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The farmers hold the key to the situation.

What will the Senate do to the tariff bill?

There is always a market for our farm products.

The secret of success is more farming and better farming.

The plain, straightforward road to prosperity is to raise more and buy less.

The strongest argument in favor of good roads is that good roads help the farmers.

Half a dozen Democratic Senators can make a heap of difference in that tariff bill, if they choose to exert themselves. Will they?

We can't live without food. And we can't feed our visitors without food. And the more we raise, the less we will have to buy.

Simmons and Overman are citizens of a State which has a large number of millions of dollars at stake in the cotton business. Now, what are Simmons and Overman going to do about the tariff bill?

It is the irony of fate that a Democratic administration at Washington finds itself compelled to advocate the un-Democratic doctrine in the matter of the rights of a "Sovereign State." But it is more than possible that fate was materially assisted by that forceful statesman who happens just now to be Governor of California.

Henderson county has always had a market, reasonably near, for its farm products. The growth of Hendersonville and Henderson county as a resort has brought this market to our very doors. We can sell all that we can raise. The next thing is to raise all that we can sell.

Whatever else may happen as a result of the California tangle, the present Democratic administration is finding itself compelled to place itself on record against the ancient Democratic doctrine of States' Rights. And it may be that this was precisely what Gov. Hiram Johnson had in mind all the time. Johnson is a strong and resourceful man and can see as far ahead as most folks.

Henderson County's Opportunity

The Times has frequently called attention to the importance of the farmers co-operative demonstration work. We have appealed to the county commissioners and to the Greater Hendersonville Club, urging them to take the matter up. We have explained the workings of the plan. We have quoted some of the results obtained in other counties. We have offered to obtain further information if desired. And now we are able to announce that Mr. E. S. Millsaps, the district agent of that work will be here the first Monday in June to go before the county commissioners in the effort to induce this county to avail itself of the advantages offered.

Is there any reason why this county should not avail itself of the opportunity? The cost is very small; the benefits according to the records, are great. We NEED

better methods of farming here. We have an excellent market for all that we can raise; what we need is to raise more.

We invite all persons interested to attend the commissioners' meeting the first Monday in June, and meet Mr. Millsaps, and hear what he has to say.

The Approach of Dawn

The following quotation is not from a Republican paper; it is from the Charlotte Observer:

"Tariff making for the benefit of the people is not a matter of fixing so that they buy things cheapest, but is one of fixing the people so they have the money to buy with, at living prices. It is easier to make and save money when work is abundant and prices high, than it is when it is hard to get a job when prices are low."

Doesn't that sound as if it might have been copied from The Times? Isn't it practically an admission that the tariff theory which the Democratic party has been advocating is wrong?

And isn't it a pity that our Charlotte contemporary didn't realize and admit the facts sooner. If the Observer, and other Democrats who are now in favor of protection, had been frank enough to speak that way during the past four years, and to back up their opinions by their votes, the South's chief manufacturing industry would not now be in danger.

A man's purchasing power depends not only on prices but also on resources. If prices fall, that fall may or may not enable you to buy more; it depends upon whether your means fall at the same time. If prices fall faster than wages, the wage earner can buy more. If prices fall but wages fall faster, then the wage earner cannot buy so much.

It is easier to pay fifty cents when you have a dollar than it is to pay twenty-five cents when you have nothing.

It has taken the Observer a long time to realize this obvious fact. And there are a heap of other Democrats in the same fix. For all these years they have been bluffing about the tariff and prices; and now their bluff is being called, and they don't seem to like it. If they didn't want to have the protection taken out of the Cotton schedule, why didn't they vote for a party that believes in protection?

