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THE TARIFF

COMMISSION FRAUD

But we have our tariff "commission." And the law creating it is held as a triumph of statesmanship by representatives of that very element which strove so valiantly to kill it when it was before congress. Even the Hon. Joseph G. Cannon, that prince of tariff reformers, is now convinced that the commission is a delight and a joy. Men who once denounced it as a virtual confession that the tariff bill, which was the result of months of labor, is seriously defective, are now welcoming the commission as a sort of lifeboat which is to carry them safely through the breakers. When Cannon approves, what more can anyone ask? Anyone disposed to make merry over our politics could have rare fun over this sudden and startling reversal of form. What is there in the tariff commission idea which was not in it a year ago last March? It has no excellence now that it did not have then. It had no defects then which it does not have now. It is the same law, the same commission. Are we to conclude that certain gentlemen who then opposed it bitterly now see in it the only bridge—to change the figure—across a yawning

chasm which has just now become perceptible to them? Is the scheme to rally, not in defense of the tariff law, but in defense of the commission, as a postponement of the verdict of the Payne-Aldrich-Smoot tariff bill to a more convenient season?

We do not know. But one thing we think we do know, and that is that the people are dissatisfied with the Payne law, that they earnestly desire relief from the present burden of taxation, and of tax-raised prices. They are not interested in the commission, but in lower taxes. They know that the wool, cotton, steel and sugar schedules are atrocious. Will they be lulled into satisfaction or indifference by the siren song of the standpatters in a glorification or in-lift commission? Is their capacity for being fooled and hoodwinked unexhausted?—Indianapolis News (Rep.)

THE EIGHTH DISTRICT RESOLUTIONS

The platform adopted Tuesday by the republicans of the Eighth district is an extraordinary pronouncement.

The Taft administration was warmly approved. The president is characterized as "wise, prudent and conservative." We fear that there is a sinister and covert significance in the following words: "He stands for the supremacy of the law and the integrity of the courts. He has succeeded in causing to be enacted into law more important measures in the same length of time than any president in our history, and we predict that his administration will mark a most prosperous and progressive era in the nation's development."

The Beveridge plank, though eulogistic, is rather indefinite. The man is praised, but not his services.

The contrast between the language used with reference to the state ticket and that used with reference to Mr.

Beveridge can hardly fail to be noted by the people. Still the convention no doubt did the best it could. It had to say something, though it might have followed the precedent set by the Seventh district convention, which adopted no platform. But if it had to speak the Eighth district convention went as far as it could, "under the circumstances, attending" its performance. But we think that the standpatters had rather the better of it. As far as we know, the candidate, Mr. Rollin Warner, who is a prominent attorney, has never committed himself to either side. Doubtless he will make his position clear before the campaign closes.—Indianapolis News.

If the Eighth district republicans could not find it in their hearts to utter one word of sympathy or encouragement to the hopes and aspirations by which the people of Indiana are so splendidly actuated today or one feeble plea for the progressive principles that yesterday endowed with new meaning the heroic name of Osawatimie, then they may be praised for adopting a platform that is almost faultless as far as it goes and at least avoids the sardonic reflections with which the standpatters of other districts have convulsed all observers with a sense of humor.

Led by the practical common sense and political foresight of ex-Governor Durbin, the Eighth district forbore either to credit Senator Beveridge with completion of the Federal Union or to ask his re-election on the ground that he voted wrong on the Payne tariff bill. It speaks of him in language borrowed from his own state platform and doubtless goes as far in its profession of interest in his success as the resolution committee could go without becoming liable for perjury. Its argument for a tariff commission is cogent and sensible and will help to put the party in a defensible attitude on this important question.

Through all the platform there is produced a depressing sense of duress and hard labor. It is impossible to avoid the feeling that these painfully regular gentlemen would never have dared to advocate piecemeal tariff revision if it had not been for President Taft's recent adventure in that direction. Similarly, the attempt to juggle the blame for the tariff history of the recent session off on "circumstances surrounding" must be embarrassingly evident to every one in the audience. The whole idea is, obviously, that the party and the president can do no wrong—one of the most displeasing fictions with which present-day politicians illustrate their robust faith in fairy tales.—Indianapolis Star (Rep.)

Edward Gibb of Muncie, who was a visitor here yesterday, returned home by way of Fort Wayne, leaving on the 4 o'clock car.

SOCIETY DOINGS

Shakespeare Club Will Open Season's Work on Next Wednesday.

THE PHI DELTA DANCE

Given in Fraternity Room
Last Evening — Dorcas
Daughter's Booth.

