is a leading member of the Methodist church, and is a brother of Rev. Dr. Frank H. Wood, long an influential Methodist preacher. He is a man of character, a speaker of eloquence, a business man of capacity, and will make a State Auditor worthy to succeed the lamented Dr. Dixon.

A Birthday Party

On October 7th, a number of friends and relatives gathered at the home of William Hunt and gave him a surprise birthday dinner. Mr. Hunt was 38 years of age. Although the rain prevented some from coming, others were there with well filled baskets. The guests kept arriving till half past twelve. Among the guests were Mrs. Charlie Ellington, of Haw River, N. C., and two of his aunts, besides neighbors and friends. After eating a sumptuous dinner, we gathered in the cozy little sitting room and enjoyed the evening greatly.

One of the Guests.

GRADED SCHOOL HONOR ROLL.

The Names of Bright Boys and Girls That Have Been Studious For the Past Month.

The following students have been present every day on time and have made from 95 to 100 on every subject. They are entitled to be placed on the first month's honor roll:

First Grade, Section B—Enrollment 64, attendance 92.3 per cent, Miss Maggie Erwin, teacher.

Albert Bean, Alfred Johnson, Talmont Johnson, Harold Moore, Clarence Sykes, Worth Way, May Beck, Edward Gattis, Nilla Kivett, Nancy Loflin, Nita McCain, Lillian Turner, Bright Dickens, Dock Kivett, Richard Lassiter, Junius Phillips, Leonard Ward, Mary Liddie Auman, Eleanor Crater, Virgie Hamlet, Leola Kivett, Maud Miller, Alleen Norman, Flata Smith, Vera Thomas.

Second Grade, Section A—Enrollment 27, attendance 94.5 per cent, Miss Maggie Erwin, teacher.

Bertha Hunsucker, Martha Penn, Julia Rose, Isley Smith, Wiley Croker, Frank Kivett, Fred Smith, Fanny Moody, Evelyn Pressnell, Elizabeth Skeen, Margaret Sykes, Elsey Calicote, Everett Nance, Fred Parrish.

Second Grade—Enrollment 40, attendance 97.17 per cent, Miss Laura Stinson, teacher.

Howard Hilliard, Baird Moffitt, Jim Clark, Buren McPherson, Ben Humble, Fannie Phillips, Allen Healey, Neely Hunter, Willie Lyman, Eddie Beck, Adelaide Armfield, May Bell Penn, Edith Pearce, Hazel Miller, Ethel Aldred, Eugenia Plummer, Ethel Bunting, Mamie Thomas, Bessie Kennedy, Lena Hilliard, Kate Spoon, Wilmer Russell, Vera Turner, Iris Turner, Frances Hall, Bertha Pressnell, Mary Auman.

Third Grade—Enrollment 62, attendance 95.1 per cent, Miss Corina Auman, teacher.

Kate Bulla, Blanche King, Lucy Lovette, Clarabel Morris, Aima Miller, Frances Pearce, Flossie Phillips, Bertie Way, Lennie Bease, Everett Hale, Frank Redding, Governor Thomas.

Fourth Grade—Enrollment 45, attendance 98 per cent, Miss Elbie Miller, teacher.

Carrie Burrow, Lillie Belle Robbins, John Spoon.

Fifth Grade—Enrollment 46, attendance 98.6 per cent, Miss Clara Moffitt, teacher.

Fern Ferree, Grace Pressnell, Faye Ferree, Lillian Hunsucker, Martha Evelyn Morris, Hallie Ross, Alice Burkhead, Eunice Bulla, Lucile Morris, Candys Deaver, Edgar Black, Ransom Wiles, Sidney Wood, John Farmer, Curry Loflin, Banks Richardson, Ray Berry, Garland Loudermilk, Dwight Richardson, Baxter Stowe, Roy Alfred, Fred Smith, John Wright.

Sixth Grade—Enrollment 44, attendance 95.5 per cent, Miss Florine Crothers, teacher.

