

TARIFF REFORM COMMITTEE ACTS

Urges Congress To Stick To Platform and Provide Tariff For Revenue Only.

ASKS FOR NO SPECIAL FAVORS
Says No Attention Should Be Paid Manufacturers Who Say They Will Be Injured.

New York, April 8.—The tariff reform committee of the Reform Club of this city, has sent an open letter to Congress on the proposed changes in the tariff. In its communication the association explains that it represents no special interests and asks for no special favors, and that for twenty-five years it has done what it could to expose the fallacies of protection and to break down the superstition that high tariff taxes produce prosperity and lower tariff adversity and panic. The letter goes on to say:

"This country cannot, by tariff taxation, encourage some industries without discouraging others. An unfortunate protection encourages the naturally weak and dependent industries and discourages the naturally strong and independent ones. It diverts capital and labor from where they produce most to where they produce less. Protection, therefore, means economic waste."

The communication further declares that protection is antiprogressive, and a great handicap to business, especially railroads, and States. "It at the same time protects the monopolists of protection now go to comparatively few, and largely to the great trusts and monopolists that have been formed to corral protection's profits. The thousands of ordinary manufacturers pay tribute when they buy their materials from the protected trusts."

"On behalf of consumers in general as well as of the great majority of producers who are not, and necessarily cannot be, protected by tariff duties, this committee asks you to hew as nearly as possible to the tariff for revenue only line prescribed by the Democratic platform. If, as the Democrats assert, protection is a curse, the sooner we get rid of it the better. Stay this form of special privileges at once."

"Income taxes are paid mainly by the rich and well-to-do while tariff taxes are paid largely by the comparatively poor. It is, therefore, not unwise from the standpoint of economic justice to substitute the direct income tax for the indirect tariff tax."

The committee suggests that the chemical schedule may well be placed upon an even lower level than that which was assigned to it in the Underwood bill.

No attention, the committee thinks, should be paid to the complaint of certain manufacturers that they are injured by the fact that they must pay small duties on their raw materials, while protected to a limited extent by the duties on finished products.

I do not see any reason why all important iron and steel products should not promptly be put on the free list, because for the past fifteen years they have been produced cheaper in this country, as shown by the testimony of many manufacturers before Congress and the industrial commission. It is pointed out that this country now is exporting them at the rate of \$300,000,000 a year, these exports being sold not only in competitive free trade markets, but even in protected foreign markets. Attention is also called to the fact that nearly all important iron and steel products have at nearly all times during the past fifteen years been sold at lower prices for export than were charged in the domestic trade.

The committee states that free lumber is absolutely necessary, both in order to safeguard the forest of the United States and in order to reduce the exorbitant price of building materials.

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TOO MUCH RAIN FOR POTATO CROP

REPORTS FROM PAMLICO COUNTY ARE DECIDEDLY GLOOMY.

Reports from Pamlico county concerning the potato crop are anything but encouraging and are causing no little uneasiness all over this section. During the past three weeks much rain has fallen in that section and this has caused many of the plants to be blighted. In some places the water has stood in the fields for days and the farmers have been compelled to dig trenches in order to drain the fields. According to the statements of some of the largest land owners and farmers in that section the potato crop has been cut in half and unless the shippers receive exceptionally good prices for their product they will lose much money.

THE SWANSBORO SCHOOLS CLOSE

ELABORATE AND EXTENSIVE PROGRAM PREPARED FOR THE OCCASION.

(Special to the Journal)

Swansboro, April 9.—The public school at this place closes this week, and an elaborate and extensive program has been prepared for the commencement exercises. Professor Bruce Caraway has had General H. W. Willis to erect a large sign bearing the name of the public schools and this has been placed in front of the building. The exercises are free and everybody is invited to attend.

The ship yard at this place which formerly belonged to the late W. J. Moore has been sold to Joseph Foster and a number of improvements have been made. In addition to enlarging the plant, a fifty horse power engine has been installed and will be used in pulling the vessel on the ways.

Swansboro is growing rapidly in a number of ways. Samuel Adler has rented the store owned by David Moore and has placed in this a fine stock of dry goods. After living in single blessedness for twenty years Acy Morton who lived on his farm near this place, disposed of his property a few days ago and decided to enter "double harness."

He was fortunate in getting the consent of the lady in the case but for various reasons could not secure a license in this county. However, they were not to be thwarted and when last heard of they were married and in the State of Georgia.

