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## sponsibility

commendable activity of women, since the franchise is granted and presented some instances which suggest serious thought and different action along some lines.

recent club meeting in a neighboring town a resolution was commanding a bill before the Legislature. About a hundred women present at the meeting and voted. It developed that of these, seven had read or studied the law and of these seventeen, twelve voted against the resolution favoring the measure.

either or the bill is thoroughly wholesome must be closed by the club. The newly enfranchised citizens now have the equal right upon them for the enactment of proper legislation. They have a right to investigate the proposed laws and to endorse what they desire to be enacted.

ever, it had been hoped by those who favored the extension of the right that the effect would be a better and cleaner citizenship and the neglect nor hasty actions of the past would occur in the future.

men now assume the responsibilities of citizenship and they must admit themselves to be hoodwinked nor to act without the proper right of what they are doing. If two-thirds of the women who had proposed law did not favor it, the reasonable conclusion would be that the meeting which had nothing but a superficial knowledge of it, had endorsed the bill had the contents been known.

a condition as that just mentioned was gone through years ago by the voters—is occasionally put over now—but it existed to the shame of the electors and the loss of proper legislation.

long as men or women undertake to guide or direct legislation, it be done with the utmost intelligence available.

## many's 'Plight'

The kind-hearted people of this country should not permit their judgment to be overcome by sympathies aroused by statements issuing from Berlin regarding the inability of Germany to meet the demands laid down by the reparation commission. They will do well to remember that Germany was not an invaded country. Her farms and factories escaped the slightest physical injury from the waging of the war.

her manufacturers during the struggle may have been devoted to a great many cases foreign to their regular line of production, the end of the war they were practically in the same condition as at the beginning. Her agricultural lands, forests, vineyards, pastures and woods were not laid waste with shot and shell as were those of Belgium and northern France.

between the ability of Germany through the rehabilitation and re-establishment of industries, to meet the needs of her people and the demands of the reparation program, and the ability of France and Belgium, their devastated and destroyed farms and factories and depleted population to maintain national life, there can be little comparison.

no one considers the extent to which Germany escaped the physical effects of the war, the more strongly one is convinced that the damages of the commission is within the limits of reason and justice.

## Courthouse

There can be no question of the advisability of giving careful consideration to the plan for the sale of part of the present Marion County courthouse and the erection with the proceeds of a new and modern building. The plan appears on its surface to be good business sense, as it is the county to take advantage of the increased value of land, an advantage that is always grasped by a commercial owner and seldom by a governmental unit.

Advocates of the sale of the Washington street frontage say that it will bring approximately \$2,000,000, which would pay off the indebtedness of the present courthouse, saving interest and other charges, the total of which would make it possible to wreck the old courthouse and erect a new and modern building on the Market street frontage.

There can be no doubt that the present building is more of a monument to misgovernment than a courthouse. The time is almost here when it will have to be abandoned.

It is possible to abandon the old building and a part of the site and to obtain a new and modern courthouse, good business judgment indicates that now is the time for action.

## Campaign Debts

It has become so apparent that the Fordney emergency tariff bill will be to the detriment rather than the benefit of the American farmer, that Republican Senators are showing signs of wanting to escape responsibility for its passage. Its ostensible purpose was to afford a market for our country's domestic agricultural products. Particular stress was laid by its advocates on the market it would create for sugar, cotton, wheat, meat and wool. Farmers throughout the country at first received and believed statements made by the high tariff propagandists that the emergency tariff amounted practically to an embargo, and that its enactment would increase the importation of the products covered by it, with the result that a market would be created for those grown in this country.

However, since the debate began, convincing information has been furnished by the tariff commission and other official agencies, showing that the result predicted on the high protective theory cannot possibly now.

Investigation developed that practically 80 per cent of the wheat used in the United States is not in the hands of the producers, but has been purchased by dealers, brokers and grain speculators, with the expectation that the market will advance. It is conceded that the rate proposed by the Fordney bill, 40 cents per bushel, will increase the price of flour to consumer \$4.00 a barrel at the very least. The benefit of this increase cannot inure to the farmer, because he has little if any wheat to sell.

A like condition prevails in the sugar market. Very little home-grown Hawaiian sugar is in the hands of the producers; practically all of it is owned by the so-called sugar trust. The bill proposes an increase of tax on sugar of 3½ cents per pound, making the cost at the custom-house to the importer of 8 cents per pound. The margin between the cost of the custom-house and the retail price is 5 cents per pound. This means that upon the passage of this bill, the retail price of sugar will immediately rise to 13 cents per pound. In other words, the government guarantees a minimum price of 12 cents to the sugar trust.

In the case of meats, Republican Senators are standing for a tariff of 2 cents a pound. The protection under this item will not be to the grower and farmer, for the cattle, sheep and hogs raised by them have passed to the packers, and the advance in price will cause their profits to be much enlarged on the millions of pounds of meat now held by men in cold storage.

Out of the 800,000,000 pounds of wool raised in this country, not over one-third remains in the hands of the grower. It is proposed by the Fordney bill to levy a tax of from 15 cents to 45 cents per pound on wool in addition to the tariff now being collected. This means that at least two-thirds of the additional tax will go into the treasury of the wool trust. It is again clearly demonstrated that the result of the enactment of this law will be an increased retail price and not an increased market.

By its provisions, the proposed law is to be limited to a ten months' trial. Within that time the farmers of this country cannot produce crops for the market. This in itself shows the Republicans are not making a good-faith effort to relieve the stress of the agricultural interests.

It is interesting to notice what it will cost the people of the city of Indianapolis on three principal foods if this bill is enacted into law. Statistics furnished by the government bureaus at Washington show that the annual per capita consumption of flour in this country is 1.34 barrels; of meat, 26.5 pounds, and of sugar, 82.26 pounds. The minimum advance in the cost of flour to each person will be \$5.36; of sugar, \$2.87, and of meat, \$3.39. On the basis of the 1920 population, the total cost will be as follows:

Flour	\$1,877,680
Sugar	901,127
Meat	1,687,070
Total	\$4,265,877

The rates fixed in this tariff are so high as to make the Payne-Aldrich

WARNER HAS NAT GOODWIN'S ROLE  
In Movie Version of 'When We Were Twenty-one'

In this picture Naomi Childers is seen as Caroline Desborough seeking consolation from Alec B. Francis as the Rev. Dr. Galloway in a movie version of Basil King's "Earthbound." Soon after this incident, which is shown in the picture, "Earthbound" is on view all week at the

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