

TARIFF REVISION A FRAUD.

New Tariff Only Opens Fight, 1904 Nominee Thinks. President, He Declares, Has Gained a Little for Party Honesty by Going Beyond His Powers.

New York, August 6.—Alton B. Parker, Democratic candidate for President in 1904, made the following statement today on the new tariff bill:

"The opinion widely entertained and sometimes expressed in the campaign of 1908, that the Republican platform's promise of a revision of the tariff was intended to deceive the people, is now fully justified.

"By bold and impudent speech, senators and members of Congress have asserted that the plank promised a revision, not a reduction, of the tariff duties. Their only reward is public contempt for their arguments demonstrate that the purpose of the tariff plank was to cheat and defraud the voters. And at the same time the action of the majority in Congress makes them parties to the fraud in that they sought to consummate it.

"The President has made a strong effort to secure at least an appearance of party honesty, but the little that he has accomplished has been at great cost, for one more precedent is established of a chief executive using his great power to coerce a co-ordinate and independent department of government in violation of the spirit of the Constitution.

"And after all, what shall this unseemly struggle to gain or retain largely avail the tariff barons in the end? Only a little—for it will be found that this tariff act does not, like its predecessors, close the subject for a period of years; but instead, it and the circumstances surrounding its making will serve to open again the fight. The final outcome will wipe out the unjust results, if not the stain, of the fraud."

COURTED FIFTY YEARS.

Kentucky Couple Get Married After Waiting a Half Century.

Sharpsburg, Ky., Aug. 7.—After a courtship of fifty years Brum Barnes and Miss Brach Crouch were married here at the home of the bridegroom. The marriage followed close upon the death of Mr. Barnes' sister, Sarah Elizabeth. Brother and sister had lived for many years in their handsome home on the edge of town, the brother desiring to remain single while his sister lived.

The bride is an accomplished woman and wealthy.

Still A Beau at 102.

Middletown, N. Y., Aug. 7.—Wearing a tall, white beaver hat and a suit of white duck clothes, Dr. James Nicholas Van, the well-known negro of Mount Hope, who claims to be 102 years old, appeared in the streets of this city today.

Van says he has been the husband of 14 wives, all of whom were white women. He is now looking for a fifteenth wife to care for his home during the remaining years of his life. He is confident that he has many more years in store.—Philadelphia Record.

Moors Torture Spaniards.

Lisbon, Aug. 6.—The Secoli's correspondent says that the Spaniards have lost 500 men killed and 1,200 wounded in the last three days fighting with the Moorish tribesmen, and that 35 officers and 150 men have fallen into the hands of the Moors, who tortured them before putting them to death.

ACCEPTS CALL TO BENSON.

Rev. T. B. Justice Resigns Pastorate at Franklinton.

Franklinton, Aug. 9.—Rev. T. B. Justice, who has acceptably filled the pulpit of the Baptist church at this place for the past seven years offered his resignation Sunday morning. He has accepted a call to Benson Baptist church and will begin his work there the first of October.

Mr. Justice and his family have made many warm friends here who are loth to give them up, but are praying God's blessings upon them in their new field.

BURDENS OF THE TARIFF.

How the New Law Will Affect the Purchasing Public.

It is an exploded axiom that figures cannot lie. In economics the device most commonly employed to deceive the public is figures. The country is to be flooded with tables, comparisons and other mystifying data to convince the people that they will gain under the operation of the new tariff law. The people are not expert in analyzing figures, much less in dissecting the schedules and all that affects them under the administration of the tariff; but here are some things that the people either know or soon will learn, to their sorrow.

Instead of a reduction in the cost of living, which was clearly promised by both parties represented in Congress there will be an enormous increase in the cost of woolen and men's suits, women's dresses, underwear, and hats made from woolen fabrics, not because the rates on these articles have been increased, but because the present excessive rates have not been reduced, and because, under these rates, a vast trust has been formed to control woolen manufactures.

There will be a large increase in the cost of cotton fabrics and in nearly all articles made from these fabrics, including women's and children's clothing.

The cost of sugar will remain the same, and each family will continue to pay 2 cents a pound more for its sugar than the same sugar sells for in London.

There will be no reduction in the cost of flour, bread, meats or potatoes, and there will be large increases in the cost of lemons and pine apples.

Hosiery will cost more and gloves will cost about the same, both of which articles are excessively expensive under the present law.

These are only a few of the articles entering into large and general necessary use. The cost will be increased on many others and lowered on only a few. The reductions granted affect mainly raw materials, leaving the people entirely at the mercy of the manufacturers as to whether the public shall share in the benefits of such reductions. It is submitted that a bill bearing these general features, having this broad tendency to increase rather than lower the cost of living, embodies a flagrant betrayal of the people.

