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TARIFF FRYING PAN AND FIRE.

The Theory of Free Trade Has Always Done the South Injury-- Room for Reduction.

Charlotte Observer.

As an ultimate result, tariffs have usually benefited the North and injured the South. This is no complaint against the North, but the purpose is to say that if we have free wool, free sugar and nearly free cotton goods, the tariff now being worked upon in Washington is going to be again a tariff which benefits the North and injures the South. It does the North no particular harm to have steel rails put on the free list. The steel interest of America is competitive with that of Europe without any tariff at all, but it will be enormously to the injury of Louisiana and Porto Rico if sugar is put on the free list. The theory of free trade has always done the South injury. It was a part of the institution of slavery and helped to bring on the Civil War. The South being free trade and not self-supporting in a manufacturing way, we lost the Civil War.

We agree that there ought to be reasonable reductions in the tariff. We have a tariff made by the standpatters, and it is as unfair to the average American citizen as free trade would be; but there is no use of the whole American population jumping on the standpat frying pan into the free-trade fire and then back again. At least 80 per cent of the American people stand about half way between these two heresies and this great bulk of the people divide and go with one or the other of the militant extremists when there ought to be a fair middle course.

We hope the tariff on wool and on sugar will not be cut over 25 per cent and that the tariff on coarse cotton goods will not be cut at all. There may be some room for its reduction on finer grades, but the present tariff on coarse goods is a fair one. This is proved by the fact that there is a reasonable amount of these goods coming in all the time. There is no call of consequence by the people for either a prohibitory tariff or a free-trade tariff. There is a middle ground which at the same time raises revenue and utilizes the revenue tax to promote American industry. This reasonable middle tariff is the one that is wanted by the people of this country, and the Democrats should heed this fact.

Agriculture in the Schools.

Up in Wright County, Iowa, so Wallace's Farmer tells us, they have been teaching agriculture and home economics in the rural schools for four or five years, and have been fortunate enough to secure capable and enthusiastic county superintendents who know how to make their subjects attractive to the boys and girls. Before this work began the teachers had been asking the boys and girls in the country whether or not they wished to stay on the farm after they grew up. The answers were surprising: 167 boys and 168 girls said they did not; seven boys and eleven girls that they did. After three years of agriculture and home economics in the schools, the same questions were asked in the same school. The answers were surprising again: 162 boys and 161 girls wished to stay on the farm and twelve boys and seventeen girls to leave. Any moral in this story for Southern teachers and parents?—The Progressive Farmer.

Potecasi News

Sunday was the usual time for preaching service but owing to the rainy weather the crowd was rather small, nevertheless those present thoroughly enjoyed the excellent sermon by Rev. C. J. D. Parker of Danville, Va., who supplied for his brother, L. A. Parker.

Mrs. L. J. Doffermyre returned to her home in Mapleton Sunday after a pleasant visit with her people here. She was accompanied home by her brothers who spent the day with her.

Miss Estelle Gilbert of Roxobel spent several days here last week with her brother, Mr. W. H. Gilbert.

Dr. James Parker of Cisco, Mr. Ralph Benthall of Woodland and Rev. L. A. Parker dined with Mr. S. N. Parker Sunday.

Mrs. C. R. Harrell is with her daughter, Mrs. E. C. Parker, of Menola this week, who is suffering from an attack of chills.

Misses Pearl Ballinger and Ruth Bovette of Woodland were visitors in our town Friday evening.

Several from here attended the burial of Mr. Council Parker of Menola, Friday afternoon. Truly can we say a good man has passed away.

Mrs. C. Barnes of Conway spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. L. D. Wheeler.

The women of the W. M. Society are this week observing the special week of prayer and self-denial for Home Missions.

The Y. W. A. gave their public meeting Sunday evening and it was greatly enjoyed by all present.

Dr. C. G. Powell spent Monday in Rich Square on business.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Johnson were called to the bedside of her brother, Mr. G. L. Holoman, of Rich Square, Monday, who lies dangerously ill now.

The rain that fell last Saturday was greatly needed and appreciated by the farmers of this section.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Draper of George spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Powell.

Mr. Jack Parker of Franklin spent Friday and Saturday with his brother, Mr. R. H. Parker.

Conway Locals.

