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WASHINGTON NEWS.

By H. Tavenner

Washington, Aug. 19 Governor Wilson has quieted the fears of the business interests that the tariff may be reduced too suddenly in the event of Democratic success in November. The one-sidedness of the New Jersey governor's campaign pains to spread the word that the Democrats propose to cut and slash the tariff and let it fall into power, and recall the fact that no Republican has ever said or attempted to give a basis for the tariff story has been in circulation.

The fiscal year just closed shows that American exports amounted to over one billion dollars, and that seven per cent of goods manufactured in this country last year were exported. These figures show that American manufacturers have the ability to meet foreign trade in competition. It is now that American ingenuity and genius can conquer over the antiquated methods still in vogue in many foreign lands. Moreover, in those that if Americans are so abundantly able to meet foreign goods in their own market places, there is no excuse for the out-of-date tariff that was put up to keep foreign goods out of our ports, but in reality to American manufacturers an opportunity to gouge extra profits from their own country men.

While there is no doubt among business men that the tariff is too high, it is realized that to snatch it away simply precipitate a crash that might not be survived easily. The tariff board and hundreds of individual manufacturers have insisted that the rates are too high. Customs reports and commercial statistics have revealed that the tariff on many articles brought to this country exceed the entire cost of production, and it is plain that such tariff rates amount to a wholly unnecessary and burdensome taxation.

Governor Wilson recently had a conference with Congressman Redfield, who has made some of the most sensible tariff speeches ever made in Congress, and it was agreed between them that a wiser and safe thing to do with regard to the tariff is to cut it down gradually until the proper level is reached. In that way it will be easy to ascertain just what effect each successive cut will have on price condition. Thus by stages the tariff for private goods can be turned into a tariff for exchange, and this process is expected to result in a big reduction in the cost of living.

Governor Wilson is not anxious to injure any man's business, and insist, in the event of his election, that all business be legitimate, and that the false foundation be taken from under the trusts. But he will make it a gradual process, and one that will not disturb either business or the country in general.

Friendship Only Agreed Upon.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 19.—Friendship, to cost \$7,425,000 for armor or armament and exceeded \$15,000,000 when the eight submarines cost \$4,180,000, and a fleet of battleships, colliers and merchant ships, constitute the building program for the navy approved today by the Senate, and which probably will be adopted without change by the House.

MRS. JOE PERSON HAS UNIQUE COLLECTION.

Has the Only Collection of Lead Pencils Known in the World—There Are Over 300 Different Kinds in the Exhibition

One of the oddest and most unique collections ever gathered by any North Carolinian is to be seen in a window of the John S. Blake Drug Company. The collection is one of every kind of common and uncommon lead pencil imaginable. They have been gathered by Mrs. Joe Person in her travels over the entire United States. The collection consists of over 300 different kinds and there are no two in the entire collection that are alike. The idea of making a collection of the ordinary lead pencil is a novel one, and one that seems to have never occurred to anyone before. To make the collection as complete as Mrs. Person has done has required 10 years and it is thought that the collection contains every kind, variety, class and make of pencil known.

Aside from the collection of lead pencils, Mrs. Person has gathered over a dozen different kinds and varieties of petrified wood from the great petrified forests of the United States, near Adaman, Ariz. These forests were formed by a great sea coming inland and submerging the forests that covered the land. The forests were covered with water, and the sea stood, the sands covered the forests and then the sea disappeared, leaving the land barren. The petrified actions of nature preserved the wood as a whole and petrified it. Lately the forests have been uncovered. The specimens Mrs. Person has collected are as beautiful as rare stones. The different woods of the forest have been turned into gigantic blocks of agate, amethyst, topaz, onyx, carnelian and chalcodony. The petrified wood has been cut into stones, from which she has a number of handsome rings and other jewelry.

Although living in Kitrell at present, Mrs. Person lived here for a number of years before the removal of her medicine plant to Kitrell. Mrs. Person is renowned as a traveler, having been all over the entire United States and Mexico within the past 10 years. Although she is well up in the scale of years, she is yet as young at heart and as lively as a person at half her age. Mrs. Person is also well known as a writer and a composer of songs and music. At every Mecklenburg county fair, in years past, Mrs. Person held the center of the large exhibit building and entertained large crowds by her playing on the piano, in which she is very skilled.

The collections of Mrs. Person will remain in the window of the store for some time. They have already attracted much attention and the store is receiving numbers of inquiries about them.—Charlotte Chronicle.