During a southwest storm which prevailed here last Friday, a bird, the counterpart of which has never before been seen in this section was found on the shore. The bird in question was a pelican and had a neck which by actual measurement was six feet long. Not only was the neck of the strange bird of unusual proportion but it had a beak ten inches long and wings which resembled those of an eagle. The bird was killed by Fred Pittman of this place.

NEXT TERM OF FEDERAL COURT TO CONVENE APRIL 28.

On Monday, April 28, the regular Spring term of the United States District and Circuit Court will be convened in this city for a two weeks session with Judge H. G. Connor presiding. There are quite a large number of cases on the docket for the first week's session, the majority of them being violations of the Internal Revenue Law.

Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Hollowell and little daughter of Beaufort have arrived in the city and will make their home at this place. Mr. Hollowell has accepted a position at Bradham's drug store.

FLAMES DESTROY DOVER DEPOT

Many Think Fire Was Started By The Torch of An Incurable.

CONSIDERABLE FREIGHT LOST
Wind Blew Falling Sparks Away From Business Part Of Town.

(Special to the Journal)

Dover, April 7.—Fire which is supposed to have been of incendiary origin, completely destroyed the depot at this place Sunday morning which was used jointly by the Norfolk Southern Railway Company and the Dover and Southbound Railway Company. In addition to the building a quantity of freight and all the fixtures and also all of the tickets and other articles in the office were burned. The loss is estimated at about eight thousand dollars.

The fire was discovered shortly before 2 o'clock by the watchman at the Goldsboro Lumber Company's mill which is located a short distance away. He lost no time in blowing the big alarm whistle at the mill and the entire town was soon alarmed. A line of hose was secured from the mill and a steam of water was directed on the burning building but the flames had gained such headway that all efforts to extinguish them proved futile and the structure was soon a mass of glowing embers.

It is believed that the fire was the work of an incendiary who first robbed the freight depot and then applied the torch to cover his crime. On Saturday a large quantity of whiskey was received by the express company whose office was in the same building and this was stored in the department occupied by them. This whiskey was in bottles and after the fire had died out a search was made to locate these. Not a sign of them was found, there being even no melted glass and this further strengthens the theory that the fire was not of accidental origin.

The agent had placed about two hundred dollars in paper money, about forty dollars in gold and his books in the safe on Saturday and it was supposed that these had not been injured by the fire, but when the safe was opened this morning nothing remained of the paper money and the books but charred paper and the gold had been melted.

At the time of the fire the wind was blowing in a direction which carried the flying embers away from the Goldsboro Lumber Company's mill and from several other buildings in that locality and this probably saved them from destruction. The railway companies are now using a passenger coach for a temporary ticket office, a freight car as a warehouse to store the freight which is consigned to this place. It is understood that the depot will be rebuilt at an early date.

LARGEST AUCTION SALE OF LAND IN THIS STATE.

The largest Auction Sale of land ever held in North Carolina will be held at New Bern, N. C., April 14-15-16, sale starting every morning at 10:30.

The Beautiful tract of land owned by Simmons Farrior and Bradham, located on Pollock street and Trent road, has been subdivided into building lots and small farms and will be offered to the public at auction. On Monday, April 14 at 10:30 a. m. we will sell to the highest bidder 20 small farms on Trent road. This is a chance you can't afford to miss, never before have the citizens of Craven county had such a chance to own their own farm. We have laid out 20 farms in one to 15 acre tracts you can buy one tract with the privilege or as many as you want at the same price.

These farms are all high and dry and are well drained. They are located on one of the best roads in Craven county. They are especially adapted to the raising of truck, cotton and etc., with a good clay subsoil. And are only one mile from New Bern which is a ready market for a farm produce.

You buy a farm now and in three years you will sell city lots. We will give a free barbecue dinner to all who attend the sale. The terms of this sale is one fourth down, balance in one, two and three years payment.

On Tuesday, April 15 at 10:30 a. m. we will sell to the highest bidder 40 beautiful building lots in Highland Park. Highland Park is an ideal place for a home, it is conveniently located, being on Pollock street and only one block from car line. They are the highest and driest lots you can buy in New Bern. The man or woman who invests his or her money in this property is sure to reap a good profit. For example think of any piece of real estate sold in New Bern five years ago. Could you buy it now for twice the amount paid then? Highland Park has a much brighter future than any real estate ever sold in New Bern. We will give away valuable prizes at

SUPERIOR COURT NOW IN SESSION

One Week Term For Trial Of Civil Cases Only Convened Yesterday.