Inland Waterways

The purchase of the Albemarle and Chesapeake Canal by the United States from private owners is important not only as immediately affecting a limited territory but as a step towards the accomplishment of an inland waterway from Boston, Mass., to Miami, Fla. Little by little the inland waterway is being extended; link after link is being added. The next cutting in this State will be from a point some miles below Bogue Sound, to get into the New River, the Wilmington district, and from there the route will go into South Carolina by way of Georgetown and Charleston. The Raleigh Times says:

"A great deal of this inland waterway is natural, and it is safe to say that in ten years coasting vessels will be passing through it. The canals north of Norfolk which are parts of it are all constructed except the one in Massachusetts, which is nearly finished. Long Island Sound and Chesapeake Bay are possible parts of it. As already stated, it uses the North Carolina sounds to a distance of something like one hundred miles. It will give an idea of the size of Pamlico Sound to state that from the middle of it no land is within sight. Lighthouses in the sounds mark the route of the waterway.

"Great numbers of vessels are using the waterway, including merchant vessels and pleasure craft of all kind, between the North and South. It is also utilized by torpedo boats and other small Government craft."

Henderson Leads

The Charlotte Observer comments as follows on the subject of women and school boards:

"Under the State law women are eligible to serve on school boards and school book commissions, but the Legislature did not have the backbone to make these positions elective, that is, the people cannot vote them into office, but county boards can appoint them. The county of Henderson was the first to take advantage of the law and a woman was elected to take the place of a resigned committeeman. Hendersonville in the west, has gone this eastern town one better and has appointed two women to the school board, taking the place of two men resigned to their fate. This is an encouraging start and the movement should become contagious. There is scarcely a school board in the State that is not in need of the intelligent influence of the woman committeeman, and conditions in Charlotte and Mecklenburg county are not uninviting to the innovation."

But one fact which the Observer seems to grasp is that Henderson county is ahead of Vance and of all other counties and towns and cities in the State. Henderson appointed a woman as a member of a school board BEFORE there was any law for so doing.

Also, we would invite the Charlotte paper's attention to the fact that the Legislature "did not have the backbone" to make even the county board in Henderson county elective. Our county board is inflicted upon us by the Democratic machine at Raleigh.

The Facts in the Case

Two of our Democratic contemporaries, the Statesville Landmark and the Charlotte Observer, seem to be getting tangled up on the tariff question. In Wednesday's issue, the Charlotte paper adds one more kink to the tangle by delivering itself of the following:

"The Statesville Landmark in commending the Observer's advice against calamity howling, suggests that this paper 'quit trying to make it appear that the Democratic party is, in the matter of the tariff, doing other than it has promised the country all these years it would do if given power.' It hasn't been 'all these years' since the convention was held in Baltimore, has it? Funny how they are inclined to forget the Baltimore platform."

Of course, if Democratic papers will scrap with one another about the tariff, we are under no obligation to pull them apart unless the racket they make becomes intolerable. But The Times, as an educational journal, is always glad to impart knowledge and try to enlighten darkened minds; and therefore we will take the trouble to point out to our confused contemporaries the actual facts in this matter.

The Observer claims that the proposed Democratic tariff legislation is wrong because it would injure business and because it is a violation of the promises made in the Baltimore platform.

The Landmark claims that the proposed legislation is just what the Democrats have been promising all these years.

If the proposed legislation is going to hurt business (as the Observer admits), that is reason enough to condemn it. There is no reason to drag in the Baltimore platform.

If the proposed legislation is in accordance with the long-standing promises of the Democratic party (as the Landmark admits), that merely proves the unwisdom of the Democratic party.

The Observer is right in condemning the new tariff bill. The Landmark is right in saying that have for years been promising. The Observer is wrong in banking on the Baltimore platform. The Landmark is wrong, utterly and unspeakably wrong, in imagining that there is any wisdom in the old-time Democratic tariff policy.

Now with regard to the matter of party pledges:

1. The main objection to the new

tariff bill is not so much that it is a violation of pledges as that it is calculated to hurt business.

2. The Baltimore platform was a wobbly straddle. It pledged the party to three different courses each of which was a contradiction of the other two. Nobody took much stock in that platform.

