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THE TARIFF.

That the tariff is iniquitous and that it will do the country harm instead of good is the opinion of a number of newspapers. The Washington Post, a very conservative paper, thinks that this is true. Read what it says:

Close scrutiny of the Aldrich bill leaves no room for doubt as to the effect it will have upon the revenues. It will increase rather than reduce the deficit. It is to be regretted that the dominant minds of the finance committee cannot get away from the theory that the chief purpose of tariff duties is the promotion of selfishness.

When the president called an extra session of Congress the whole country was impressed with the belief that he had in view the rehabilitation of the Treasury and the reduction of taxation. This premise is rudely shaken in the Aldrich bill.

The items upon which the measure restores the Dingley duties or increases them over the Payne bill and over existing law relate to the larger industries that no longer require high protection, if they ever did. Applying prohibitive rates of duty with respect to the products of these concerns at this time will have one certain result—diminished customs receipts. It is this policy that has brought upon us large annual deficits.

The Senate bill maintains high rates upon earthenware, glassware, cotton goods, woollens, steel, hats, bonnets, gloves, certain ores, meat products, and sugar. If additional revenue is to be had positive reduction of duties upon these articles must be made. Sugar alone could be made to yield an increased amount of revenue equal to one-fifth of the existing deficiency without disturbing domestic enterprise.

In his carefully worded statement to the Senate Mr. Aldrich said that the actual number of reductions was about three times the number of increases. Numerical increases or reductions, it may be suggested, do not affect the main proposition. The vital question is, "Does the finance committee's revision meet the necessities of consumers and of the Treasury?" The Post has not the slightest hesitation in saying that it does not. This fact will be completely demonstrated as the mysteries of the schedules are unraveled.

The reductions in the Senate bill are upon those items that produce but little revenue. This fact is illustrated in the lowering of the duty on sugar biscuits and wafers. However, this "body blow" to the sugar trust is modified by the levying of a 35 per cent duty on foreign-built yachts by American citizens!

Upon the tottering apex of the high rates in the Senate bill, if current reports are to be accepted, the committee will a little later propose a 20 per cent maximum tariff against all articles which are now or which may hereafter become the objects of discrimination. The effect of this would be to further diminish the revenues in the interest of higher protection, and put it in the power of domestic monopolies, through trade conspiracies with foreign countries, to lay new burdens of taxation upon the people.

In view of this situation, there can be but one conclusion as to the duty of senators, regardless of party. The extra session should not be allowed to come to an end until a real revenue law is framed, and every special privilege whipped out of it.

We think it would be a good idea to empower Pete Wood, the driver of fire wagon, with the authority to order anyone, except the firemen, out of the fire house when the alarm is sounded. Last Saturday there was such a crowd in there that the horses became frightened. This must and ought to be stopped. The crowd should remain on the outside when an alarm is turned in. Persons not a member of the fire company are in the way and should be made to stay out of the way of the horses.

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How Lincoln was Shot.

Capt. Silas Owens, who has settled down as a factory inspector at Cohoes after eight years of sea adventure, told yesterday some further details of the assassination of Abraham Lincoln. He was in Ford's Theatre on the night of the assassination of Abraham Lincoln. "People talk a lot about what Booth called from the stage," said Captain Owens yesterday. "He didn't say a word as he ran across the boards. He was too busy cursing his luck in hurting his leg, I reckon. What he did do was to stand for a moment on the red plush front of the box and call out something. It may have been 'Sic semper tyrannis,' but though I was so so near I was too excited to make out the words. There wasn't a soul on the stage at the time. The curtain was just rising, and Laura Keene was waiting in the right wings to go on. As Miss Keene saw him she recognized him at once and cried out: 'My God, what have you done?' He slashed at her with his dagger, and I could hear the sleeve of the lilac dress she was wearing tear. There was some blood found on it afterward, and it has been exhibited since as stained with the blood of the President. But how could that be? Booth hadn't been near enough to the President to get blood-stained. If there's any blood the dagger scratched her arm and that caused the stains.

"I remember that a moment or two after Booth had escaped Miss Keene came running out and struck a theatrical attitude on the right side of the stage. There was an awful clamor going on as soon as the audience realized what Mrs. Lincoln had meant by calling from the box. 'He's killed papa!'

"Miss Keene called out in the most dramatic fashion, 'It's John Wilkes Booth. Kill him!'

"The audience took up the shout, and somehow or other they got hold of the rope from the flies, and in a few minutes a dozen were suspended from the galleries with nooses at the end.

"People kept shouting, 'Where is he? Hang him! Bring him out!' If Booth had not got clear off he would have been hanged there and then for certain."

Captain Owens smiles as he speaks of the ordinary pictures of the death of Lincoln surrounded by a crowd of Cabinet officers and doctors. He asks how so many men could possibly have got into the little room to which he was carried. It was only a hall bedroom eight feet square and could not have held them all.

Captain Owens is one of the seven men pledged to silence, he says, who were admitted into the secret at the time of the disposition of Booth's body. However, the pledge of silence has been long since removed and Captain Owens said:

"Booth was brought up to the navy yard and placed on the Montauk, the very vessel which, as Flood said, was visited by Lincoln a few hours before he was shot. There the body lay on deck for sixteen hours covered only with an old tarpaulin. At midnight it was removed to a cell in the old arsenal just underneath the court where Justice Bingham was sitting in the trial of the conspirators. A flagstone was raised, a hole was dug, and the body roughly cased in an old gun box

was lowered into it. Then the flagstone was replaced and no one knew what had been done. The body remained there from April 20, 1865, till 1872, when Booth's relatives claimed it and it was removed. Where they finally buried it has never been divulged."—New York Times.