Mrs. Dr. L. Earnhardt left Monday for Fremont to visit her daughter.

Mrs. J. A. Worrell of Jackson and Mrs. W. C. Worrell of Rich Square were in town last week visiting relatives and friends.

Miss Irene Earnhardt spent Monday and Tuesday in Rich Square with her sister.

Mesdames J. E. Taylor, C. B. Draper and W. T. Bridgers were in Rich Square Friday shopping.

There was a peanut poppin' at Mr. Charlie Garriss' Monday night. Quite a number attended.

Mr. George Earnhardt, who has been in school at Trinity Park, Durham, is at home with his parents.

Dr. P. C. Brittle is having his home painted which adds "good looks" to his place.

Glad to report Miss Eunice Martin able to go to her regular work in the music department.

Mr. Riley Bridgers left Saturday for Norfolk to accept a position.

Mrs. S. D. Hedspeth and Miss Nita Hedspeth visited relatives in Norfolk last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Rudisill left last week for Richmond and Cherrysville to spend the summer.

Mr. John Draper spent Saturday and Sunday with his sister, Mrs. B. B. Draper, of Murfreesboro.

LASKER NEWS.

General News Gleaned From About Town and Boiled Down for Busy Readers.

Mr. R. E. Draper of Weldon is spending several days here in the home of his father, Mr. C. W. Draper.

Mr. W. F. Flythe and family of Conway were here last Friday trading in Parker's big store.

Misses Maie Gray, Lota Lee Draper and Mr. Stanley C. Draper spent Saturday in Weldon.

A great amount of peanuts were shipped from here during the past week. The selling price averaged about 3½ cents per pound. Many of our farmers continue to hold their cotton and peanuts for better prices.

Miss Clara Vaughan and Mr. W. S. DeLoatch were in Jackson a part of last week.

The members of the Local Farmers' Union are hereby notified that their presence is urgently requested at the regular meeting Wednesday evening of next week.

All orders for fertilizers will then close. Cash must accompany all orders.

Mr. W. L. Knight of Weldon was in town last Friday.

The Baraca Class of the M. E. Sunday School are preparing to make improvements to the interior of the Methodist church.

It is desired that all the members of the class will be present at Sunday School next Sunday and that many new members may be received into the class.

Important business is to come before the class next Sunday.

The town authorities had two new streets opened last week. They are known as Middle and Union streets and lead from Main and Gerrish streets respectively.

They are broad and have been well prepared. Perhaps the most beautiful sites for buildings in the town are on Middle street.

Mr. L. W. Draper and Miss Meadie Martin were quietly united in the holy bonds of matrimony last Thursday. The ceremony was performed in the home of the bride's father at Conway.

They will make their future home here.

The following program will be rendered by the Lasker Epworth League at the M. E. church next Sunday evening:

Subject—Home Missions.
Leader—Stanley C. Draper.
Voluntary.
Hymn.
Scripture reading.
Prayer.

Announcements.
Solo—Miss Maie Gray.
Remarks by leader.
Sentence prayers.
Hymn.

Address, by Mr. W. S. DeLoatch.
Address, by Mrs. W. B. North.
Quartet, "Only a Beam of Sunshine."

Address, by Mr. C. W. Britton.
Address, by Dr. W. B. North.
Hymn.
League Benediction.

Services will be at 8 o'clock.
Public cordially invited.

Jackson Epworth League.

Program for Tuesday evening, April 22, 1913:

Leader—Prof. Barbee.
Subject—Missions.
Song.
Prayer.

Double Quartette—Misses Sophia Holleman, Blanche Bowers, Lilla Edwards, Louise DeLoatch, Sallie Calvert, Nell Lewis, Mary Harrow, and Ethel Futrell.

Installation of officers will consume most of the time for the regular program.

Song.
League Benediction by members of League.

J. A. FLYTHE, Secy.

Education the Supreme Need.

Our country schools must be made as good as our city schools—and as well adapted to the life of the people they serve. "Knowledge is power," and our farmers must get the power of knowledge from books and magazines and newspapers as thoroughly as our town classes have done. Frequent meetings, lectures and addresses must stimulate thought and disseminate knowledge in the country as in the city.