JUDGE O. H. ALLEN PRESIDING
Twenty Cases On The Regular Docket In Addition To The Motions.

A one week term of Craven county Superior court for the trial of civil cases only, was convened in this city yesterday morning with Judge O. H. Allen of Kinston presiding.

There are twenty cases on the regular docket to be disposed of this week in addition to the motion docket, three of these being divorce cases, and it is expected that the entire term will be consumed in their disposal.

The first case taken up yesterday was that of Pate vs. Blades. In this case the plaintiff Pate who was represented by R. A. Nunn and W. D. McIver, was suing the defendant C. G. Blades of Maryland for damages in the sum of twelve thousand dollars for an alleged fraudulent transaction. The defendant was represented by Guion and Guion. After hearing the testimony in the case Judge Allen decided that there was not enough evidence to warrant the case going before a jury and ordered a non suit.

The next case taken up was that in re will of J. W. Jones. In this the plaintiffs are contending that undue influence was used in causing Jones to execute a will which was not his own. The case was not concluded at the close of the day's session.

The following cases are on the docket for the remainder of the week:

Tuesday, April 8th.
Martin, et al vs DeLoach
Peterson, et al vs Roper Lumber Company.

Wednesday, April 9th.
Fulcher vs N. S. R. R. Co.
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Arnold vs N. S. R. R. Co.

Thursday, April 10th.
Taylor vs Roper Lumber Co.
Willis, et al vs Howe.

Friday, April 11th.
In re Will of Sabra Price.
Collins vs Thurston.
McCarthy, Admr. vs Willis, et al.
Stilley, et al vs N. S. R. R. Co.
Duffy, Admr. vs N. S. R. R. Co.
Einstein Bros. vs Bland.

Divorce.
Sawyer vs Sawyer.
Windoff vs Windoff.
Carter vs Carter.

CITY BEAUTIFUL CLUB AT WORK

IMPROVING SEVERAL UNSIGHTLY SPOTS AROUND THE CITY.

The City Beautiful Club is now engaged in beautifying a number of places in different sections of the city that, when the work has been completed, will add greatly to the attractiveness of those spots.

In front of the Masonic building on Hargett street they have planted a privet hedge on the North driveway and improved the walk leading up to the main entrance of the building and have planted a bed of flowers in the plat between the walk and the driveway.

At present they are engaged in improving the vacant lot at the Southwest corner of Broad and Hancock streets. This lot has long been an eyesore and its improvement in appearance will be a great benefit in many ways.

The club is also improving the walks and the flower plats around the Eastern side of the Union passenger station, and when this work has been completed they have several other places in view to which they will devote their attention.

This sale. The terms of the sale is 10 per cent. down and a monthly payment of Five dollars, on deferred payment.

On Wednesday, April 16, at 10:30 o'clock we will sell 30 beautiful building lots to the colored people at Whitesville on Trent road and near Pembroke. This is an ideal place for a colored man to own his home. It is located near car line and on an improved road. Easy terms, 10 per cent. down and five dollars a month on deferred payment.

Cars will run to sale Monday, and Tuesday from Elks' corner from 9:30 a. m. to 10:30 a. m. Our own star band will furnish music every day. You know the Burtons.

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BANGERT, DILL, LUPTON, DAWSON

These Four The Winners In The Only Contest In Yesterday's Democratic Primary.

OCCASION PASSED QUIETLY
Democratic Executive Committee Will Meet Tomorrow Night And Canvass Vote.

A. H. Bangert, Mayor; G. Lupton, Chief of Police; William Ellis and T. G. Hyman, Aldermen from the First Ward; W. B. Blades and S. H. Scott, Aldermen from the Second Ward; James B. Dawson and A. T. Dill, Aldermen from the Third Ward; T. F. McCarthy and J. G. Brinson, Aldermen from the Fourth Ward; R. J. Disoway and L. M. Satterwaite, Aldermen from the Fifth Ward. J. J. Tolson, City Tax Collector; F. T. Patterson, City Clerk.

The Democratic City primary for the nomination of candidates to fill the offices of the city for the next two years was held yesterday and passed off in an unusually quiet manner. The weather was very inclement and to this is attributed the cause of a comparatively light vote. However, all through the day the various candidates and their adherents worked diligently in getting their constituents to the polls and every manner of conveyance was used in doing this. At 7 o'clock last evening the polls were closed and after the votes had been counted it was found that A. H. Bangert, running for the nomination for the office of Mayor, had defeated his opponent W. K. Baxter by a majority of three hundred and nine votes.

