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### The Farmer and the Tariff

The great weakness of the republican campaign is that it offers nothing for the workingman or the farmer.

No good citizen objects to his fair share of the cost of government, but the western farmer knows he is paying more than his share, paying it unnecessarily, and paying it to the robber tariff barons, because of unjust protection.

His farm implements made right at his door cost him more than the same implements cost the farmer in Russia or Sweden. His barbed wire made in Pittsburgh costs him more than the tariff baron sells it for in York-shire. The boots on his feet and the clothes on his back cost him 30 per cent. more than they should, and he pays unnecessarily high prices for whatever provisions he can not raise on his farm.

His lamps burn oil that costs too much, because it is protected more than 100 per cent. against oil brought from Russia or Mexico. His piano, his books, his bicycle, his gun, the very watch in his pockets, and the axle grease on his wagon are taxed, and taxed unnecessarily to put fat profits into the coffers of the tariff barons.

On the other hand, the products of his farm do not bring him one added cent by high tariff. Monopolies created by high tariff force him to take what they offer or let his crops rot on the ground.

The farmer wants relief from this extortion, but what hope of it does he find in the election of Taft? In 1884 Roosevelt signed the New York Free Trade club's resolutions demanding tariff reductions. Yet during seven years in the White House Mr. Roosevelt has not reduced by a fraction of 1 per cent. the tariff that oppresses the farmer. Before his nomination Judge Taft was a tariff revisionist. When he accepted the nomination he declared that on some things the tariff should be increased.

What is it that the farmer doesn't pay enough for? His plow, his wire, his boots, his clothes, his coal oil or the axle grease on his wagons? He is paying more than enough for these things today. And his unnecessary expense is the profit of the tariff barons.

Sixty-six per cent. of the total exports from the United States every year consists of farm products. The hundreds of millions of dollars imported to pay him make up what the republican party considers the favorable balance of trade. Yet the Taft platform proposes nothing for his benefit, and no word of Judge Taft himself indicates any intention of justice to the farmer.—Chicago Journal.

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It may be assumed that there is not a patriotic voter who will cast a ballot this fall, and who is sufficiently well-informed to vote intelligently, but is convinced that laws are necessary to prohibit and prevent corruption and fraud at the polls. Now, there is a simple and direct way to secure the enactment of such legislation. Vote for no legislator, either state or national, who is not known to be heartily in favor of such laws, and pledged actively to promote their passage, and it will take but a single year to effect the reform. If pledges have not been publicly made, question the candidate yourself. Insist upon a promise of active support of such enactments, as the condition of your support at the polls.

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The Philadelphia Record, noting that where the liquor question is at the front, there is interest in the campaign, but that otherwise everything is remarkably quiet, says:

Well, a great many men are going to vote who are saying nothing about the ticket they will support, and even the failure to vote is an expression of political opinion; the democratic failure to vote four years ago elected Mr. Roosevelt. A playwright was to read a composition of his to Dumas, who went to sleep. The author protested. "How can you express an opinion if you sleep?" he asked indignantly. "Sleep is an opinion," replied Dumas sentimentally. The New York Times remarks that this is the dullest campaign in a quarter of a century—it might as well have said the dullest ever—and that apathy is felt keenly by both parties, but the Republicans are the worse hit. And that is fatal to them. They won in 1904 only because the Democrats were more apathetic than they; now most of the apathy is on their side.

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The New York Herald quotes The News' editorial that the salaried man will prove to be a large influence at the coming election. The effort to stretch an old-style salary over the new-style cost of living, giving him a large amount of very earnest thought. On this the Herald says:

There is the "silent voter" of whom politicians of both parties are afraid. He does not care much about bank deposit guarantees or presidential heirships; he is scouting about for the party that will give him the quickest relief from overtaxation by tariff. And the question of the hour is, which party will he pick?

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Cyrus Cline, democratic candidate for congress, was here last Monday night and addressed as many people as could get into the democratic assembly room. He made a splendid speech, pleasing all of his democratic friends and in no way embarrassing opposition. He discussed the banking proposition from the standpoint of a banker, who believes in the democratic idea of guarantee of bank deposits. He showed what it could do for the people and what it will do to help the financial interests of the country. Mr. Cline told the people that he would vote against subsidies, would vote to break the hold of Joe Cannon and other "stand patters" from the throats of the people and would stand all the time for a safe, sane and economical administration of public affairs. He declared in favor of a sensible and careful revision of the tariff and the belief that the trusts that are sapping the life out of the voters would be best reached by such tariff laws as will take away their power to control the home markets.

