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A TARIFF COMMISSION

DOES NOT MEAN TARIFF REFORM

The rank dishonesty of the Beveridge campaign has not at any time been in doubt, but it becomes plainer every day. As the Beveridge crowd is in the saddle and will (it is said) give direction to the republican campaign this year, the public should understand how the plan is to talk "tariff commission." The hope of the Beveridgeites is that the republican voters of all factions can be hoodwinked by that cry into forgetting what particular theory they hold as to the tariff.

By shouting "tariff commission" instead of tariff reform the standpatters are notified that they are not threatened, while it is expected that the people will be deceived into believing that through a "commission" all the evils of a tariff are to be corrected. If a commission is created it will be a "protection" commission, will be controlled by the trusts and will "study" the tariff question for a few years and in the end will probably not find out—or at least will not report—the facts that the people have known and complained about for a long time. In the meantime the ordinary citizen will be fleeced of his last penny by the protected trusts and monopolies. Genuine reform of the tariff will never come through either of the republican factions. If the people want relief they can get it by voting the democratic ticket—and they can get it in no other way.

UNPLEASANT THINGS

ARE BOUND TO BE DISCLOSED

The investigations now in progress at Washington were forced upon the republicans by public opinion, but nothing will come of them. The investigating committees were organized expressly to decide as the republican bosses want them to decide. But, however that may be, the Indianapolis News thinks that some unpleasant things are bound to be disclosed in spite of the best laid plans and that the republicans must stand the odium. It says:

"Doubtless the most embarrassing features of the investigations now in progress at Washington is the fact that whatever ills may be discovered the republicans can blame only themselves. The democrats had no part in the Ballegher-Flinchon imbroglio. The high cost of living cannot be laid to injudicious democratic legislation. The republicans have been in full control of the government for fifteen years. The maximum and minimum clause of the tariff law is no fault of the democrats. In a word the republican party is now wrestling with its own sins of omission and commission—which is commendable discipline peculiarly appropriate to the lenten season."

"The results of these investigations are presumably to be made public by the committees which have them in charge. Theoretically the country will know, when the work is completed, just what the trouble, and consequently the remedy it will be necessary to apply for relief. But those who have watched congressional investigations heretofore do not feel entire confidence of receiving any great flood of light. *** All in all, the republicans in investigating their own record find themselves in an extremely uncomfortable position. The difficulty of bringing in convincing reports would seem almost unsurmountable to anybody except such investigators who have had long and successful practice—many of them—in not finding out what they do not want to know."

drich and the other republican leaders in the senate to take any chance whatever on the creation of a committee that would honestly try to find out and tell the truth about the Payne-Aldrich-Cannon-Taft tariff law stands ready to buy a gold brick and repeat the transaction within twenty-four hours. The senate committee to investigate the cause of high prices in the necessities of life was organized to acquit the tariff and place the blame on the farmers and the housewives of the country. In other words, the republican bosses are playing horse with the people and expect them to like it.

Every time Mr. Taft attempts to harmonize the fighting factions of his party he starts a new conflagration. But then it is pretty hard for a member of one crowd to convince the other crowd that he has no sinister purpose.

A Kansas man got a divorce from his wife because after forty-five years of wrestling before the Lord—and in her presence—in her behalf she would not kneel in prayer with him. Perhaps if he had done a little wrestling with her as well as with the Lord it might have helped. There is a tradition that a certain pious citizen of Indianapolis who had a rebellious wife of this sort calmly took his fist to her on one occasion and forced her to her knees. Thereafter he had no further trouble at family prayers. The Star does not recommend this method, but only points it out as a plan that has been tried with success and that had the merit of not breaking up the family.—Muncie Star.

The suggestion that a joint debate between Senator Beveridge and James E. Watson on the merits of the Payne-Aldrich tariff bill be arranged in this state is timely. The senator fought the bill hard and voted against it; Watson says it is the best thing in the tariff line that the country has ever had. Both men are brilliant speakers and the joint debate is the thing. By all means arrange the schedule.—Columbia City Post.

A well-informed writer on Indiana politics—especially the republican end of it—after saying that the republican state convention will endorse Beveridge as chief fiddler in the campaign and Taft as a painful incident, then refers in this wise to the Hon. Jim Watson:

"Ex-Congressman Watson asserts that he proposes to make speeches throughout the campaign in which he will stand by the president and defend the Payne-Aldrich bill. He is said to regard that as a true test of republicanism under the present circumstances. His attitude is regarded by many of Senator Beveridge's followers as a subterfuge by which he may stir up trouble within the party."

In other words, according to the view of the Beveridge contingent, it is going to be a case of "high crimes and misdemeanors" in the coming campaign for any republican to do as much as "cheep" unless he cheeps for the Hon. Albert Jeremiah.