G. Lupton, running for nomination for office of Chief of Police and who is now filling this office, defeated W. H. Griffin by a majority of fifty six votes. The third ward was the only ward in which there were more than two candidates for nomination for Aldermen and in this ward James B. Dawson and A. T. Dill were victorious.

There was not the least evidence of rowdiness around any of the polling places during the day and while one could easily see that every effort was being put forth by the various candidates there was no excitement and everything moved along as nicely as a piece of well oiled machinery. From the very first it was seen that Mr. Bangert had the advantage of his opponent Mr. Baxter and while the latter put up a hard fight it proved of no avail. During the early part of the day and in fact until late in the afternoon, it was the opinion of many that Mr. Griffin would secure the nomination for the office of Chief of Police but "the tide turned" and he was defeated.

In the third ward three of the candidates for the nomination for Aldermen, J. B. Dawson, A. T. Dill and Capt. Joseph Gaskill, worked diligently during the entire day. Mr. Dill secured one hundred and forty three votes, Mr. Dawson one hundred and twenty seven and Capt. Gaskill one hundred and twenty five and M. D. W. Stevenson secured thirty five.

The city Democratic Executive Committee will meet at the City Hall Thursday night and canvass the vote of yesterday and officially announce the successful candidates.

The following is the vote cast in various wards:

FIRST WARD.

Bangert, 111; Baxter 14; Griffin 54; Lupton 71; Ellis 118; Hyman 120; Tolson 118; Patterson 122.

SECOND WARD.

Bangert 156; Baxter 97; Griffin 104; Lupton 153; Blades 253; Scott 253; Patterson 253; Tolson 253.

THIRD WARD.

Bangert 166; Baxter 149; Griffin 99; Lupton 110; Dawson 127; Dill 143; Gaskill 125; Stevenson 35; Patterson 215; Tolson 215.

FOURTH WARD.

Bangert 114; Baxter 87; Griffin 117; Lupton 483; Brinson 171; McCarthy 170; Patterson 201; Tolson 201.

FIFTH WARD.

Bangert 67; Baxter 58; Griffin 68; Lupton 71; Disoway 125; Satterwaite 130; Patterson 145; Tolson 145.

Total Vote

Bangert, 614; Baxter, 305; Lupton, 498; Griffin, 442; Ellis, 118; Hyman, 120; Blades 253; Scott, 253; Dawson, 127; Dill, 143; Gaskill, 125; Stevenson, 35; McCarthy, 170; Brinson, 171; Disoway, 125; Satterwaite, 130; Tolson, 932; Patterson, 936.

STARTS OPERATION AT NEW LUMBER MILL.

The East Carolina Lumber Company's plant at James City began operations yesterday morning and will be in constant service from now on. This company employs about one hundred and fifty men and has a capacity for turning out one hundred thousand feet of sawed lumber a day. For the past few months the management has been hard at work getting everything in readiness for starting the mill and they now have one of the most modern plants of its kind in the State.

LARGE WAREHOUSE IS BURNED DOWN

COSTLY FIRE VISITS GOLDSBORO LATE LAST SUNDAY NIGHT.

(Special to the Journal)

Goldsboro, April 7.—A large brick warehouse located at the northern end of East Centre street and owned by the Norfolk Southern Railway Company and which was used by them as a storage house for freight and which also contained the office of F. W. Tate, the general agent for this section was completely destroyed by fire shortly after 11 o'clock last night.

The fire was first discovered by the crew of a special train in charge of H. C. Harris which had arrived from New Bern a short time before and which was then on the yards. When first seen the flames were bursting through the roof of the structure and were blazing merrily. A number of freight cars were in the vicinity of the warehouse and but for the fact that this locomotive carried a full head of steam and was in commission these would have doubtless been destroyed.

In the warehouse at the time was a quantity of freight and several hundred hogsheads of tobacco which had been stored there. All of this was destroyed. Just across the street was a large frame platform and on this were several hundred bales of cotton. The flames spread there and a quantity of the cotton was destroyed.