Under \$100.00 Bond.

Will Noell, a negro blind tiger, was carried to Durham last Friday, for safe keeping as the jail here is not considered strong. He was given a trial last Thursday and placed under a \$100 bond which he was unable to give. He was caught by government authorities. He will remain in jail in Durham until the December term of court.

Opening of the Graded Schools.

The Roxboro Graded Schools will open at nine o'clock Monday morning, September 2, 1912. Patrons are urged to have their children or wards present the first day, if possible. When students enter late, they are at a disadvantage that is difficult to overcome. Patrons and friends of the schools are cordially invited to be present at the opening exercises.

In this connection I wish to call attention to some new features for the year 1912-1913. In the first place, provision has been made for more flexible grading, by which it is hoped that the work can be more nearly adapted to the individual needs of the pupils. Each grade will be taught in two sections, and promotions may be made semi-annually instead of annually, as heretofore.

In the second place, the course of study in the high schools department has been liberalized by the addition of several subjects not previously taught in our schools. Commercial and Industrial Geography, Business Methods, Civics and Agriculture will be offered during the next year. The work has been so planned that students will be permitted, under proper supervision, to elect between these subjects on the one hand and Latin on the other hand. It will also be possible for one to take Latin, and then, in the tenth grade, to elect Agriculture instead of French. It is believed that these subjects will be more interesting and more beneficial to some of our students than the Latin or the French.

Let not our aim and purpose be misunderstood. In the teaching of agriculture, for instance, the primary purpose is not to make farmers. It is not primarily a trade subject. It does not seem desirable that a teacher try to make farmers of farmers' sons any more than lawyers of doctors' sons, and so on. But agriculture is a human-interest subject. Nearly every one is interested in growing plants and animals, and there are some fundamental principles of this growth that every boy and girl should have an opportunity to learn, if they so desire,—not that they may become farmers or farmers' wives, but for the educational training and intelligent interest in life that this knowledge brings. While it is not desirable to try to make farmers, it does seem desirable to stop unmaking them. It is often said that the present trend of all our education is cityward. If that be true, is it not time to call a halt?

In our course in Business Methods, we do not expect to train book-keepers, stenographers, ect. The text adopted for use, "A First Book in Business Methods," aims, as the authors say, "to include only those facts every one should know; to offer a course in business methods rather than in book-keeping." In our work in Civics, we do not expect to undertake anything like a scientific analysis of the machinery and powers of government. On the other hand, we believe that many elementary ideas regarding community life, an interest on the part of the pupil in the life of the community and in his relation to that life, the meaning of citizenship, and the services performed for the citizen by the government, should be presented to the pupil, at an early period in his education. In

like manner, by the study of Commercial and Industrial Geography we hope to broaden the sympathies and interests of the pupil by helping him to see the interdependence of all people commercially and industrially. In the complexity of modern life, it is pre-eminently true that "no man liveth to himself."

The text-books adopted for use in this course are all up-to-date, the oldest being copyrighted in 1907, and the newest in 1912.

In the introduction of these new features, our motto is, "the greatest good to the greatest number." We want to make the Roxboro Graded Schools do all that is possible for the development and advancement of Roxboro and Person County. The schools belong to the people, and it is their ambition to serve the people to the best of their ability.

A. B. Stalvey, Supt.
Aug. 19, 1912.

Entertained Saturday Morning.

Miss Amelia Noell entertained in honor of her visitor, Miss Lizzie Noell last Saturday morning from 10:30 to 12 o'clock, at "The Pines" the country home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jno. A. Noell.

The large porch was artistically decorated with yellow and green paper, and ferns and golden rods. The guests were entertained with games of Rook, dominoes, hearts and croquet. After which refreshments, consisting of ice cream and cake were served, they carrying out the color scheme of the decorations.

Misses Effie Brooks and Mary Goodwin dispensed the iced punch.

The Farmers Union Celebration.

The local Farmers Union of Helena had a great day on last Saturday. Dr. Templeton was the speaker and he addressed a crowd of two thousand. After the speaking the entire crowd was invited to dinner, and it was a dinner. The table was more than 100 feet long and it was literally loaded down with eatables. It was a great day and The Courier has only one regret, and that is that we were unable to accept the invitation to participate with them.

NOTICE.

Mass Meeting Convention of the Progressive Party

Will be held in the court house in Roxboro on Saturday, Aug. 24, 1912, at 1:30 p. m., for the purpose of nominating a Legislative and County ticket.

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