The republicans seem to be considerably sobered by the largely increased democratic majority revealed a few days ago in the Sixth congressional district of Missouri, where an election was held to choose a successor to the late Representative De Armond. In 1908 the democratic plurality was 2,160—the present democratic plurality is 3,761. The Payne tariff and the present high prices were made the main issue in the contest, the dispatches say, so that this is the first test of popular feeling on the subject, and the result is causing some deep thought. If the democratic vote should rise in proportion throughout the country next November, it might easily mean a democratic house of representatives, and some of the republican papers are plainly warning their party of the danger.

THE EXTRAVAGANCE OF OUR GOVERNMENT

If a democratic senator had made the assertion that the administration was costing the people \$300,000,000 too much every year, republican papers all over the country would have called him a liar and a

demagogue to boot; but coming from Senator Aldrich, the most powerful and influential republican in the senate, the statement has failed to elicit a word from 99 per cent of the republican papers of the nation. They have not attempted to deny it and they have not had the courage to urge the senator and his colleagues to endeavor to bring about the saving. Not only does Senator Aldrich hold that the country is being held up to the extent mentioned, but he asserts that the duplication of work in the different departments is costing the country \$100,000,000 a year. These are statements of a man who is practically at the head of the administration—a man who has more to do with the shaping of the policies of President Taft than any other half dozen men at Washington. It is not of record that Aldrich ever opposed any of the appropriations for any of the departments or that he ever endeavored to head off the extravagances of which he now complains; for that reason his statements about the extravagance in vogue are the more remarkable, and it is not strange that they startled his associates and dumbfounded his republican colleagues. The charge of extravagance is the strongest that has ever been made and men in all walks of life in all parts of the country are marveling at it. With such a condition it is indeed time for the voters to make a change. The republican party has increased the office holding class in every department of the service to such an extent in excess of the actual needs that the burden upon the people is entirely too great. Any thoughtful man can see that this is the case by studying

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Taking his text from gossip that is disrupting a philanthropic organization in that city, Rev. Percival H. Barker of Chicago, on Sunday, delivered a scathing arraignment of the evils that now flow from an unbridled tongue. He suggested the organization of a tongue guard society, with the motto, "I will speak no evil." Such a society would not come amiss in any city.—South Bend Times.

W. H. Meyers and wife are planning to move from fair old Indiana, where they have lived so many years and about November 1st they expect to land in California, where zero weather and the summer thunder storms are unknown. They have had this in view for some time and the following letter from W. F. Bollinger, who went to that country eighteen months ago, has caused them to make up their mind definitely. Mr. Meyers will try to dispose of his property here this summer but if he does not, they are going anyway. The letter says:

Redlands, Cal., Feb. 22, 1910.
71 W. Pioneer Ave.
Dear Brother and Sister:
First. After being here about eighteen months we still like the place and are well satisfied with the change. Would not move back to Indiana for a good deal. Too cold in winter and too many electrical storms in summer. We are not stuck on either of them. To be sure this place has some drawbacks, too, along with its many good points. Some of its bad features are these, viz.: We are apt to have a few very hot days during the summer and sometimes gets a little too cold in the winter to suit the oranges. This winter has been the coldest since the weather bureau has been located here to take and keep the report of the temperature, etc. And it was established twelve years ago. Old-timers say it was the coldest in thirty years. It froze some oranges and hurt a few young trees. Not near all of the oranges were frozen but some are. The like may not happen again in ten years or more.

The coldest it got was eight below freezing (not zero as with you.) We thought that very cold. But the greater part of the year the climate is very fine. At least it suits us very well.

The soil in the most part is good and the water is fine. To be sure the price of land is very high when compared with eastern land, but when compared with the good fruit land in the west it is not so bad. Some of the apple and cherry land is as high as the orange land is held here. Land is selling here from \$500 to \$2,500 per acre, according to location and improvements. Land has advanced quite a bit in the past year.

L. C. Miles, who moved to Fremont, Mich., about three weeks ago, was in the city looking after some business matters, and returned again this morning to Fremont.

There is a valley just being opened up near here that I think will be a

great place some time. It is ten miles east of here. The land is not suitable for citrus fruits, but all deciduous fruits do well, especially apples and cherries. These fruits do well and the prices so far have been very good. The market is unlimited. There are a number of large cities near here that depend upon this section for their supply of such fruits. Land can be bought here for \$250 per acre, with water. In my opinion the man is lucky who owns a piece of that land and plants it to good apples and cherries. If I was able to do so, I would buy a few acres and plant cherries and apples. I think I would want to stay here in Redlands for a few years at least.

I will mail you a booklet on this valley. Read, an dif any question arises, just ask all and I will try to find an answer for you. The climate is cooler than here. It is at the foot of the mountains. A beautiful valley and rich soil. A town has been laid out and a number of houses are going up.