3. But, after the convention, when the country began to get scared about Democratic tariff slashing, then Candidate Wilson and other Democratic leaders did make some tolerably definite promises. They promised not to "run amuck." They promised to be conservative. They promised that the Democratic party would not enact free trade "or anything like free trade." And, on the strength of these promises, they got votes. And now it is charged that they are not keeping their promises.

For years the Democrats have been promising any old foolishness in the way of tariff slashing; and the voters very wisely kept the Democrats out of power. Last year, the Democratic platform was so weak and meaningless that the Democratic leaders felt impelled to supplement it by promises which amounted practically to this: that the Democrats, if elected, would enact a tariff law which would be pretty much a Republican tariff law. After these promises the Democrats were elected, though received only a minority of the votes cast. And what has become of the promises?

Good

The action of the county commissioners, in the matter of the county and township road bonds, means a long step forward for this county. The commissioners carefully considered their duty in this matter and took competent legal advice before acting.

Better roads will mean better farming. They will make our farm lands more profitable. Of course there will also be many other benefits; but that one, just by itself, would justify the expense.

ANTICIPATION

Blest he whose is the happy lot To dwell in this sequester'd spot, To live a quiet Country life Far from the world of toil and strife.

And what could man desire more Than Nature here has laid in store, Where land and climate, soil and scene, Suffice for all one's wants, I ween?

Here, swiftly flowing at my feet, French Broad and Swannanoa meet; Along the stream the valley lies; Beyond the well-clad mountains rise.

Amid the clouds uprear'd alone Stands out the peak of Pisgah's cone, And stretching to the darkening north Black's dim outline is shadowed forth.

While all as far as eye can see, On rugged ridge and grassy lea, The teeming farm, the silent nook, The woods, the hills, the stream, the brook—

The prospect near, the distant view,— Are bathed in an ethereal blue, Which lends to lovely Nature's scene The aspect of a fairy scene.

Had I a cot within this cove Methinks I ne'er should wish to rove, But live a simple mountaineer With flocks and fields and country fare.

Books for my studious hours I'd choose, And now and then a pensive muse, And, tracing Nature's ways sublime, With Science, too, I'd share my time.

Then crowning these I'd have with me Domestic joy's felicity; And love which was to mortals given To lift the soul from earth to heaven

REALIZATION

And is this real? Is now fulfill'd The wish which once my fancy thrill'd, When country life by hill and stream Was but a vague poetic dream?

Yes, all my fondest hopes surpass'd, The dream is realized at last, And, free from crowds and clash and glare, I live a happy mountaineer.

No rapid-running rivers race To meet in wild, unstill'd embrace, But lovingly the hills enclose A placid lake in calm repose. The peaceful beauty of the place Repeats itself upon her face:

Each grove and glade, each cloud and glow, Is mirror'd in the depth below; Around are guardian mountains wall'd, Bear-Wallow, Sugar-Loaf and Bald, Tryon, Pinnacle, and Pisgah's crest, Black, Craggy, towering o'er the rest.

In landscape Art and Nature vie With lawn and lake and hills and sky, In frame of blue and sunlight shown,

To paint a perfect picture scene. A well-built dwelling, shrubs and bowers; Congenial work, fields, fruits and

flowers; Or, mounted or afoot, to climb Some mountain-top with view sublime;

Domestic joys as mood may please; A chosen science, books and ease; Or, muse inspired, myself perchance To wake the lyre or weave romance.—

Thus in a Country Life I find Health for the body, peace for the mind, And for the soul, supreme, God-given, The love that makes of home a heaven.

A. R. G.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE
Having qualified as administrator of the estate of Sarah Ann Pace, deceased, late of Henderson county, this is to notify all parties having any claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned at the office of Station & Rector, attorneys, in Hendersonville, N. C., on or before the 20th day of May, 1914, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement.
This May 15th 1913.

R. H. Station, Administrator.

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