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LET'S HEAR

FROM SENATOR BEVERIDGE

We are glad to know that the insurgent leaders do not propose to allow the regulars to "get away" with their defense of the iniquitous tariff law under which we are now living. The insurgents are bound to tell the people the truth about this business. They owe it to both the people and themselves to do this. We doubt whether there is much chance of fooling the people. But nevertheless few men know, or can know, anything about the details of the bill. Extended as has been the discussions these have hardly been touched. The bill itself, should, of course, be analyzed with the utmost care. We are told, for instance, that the duties have been lowered on the great bulk of what we consume. But we are favored with no particulars. As a matter of fact, many of these articles are not directly consumed by the people at all, being used largely by great industries, industries which have not lowered their prices. In other cases the reductions have been purely nominal, as in the case of the cut in the steel rail duty. It is as effective as it ever was in keeping up the price of rails. On the other hand the duty on steel used in building has been greatly increased, that is if the steel beams are "punched," as they always are.

The bill, as we all know, is full of jokers, some of them were exposed while the bill was under discussion. But there are, no doubt, many others. Duties which seem to have been lowered have actually been raised by a change in classification. We have had some information in regard to the woolen and cotton schedules, and also as to the effect of thus taxing the clothing of the people, and the material of which it is made. Something is known of the nature of the "deal" through which this arrangement was carried out. We have heard of the power of Whitman, and the work of North in connection with the Dingley tariff. But there is much yet to be made plain, not only concerning the bill itself, but in regard to the corrupt methods which are always employed in getting through this sort of legislation.

As we say the insurgents cannot afford to keep silent while the president, Senator Aldrich and Mr. Cannon and the congressional committee are telling the people, that it is "the best ever." Such a judgment in favor of the bill is a judgment against the men who very properly voted against it. The people accepted their view and so far have sustained them. They are with the insurgents in their fight for popular government. But whether they are to stay with them or not will largely depend on whether or not the insurgents still continue to serve the people bravely and honestly. They could perform no greater service than telling the truth about this tariff bill. We do not doubt that they will do it. They are not responsible for it. They warned the party as to what was certain to happen, they pointed out the evil features of the bill with great clearness and they urged the leaders to pay some attention to the party pledge and to the interests of the people. They were laughed at. The other men had the power and they used it. It is they and not the insurgents who honestly tried to save the party from a great mistake, who are to blame. But the truth must come out. The bill will be one of the great issues, possibly the paramount issue in the campaign.—Indianapolis News.

It is, of course, useless to expect that it will be impossible to make the people like the present tariff law, a law which even republican conventions refuse to endorse. The Massachusetts election proves that the conventions reflect the views of the people. We do not wonder that the men

publicans at Washington are disturbed. They remember the remarkable plurality recently given to the democratic candidate in Mr. DeArmond's old district in Missouri, and now they have this crushing blow in Massachusetts. There is no possibility of explaining it away. Incidentally it may be remarked that the wonderful victory of Mr. Foss is a dreadful blow to the scholar in politics, Henry Cabot Lodge, who, together with Reed Smoot, did such valiant service for Senator Aldrich in helping him frame and force through the present tariff law.—Indianapolis News.

And now the republican "leaders" say there will be but one chairman of their one-day state convention—United States Senator Beveridge. The custom is to make a temporary chairman, but the straddlers propose to take no chances on ex-Governor J. Frank Hanley slipping into the deliberations. They propose to put the United States senator on the "lid" and keep him there if their plans are not overthrown.—Fort Wayne Journal-Gazette.

## A FAIR

## APPORTIONMENT

In a letter to an Indiana republican politician, E. D. Crumpacker, one of the two republican congressmen from this state, says:

"A republican legislature will mean a fair and honest apportionment, while a democratic legislature will mean a partisan gerrymander that will be an incubus upon the politics of the state for possibly a decade. There are other reasons why a republican legislature should be chosen which I do not have time to enumerate now."

If the "other reasons" about which Crumpacker speaks are no better than the one he gave then they are wholly worthless. The statement that a republican legislature will mean "a fair and honest apportionment," and that a democratic legislature will mean a "partisan gerrymander," which will be an "incubus" upon the politics of the state, is important only as showing the Crumpacker caliber. The truth is that the republicans have never made a fair apportionment of the state. The present apportionment was made with a view to giving the republicans every possible advantage. It was a "partisan gerrymander" pure and simple. When the democrats reapportion the state they are pledged to do it fairly, notwithstanding all of the Crumpackers.