This company has about 16,000 acres of land under water. I mean that they can irrigate. The apple and cherry orchards now there are good producers and have some very fine apples in spite of the care they take of them. The owners do not take the proper care of their trees. You will notice by the pictures in the booklet that they let them carry too much fruit. No tree can produce the finest fruit and carry such loads. They do not prove or think enough. A good orchard properly tilled and cared for would be a money maker. I wish I had about ten acres, or even five, I would try to grow finer fruit than they do. If they saw how the Washington people care for an orchard and would do likewise they would grow much finer fruit. I suspect the booklet is colored up a little. You know how real estate men do. Ha, ha. But there is a great deal of truth in what they say.

In my humble opinion land will continue to go up around in southern California. Too many wealthy men have invested here to ever let land values go down. There are a great many very wealthy men around here and each year brings more of them.

I have nothing to speak of about the place you spoke of in the Fresno district. It may be o. k. California has a lot of good places.

Trees come into bearing sooner here than in Indiana. As I said before if I could do so I would have a small piece of that land and plant cherries and apples. I do not want to urge you to do so but I think it would be a good move for you to come here and get hold of a piece of that land. You could get it attended to for you and you could live here in Redlands if you so desired. I think you would find California more suitable to you than any of the other places you mentioned.

Think of California and then come and see it before you buy elsewhere. I do not blame you for selling out and going to a milder climate.

I received a letter from Shorty today. He said it was still snowing and was pretty cold yet. Weather is fine here. Have my spuds planted and a great deal of my garden is up. Peach trees are coming in bloom now. Expect some ripe strawberries in March. Will be later this spring than last on account of the cold winter. Last year we had strawberries by this time.

I am digging my fall planted potatoes now. Have a few very nice ones. I have only a small patch. I raised about 100 sacks of sweet spuds last year.

Before you locate anywhere else come to Redlands. If any questions, just ask them. Hoping to hear from you soon, and with regards to all, we remain,

Yours truly,

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MORTGAGE EXEMPTION SEASON.

That the mortgage exemption season is on is evidenced to any one who called at the office of Squire J. H. Smith Monday and saw the large number of blanks which he had gotten on hand for use when the season opened today. The exemption is given in any sum under \$700 provided the amount of exemption asked for does not exceed half the valuation of the mortgaged property. The affidavit is made before any person qualified to administer oaths, and the season for filing lasts two months from March 1st.

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Bluffton, Ind., March 1—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Wells county voted "dry" Monday by a plurality of 1,532, the total vote cast being 5,154. This was a much larger vote than was expected. The "dry" vote was 3,342 and the "wet" vote was 1,811.

This means that there will be no saloons in this county for two years more, beginning with next November. The county has been dry by remonstrance, the last saloon in Bluffton quitting business in February, 1909. In Bluffton the "dry" also carried the city by a majority of 81, the vote for their party being 712, and for the "wets," 631.

There were only five precincts out of the thirty-four that voted "wet," and these by small majorities. The little town of Vera Cruz, near Bluffton, the stronghold of the Germans, surprised all by voting "dry" by five votes. The only precinct in Bluffton to vote "wet" was No. 2, and that was by only sixteen votes. Poneto went "wet" by four votes.

There was great rejoicing Monday night by the "dry" and the bells of the churches were kept clanging to celebrate the victory.

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TIRE CAME OFF.

An unusual occurrence happened this morning on the G. R. & I. railroad, when the tire on one of the large drive wheels of a switch engine came off. They engine had been doing some switching in the yards when the accident occurred. Had this been on a passenger train and in some other place it might have cost several lives. It was placed back on by workmen of this place and then taken to Fort Wayne for repairs.

WOULD HAVE COST HIM HIS LIFE. Oscar Bowman, Lebanon, Ky., writes: "I have used Foley's Kidney Remedy and take great pleasure in stating it cured me permanently of kidney disease which certainly would have cost me my life." The Holt-House Drug Co.

WILL BUILD NEW SCHOOL.

Chris Beer, trustee, has accepted plans for a new school house to be built a mile south of Monroe and work on the erection of the same will begin as soon as the weather will permit. The new school house will be a one-room brick building.

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STEAMER PAUGS IN TROUBLE.

Collided With Ship Republic and Sent for Help Via Wireless.

(United Press Service.)

New York, March 2—(Special to Daily Democrat)—A wireless message

received here from the steamer Paugus, of the Royal Mail Steamer company, stated that the steamer was in collision with the ship Republic, twenty miles south of Barnegat Light. The cargo is heavy and the passenger list large, while a full compliment of officers and men are carried. All wireless stations have been notified to watch for the S. O. S. signals, inasmuch as shipping is considered very dangerous just now on account of the heavy fog which hung over the ocean for seventy-two hours.

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