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THE COTTON SCHEDULE

The cotton goods schedule is now under consideration by the senate. Probably this is one of the worst schedules in the bill. In his speech Senator Gore showed that some of the cotton mills had earned very large dividends, that the Troy Cotton and Woolen company of Massachusetts had made as much as 67 per cent. on its stock. Of course Senator Lodge came to the front with an "explanation," namely, that these earnings were the returns on real estate acquired years ago. Whereupon Senator Gore showed that this mill had been advertised as earning 67 per cent. without any reference whatever to profits from real estate sales. It is notorious that the New England cotton mills have for years done a tremendously profitable business. Even as far back as twenty years ago they were making great dividends. And yet now it is proposed to increase their protection. Senator Nelson, of Minnesota, showed that the effect of the senate bill will be to increase the cotton duties by from 20 to 50 per cent. over those now in force.

There is, of course, not the slightest excuse for any such increase in these duties. Long ago, Mr. Blaine, while secretary of state, made a report on the cotton goods trade of the world—which it would be well to republish—in which he proved that cotton operatives in this country worked longer than those in England and that, tak-

ing the longer working day and the superior efficiency of our people into consideration, the cost of production was less in this country than in England. The workers in this country were, in some cases, actually paid less than those abroad. The situation certainly has not got worse. If it has we have in that fact—if it be a fact—proof that protection is powerless to protect.

As a matter of fact, all this talk about equalizing the cost of production here and abroad is utterly insincere. If there were any honesty in it, those who impose our taxes would welcome all information on the subject, would make some honest attempt to discover what is the foreign cost of production. Instead of that, they denounce foreign governments when, in response to requests from our state department, they furnish us with official information—denounce those governments and suppress their reports. Again, if there were any honesty in the plea made for the equalization of the two costs of production, the men who make it would be glad to reduce all duties till they were just sufficient to bridge the gap. But this they do not do. On the contrary, they maintain duties amounting to more than 100 per cent. of the value of the product, and these mean, on the cost of production theory, that the foreign article is produced for nothing, or less than nothing. In truth, the whole argument is humbug.—Indianapolis News.

CARD OF THANKS.

We desire to extend through the Daily Democrat our sincere thanks to our neighbors and friends for their good help and tender kindness shown us, through the sickness and death of our loving companion and papa. May God protect and bless you is my prayer. Mrs. Wm. King and daughters, Fannie and Cleo.

NOTICE.

All persons knowing themselves indebted to the firm of True & Runyon are hereby notified to call and settle at once. Mr. True will have charge of all the collections. Please don't wait for personal notice.

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DISCUSS THE WAVE

Brewers of the United States Holding Session at Atlantic City

REPORTS MADE

Hard Liquors and Patent Medicines Take the Place of Beer

Atlantic City, N. J., June 4.—The "prohibition wave" has reached its height and the reaction is already beginning to set in. This opinion was officially expressed by the board of trustees of the United Brewers' Association in a report presented to that organization, which met in annual convention. Prohibition and local option and the bitter fight directed against liquor makers and liquor sellers by the anti-saloon organizations were the chief topics of discussion. There is a growing conviction, the trustees said, that the professional advocates of the Anti-Saloon League movement have overshot the mark, and that their statements are "grossly exaggerated even where they are not purposely misleading." The political character of the agitation in some states has become apparent and there is a disposition on the part of the more thoughtful and responsible journals to discuss the drink question in a sane manner. The real leaders of the best thought of the country, the report says, are coming to realize that there is a safe middle ground upon which all reasonable people can stand. The trustees asserted that today the leading brewers were not only abreast, but ahead of this sentiment, and called to witness the "progressive legislative measures" urged in Ohio, Michigan, Wisconsin and other states. The report declared that the adulteration of beer is now quite uncommon in this country. The report admitted that sales of beer for the nine months from June 30, 1908 to April 1, 1909, showed a decrease over those of the preceding year of \$2,580,301.14, but

returns indicate, it was said, that the decrease in states like Pennsylvania, New York and New Jersey, which have practically no "dry" territory of consequence, have been as large in proportion as the decrease in states that by area are largely "dry." The trustees declared that one undeniable result of anti-liquor legislation had been a big increase in the consumption of spirits. In Maine, for instance, the consumption of beer would not keep one small brewery going, "but traffic in hard liquors and patent medicines is of considerable proportions." The report asserted that the saloon is a municipal problem, that county option has failed, and that "with very few exceptions the cities of Indiana, Ohio and Michigan that have been made "dry" under the county option system are in revolt against it. The best conditions are, says their report, to be found in states where legislation has been wise and fair and municipal government efficient and strong.