CLUB CALENDAR FOR WEEK.
Thursday.
M. E. Missionary—Mrs. Elizabeth Meyers.
C. W. B. M.—Mrs. Arthur Fisher.
Friday.
Thimble Club—Mrs. Jesse Sellemeyer.

But in the darkest, meanest things
Let me go where'er I will,
I hear a sky-born music still.
It is not only in the rose,
It is not only in the bird,
Not only where the rainbow glows,
Nor in the song of woman heard;
But in the darkest, meanest things—
There's always, always, something
sings. —Emerson.

The first meeting of the season of the Shakespeare club will be next Wednesday, September 7th, with Mrs. Dr. Trout. The members will respond to the roll call with quotations from Shakespeare, after which an interesting paper, entitled "New Shakespeare Discoveries," including the first account of the finding of old documents revealing the life of Shakespeare as a man among men, will be read by the hostess. The year book which has just been issued, shows an interesting season's study. After the first week, the three following will be devoted to the study of Shakespeare's play, "Measure For Measure," and then will come ten weeks' study of China; then six programs in Oriental life, and ten weeks' literary and historical study. The bibliography includes, Shakespeare, The Bay View reading course on China and India and Bay View books and magazines.

The Dorcas Daughters of the German Reformed church are preparing to conduct a refreshment stand at the fair next week, and will have for sale sandwiches, hot soup and coffee, and other such edibles besides the regulation candies, peanuts and soft drinks. The funds will go toward the building fund for the new church and a liberal patronage is asked.

Rev. Stager and wife of near Craigville were guests Tuesday night of W. H. Ward and family and left yesterday for Henry county, Ohio, where they will attend the annual Christian Union conference. A number of other members of the Zion, Craigville and St. Paul Christian Union churches came to this city and stopped off over night, leaving today also for the conference.

Last evening's hop, given by the Phi Deltas at their hall was one of the

most pleasant of the season, as is attested by the large number in attendance.



CHARLES A. GREATHOUSE.

The nomination of Charles A. Greathouse of Indianapolis as democratic candidate for state superintendent of public instruction to take the place of Robert J. Ale, who has resigned, is clearly a case of the office seeking the man. Mr. Greathouse was not a candidate for the honor which came to him and had refused to listen to friends who urged him to let his name go before the state committee. Because of his high education and business qualifications he was chosen, despite his unwillingness.

Mr. Greathouse has conferred with Dr. Ale and has announced that it will be his aim to carry out the plans and policies introduced by Dr. Ale, who has promised to co-operate. This assures the continuance of the high standard of educational affairs now obtaining in Indiana. Mr. Greathouse was formerly a resident of Mt. Vernon and spent most of his life in Posey county. He has taught in the country, grade and high schools, and was county superintendent of Posey county for ten years. In addition he is a successful business man and aided in the organization of the People's Bank and Trust Co., of Mt. Vernon, and was its first president.

The Indianapolis Star, a republican newspaper, indorses Mr. Greathouse in the following words:

"The Star wishes Mr. Charles A. Greathouse as well as it can wish any man nominated for office under the auspices that usher him into the candidacy for superintendent of state schools. He has a worthy professional attainment and a natural endowment of fine personal qualities. The campaign cannot embitter nor defeat impair his eminent good fellowship. If he were a good republican instead of the good compromising democrat that he is, Mr. Greathouse would make a splendid candidate for almost anything."

John W. Kern, democratic nominee for United States senator, has sent to Mr. Greathouse the following:

"My Dear Mr. Greathouse:
"I have just now read in the even-
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Look Ahead A Little



It may be like this in August

And this way in September



And even like this in October but



In November your thoughts will turn to such scenes as these.



Stove Time is Coming

In November you will need a Base Burner — perhaps a new Cooking Stove.

To prepare for this we are putting in a new stock of Favorites, because we know there are no others in the market quite as good. The Favorite Base Burner is in a class by itself. Come and see it and we will show you why it will throw out more heat and consume about half as much fuel as other makes. Don't put off the stove question till the cold days come. In Summertime prepare for Winter.

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Special School Suits

We've a lot of straight knee pant suits that will make excellent school suits for the boy's, that we've decided to close at **\$1.49** a suit --- all sizes up to 16 yrs.

Also a lot of boy's straight knee pants, extra good values to close at **25c** a pair.

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SEPTEMBER
12, 13, 14, 15, 16



THE BUSY MAN

Seldom has time to wait ten days or two weeks to have a suit made for him. So many of them come here, get just the clothing they want and walk out with it. They save heaps of time, get just as good apparel and are money in the pocket as well.

School Suits—Our line of School Suits for the boys is complete in every respect and prices range so that every boy can have a new suit for the first day of school.

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