Get your tribute ready. The cost of living is to be maintained, for a time, at least, in order that the graft of the trusts shall be protected and made to flourish.—Kansas City Star.

SCORES OF BABIES DIE.

Fierce Heat of New York Makes Death's Harvest Rich.

New York, Aug. 9.—Infant lives went out by scores under the heat and humidity of today.

Seldom since the day after the steamer General Slocum was burned held so many tiny bodies as tonight, when 40 lay there—27 sent from the New York Foundling Asylum and the others from hospitals and other institutions. Coney Island, whose hot sands were swept by the light westerly breeze during the afternoon, added three to the heat's toll of babyhood.

Paid High For His Cider.

Richard Davis, son of Mr. Barney Davis, who lives on the land of Mr. J. W. Stephenson near Smithfield, last Saturday bought and drank so much hard cider at the cider stand across the river that it made him drunk. From there he came to town but says he did not remember coming here. Soon after reaching here he went to the merry-go-round and tried to take charge of affairs there, acting in a boisterous manner and cursing until a policeman had to be called for. He was arrested and locked up until Sunday morning when he was tried by Justice E. J. Holt and fined \$13.75.

"Don't you think Miss Hawkins has speaking eyes?" "I'm sure I don't know. If she had, her mouth wouldn't give them a chance to be heard."—St. Louis Times.

A \$25,000,000 FARMER.

Sears, Once a Telegraph Operator, Made Millions Out of the Mail Order Business and Now Retires to The Farm to Spend His Remaining Days.

Chicago, Ill., Aug. 7.—Richard W. Sears, who has retired from business with \$25,000,000, made in seventeen years, took charge of the threshing at his farm at Gray's Lake, Ill., yesterday. At 5 P. M. the man whose financial career would have been meteoric had it not been for his quiet way of doing things, was out in the fields supervising the work that the twenty men who came an hour later were to accomplish before sundown.

Wearing overalls and wide-brimmed straw hat, as if he were accustomed to them, Sears surveyed his model farm as if it were the only interest he had in life. He refused to turn from it and look backward over the seventeen years that have elapsed since he left his post as telegraph operator in Redwood Falls, Minn., to start the mail order business that has grown into the greatest in the world.

"Farmer" Sears who has announced that he intends to devote the rest of his time to his family and his farm is only forty-five years old.

He was a telegraph operator at a wayside station when an Eastern watch manufacturer sent him a watch with the privilege of returning it if he could not sell it. He found that he could sell that watch and many more. So large did the watch trade he established become that he resigned his position and went to Minneapolis.

In two years he came to Chicago and began the business career that ended yesterday with the sale of his stock in Sears, Roebuck & Co. to a New York syndicate.

Has Married 3,000 Couples.

Bristol, Tenn., Aug. 6.—The Rev. Alfred H. Burroughs, striving for the world's record of Greta Green ceremonies, yesterday reached the mark of 3,000 couples, dating from an incidental marriage of the kind here August 14, 1888. The last decade brought young couples to him at the rate of 20 to 40 a month. Most couples married by him came from Virginia and West Virginia, where the law forbids the marriage of minors, except by consent of parents.

HON. ASHLEY HORNE TALKS.

Says He Fears There Will be Not Much Profit in Cotton Milling in Near Future.

Raleigh, N. C., Aug. 10.—Hon. Ashley Horne here from Clayton to attend the annual meeting of stockholders of a number of Raleigh corporations in which he is interested financially, says he is very much afraid that there will not be any very considerable profits in cotton milling for quite a while at least.

He says the scope of trade is too limited. The mills, he says, have come to be too much dependent on home consumption in the maintenance of territory for the sale of the mill products. Mr. Horne says crops in the Clayton section of Johnston county are very good but that in many sections where the farming has not attained the degree of efficiency that it has in some of the more progressive sections are nothing like so good.—Wilmington Star.

Bradstreet's Trade Report.

Richmond, Va., August 12.—Bradstreet's Saturday will say for Richmond and vicinity—

Trade generally is satisfactory for a between season period and the tendency is towards improvement. Dealers in practically all lines anticipate an active trade as the fall season advances. Dry goods and notions are fairly active. Wholesalers of shoes report increased sales. Fruits and produce are fairly active. Shipments of vegetables to northern markets are up to the normal. In North Carolina some of the 1909 crop of tobacco is being offered and prices are reported equal to those of last year. Recent rains have improved crop conditions, however, the corn crop in Virginia is reported below the average. Retail trade is quiet. Collections show improvement.

HE TRIED TO KILL FAMILY.

"Holiness" Preacher Becomes Insane And Makes Murderous Assault.