GRAND PARADE STARTS AT 12 O'CLOCK NOON.

Free Feast for the People on John H. Sparks World Famous Shows Comes to Town.

The fountain of youth: the circus will be in Oxford April 30th. The new special train is scheduled to bring the strange colony of people, horses and animals, and enormous equipment here Friday. No show that comes to Oxford is held in higher regards than this particular one which bears the name of John H. Sparks, for it is directed with a keen regard for the comfort of patrons, which is both satisfactory and singular. Show day will begin with a street parade starting from the show grounds at 12 noon. John Sparks refused to cut out this display of the circus when the idea was suggested by other managers, and have added more expensive feature than ever. All of the men, women, and children connected with this show, horses, elephants and camels are to participate. Everyone in Oxford remembers the fine appearance of the people, animals and properties of the Sparks pageant when last seen here. The people were well groomed and contented looking, the horses high bred and high stepping, the exposed wild animals splendid specimens, the bands musical, the clowns oddly funny, the riders graceful and tastefully dressed and all other things, some familiar, others not, as circus parades go were superior and most pleasing. Prominent in the long list of performances are the 10 Valentinos, Petit Family, Ellitte Sisters, wonderful Cahil family, Blanch Turner, Afton the upside down man, 20 tunny clowns, performing lions, herd of elephants, acting dogs, educated horses and ponies, are conspicuous features in the varied program. The show will be here one day only

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J. G. Halls Unusual Offer.

"It isn't often that I have faith enough in the medicine put up by other people to be willing to offer to refund the money if it does not cure," said J. G. Hall to a Public Ledger man who dropped into his store, "but I am glad to sell Dr. Howard's specific for the cure of constipation and dyspepsia on that basis.

"The Dr. Howard Company, in order to get a quick introductory sale, authorizes me to sell their regular fifty cent bottles at half price, 25 cents, and although I have sold a lot of it, and have guaranteed every package, not one has been brought back as unsatisfactory.

There are sixty doses in a vial that can be carried in the vest pocket or purse, and every one has more medicinal power than a big pill or tablet or a tumbler of mineral water.

I am still selling the specific at half price, although I cannot tell how long I shall be able to do so, and anyone who is subject to constipation, sick headache, dizziness, liver trouble, indigestion or a general played out condition, ought to take advantage of this chance.

ANNOUNCEMENT!

The owners of Tar Valley Manufacturing Company have felt for years that the local public had tired of the crude and antiquated mills that were accessible; but while appreciating this have wondered if the public would prefer to patronize a HOME MILL equipped to compete with the BEST ANYWHERE. At length the doubts were dispelled by reasoning that the distant mills were patronized and their products purchased wholly on account of a lack of equal facilities more accessible. Adhering firmly to this conclusion the Tar Valley Manufacturing Co., set about at very great expense to build and equip a mill of large capacity with the very best and latest machinery feeling assured that as soon as its facilities were accessible to the public the public would promptly respond to its support by a liberal patronage. For more than a year the tedious work of construction has gone forward but the day of completion of the undertaking has almost arrived. It is with much pleasure therefore that the Tar Valley Manufacturing Company announces that its new and thoroughly modern Roller Flour Mills will be in operation about April the 30th.

This mill is located at the site of the old Minor & Beasley mill on Tar River about seven miles from Oxford, on what is known as the Fish Dam Road. It is bran new throughout and will have a daily capacity of 80 barrels of flour and 600 bushels of meal. It is fitted throughout with the latest and most approved machinery all operated by water power. The public will be especially interested to know that a very complete mill for grinding together corn and cob for stock has been provided, having a daily capacity of 50 tons, another great convenience is a large power corn sheller having a daily capacity of 1250 bushels. The machinery for grinding wheat is so full and complete as to assure the largest possible yield of flour. These are but a few details. The completion and perfection of this mill plant can be fully appreciated only after a personal visit and a trial. It has no superior in the State.

The foregoing is preliminary to a very cordial invitation to the public to have trial loads of both wheat and corn ready by April the 30th for the christening of this clean new mill. It is very attractively located in the valley of the Tar. The new mill building is commodious and the place generally a pleasant one to visit.

The people who haul their grain to mill will have the satisfaction that never existed before in this part of the State as the mill is of such capacity that no waiting or coming back will be necessary. The mill will be open at all hours DAY and NIGHT. Those who try earliest will soonest experience the satisfactions of having accessible a mill of the finest equipment for the production of flour and meal of the HIGHEST quality. Those desiring to forward by rail will ship to Tar River station on the Seaboard Air Line Railroad. Such shipments will be handled at the mill on the same day of arrival and shipped back to station of consigners with return charges paid.

In making such shipments notify Tar Valley Manufacturing Company by letter inclosing bill of lading. Address letters to Tar River, N. C.

Tar Valley Manufacturing Com'y.

Hargrove, N. C.

P. S.—Our meal will be made on the old time rock.
W. D. KIMBALL, President. W. R. KIMBALL, Sec-Treasurer.