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MAKE NEW BERN A BASING POINT ALSO.

New Bern is especially interested in this paragraph from the report of the proceedings in Raleigh Wednesday, when President F. N. Tate of the North Carolina Just Freight Rate Association and his advisory board held a conference with Governor Craig.

"Mr. J. Allan Taylor, of Wilmington, who is a recognized rate expert, made a special presentation of the benefits to be derived from making Wilmington the basing point for North Carolina rates insisting that relief must ultimately come through recognition of the potentiality of water competition in controlling railroad freight rates. Mr. Taylor's position is being strongly seconded by W. S. Creighton, rate expert, of Charlotte. Mr. Taylor also believes that New Bern might be made a basing point."

The Journal has been assured by a New Bern jobber who says he is sure of his ground that Wilmington has no advantage over New Bern in rates, and that any additional advantage that may be given to Wilmington will also automatically come to New Bern, both being water points. We hope he is correct and have no reason to doubt it. The view of Mr. Taylor seems to support that of the local authority whom we have in mind and is of course very encouraging to all who want to see New Bern well taken care of in the final adjustment of the freight rate matter.

In previous discussions by the way, New Bern did not get the "favorable mention" that it did Wednesday, its prominence in the conference this time being due, of course, to the fact that it had joined the Just Freight Rate Association and had a representative at the conference to see that in the laying of plans for the securing of relief this city should not be overlooked.

The conference does not appear to have been very fruitful of results, but nobody who has given the matter any thought has believed that the problem was one easy of solution. It will doubtless take many more conferences before even a fairly good start has been made. But the cause is a just one and eventually victory will be won.

If Thaw wasn't crazy, he must be by this time in view of all the varying experiences that he has passed through.

The more we read about Canadian justice as shown up in the Thaw case, the more we think of the United States brand.

Greensboro is now styling itself "The Pearl of the Piedmont." But the Greensboro News thinks the old title of "the Gate City" will also stick. Greensboro is a good town and entitled to all the beautiful names that its enthusiastic people can devise.

ESTIMATES AND FACTS—TWO DIFFERENT THINGS.

Charles A. Dana, the famous editor of the New York Sun, used to say that one of the prime requisites of a newsgatherer was the ability to hold himself down to the exact facts. He said that if a thing was three eighths of an inch wide, a jam-up newspaper man would not call it a half inch wide. His idea was that accuracy in small matters meant inaccuracy in large matters and plainly there is a good deal in that view for we have the scriptural injunction that he who is faithful in small things shall be counted worthy to rule over large things.

So much by way of introduction to the state mean that some of the reports on last week's storm were exaggerated. Belhaven, for example, was represented as being in an especially bad plight, worse possibly than any other place in Eastern Carolina barring Washington. But we find W. E. Scrubs, a Belhaven banker, writing the News and Observer that the loss of property was not nearly as great as reported, not amounting in his opinion to more than \$150,000.

Newspaper men who sent out the reports of the storm damage were not taking the view of their responsibility that Mr. Dana counseled. Estimates were largely and in fact necessarily guess work. And it was doubtless true also that inasmuch as the size of the figures had something to do with the amount of matter that outside papers would buy from thrifty correspondents, the latter were not disposed to minimize the damage, but on the contrary were more likely to magnify it.

The exact extent of the damage will never be known for much of it was of an intangible sort exceedingly hard to estimate but we think it entirely safe

to say that the damage nowhere was as great as popularly supposed and certainly not as great as the somewhat impressionable newspaper correspondents estimated.

LOOKS LIKE PROGRESS.

While there is yet some doubt, it seems practically certain that Cumberland county in an election held Tuesday voted in the stock law. This looks to us like progress though we fully understand that there are many among the readers of the Journal, particularly its farmer readers, who think differently. Perhaps these will one day change their views on the question. A circumstance that should have the effect of hastening such a change of opinion is the fact that communities which adopt the stock law stick to it. Champions of the law say that no township or county that ever adopted the law has given it up. We do not know how true this is, but as opponents of the measure do not refute it, we think it safe to accept the statement as the truth and so accepting it one is obliged to think the stock law a good thing.

One great need for a stock law is to meet partially at least the growing demand for beef cattle. With the leaf packers of the West putting prices up on every available pretext, something must be done to the end a wholesome supply of this article of food can be provided. With cattle running at large in the woods, that sort of supply is said by persons who have investigated the matter to be impossible.

It is said by one authority that it may be considered an axiom of husbandry that a farming country is prosperous in proportion to the live stock it produces. The stock law is certainly more conducive to the production of the best grades of live stock than the open range.

THE DEATH OF GAYNOR.