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The Indianapolis News offers the following comment on coercing voters into supporting the republican ticket this year:

"We do not believe that the efforts of the employers to coerce their workmen in this election is going to have much effect. Workmen are thinking for themselves. The duty of an American citizen in this election as in all elections, is to make up his own mind honestly after a fair consideration of the candidates and the issues, and then to vote in the light of his own judgment. Certainly he should be in no way influenced by the calamity bowl that is being raised. As far as prosperity is concerned, let it not be forgotten that we have had a panic that has lasted more than a year, and under a republican administration, and after twelve years of republican rule. Further than this, everyone knows that the return of prosperity has been delayed by the business policy of many of the trusts—some of which seem now to be greatly disturbed—in refusing to reduce prices. The people ought not to tolerate coercion or any suggestion of it."

### Gompers on Watson

In his Fort Wayne speech, Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, had the following to say about James E. Watson, republican candidate for governor of Indiana:

"You are confronted in your state with a condition that should receive your attention and mine. A gentleman named Watson aspires to be your governor. Indiana has many men whose names stand in the memories of patriots as men of exalted character and rank. Pray God to save Indiana from enrolling upon its banners the name Watson for governor."

"I was asked by labor to furnish Mr. Watson's record in congress, and I did it without comment," said the speaker, "and Watson turned on me and made a personal attack upon me. My character is above such attacks. I have lived an open life. Watson said I was an alien, not an American citizen, and he said I had always been a Democrat. Neither statement is true. I became a citizen of this country in the court in New York on October 4, 1912. I have never been a Democrat. I used to be a Republican, but I am not guilty this year. The Republicans of my home nominated me once for state senator. The Republicans of my district wanted me to run for congress, but I refused. President McKinley offered me a position on the industrial commission; as a Republican I refused it. Now I have had these things published in the papers of Indianapolis and other cities in your state, and in spite of that fact Mr. Watson keeps on repeating that I have always been a Democrat and that I am an alien. Now, a man who will falsify and be untruthful in one thing will be unbelieveable and undependable in all things."

### Open the Canal Records

Charles F. Taft denies that he had at any time any connection with the Panama canal deal, but the accusation keeps bobbing up every day in cable dispatches from Paris. Even the suspicion that the Panama deal was a source of profit to a syndicate of American financiers must injure the chances of Judge Taft, and this matter ought to be cleared up once.

A well known London lawyer, thoroughly conversant with French practice, was employed to investigate in Paris. He details how the old DeLesseps Canal company was purchased by the new company in 1894. The capitalization of the new company was equivalent to \$13,000,000. Of this \$12,000,000 was paid up in cash and the other million in stock went to the government of Colombia. If the entire \$12,000,000 in the treasury of the company was paid out to the DeLesseps company, the new company made a profit of \$28,000,000 when it sold out to the United States government for \$40,000,000.

All the plans and records of the DeLesseps company and the new company were turned over to the U. S. government, and June 3, fifteen days before Judge Taft was nominated for president, the new company went out of business.

All the secrets of the canal deal are in Washington. It is unfair to Judge Taft to allow unjust suspicions of his brother to circulate at this particular time. The people of the United States own the Panama Canal. They have a right to full information. And unless Mr. Roosevelt furnishes it forthwith, they can not be blamed if they draw conclusions accordingly, and vote for publicity.—Chicago Journal.

### The Old Gang at Work

There are indications that the "Lake Shore gang" which committed so many depredations along the lines of that road in northern Indiana, some years ago, has come to life again. Two desperate men boarded the express cars on an east bound train at Goshen Tuesday night with the evident intent of robbery. They got on before the express cars and made their way into a car through the end door before the express messengers noticed them. They put up a hard fight and were determined not to be driven from the car. The messengers were compelled to beat the hold-ups over the head with their revolvers, and finally got them outside the car. However the robbers stayed with the train until it reached this city, when they jumped from the train and ran to one side firing a shot into the car through the door, but fortunately the shot did no damage. They disappeared in the darkness and no clue has been found that would lead to their identity.

