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News From The Capital

PREDICTIONS AS TO THE TARIFF BILL.

Democrats far Apart.

Washington, D. C., May 30.—In spite of the fact that the last Democratic platform demanded "the immediate repeal of the tariff on wood pulp, print paper, lumber, timber and logs, and that these articles be placed on the free list," seventeen Democratic Senators voted for a duty on lumber and only ten for free lumber. It will be remembered, too, that about the same number of Democratic Senators voted against free iron ore. When called upon to explain their vote, Senator Bailey and other leading Democratic Senators declared that they were not bound by their party platform, as it was not a Democratic doctrine. Thus the Democratic party is getting wider and wider apart every day.

Apple of Discord.

Senator Bailey and Governor Johnson have had a clash, and Mr. Bryan has lectured the Democratic Protectionists, and the outlook for any sort of Democratic harmony in the near future is very dim indeed. While it is true, on the other hand, that about the same number of Republican Senators voted for free lumber as there were Democratic Senators who voted for a duty, still these Republican Senators for the most part will vote for the bill as a whole when it comes up for final passage, and there will be no decisive split in the party.

July 15 Predicted.

As to when the bill will finally go to conference, the matter is still one of conjecture wholly, although it is thought that a vote may be had by the 15th or 20th of June. Two or three weeks will be consumed in conference at least, and a law before the first of July, and it now seems probable that it will be the 15th before the measure reaches the President.

A Great Saving.

In the meantime the President and his Cabinet are busy in anticipation of future legislation and next year's appropriation bills. The Secretary of the Navy has announced that he has reduced the estimate for the next fiscal year by \$10,000,000, and that, too, he thinks without impairing the efficiency of the service. If a similar cut could be made in other Departments at least \$50,000,000 can be saved over the appropriations of the present fiscal year, and with the increased revenue from the tariff law, there should be a surplus for the fiscal year 1911, if not for the fiscal year 1910. The deficit for the present year has reached nearly \$100,000,000, though June may show a reduction, or at least not a very great increase over that amount, which is considerably better than the \$120,000,000 deficit predicted some months ago.

Philippine Bill.

The Philippine tariff bill passed the House by a vote of 159 to 68, but as there was not a yeas and nays vote, party lines were not recorded. It is quite likely that before the close of the Special Session there will be legislation to meet the President's recommendations concerning the condition in Porto Rico, as the Senate will probably act upon the matter, which has been considered by the House, while the tariff bill is in conference.

Mr. Taft's Visit.

Mr. Taft continues to make short trips to nearby points much to the gratification of the people visited and to the enhancement of his own popularity. His various speeches, while short, are to the point and well received by all. He expects to get away from Washington for the summer immediately after the first of July, but there seems to be considerable doubt about his being able to do this, as of course he will not leave the White House for the summer until the tariff bill has been signed or vetoed, and there is no expectation that he will veto the bill.

Inauguration Date.

The Governors of all the States and Territories have now made a favorable statement regarding a later date for Inauguration, and there seems to be no further doubt that if Congress will

Miss Moody Goes Head

CONTEST GETTING INTERESTING.

Miss Jessie Moody Comes to the Front —New Candidates enter the Race.

Miss Moody practically doubled her vote by one week's work. This puts her head with Miss Adams a close second. Many new candidates have entered the field. One or two of the new ones are going to give somebody trouble because they are popular and they know how to get subscribers. The vote this week is no indication as to the result. Even the leader this week could be caught in a very few days. The Waynesville field is getting to be pretty well worked over, while other places are still fresh for the harvest.

Candidates are requested not to hold their votes back. There will be no double voting. Everything will be fair, square, open and above board. There's a name on every ticket in the ballot box and the subscription books will be open to inspection when the ballots are counted.

The vote to date is as follows:

Miss Moody, City	1805
Carrie Sue Adams, City	1700
Fora Wright, Topton	305
Fanny Shook, Canton	905
Pearl Coman, Canton	205
Fannie Howell, Waynesville	205
Lucy McCracken Crabtree	205
Mary E. Franklin, Pigeon	405
Hattie D. Hollins, Asheville	405
Mattie Byers, Clyde	205
Willie Smathers, Canton	405
Lona Snider, Dillsboro	205
Bertha Enaley, Sylva	205

WILL NOT BE VETOED.

The Washington correspondent of the New York "Tribune" rectifies his prognostication of a fortnight ago and now declares that "the President will not veto the tariff bill." We should suppose not. Looking for trouble is apparently not going to be one of the principal pursuits of the Taft administration. But the "Tribune" man insists that "the bill will be made to conform to the President's views, at least sufficiently so to avoid executive disapproval." Very probably the bill when passed will conform not only to the President's views, but also to the views of the producers and wage earners of the country; but it is only through spectacles colored and distorted by the "reform" distemper that the executive can be discovered dictating in advance the schedules to be adopted as the price of his approval of the bill. To the ordinary and normal vision no such unwarranted dictation to the legislative branch is possible. Congress alone being intrusted by the Constitution with the duties and responsibilities of tariff legislation, Congress alone will frame and pass the tariff bill. And we do not doubt that the bill will receive the approving signature of President Taft.