## WHO

## STARTED THIS THING, ANYWAY?

The Star is under obligations for the wise and helpful discussion which he contributed to these columns yesterday on the republican situation in this state. In nearly every respect his sentiments are exemplary and his suggestions sound. We regret to dissent from them in the slightest respect, but in one respect, we must, and it is this:

If there is any misunderstanding between President Taft and the press, or between President Taft and the people, it is his fault and not theirs. If there is to be any abatement of this misunderstanding the pourparlers must proceed from his side and not theirs. Does he want them to stop criticising him? Then he must quit criticising them. Does he deprecate critical analysis of the Payne bill? Then let him change the subject. Who started this thing, anyhow?

The president had hardly left his summer home at Beverly for his early autumn trip before he launched into encomium of Senator Aldrich the chief conspirator in the betrayal of tariff reform. At the home of James A. Tawney, than whom the policies of Theodore Roosevelt had no more vigilant or implacable enemy, he began to rebuke those patriotic statesmen who had tried to fulfill the president's own pledges of tariff reform and had bitterly resented the failure of that effort. "Let us forget the tariff." Why, certainly! But first let us have a cessation of this continuous attributing to the Payne tariff bill of virtues it has not and these denials of iniquities that it undeniably has. Not a word was said about the president's signing the Payne bill until he himself began praising Aldrich and began rebuking the tariff reformers. Ever since he began and pursued this his favorite theme the men

he has denounced have never, so far as we have seen, offered to answer back. There is a senator from Indiana who might have taken umbrage at an equivocal reference to party irregularity in the Winona speech. But if he felt aggrieved he has made no sign. His only answer has been to work harder than ever on the measures in which the administration is interested. The war, if there is any war, was begun on the tariff reformers by the president. Yet with all there is no resentment against him. There is only resentment against those who seem to have his confidence and approval, but who do not deserve it. The people are more generous with the president than he has been with them.—Indianapolis Star.

In an article headed "Morgan's Power," the Indianapolis News refers to the facts about Morgan's financial interests as recently printed in the New York World. The World showed that the properties owned or controlled or influenced by Mr. Morgan were worth \$10,336,462,000. He directly controls railroad, industrial, banking and insurance corporations capitalized at \$6,133,487,000. He is a power in the management of the New York Central railroad, the Pullman company, the Lake Shore, Michigan Central, Harlem, Atchison and other railroads which are stocked and bonded for \$2,036,085,000. Other companies in which he is a power are the American Telephone and Telegraph, the Guggenheim Alaska syndicate, several great New York banks, the Chinese railroad syndicate, the General Electric company, the Adams Express company and the republics of Honduras and Panama. The stocks and bonds of these concerns aggregate \$716,000,000. The total, as we have seen, is more than ten billion dollars. Both the World and the News did not call direct attention to the fact that such dangerous concentration of wealth was made possible by the legislation and administrative policies of the republican party as led during the last thirty years, but it is a fact, nevertheless.

The republican leaders say that if they can make the right kind of plank on the tariff and on the county option questions and get them into the platform to be adopted by their state convention next week they will feel a little better. But the rub will be in getting "the right kind of planks." If they endorse the Payne-Aldrich tariff law, even faintly, they cannot hope to receive a single honest tariff reform vote in Indiana. If they do not endorse it they will put themselves in opposition to the national party and in an attitude of rebuking and stultifying President Taft, which course will alienate thousands to whom party regularity is a sacred institution. As to the county option law, if they fail to pledge the republican party to maintaining it, they will offend their allies of the Anti-Saloon League. If they re-affirm it and face toward prohibition they will have the opposition of all persons who favor a contrary policy. So it seems plain that whatever the republican state convention may do on either of the questions mentioned it will make trouble.

It is said that if the wealth of the public domain in Alaska could be divided it would give \$80,000 to every voter in the United States. And it was this wealth that the Morgan and Guggenheim syndicate were in a fair way to get under a complaisant republican administration.

As was predicted, the majority of the new committee on rules is made up of friends of Cannon and he will continue to be the whole thing. The only way to crush Cannonism was to remove Cannon, as the democrats proposed and could have done if the "insurgent" republicans had not had an attack of "cold feet."

Mr. R. G. Tucker who was slated and could have had the republican nomination for secretary of state for the asking, has declined the same, his newspaper work making it impossible for him to accept such an honor. He is the Indiana representative of the Cincinnati Enquirer, and is among the brightest of the many bright newspa-

per boys of the state capital. While the duties of such a place may keep him from shining as a member of the office-holding class, yet as a newspaper writer seven teams of oxen could never hold him down, and while his position now is an envy to the average newspaper representative, yet some day you will hear of Bob Tucker still further advanced in the profession, and for which he will be drawing long money—and he will be earning it, too.