A picturesque figure was removed from public life when Mayor W. J. Gaynor, of New York City, died yesterday at sea while on his way to Europe for a brief rest from his arduous duties as chief executive of the second greatest city in the world. His death was hastened, if not actually caused by the wound which he received some years ago at the hands of an assassin and curiously enough when he was thus attacked he had boarded a steamer for a European trip.

Like all Mayors who stand for something Mayor Gaynor was abused and denounced, but nobody denied or attempted to deny that he was a man of surpassing intellectual power. The New York newspapers which habitually criticized and lampooned him freely admitted that he was an intellectual giant.

He was a strange mixture of scholar and politician, probably more of the former than of the latter, his quotations from Epictetus, his favorite philosopher, being so frequent as to subject him to ridicule at the hands of the portion of the New York press whose idea which had lined up against and which were always on the alert for some excuse to show him up to disadvantage.

With all his ability and scholarship he had certain weaknesses which probably would have operated to accomplish his defeat in his race for a re-election. He vainly threw all the weight of his influence against the fight on police gratified by District Attorney Whitman and his record with respect to transportation needs of the people of the city was not above reproach, at least as viewed from the standpoint of the people at large as opposed to the traction interests.

But his mistakes were honest mistakes, friend and foe alike admitting that he was fearless and absolutely incorruptible.

BY A FREE CONGRESS.

It is easy to criticize particular schedules of the Underwood-Simmons tariff. It is easy to criticize particular schedules of any tariff. But whatever may be the faults of the Underwood-Simmons measure, it is an honest tariff, enacted by a free Congress. Its mistakes are honest mistakes. Its shortcomings are honest shortcomings. Its errors of judgment are honest errors of judgment.

This tariff was framed in the open, not in secret. Its schedules were not prepared by special interests seeking their own private profit and accepted by subservient committees. Its rates were not manipulated by lobbies masquerading in the guise of disinterested patriots. It was not bought and paid for in campaign contributions. No member of Congress who helped pass it was engaged in manipulating the stock market while he was manipulating the schedules.

It is the first tariff in fifty years which was passed by the representatives of the people and not by the representatives of privilege and plutocracy. President Wilson describes the content as "a fight for the people and free business which has lasted a long generation." It was even more than that. It was a fight for honest representative government.

The interests that framed the McKinley act had no share in the Underwood-Simmons bill. The Gormans and the Smiths who mutilated the Wilson bill had no opportunity to mutilate the Underwood-Simmons bill. The men who bought the Dingley tariff from Mark Hanna found no market in the Sixty-third Congress. The protected extortionists who persuaded the Republican party to commit suicide with the Payne-

Aldrich bill had a different kind of Administration to deal with this time. The National Association of Manufacturers who "accelerated" poor Taft's Tariff Board had to deal with a President who publicly denounced the lobby. They had also to meet an exposure of their methods in the World's Mulhall revelations which have destroyed the most complete conspiracy that special privileges ever organized for the secret control of government.

Differences of opinion in regard to particular schedules become insignificant in comparison with the spirit and manner in which the Sixty-third Congress has done its work. Regardless of all criticisms of rates and clauses this bill marks in tariff-making the actual restoration of government of the people, by the people and for the people in all that the term implies. Tariffs come and tariffs go, but a free Congress is the highest manifestation of republican self-government.—New York World.

SENATOR SIMMONS SHOWED EXCELLENT MANAGEMENT

The Washington Star of Sept. 10 says:

"Mr. Gallinger's tribute to Mr. Simmons was as deserved as graceful. The North Carolina Senator had shown excellent management. He has mastered a difficult situation with skill. He had kept his team in the middle of a very narrow road. A little incautious or reckless driving would have upset the coach. But, with care, he had reached destination with all four wheels on the ground, and his passengers well pleased with the journey."

YES THERE ARE SOME MORE GENTLEMEN.

The Balto. Sun, on learning the other night, that on a journey from New York to Cornish, N. H., Miss Eleanor Wilson, daughter of the President, was forced to occupy an upper berth because nobody on the train would give up a lower berth to her, is moved to inquire, "Are there no more gentlemen?" Oh, yes, there are some more. Miss Wilson's train unfortunately was going out of New York, the native home of the end-seat hog and all other swine of that type. Had it been a train out of Baltimore or New Bern, Miss Eleanor could have had her choice of all the lower berths on the train.

Every time Thaw gets a breathing spell he employs a new lawyer. That means more excitement. In fact the Thaw case promises to be a matter of concern to a great many people as long as he has plenty of money to hire lawyers. If his "pile" ever begins to run low, his case will be much less absorbing to the public.

The Wilmington Star learns that Col. Roosevelt won't speak to ex-President Taft and says that a man who is as narrow as that can't build up a party that will last as long as Populism did. It can't be denied that the Colonel made an exceedingly good showing in the last election, but prevailing opinion seems to be with the Star that the Progressive Party will prove lacking in staying qualities.