John Plummer, Nannie Plummer, Ethel Pressnell, Penn Smith.

Seventh Grade—Enrollment 34, attendance 98.2 per cent, Miss Ida Byerly, teacher.

Lucile Scarborough, Clara Pressnell, Edith Hunsucker, Rilla Spoon, Earl Kendall.

Eighth Grade—Enrollment 34, attendance 97.9 per cent, Miss Gertrude Wilson, teacher.

Fannie Newby, Louella Low, Catherine Burns, Nellie Spoon, Virginia Henley, Wayne Miller, Everett Kendall, Everett Newby, Will White.

Ninth Grade—Enrollment 24, attendance 96.3 per cent, Miss Gertrude Wilson, teacher.

Myrtle Hackett, Eoolia Pressnell, Lillie Parrish, Ray Hayworth, Malloy Johnson, Byron Richardson, Walter Stowe.

Tenth Grade—Enrollment 12, attendance 94.5 per cent, O. V. Wootley, teacher.

Robert Fields.

From a Randleman Lady.

Mr. Editor: It is not common for a woman to write anything about political doings, but I have been reading Mike and Pat and last week I read Dennis and Larry and their funny talk about Charles Redding. I think The Courier gave his age right. I don't think he has been to war, not even the Cuban war. I don't blame him for not making a joint canvass with the Democrats, for he knows as little a David Republican as he is could not stand against the Goliath Democrats. I

will tell you what an old woman thinks. It will be like it was in Revolutionary times, when no man could be a candidate unless he had been to the war. Then it happened to come an election when there were two candidates. One was an old man, who had fought all through the war and his opponent was a young man who had never been to the war. At the place of speaking the young man got up and said: "Fellow citizens, I have fought and bled for my country. I have helped shipped the British and the Indians. I have walked on the frozen ground till my footprints were stained with blood. I have lain on the frozen ground with nothing but the canopy of heaven for a covering." About this time an old man came up to the young politician and said: "You say you bled for your country?" all the time wiping his eyes on the flap of his scissors tail coat. "Yes, I did." "You said you helped whip the Brit's and the Indians?" "I did." "And you laid on the ground without cover?" "I did." Then the old man says: "I guess I will vote for the other fellow. You have done enough for your country." Now, God bless you Dennis and Larry. I had not heard from you in a long time, but I am so glad to know you are all right. Now, you overhaul C. Redding and see if he has a shield that fits him. I am afraid his would fit Mr. Barber. Now, don't let the poor child go out unprotected. Fasten on his shield and draw it tight, and when he sees what a very little boy he is, he will run in and sit down by his mama and forget he ever was a Republican.

A. C. Randleman, N. C., Oct. 8, 1910.

Public Speaking at Randleman And Worthville

Col. W. P. Wood, Democratic candidate for State Auditor, will address the people at Randleman on Friday night, the 14th of October. Candidates on our Democratic County ticket will be present and also speak at the above time.

A part of the Democratic County Candidates and one of the candidates for the Legislature will speak at Worthville, on Friday night, the 14th of October.

Mr. Wm. C. Hammer, Democratic Candidate for solicitor of the 10th Judicial District, will accompany the above mentioned candidates, and will address the people.

Why is it Thus So?

We have been told by a gentleman who was present at the Republican speaking in New Market to snub a few days ago, that among other things, L. D. Mendenhall said: "The Democrats promised two years ago that taxes would not be raised. I want to say that my taxes for this year are double what they were for last year on the same property."

The facts are these:

In 1909, L. D. Mendenhall listed for taxation, one town lot, \$25.00; one hog, \$3.00; household and kitchen furniture, wearing apparel, etc., \$25.00; money investments, etc., \$300.00—total of \$353.00; the tax upon which at 75 cents, was \$2.65.

In 1910 he listed one town lot, \$500.00; household and kitchen furniture, wearing apparel, etc., \$25.00. All other property whatever, \$20.00—total of \$545.00; the tax upon which, at 75 cents, was \$4.09.