"We must use our heads for something more than hat racks," as Dr. H. Q. Alexander puts it. A man must be as much ashamed of being physically lazy as of being mentally lazy. A man must be as much ashamed of not providing ample reading matter, or mind-food as of not providing ample victuals, or body-food. We must be able to discuss all the great subjects affecting our prosperity as ably and confidently as the merchant or the banker.

Our people who can read must read more, and the young who cannot read must be taught—all of them. The last census showed that there was exactly six times as much illiteracy among native whites in the country as among native whites in the town. Not until our country people have school facilities equal to those in towns can they meet the townspeople on equal terms and maintain their rights in the fierce commercial struggle of the century.

"My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge," was the lament of old Moses in bewailing the plight of Israel long centuries ago, and such must be the cry, day after day, month after month, and year after year, of every man whose heart yearns for the uplift of our Southern farmers. Our people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Education—universal education, compulsory education, practical education suited to farm life; this is what we must come to before the farmer can secure his rights and before the splendid rural civilization we dream of can be wrought out.—The Progressive Farmer.

Still More for Beef.

Christian Work.

Trying to reach the record of the cow that jumped over the moon, beef goes up again this week. The packers declare that they cannot get enough cattle to supply the demand, and the alleged famine is responsible for the increased cost. The meat will cost the butchers more than they have ever paid before, and many of them are cutting their profits in order to save their trade, which would be lost if they made a raise in price corresponding to the increased cost of their beef. According to those who have investigated the situation, the "Beef Trust" now controls the cattle industry of Argentina, and, therefore, even if the Government did take the twenty-five per cent. duty off imported beef, there is little hope of that country aiding in stopping the steady increase in the price of meat. The trust is also said to have a considerable interest in the beef industry of both Australia and Uruguay. In a telegram to Mrs. Julian Health, president of the Housewives' League a few days ago, A. G. Leonard, of the Union Stock Yards, declared that there is a shortage this year of 200,000,000 pounds of meat, and that the surplus of cattle in this country has been wiped out.

GOLD MEDAL OFFERED.

The Office of Public Roads, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Offers Medal for Best Composition.

A gold medal to the school boy or girl between the ages of 10 and 15 who writes the best composition, not to exceed 800 words, on the repair and maintenance of earth roads, is to be awarded by Logan Waller Page, Director, office of Public Roads, United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. All compositions must be submitted to Mr. Page before May 15, 1913, and the medal will be awarded as soon thereafter as the compositions can be graded. The composition may be based on knowledge gained from books or other sources, but no quotations should be made.

After many years' experience in dealing with the public road situation of the country, it is Mr. Page's belief that ignorance on the subject of repair and maintenance of roads is as much the cause of their bad condition as any other one factor. It is expected that the competition will bring about a better understanding of the subject of repair and maintenance in the rural districts.

Many children living in the rural districts have experienced the disadvantages of roads made impassable through a lack of proper maintenance and it is expected that their interest in the competition will stimulate greater interest among the parents. Bad roads have prevented many children from obtaining a proper education and have even prevented doctors from reaching the side of rural patients in time to save their lives.

Any child between the ages mentioned, attending a country school, may compete. Only one side of the paper must be written on; each page should be numbered; the name, age, and address of the writer, and the name and location of the school which he or she is attending must be plainly written at the top of the first page. The announcement of the competition has been sent to the superintendent of schools in the rural districts. No further information can be obtained from the Office of Public Roads. This announcement should be plain to everyone, and all children will thus start on a basis of equality.

American Cotton Export for Brazil.

Mr. E. C. Green, a cotton expert of the United States Department of Agriculture, has entered into a three-year contract with Brazil and will leave shortly for that country to conduct experiments by which Brazil hopes to increase its cotton crop. There is a vast territory in the eastern equatorial part of the country which, it is believed, will yield excellent crops of cotton. He will also develop other crops.

Unlike the Lawyer Man.

It happened in Judge Tedford's court, and the negro woman, whose reply to every query was "I think so."

Finally the opposing lawyer rose and pounded on the desk. "Now, you look here," he roared, "you cut out that thinking business and answer my questions. Now talk."

"Mr. Lawyer Man," said the witness, "Mr. Lawyer Man, you will have to excuse me. I don't like you all 'terrors. I can't talk without thinkin'."