Representative Anderson of Minnesota on Thursday resigned as a member of the House Ways and Means Committee. He says the Democrats do all their work in caucus and a man who is not a Democrat can't have any influence in moulding legislation. Well, he might do like Senators La Follette and Chamberlain did on the tariff bill—vote with the Democrats.

The Minnesota Congressman who got huffy and resigned from the House Ways and Means Committee took care not to resign from the House. That seventy-five hundred per cent continues to look good to him despite the fact that the Democrats, the responsible party, are framing legislation in a way to meet their promises to the country.

New York's chief executive, who died suddenly Wednesday, was often warned by his physician that he ought to take an absolute rest. "Impossible, absolutely impossible," the Mayor would reply. Result, he died at the age of sixty-two when with a less strenuous life he might have lived much longer despite the murderous assault made on him a few years ago by a discharged city employe. Burning the candle at both ends can have but one result.

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Personals

Friday Sept. 12

Mrs. Ned Wallace, of Oriental, was among the visitors in the city yesterday.

Miss Eliza Ball returned last evening from a visit with relatives at Charlotte and Greensboro.

Miss Mary Turner returned last evening from a short visit at Kinston.

M. D. Wiley, of Pamlico County, was among the business visitors here yesterday.

A. A. Pock spent yesterday at Blue Springs attending the picnic.

Carl L. Daniels, of Bayboro, was in the city yesterday attending to some professional business.

William Dowdy left last evening for Oriental in the interest of the J. S. Miller Furniture Company.

W. W. Barker, of Trenton, is in the city for a visit of a few days.

Miss Leslie Huggins is seriously ill at her home on Pollock street with an attack of fever.

J. G. Moore and wife arrived in the city from Princeton, West Virginia, and will make this place their home. Mr. Moore is operator and extra dispatcher for the Norfolk Southern Railroad.

Prof. J. Henri Bourdelais, a talented musician who came here several days ago from Maine, has decided to locate in New Bern and will at an early date open a music school where both instrumental and vocal music will be taught.

Saturday Sept. 13

Miss Bettie Richardson, of Beaufort, was among the visitors in the city yesterday.

Miss Mabel Cohen left yesterday morning for Raleigh where she is attending school.

Eugene E. Gray, of Winston Salem, was among the business visitors here yesterday.

H. A. Creagh, of Pollockville, was among the visitors in the city yesterday.

Miss Love Eastwood, of Alliance, arrived in the city yesterday for a visit with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Griffin, of Oriental were among the visitors here yesterday.

Smith Paul, of Grantsboro, was among the business visitors here yesterday.

George Bonner, of Aurora, arrived in the city yesterday for a visit with relatives.

J. E. Daugherty, of Jasper, was among the business visitors here yesterday.

G. B. Hooker, of Aurora spent yesterday in the city visiting friends.

Sunday Sept 14.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Gorham, of Morehead City, arrived in the city last evening for a short visit with relatives.

Mrs. George Dunn, of Beaufort, arrived in the city last evening for a short visit.

James Sprull, of Ashwood, and daughters Misses Rosa and Sadie, were among the visitors here yesterday.

R. L. Hill, who is connected with the Jacksonville Progress, is in the city visiting relatives.

Rev. J. N. H. Summerell and family have returned from a visit in Western North Carolina.

A. D. Ward left last evening for a professional visit at Kinston.

John Hargett left last evening for a business visit at Mount Olive.

Ned Delemar left last evening for a visit with his parents at Oriental.

Mrs. H. E. Royall left yesterday for a visit with relatives at Kinston.

Miss Ruth Howland, of Beaufort, who has been in the city as a guest of Mrs. S. K. Eaton and Mrs. J. K. Hollowell returned home yesterday.

J. V. Rawls, of Bayboro, was among the business visitors in the city yesterday.

W. E. Patterson returned yesterday afternoon from a stay of several weeks in the Western part of the State.

Miss Mabel Bowden has returned from Wayneville where she spent several weeks.

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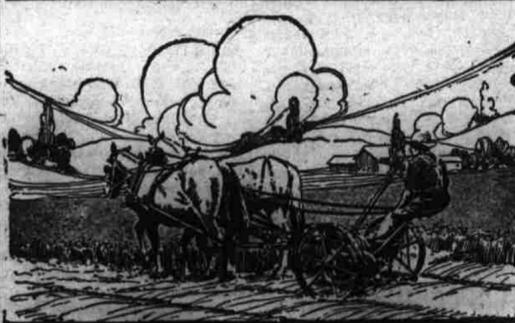
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