### Adhering to the Platform

When the Democrats met in state convention they adopted a platform, and in that platform there is a declaration of the party's position on the temperance question. It is the most advanced declaration the democratic party has ever made in the state on the subject. The republican party was in a quandary to know what to say on the subject when it came to the framing of their platform. The committee had about decided to say nothing, when a member of the minority declared he would take the matter up on the floor of the convention and have it out there. Rather than have a fight in the convention the committee agreed to a plank favoring county option. That is all there is to the history of the two platforms. The Democrats started out to make the campaign on the platform declarations, but here and there a crank gets the notion in their heads that the party candidates and leaders should abandon the platform and follow their personal inclinations. To do that would mean general chaos and party defeat, and because the Democrats are sticking to their platform they are charged with being dominated by the breweries and saloon interests of the state. It is an effort to fool the people and to make up for losses the republican party is going to sustain at the polls.—Columbia City Post.

### A Test of Endurance

Modern campaigning is more and more coming to require the physique of a Titan and the voice of a Stentor. To speak day and night, indoors and out, in tents and from automobiles and car platform, in wind and rain and smoke and fumes—and this with scarcely time to rest or sleep—is an ordeal which lays low all but the stoutest. Governor Hughes is a man of sinewy endurance, but his voice gave out. Judge Taft is a man of great strength and a glutton for work, yet his touring has almost broken him down. Even the athletic Roosevelt could not hold the pace in 1900. All the greater wonder is it, by comparison, that Bryan goes on by his resounding way without a sign of fatigue or hoarseness. Long practice counts for much, in his case, no doubt, but the natural endowment is extraordinary. If Carlyle could have witnessed his feats of stump oratory, he would have withdrawn his backing of Webster against the universe.—New York Post.

### Risky Gun Play

Three young farmers living near Ligonier, in driving from Goshen late Saturday night, found a fobert rifle that a relative had left in the buggy, and in reckless sport fired twice at a farmer's dog. The farmer, aroused from sleep, fired his revolver several times.

"By gum, I heard that bullet strike the robe," said one. "By crickets, it hit my leg," exclaimed another. The trio turned back and had a Goshen doctor remove the ball, which had flattened against the bone, and dress the wound. The victim's greatest concern was how to "explain" to his parents. He was due to husk corn on Monday.—Elkhart Review.

### Hunt Heads K. of P. Insurance

Union B. Hunt of Winchester, Indiana, chairman of the Indiana railroad commission, has been elected president of the insurance department of the Knights of Pythias. C. F. S. Neal, who has been president for the past four years, was unanimously re-elected by the board of control, now in quarterly session, but declined because of ill health. Under the new rules of the department the president of the board of control is also the manager of the insurance department, taking over the duties formerly performed by Zeno M. Host.

### Married At Albion

Miss Hazel Carmien and Mr. Fonso Wolf, well-known and highly respected young people of Ligonier, were united in marriage at the Methodist Episcopal parsonage at 4 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, the Rev. C. J. Graves officiating. We extend congratulations and best wishes. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Col. C. McDaniels.—Democrat.

### Church Supper

The Ladies Aid society of the Christian church will give a supper in the dining room of the church Oct. 29. Supper served from 5 to 8. Price 25 cents.

### MENU

Chicken Biscuits Gravy  
Mashed Potatoes Coldsaw  
Jelly Pickles  
Baked Beans Catsup  
Fruit Salad Bread Butter  
Cake Coffee

### An Afflicted Family

Frank Rink's family, who resides two and one-half miles southeast of Millersburg, father, mother and seven children have all passed through a siege of scarlet fever and diphtheria. The mother, who was Miss Ott before her marriage, nursed them all, but finally succumbed to the disease and is now confined to her bed. The oldest daughter, fourteen years of age, just rallying from diphtheria takes the mother's place as nurse and caretaker of the house. At this time they are all improving. Two children of Henry Rogers' family are also afflicted. The school has been closed for the past two weeks.—Goshen News-Times.

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### A Narrow Escape

Two automobiles were nearly wrecked and Mrs. F. W. Zimmerman was badly injured in an automobile accident last Sunday evening at the Citizen Bank corner. Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Zimmerman had been in the west part of the city in their auto and were going east on Third street. The big Matheson machine owned by Straus Bros. & Co. had been taken out by Mr. Bryan, the driver, to test out some repairs. He was accompanied by Stanley Straus who had taken the wheel but a few minutes before the accident. The Straus machine was headed south. Neither machine was going fast but neither driver saw the other machine until they were nearly together. Mr. Straus tried to stop the car but it ran into the hind wheel of the Zimmerman auto with terrific force, turning it nearly around.