A Great Invention.

According to the "Charlotte Observer" Rev. Baylus Cade, well known throughout the State and now located at Bolling Springs in Rowan county, claims to have solved the typesetting problem for the country weekly. He has secured a patent on a typesetting machine, modeled somewhat after the style of the regular Linotype, which he claims will revolutionize typesetting and greatly reduce the cost thereof. He leaves this week for Philadelphia, having received several offers from parties North to build his machines. When complete these machines will be sold at \$500. The inventor is a practical newspaper man with a decided inventive turn of mind.

submit the matter to the States there will be almost a unanimous vote favoring such an amendment to the Constitution. The date would probably be the last Thursday in April, and such a date would insure that there would be in the future no such repetition of the conditions of the 4th of March last.

Mrs. Taft has recovered completely from her recent indisposition, while Secretary Dickinson and Postmaster General Hitchcock are well on the road to recovery from their illness.

THE TARIFF NIGHTMARE.



—McCutcheon in Chicago Tribune.

A NATIONAL AFFAIR.

Mr. Grant Originates Big Scheme for His District.

Congressman Grant has recently introduced a bill in congress providing for the establishment of a national sanitarium for the treatment of tuberculosis, the sanitarium to be located in the vicinity of Asheville, N. C. In an interview in the Washington Star Mr. Grant is quoted as follows:

"This is not a local appropriation bill, introduced for effect. On the contrary, it is a matter of national importance. I am satisfied that the strongest influences which will be brought to bear for the passage of the bill will be influences outside of my district. Each year millions of dollars are expended by the federal government for the maintenance and equipment of costly battleships. The actual use of these battleships, for the protection of life and property, is a very remote possibility, but if a small part of that expenditure could be used in the preventing the spread of tuberculosis in the United States it would result in the saving of valuable lives, and that result would be immediate and certain, not remote and conjectural."

POLITICAL POINTERS.

(Contributed.)

Mr. Taft thinks the tariff bill may be finished by June 20; others say July 20. This makes July 4 a good guess.

It is generally conceded that Senator Aldrich is the most consistent man at the Capitol. He favors all kinds of protection for all kinds of products and all sections of the country.

Prosperity seems to be waiting with its hand on the door-knob eager to rush in as soon as Congress adjourns.

More than half of the Democratic Senators and Representatives are Protectionists as far as concerns their own State or district.

Senator Bailey confesses that the income tax is defeated and likewise is the tariff commission.

Mr. Taft is keeping clearly in mind that it is not the duty or the province of the executive to interfere with the legislative branch, hence his refusal to mix up in the tariff controversy.—Springfield (Mass.) "Union."

NEWS IN BRIEF.

Boiled Down for Busy Readers.

Storm in Texas.

A tornado of great fury struck the little village of Zephyr in the eastern portion of Brown county, Texas, at 1 o'clock Sunday morning and left a path of death and destruction seldom paralleled. The death list has reached a total of thirty-two and the number of seriously and fatally wounded will reach fifty. A score are more or less injured.

University Exercises.

The 114th commencement of the University of North Carolina began Sunday at Chapel Hill with the baccalaureate sermon by Rev. A. C. Dixon, of the Moody church, Chicago. Monday night President W. W. Finley, of the Southern Railroad, delivered the address to the literary societies. Tuesday's graduating exercises concluded the commencement formalities.

Early in July.

Washington, May 30.—Although progress on the tariff bill is slow, it is moving steadily forward between speeches. Leaders feel that the time for the final vote is gradually approaching. They predict that the work will be disposed of in time to permit congress to finally adjourn early in July.

Woodmen Have Trouble.

Some weeks ago the State Insurance Commissioner revoked the license of the order of Modern Woodmen of America to conduct its fraternal insurance in this state for failure to comply with the North Carolina law. Now the head clerk of the Modern Woodmen, C. W. Hawes, has written representatives of the order in this state that they are not in any way affected by revocation of the license, but that they can proceed with the collection of assessments and remit them to the home office. The commissioner now issues a warning that anyone doing this or attempting to do so will be liable to fine and imprisonment through prosecution by the state department. He gives notice, too, that if there is any further effort by the grand officers to override the state rulings the license of the brotherhood will not be renewed though they decide to abide by the laws of the state.

BASE BALL GOING.

Western Carolina League Fairly Under Way.