In the mean time Mendenhall built a house on his town lot, which is estimated by one of the foremost business men of Randleman, to be worth not less than \$750.00, but he swore in 1910 that all his property subject to taxation was \$545.

Mendenhall has been drawing a big salary from his office for some years—say \$1200.00 to \$1500.00 per year. Has he squandered all this income? If not, is it not invested in property or in bank? And should he not, as an honest man, give in all his property for taxation, and then tell the truth, the full truth to the people about how and why his taxes are more one year than another, rather than make such statements as are charged against him above.

The attempt of Mr. Solomon N. Cone, of Greensboro, some days ago to end his own life by shooting himself is an affair that is shrouded in mystery. The report comes from the hospital that in all probability he will recover from the wound received by his own hand.

GENERAL NEWS

Variou and Sundry News and Items of Interest to Our Many Readers

Winston Salem is to have another national bank. Its capital stock is to be \$100,000.

Steps are being taken for the securing of a new passenger station for Thomasville.

A most destructive fire visited Wilson a few days ago and destroyed property to the amount of about \$30,000.

The law enforcement league at Asheville has succeeded in bringing up 19 men for running blind tigers recently.

Mr. Will A. Sharp committed suicide in Greensboro last Friday by cutting his throat. Mr. Sharp was a native of Guilford.

The census taker a few days ago announced the population of Charlotte as 34,014, an increase of 15,923 or 88 per cent during the past ten years.

Monday afternoon Mr. Jim Kelly, of Thomasville, fell from the roof of a house to the ground, a distance of 40 feet. He was knocked insensible and his leg and arm broken.

The Georgetown University football team created quite a stir in Raleigh some days ago by making a raid on a lunch counter and refusing to pay for the eatable things and they helped themselves to.

The report comes from Charlotte saying that the Piedmont Section is to have a new fine cloth mill. The new mill will be capitalized at from \$400,000 to \$500,000, having 20,000 to 25,000 spindles running on fine yarns.

A news note from Thomasville says that just at this time there is being expended for residences in course of erection in that town \$25,000. All of these will be completed within the next few weeks and will be occupied. Doubtless Thomasville is in a thriving condition.

According to a report that has just been issued by the North Carolina Corporation Commission the banking business in North Carolina this year shows an increase of \$7,730,964.25 over last year. This financial progress shows that the State is making forward strides.

The second week for superior court for Anson county is in session this week. The case that is drawing much attention is the suit being brought by Mrs. Emma Richardson, asking for damages to the amount of \$10,000 because having been reported to the Retail Merchants' Association and "black-listed".

Making Improvements

The local telephone company is making some needed improvements on the lines here in town in the way of putting up new poles. The old, time-worn poles along the main streets will be put out of commission and good ones substituted, and at different points all over the town.

Democratic Public Speaking.

Mr. R. C. Kelly and others will address the people at Central Falls on Saturday night October, 15th, at 7:30 o'clock.

At Shepherd School House Wednesday night, October 19th, at 7:30 o'clock.

At Fair Grove School House on Saturday night, October 23rd, at 7:30 o'clock and at Welch's School House Saturday night October, 29th at 7:30.

Mr. J. A. Spence will speak at Franklinville on Saturday night, October 22nd, at 7:30 o'clock, at Millboro Saturday night, October 29, at 7:30 o'clock.

Mr. J. C. Redding will speak at Glenola School House on Friday night October 21st at 7:30 o'clock, at Pierce's School House Saturday night October 22nd at 7:30 o'clock, at Gibson School House on Saturday night October 29th at 7:30 o'clock.

Mr. Henry M. Robins will speak at Cedar Falls on Saturday night, October 22nd at 7:30.

Mr. H. M. Robins and Mr. R. C. Kelly will speak at Charlotte School House on Thursday night October 27th at 7:30 o'clock, at Spero on Friday night, October the 29th, at 7:30 o'clock.

W. J. Miller, Chairman Dem. County Ex. Committee.