President Taft never loses an opportunity to praise the outrageous Payne-Aldrich tariff law. Whenever he speaks he defends the law against all attacks. In his eyes it is a thing of beauty and a joy forever—the greatest, wisest and best tariff legislation that this or any other country ever saw or is ever likely to see. There is no law against Mr. Taft believing all this—if he does believe it—but about eighty million people in the United States have a contrary opinion. All the people know because they feel the effects of the law.

An Irishman being asked why St. Patrick's day came to be celebrated on March 17th, replied with ready Celtic wit: "There was a dispute as to St. Patrick's birthday. Some said it was March 8th and some that it was March 9th; so they compromised by adding them together." That seems to be the principle on which conference committees in legislative bodies usually compromise their differences on appropriation bills.—South Bend Times.

This afternoon at Fort Wayne the Hon. Cyrus Cline was renominated by the democrats of the Twelfth district as their candidate for congress. The honor is well earned and deserved. He has been faithful and has well represented the people in congress, and has done it with that dignity characteristic of the real statesman. It is just such men as Cyrus Cline that will smash Cannonism and bring back to the people their right to legislate for themselves.

The republicans of Randolph and Jay counties have nominated Dr. Bader S. Hunt as their candidate for joint senator. He is one of the bright young men of his profession and as a member of the state senate would reflect credit upon his party and the people he would there represent.

Charles Bell, formerly agent for the Wells-Fargo Express company in this city, and who two years ago received a promotion to the agency at Fort Wayne, where he has been since, has received another boost. On Thursday he will go to Akron, Ohio, where he will take charge of the business for the company. It is said that Charles is the fourth best man in the Wells-Fargo agency line, and that is saying a good deal. The charge at Akron is a very responsible one, the business being so enormous that a private stenographer and twenty helpers are required by the agent. Charles has made a rapid rise in his work and his many friends join with him in rejoicing. His family will go to Akron, later.

Some idea of the size of the Akron agency may be seen from the fact that his force includes fifteen drivers, a solicitor, cashier and assistant. Only the New York, Chicago and Cleveland agencies excel the one at Akron for amount of business.

## ALLEN'S LUNG BALSAM.

will cure not only a fresh cold, but one of those stubborn coughs that usually hang on for months. Give it a trial and prove its worth. 25c, 50c and \$1.00.

Quite elaborate are the preparations under way by the Modern Woodmen for the celebration of the fourth anniversary of their organization on the evening of April 9th at the Woodman hall. This will be for the Woodmen, Royal Neighbors and all prospective candidates and quite a festive time is assured. There will be a musical program, and addresses, among the speakers being District Deputy A. Hofmeister of Fort Wayne. After the program, instead of a banquet, the members will be taken to the moving picture shows, where the very best will be provided in that line by the proprietors. This order has grown much in the four years of its life, until it is one of the most progressive orders in the city. The growth in the years to come promises to be quite as great.

Surpassing all others in beauty, splendor, attendance and beauty, was the annual Easter ball given Monday evening by the Canadian Club. The

hall itself took on splendor for the occasion, and not least flower-like in beauty, fairness and coloring, were the fifty-two young ladies in beautiful costumes, who, with their fifty-two companions, enjoyed the round of dances that from 9 to 12 o'clock made one continuous whirl of pleasure to music furnished by the orchestra comprising Elgin King, Bruce Patterson, Mr. Drake, John Geary and Ralph Moser. Many guests from out of town were in attendance.

## WEN RUBBERS BECOME NECESSARY

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The first straw hat of the season in the business world appeared yesterday sitting jauntily on the head of Attorney Shafer Peterson. Of course Shafer did not want to wear it until after Easter, and now that he has sprung it on that holiday, he thinks he can wear it every day. Shafer, like a great many more, would rather be "dead than out of style" anyhow.

Herman Yager was a Portland visitor yesterday.

## SORE LUNGS AND RAW LUNGS.

Most people know the feeling and the miserable state of ill health it indicates. All people should know that Foley's Honey and Tar, the greatest throat and lung remedy, will quickly cure the soreness and cough and restore a normal condition. Ask for Foley's Honey and Tar. The Holt-House Drug Company.

In the spring, when the green gits back in the trees,  
And the sun comes out and stays,  
And your boots pull on with a good tight squeeze,  
And you think of your barefoot days;  
When you ort to work and you want to not,  
And you and your wife agrees  
It's time to spade up your garden lot—  
When the green, you know, gits back trees.  
Well, work is the least of my ideas  
When the green, you know, gets back on the trees.  
—Riley.