HALL SAM HENRY POST No. 63, G. A. R., JUNE 3, 1909.

Resolved, That the sincere thanks of this post are hereby tendered to all the liberal and patriotic citizens of Decatur, who so cheerfully contributed money to pay the expenses of Memorial Day; also to the public in general who so cheerfully responded to every request for aid in making the observance a notable success. We, as a Post, further desire to express our special obligation to Rev. Spetnagel for his inspiring sermon, and his choir and church for courtesies extended on Sunday. Also to the Rev. Hesser for his eloquent oration, also the choir and bands whose music contributed so much to the enjoyment of the occasion. We desire to express our special obligation to the public and, parochial schools who participated in the parade; also to Messrs. Fiedlerjohann and Kirsch for contributing their services and automobiles to enable the aged and infirm comrades to enjoy the services; also to the Star Theater for courtesies extended.

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SOCIETY COLUMN

Mrs. Fred Linn Entertained Friends at Dinner Today

THE LADY MACCABEES

Miss Glenys Mangold Entertained the Junior Society Yesterday

Miss Glenys Mangold entertained the following members of the Junior Society at her home yesterday, and a very enjoyable time was had by all. Those who were present were Florence Leichsteinger, Bertha Schultz, Julia Gillig, Grace Leichteinger, Elias Leichteinger, Thelma and Dorothy Williams, Vivian and Mary Burk, Lucile and Genevieve Smith, Max Wil-

lams, George Cramer Margaret Williams and Ruby Artman.

Mrs. S. D. Beavers and Mrs. F. M. Schirmeyer entertained the Aid Society of the Presbyterian church. A business and social session was enjoyed. The collection amounted to \$10.90, which was a good one, considering the number present.

Mrs. Fred Linn entertained at dinner today Mrs. Frank Nelson and Mrs. Ed Weisell, of Bluffton. The afternoon was spent very pleasantly. The guests will return on the evening train.

The Sewing Society of the German Lutheran church was entertained by Mrs. Charles Heckman yesterday afternoon. Business was transacted and the afternoon spent socially. Refreshments were served.

The Lady Maccabees will meet tomorrow evening at the home of Mrs. Chas. Murray on Jefferson street, at 7:30 p. m. All the ladies are earnestly requested to be present.

Miss Marion Harmon went to Warrenton today on business.

PETER MEYER HERE

Former Resident of Adams County is Guest of Sheriff Meyer

HE IS VERY ILL

Serious Case of Rheumatism Necessitates a Change of Climate

Peter Meyer, who, until twenty-eight years ago a resident of Adams county, leaving at that time for Colorado Springs, Colo., for future abode, arrived in the city last evening to remain for several weeks as the guest of his brother, Eli Meyer, and other relatives. Mr. Meyer will be remembered by many Adams county people as being at one time proprietor of the (Continued on page 4.)

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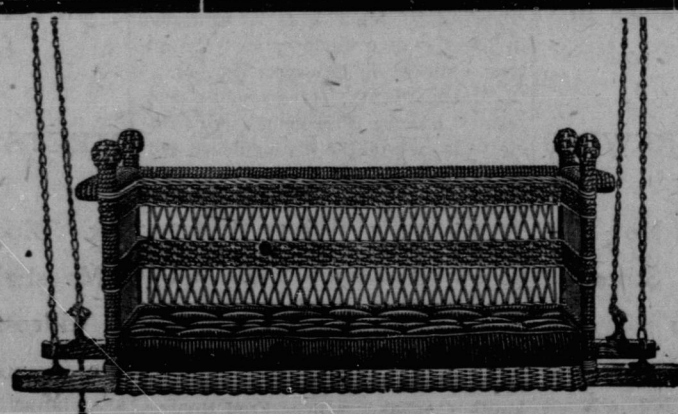
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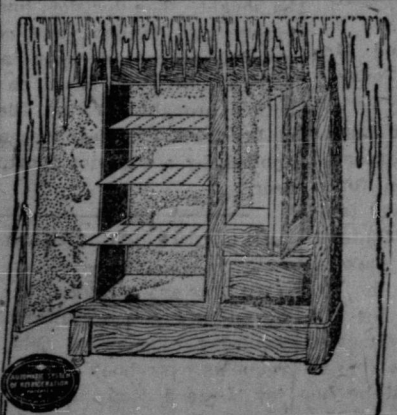
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