Boardman, N. C., Aug. 6.—John Smith, who bears the optimistic title of "Happy Jack," who lives near here, and preaches at the "Holiness" church, became insane and made a murderous assault on the Inman family, but happily his efforts failed. He was overpowered and disarmed before he committed any damage. However, the crazy man was possessed of superhuman power and it took a desperate effort to subdue him. Smith is a Canadian and has resided here about eight years. He married Miss Kate Inman and they have two children. For some time he has been subject to fits, but no one dreamed that his mind was unbalanced. An inquiry was held and he was sent to the insane asylum.—News and Observer.

Dwelling Burned.

On Thursday night, August 5th, Mr. Ezekiel Creech, who lives near Pine Level, had the misfortune to lose his dwelling by fire. It occurred about 10 o'clock while he and his family were at the home of a neighbor. The fire was discovered by Mr. Bud Evans, a tenant on the farm who managed to save two beds. These are all of the household goods which were saved. It is said that the room where the fire originated had had no fire in it for three months.

FATHER OF TWINS AT 76.

Hale Old Virginian Now Parent of 32 Children.

Cape Charles, Va., Aug. 6.—John W. Guy, the father of 30 children, was yesterday presented by his wife with twins, a bouncing boy and girl, making him the father of 32 children. Guy is 76 years of age, is hale and hearty for his years and has been married three times.

Woman Kicked Man With Her Foot.

We often hear it said when a woman rejects a man that she has kicked him, but a few days ago a case of real kicking took place at Wilson's Mills. The story as reported to us is as follows:

Gilbert Jones intruded himself on the base ball diamond. He was asked to go off but refused to do so. Constable W. R. Parrish was ordered to arrest him and take him away. As he started to do this David Avera was deputized to help. Mrs. Bettie Jones, wife of Mr. Dock Jones, who lives at Wilson's Mills, seeing her son who is about grown being carried forcibly from the grounds, decided to help him by fighting the officers. She caught up a small stick and hit David Avera with it but the effect of her stroke was unsatisfactory to her. So advancing toward him from the rear, she kicked him several times severely. After doing this she found a large rock which she raised with the strength of a man with the intention, it seems, of changing the shape of Avera's head. By much effort on the part of the people who stood nearby the rock was dropped and no harm came of it.

A great trial was expected to take place last Friday afternoon and the curiosity seekers assembled from all quarters to hear it but as Gilbert Jones submitted before Justice McLeod and paid the sum of \$4.35 the trial did not take place.

A Big Ditch.

Mr. E. J. Holt made a trip to Wilson this week. While there he went out to where Toisnot Swamp is being canalized. The canal is ten feet deep, twenty five feet wide and when completed will be about ten or twelve miles long. This will reclaim thousands of acres of rich land on which there is an immense lot of wood and timber. There is a fall of only about four feet the whole distance the canal runs. The swamp is about a half mile wide. The ditching is being done by machinery, the start being made near Wilson. A boat was built and launched and on this boat was placed a huge steam shovel and canal digger which does the work. Digging this canal will add much to the health and worth of the section through which it runs.

THAW GOES BACK TO ASYLUM.

After a Long and Exhaustive Hearing Justice Mills Declares That Harry Thaw Is Still Insane. He and His Family Greatly Disappointed at The Outcome.

White Plains, N. Y., Aug. 12.—Harry K. Thaw was today adjudged insane by Justice Mills in a decision handed down in the supreme court and ordered sent back to Matteawan state asylum for the criminal insane immediately. Arrangements will be made to take him back tomorrow.

Justice Mills in his decision finds Thaw now insane and unable to properly care for himself. The decision contained 3,000 words and thoroughly covered the insanity hearing. Thaw awaited the decision in his cell at White Plains jail and nervously paced back and forth. When told of the decision he staggered backwards and fell upon his cell cot and for a time could not be aroused. His mother and sister were almost overcome at the news.

Saturday Night's Fire.

The town of Smithfield was thrown into great excitement last Saturday night by a fire in its business section. About 8 o'clock Mr. S. B. Jones who lives some distance in the country came to the Ellington Buggy Co. for five gallons of gasoline for his new automobile which he had recently purchased. Mr. J. E. Medlin took a lantern and went with Mr. Jones to the old wood shop which was used in connection with the blacksmith shop near the jail to get the gasoline. The lantern was set down 3 or 4 feet from where the gasoline was to be drawn from the iron tank in which it was kept. Their idea was to draw it into a measure from which it was to be poured through a funnel into the can. Almost as soon as they had made a start some of the gasoline vaporized and went to the lantern and caught fire which was quickly carried to the gasoline in the measure and from there to the tank which exploded setting fire to everything. Mr. Jones and Mr. Medlin rushed away as soon as the first fire was seen. A little gasoline had splattered on a pant leg and shoe of Mr. Medlin and he ran away carrying fire with him, but it did not burn him badly. The fire bells rang but before the people could get to the fire it was burning everything around it. For some time it looked like the whole of the business part of town might be destroyed but by heroic effort on the part of the fire company and citizens it was held back. There were several old buggies, some farm machinery and two houses burned. An old house formerly used as the guard house was the second house burned. This was another time when the fire engine came in handy.