The building owned by the Norfolk Southern was constructed during the time that Col. James A. Bryan was connected with the Atlantic & North Carolina Railway Company, now the Norfolk Southern, and when the Howland Improvement Company, who later leased the road, took charge, they had their offices there. The structure was believed to be fireproof and it is the general opinion that the blaze was started by an incendiary. The loss which is estimated at several thousand dollars, is partially covered by insurance.

LENOIR COUNTY MAN IN JAIL

Couldn't Give Bond For Appearance At Federal Court.

United States Deputy Marshal Samule Lilly returned last evening from Lenoir county where he had been to make an arrest of a violator of the Internal Revenue Law. Rob Jones colored, and whose home is at Grainsboro station, was the man placed under arrest. The warrant charged the defendant with retailing spirituous liquors without a government license. He was carried to Kinston for a preliminary hearing and probable cause being found against him was bound over to the next term of Federal court under a bond of two hundred dollars. Failing to give bail in this amount he was placed in the county jail at that place.

CANTERBURY CLUB MEETS.

Mrs. Robert Nixon Entertains Organization.

Mrs. Robert Nixon was hostess to the Canterbury Club Tuesday evening at her home on Craven street. It was a delightful evening with Browning and at its close the hostess served a refreshing ice course. Browning as a Scientific Poet was the interesting reading by Mrs. Thomas Roberts.

Mrs. William Blades beautifully read and interpreted "Pisgah Sights." Mrs. John Tull Hollister charmed the club by her rendition of "In a Gondola." It was decided by the club to take as next winters study, The Great Essayists of the century.

The following members were present Mrs. Kate Spencer, Mrs. John T. Hollister, Mrs. Monroe Howell, Mrs. William Blades, Mrs. Francis Stringer, Mrs. J. B. Hurley, Mrs. Charles Ives, Mrs. Thomas Roberts, Misses Mary Oliver, Margaret Bryan, Mary Hendren, Bessie Summrell, Sadie Hollister, Mary Jones and Mamie Hunter Richard on.

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FARM PROBLEMS TO BE STUDIED

Conference For Education Will Consider Especially The Needs of the Farmer.

MEET NEXT WEEK IN RICHMOND
Discussions of Live Topics Will Be Held By Recognized Experts.

Richmond, April 8.—With several thousand farmers, business men, teachers, ministers of every denomination and other interested persons in attendance from all parts of Southern States, the conference for education in the South will open in the Joffre hotel auditorium in Richmond on the morning of April 15th, in order to discuss ways and means of helping the farmer place his crops on the market at a fair profit to himself and in order to give greater impetus to the South's progress by the formulation of plans for the stimulation of farm life and the improvement and development of the farm.

This conference will embrace four special conferences—a farmer's conference, a business men's conference, a conference of school workers and a conference of country preachers, besides general conferences on co-operation, rural credits, the country church situation and better conditions for country women.

At all of these conferences discussion will be led by men who are experts along their lines. The formation and maintenance of co-operative associations of farmers of buying and selling, the betterment of the rural school system and the enlistment of the church in farm life development will form much of the basis of discussion a well as the readication of the evils which are recognized to be retarding the progress of the farm in the South, namely, the tenant evil, the increasing exodus of farm people to the towns and cities, the facts that the farmer does not get out of his soil the crops of which it is capable and the fact that the farmer has to pay exorbitant rates on interest or his cash capital. All of these matters will be thoroughly thrashed out and plans laid to put the Southern farm university on a better basis than it ever was previously.

Sessions of the conference will be held every morning and afternoon. The conference will be in session four days. At the evening sessions workers from the field will set forth what is being done for rural upbuilding in the South through farm demonstration, health agencies and rural and high schools. These talks will take the form of short, concrete lectures with lantern slides.

The work of these agencies will also be shown by an extensive exhibit in the old high school building.

YOUTHFUL FIRE BUGS CAPTURED

Lads Who Caused Destruction Of Goldsboro Property Jailed.

Goldsboro, April 9.—Two young white fellows of this city—well known in police circles, were apprehended in Wilson Tuesday morning as acting suspiciously and being new arrivals they were rigidly questioned, and when under the grill they confessed to being Guy East and Paul Utley, from this city and were responsible for Sunday night's big fire here and were "getting away."

The Wilson chief immediately notified Chief Denmark of this city, who went up to Wilson for these boys, and brought them back.

They say they had gone into the N. S. warehouse to spend the night, and in smoking cigarettes the place caught fire, and the result so frightened them that they kept going until they reached Wilson.

This story sounds rather fishy, but they are being held for further investigation.