The ladies of the Presbyterian church have completed arrangements for another one of their very excellent dinners to be given at the church, Thursday, March 31st. Dinner will be served for the very small sum of twenty-five cents from the following menu:

Chicken Pot-Pie	Jelly
Mashed Potatoes	Scalloped Corn
Cranberry Sauce	
Pickles	Deviled Eggs
Salad	Butter
Bread	Coffee
Cranberry and Banana Pie	

Everybody is cordially invited to the dinner.

The importance of this month's session of the Woman's Home Missionary society of the M. E. church should bring every one to the meeting at the home of Mrs. John Rex Thursday afternoon, when that lady assisted by Mrs. W. H. Fledderjohann, will entertain. The date of the meeting has been changed so as to not conflict with the conference week, April 6th to 11th. The election of officers is scheduled for this meeting.

The "Ideal Sunbeam," a social club comprising the members of the Presbyterian Sunday school class taught by Miss Edna Hoffman, which meets every second Monday evening with one of its members, was entertained this week by Naomi Meyers. The eighteen members were present and each contributed to the program of music and recitations. Miss Rowena Shoaf will be hostess at the next social.

Mrs. P. G. Hooper royally entertained the members of the Sewing club yesterday afternoon. While they busily employed their needles they chatted gayly, but were quite ready to cease for a while when the hostess served a most tempting lunch. Mrs. Irvin Hower of Anderson, who is visiting with her sister, Mrs. D. W. Beery, was a guest.

The last session but two, of the Historical Reading club's season, was held Tuesday evening with Mrs. P. B. Thomas. "The Stage" was the subject of a paper abounding in interesting facts, well arranged and presented, prepared and read by Mrs. Jane Crabbs, on which each member spoke also. Next week the club will meet with Mrs. Burns, and the closing session, the week after, will be with Mrs. Thomas again.

Needlework, with music in turn, by the members while others sewed, proved a delightful social time for the Young Matrons at the home of Mrs. Harry Moltz yesterday afternoon.

Nearly a hundred were in attendance at the Men's club anniversary celebration at the Presbyterian church Tuesday evening and enjoyed the musical program as announced yesterday, with the speech by S. P. Kaler of Columbia City. Mr. Kaler's address is said to have been a most able one, his subject being, "Plato's Wife and Her Dream." In the absence of the president, W. A. Lower, who returned late from Fort Wayne, the session was opened and presided over by the Hon. C. J. Lutz. After the musical program the time was spent socially and refreshments, consisting of ice cream and cake, with coffee, were served by Messrs. Lehne, Doctors Patterson and Sowers, W. A. Lower and Charles Steele.

Mrs. Catherine Rugg of this city is visiting for several days with her niece, Mrs. W. A. Fonner near Monmouth.

Mr. and Mrs. M. V. B. Archbold and son, Bell, and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Archbold of Fort Wayne were entertained at dinner by Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Edge.

The last Epworth League social of this conference year will be held in the church parlors Friday evening at 8 o'clock. A small admission will be charged at the door. Come.

Miss Jean Lutz is the guest of the Charles True family at their farm at Poe for several days.

The season at Rome City for Decatur folk will be opened by Tom Reid with a "house warming" at his cottage there a couple of days the first of next week. Members of the party will be I. Kalver, C. A. Dugan, D. M. Hensley, John Heller, Charles Bell, W. P. Schrock, C. C. Shafer, Roy Archbold and M. F. Rice.

Misses Fan Hite and Zoa Miller returned this morning from Portland, where they attended the ball given Tuesday evening at Armory hall by Miss Frances Bryson and others. About seventy-five couples in attendance, good music, beautiful decorations, and other things agreeably combined to make it a success. Miss Mangle Hite also attended, but will remain for a several days' visit.

Mrs. O. P. Edwards of Leipsic, Ohio, who has been spending several days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Niblick, returned home to attend a meeting that closes the club season for a club of which she is a member. She will return here tomorrow to finish her visit.

The Ben Hurs will have their anniversary celebration Friday evening, and it is earnestly desired that all members be present at this annual meeting of importance. There will be a good program and refreshments will be served.

Miss Victoria Stone, who was the guests of friends at Indianapolis for some time, returned home today.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bracht, have returned to Fort Wayne after a short visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bracht, and with her sister, Mrs. Lloyd Ritter.

Mahlon Harmon left yesterday afternoon to call on his mother, Mrs. Emma Harmon, living five miles south of Dixon, Ohio. Mrs. Harmon is very sick with Bright's disease and dropsy, from which she has been suffering several years. She is about sixty-five years of age.

Jesse Niblick is converting "Noah's Ark" building into a private garage, which will be occupied by his handsome touring car. The boys say he is completely remodeling the building to get it into good shape for the reception of the car, but when interviewed on the matter, Jesse stated that the only remodeling was the building of a board front for protection to keep the car from going through the front should it take a sudden notion to do so.

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