Mrs. Zimmerman who was sitting in the front seat was thrown to the pavement sustaining several serious cuts and bruises. Fortunately no bones were broken and no serious results are anticipated from the injury. The Zimmerman auto was badly wrecked and the big machine was also put out of commission.

It was one of those seemingly unavoidable accidents that will happen. Mr. Zimmerman did not notice the other machine and did not know that it was onto him until it struck him. He was not injured excepting a slight bruise caused by the collapse of the top and the jolt against the steering wheel. Mrs. Zimmerman was thrown from her seat headlong to the pavement and it is indeed fortunate that her injuries are not even more serious. She is rapidly improving in condition and will soon recover.

Neither machine was going very fast when the accident occurred. There were several teams passing at the time and both drivers were watching them. Young Straus was nearly prostrated over the accident until he found out that Mrs. Zimmerman's injuries were not serious.

### "Eight" Confection Social

Labor of Love circle, Kings Daughters, extend a cordial invitation to yourself and friends to the "Eight" Confection Social at the parlors of the Presbyterian church Tuesday evening, the eighth day of December.

1. The door will be opened promptly at eight minutes after 7 p. m. and be open till eight minutes before 8, when a program of eight numbers will be given.

2. It will cost eight cents to get in. If door are closed knock eight times.

3. Every eighth person will be admitted free.

4. The doors will be opened to allow persons to leave for home from eight minutes before to eight minutes after the hour.

5. Should the doors be closed at any time you wish to leave a special pass can be secured for one-eighth of the admission fee.

6. A special feature will be the sale of eight kinds of confection.

7. Among the attractions will be a chance to get your fortune told for three-eighths the admission fee. An \$8.00 beauty will be on exhibition. One-eighth the price of admission will be charged for this rare privilege.

8. Above all, we will make a special effort to have you all agree with us, that free refreshments served from eight minutes before nine until all are served, are eight times better than anything you ever ate.

Come early and enjoy the evening. Dec. 8, 1908.

### Hanly's Unfairness

Governor Hanly is not opposing Republicans. He opposes none but Democrats. He speaks in democratic communities and against democratic candidates for any office for which they may be seeking. Political advantage for the republican party is his first thought. This shows, too, the insincerity of the Republicans in this campaign. They want to win the offices, and they want to win them through the false declaration that the republican party stands for prohibition and the Democrats for intemperance. Forty counties in Indiana have been remonstrated dry, and a summary shows that half of them are democratic counties. Does this indicate that Democrats stand for intemperance? No, but it does indicate that the temperance sentiment is not divided along political lines. It indicates that no matter whether the Republicans or Democrats win the offices, temperance will travel in the even tenor of its way, receiving earnest support from members of all political parties.—Decatur Democrat.

### Big Majority Against Subsidy

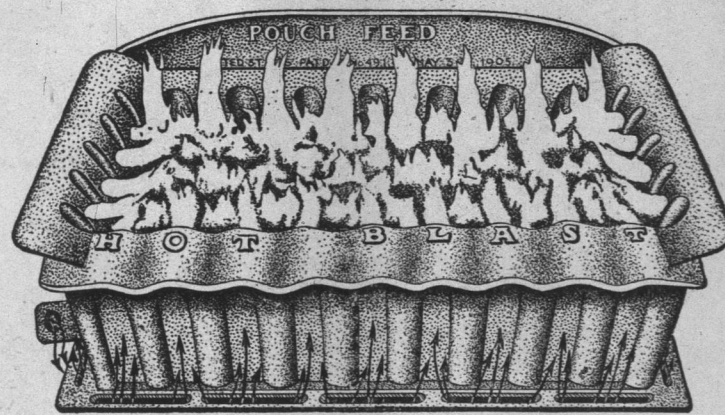
The elections held in Eden and Clearspring townships over in LaGrange county last Monday was a big disappointment to the friends of the proposed electric line from this city to LaGrange. The vote was overwhelmingly against the subsidy. In Clearspring township the north precinct showed 110 votes against the tax and but six in favor. In the south precinct the vote was 120 against and sixty for the tax or a majority of 158 in the township.

In Eden the vote was nearly as one sided. In the north precinct only one vote was cast for the tax, while one hundred voters protested. In the south precinct 92 voted against it while 78 favored the subsidy. This shows a majority of 114 against the tax. It is safe to say that the other elections will result about the same.

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