The Western Carolina Base Ball League, composed of Waynesville, Canton, Asheville and Hendersonville, have started in real earnest. Canton and Asheville have met twice resulting in one tie score and one victory for 8 to 4 for Asheville.

Waynesville is ready to play ball. Today and tomorrow she plays Canton at Canton. These teams play here Friday and Saturday.

Waynesville has a good strong team with Herron Sloan as Captain and it expects to be a winning team.

The old ditch at the grounds has been covered and a new diamond has been made in front of the big grand stand, where the fans can enjoy a seat in the shade and see the games in comfort. Don't forget the opening sharp—Friday and Saturday at 3:30 sharp. A large crowd of fans and rooters are sure to come with the Canton team, but we can't let Canton do all the rooting. Hurrah for the Waynesville team and the W. N. C. League which opens the season June 15th.

ASHEVILLE WELCOMES HER NEIGHBORS.

From the Asheville Citizen.

Asheville extends a cordial welcome to the residents of the country districts and neighboring cities, to visit the city this, the week of the national T. P. A. convention. You will find the gates wide open and "Enjoy Yourself" will be the password.

This city has made unusual preparations for this event, and few cities in the South have been so lavishly decorated as Asheville is now.

Come on! Bring your families and friends. The key to the city has been thrown away for one week.

A Family Affair.

"Gordella," ordered the teacher "throw that gum in the waste basket." The pupil's face grew scarlet, but she did not stir.

"If you do not put that gum in the waste basket immediately I will send you out of the room," said the teacher gravely.

The girl walk reluctantly to the desk. "I can't teacher," she confessed. "It's ma's gum, an' she'll lick me if I come home without it." Success.

What It Means To The South

SIDE LIGHT ON CURRENT EVENTS

As Seen By Our Political Opponents.

Mr. H. E. C. Bryant, the Washington Correspondent of the "Charlotte Observer" discusses recent events from a political standpoint in Saturday's Observer. His remarks should have weight as they come from an opponent of Republicanism. The article follows:

What Mr. Taft's Visits Mean.

"What will be the political effect of President Taft's visits to Virginia North Carolina and other Southern States?" is being asked by Washington newspaper men and politicians. The question is receiving two kinds of answers, according to the class of citizen responding.

"If Mr. Taft continues his present policy toward the South—which means careful, personal attention to the appointments, and occasional junkets among the people of Dixie—he will add a number of States to the doubtful column," is what the average, unbiased onlooker is saying. "Taft, nor any of his kind, can break the solid South," the officeholder, the fellow who is enjoying a large fat, juicy piece of Democratic pie, is arguing, vociferously if not earnestly.

Will Have Great Weight.

No Charlotte man of common sense will say, and believe what he says, that the visit of the President to his city will not bear fruit for the Republican party. The appointment of Connor as judge of the eastern district of North Carolina will make Republican votes. The visit of Mr. Taft to Petersburg and the naming of Royal E. Cabell, of Richmond, as commissioner of internal revenue will help the Republican cause in the Old Dominion. Ten years ago such things would not have influenced the voters of these two Southern States, but conditions have undergone a very decided change within the last decade in the South and especially North Carolina and Virginia.

Some History.

In the nineties came the farmers' alliance, followed by the Populist party, which loosened party ties. Many men were taught to believe that the party in power—the Democratic party—was not of the people, for the people and by the people. Hundreds of Populists quit the old party and joined the new. Later, when the Populist organization fell, many Populists went to the Republicans, while others have stood aloof, looking on from afar off, waiting for something to turn up. This was the first break from the Democratic ranks.

Liquor War Responsible for Split.

The reign of Populism and Republicanism combined in North Carolina was followed by the disfranchising of the negro. Democratic leaders in speaking for the constitutional amendment in the Old North State, told their audiences that if the measure were enacted into law the freedom of the white man would be assured. It was promised that every man could vote according to the dictates of his conscience. The voters took the words of the leaders literally.

Several years ago the liquor fight started in earnest in the South. Town after town, county after county, in North Carolina voted wet or dry. Every wet and dry election left discord, bitterness and factions. State-wide prohibition prevailed. Nothing has ever divided the people of the South as the liquor war is doing. Nothing has ever left more and deeper scars. Those who kept track of the gubernatorial fight in North Carolina last summer realized that the defeat of Locke Craig, who had such a splendid lead for months, was due to the lieks given Senator Simmons through the mountain man. This does not mean that Governor Kitchin represented the liquor element, but in punishing Mr. Simmons, who agged on step by step, the leaders of the State-wide prohibition movement, as State chairman, was in the thick of the fight for years, its principal opponent. In every county where bitter contests have waged to wet and dry campaigns those opposed to prohibition have punished their neighbors who were active

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