Mr. Myatt's Wheat.

Mr. J. Walter Myatt was here a few days ago and we asked him about his wheat crop. He had just threshed 620 bushels from twenty acres which was thirty one bushels per acre. He planted this wheat the 9th and 10th of November, sowing five pecks to each acre. The first week in April he used one hundred and twenty-five pounds per acre of nitrate of soda. The wheat followed a crop of corn where peas were sown broadcast the last time it was plowed. He says he has found that wheat does best after peas. His rotation is cotton, then corn and peas, which are followed by wheat. Peas always follow wheat the same year. By following this rotation neither cotton, corn nor wheat comes on the land but once in three years and peas are grown on it twice in three years.

BIRD IN BOX TURNS WHITE.

Believed to Have Been Shut Up for Two Years.

Pittsfield, Mass., Aug. 8.—George Parker today discovered a white swallow in an unused out-box in his barn. Mr. Parker says the box has not been opened in two years. He thinks the bird entered the box before the lid was turned down in 1907 and has subsisted on oats in the box, and that the confinement turned its feathers white.—Philadelphia Record.

The more a man denies himself the more he will receive from heaven.—Horace.

FAMOUS ENGRAVER DEAD.

For Forty Years Henry Mitchell Was in Government Employ.

Chelsea, Mass., Aug. 7.—Henry Mitchell, who since 1886 had been the official engraver of dies for the stamped envelopes of the United States government, and who was one of the best known designers of coats-of-arms in the world, died on Sunday at the age of seventy-three. Mr. Mitchell was born in New York City, and had been a resident of Chelsea for the last forty years.

When a boy of ten he began to learn the trade of engraving. At the age of nineteen he executed the seal of the Maine State Fair, and before he was twenty had done the greater part of the work on the national medal for Commodore Perry.

Massachusetts gave him his start in the field of high-class engraving, and made him a recognized expert. In the same year he finished the Perry medal he made all the seals for the Hawaiian government. He designed and executed the medals for the centennial exposition when quite a young man. He began his service as official engraver of the dies for the United States government stamped envelopes in 1868.

GENERAL NEWS NOTES.

Eleven people lost their lives when the Okangon hotel at Vernon, B. C., was burned Tuesday.

The new battleship South Carolina will be officially tried out August 24 off the Maine coast.

Maanah J. C. T. Young, one of the four widows of Brigham Young, died at Salt Lake City last week.

The George Peabody College for Teachers will be erected close by Vanderbilt University at Nashville.

Ohio tobacco raisers have declined to pledge themselves to pool their crop with the Kentucky producers.

Three miners were killed at Telluride, Col., Monday by lightning that started a fire in the Liberty Bell mine.

After trying, but failing, to kill his wife and little son, Walter Gipson committed suicide at Cordova, Ala., Saturday.

Paragould, Ark., has passed a law that no persons shall be on the streets of the city between midnight and 4 A. M.

Following a jealous quarrel at Kansas City Sunday, Grant Siers killed his sister-in-law, Mrs. Mary Siers, and then took his own life.

Lightning at New Richmond, Wis., Saturday, killed every other one of six horses, standing side by side, 3 of them not being touched.

Escaping from the Pasteur Institute at New Orleans Saturday, John Higgins, a sailor, went mad at sight of a glass of water and died.

At Baxley, Ga., Tuesday W. A. Belcher, a well-to-do planter was secretly murdered, it is believed, as a result of a feud in that section.

After cutting the throats of his wife and his 16 and 18-year-old daughters, Christian Hanson, a rich farmer near Cameron, Wis., hanged himself Friday.

H. McConnell, a business man of San Francisco, has American and European artists at work on a \$150,000 monument to commemorate the valor of Union and Confederate soldiers at Gettysburg.

At Augusta, Ga., Tuesday angry spectators attacked Umpire Gifford and he narrowly escaped serious injury. A riot call was sounded and the police escorted the umpire off the grounds. The attack on him was due to several unfair decisions.

By disreputable methods, approved by the courts of Venezuela, ex-Dictator Castro, has been despoiled of a fortune of \$5,000,000 in money and stocks, his enemies gobbling up his riches at a mere song. The Venezuelan Congress refused to receive Castro's much heralded appeal.

Death of a Good Woman.

Mrs. Ella Sanders, wife of Mr. John H. Sanders, died at their home in Goldsboro last Friday after nine weeks' illness. Before her marriage she was a Miss Peterson and was reared in the neighborhood of Mr. C. S. Powell near Smithfield.

Carrie—"Somebody ought to knock the conceit out of him." Harry—"If they did there would not be enough of him left to hang clothes on."—New York Evening Telegram.