

# POLITICAL COMMENT

## FARMER AND THE TARIFF.

### Forty-six Questions Which Will Worry Mr. Bryan to Answer.

In his Des Moines speech advocating a tariff for revenue only Mr. Bryan declared that the protective system taxed the farmers of the country for the benefit of the manufacturers. The first benefits of revision upon Democratic lines, he insists, will come to the farm. As for protection, "the whole system is vicious. Business should not be built upon legislation." For this startling theory the "American Economist" says Mr. Bryan ought to be defeated, if for nothing else, and in its current number it propounds a series of 46 questions to the Democratic nominee for President, all relating to specific schedules covering agricultural products, and asks whether Mr. Bryan favors removal of the duties quoted. Of course, Mr. Bryan dare not favor anything of the kind, for the moment he does the farmer will take alarm, and in this particular year Mr. Bryan is very solicitous for the agriculturists. With the Dingell bill in effect our imports of agricultural products amount to \$414,000,000 a year. What

## THE FARMER AND THE "VICTIOUS SYSTEM."



The Protected Farmer—Well, Mr. Bryan, if it's a "vicious" system that has given my farm the richest ten years I ever knew, and then, even though crippled with give-away foreign trade agreements, has enabled the country to weather a year of hurricane panic, then all I have to say is that the system isn't quite "vicious" enough to suit me. I'm going to vote for the man that's under orders to keep it as "vicious" as he can.

they would go to if Mr. Bryan should apply his revenue tariff no man can tell, but we should soon find that the American farmer was getting the worst of it. Mr. Bryan is very fond of giving out the impression that manufacturers and the great organized business of the United States are the only beneficiaries of protection. Yet practically everything that grows or is produced on the farm is protected. The list, which is formidable, includes cattle, swine, horses, mules, sheep, barley, malt, wheat, corn, cornmeal, macaroni, oats, oatmeal, rice, rye, wheat, flour, butter, cheese, milk, beans, cabbage, dinner, eggs, hay, honey, hops, onions, peas, potatoes, commercial seeds, straw, vegetables, sugar, wool, hides, leaf tobacco, fruits, nuts, bacon, ham, fresh beef, yeast, mutton, pork, extracts of meat, lard, poultry, and tallow. So it will be seen that, if Mr. Bryan's great scheme for scaling down the tariff until there is no protection, but merely revenue, becomes a reality, the farmer will have to take his medicine along with the manufacturer, for we have the assurance of the Democratic party that it plays no favorites.

Let the farmer who contemplates voting for Bryan ponder on these things. Let him remember that it was Mr. Bryan who drafted the free wool clause in the Wilson bill and that it is this same Mr. Bryan who "denounces all protection as 'vicious,' including protection for the American farmer."

### A Short Sermon.

In both his first and second battles Mr. Bryan polled much the largest total vote ever cast by the Democratic party. The Republicans won by increasing their own vote immensely over their former greatest effort. If they had not done this they would have lost. An examination of the figures is instructive for they have definitely a present bearing. Mr. Bryan's total vote in 1896 was 6,592,925, and in 1900, 6,558,153. The largest previous Democratic vote, in 1892, was 5,556,918. Bryan broke the Democratic record by over 800,000. If the Republicans had failed to offset the big increase they would have been defeated. Republican apathy would have been fatal in either the first or second Bryan campaign. In the Parker slump of four years ago the Democratic total sank to 5,082,754. But that is not a mark to be considered by Republicans this year. In both his former campaigns Bryan was stronger than Parker by about a million and a quarter votes, and stronger than the Democratic party had previously been by 800,000.

In fighting Bryan in 1896 and 1900 the Republican party rose to the occasion. Its highest vote before was 5,442,216, in 1888. In 1896 it went up, as a result of the most vigorous effort, to 7,194,779. It increased to 7,207,928 in 1900, and to 7,624,489 in 1904. But what would happen if the Republicans should be apathetic this year? It is true that Bryan does not get votes in proportion to the crowds he draws in traveling throughout the country. But, at the same time, he has polled 800,

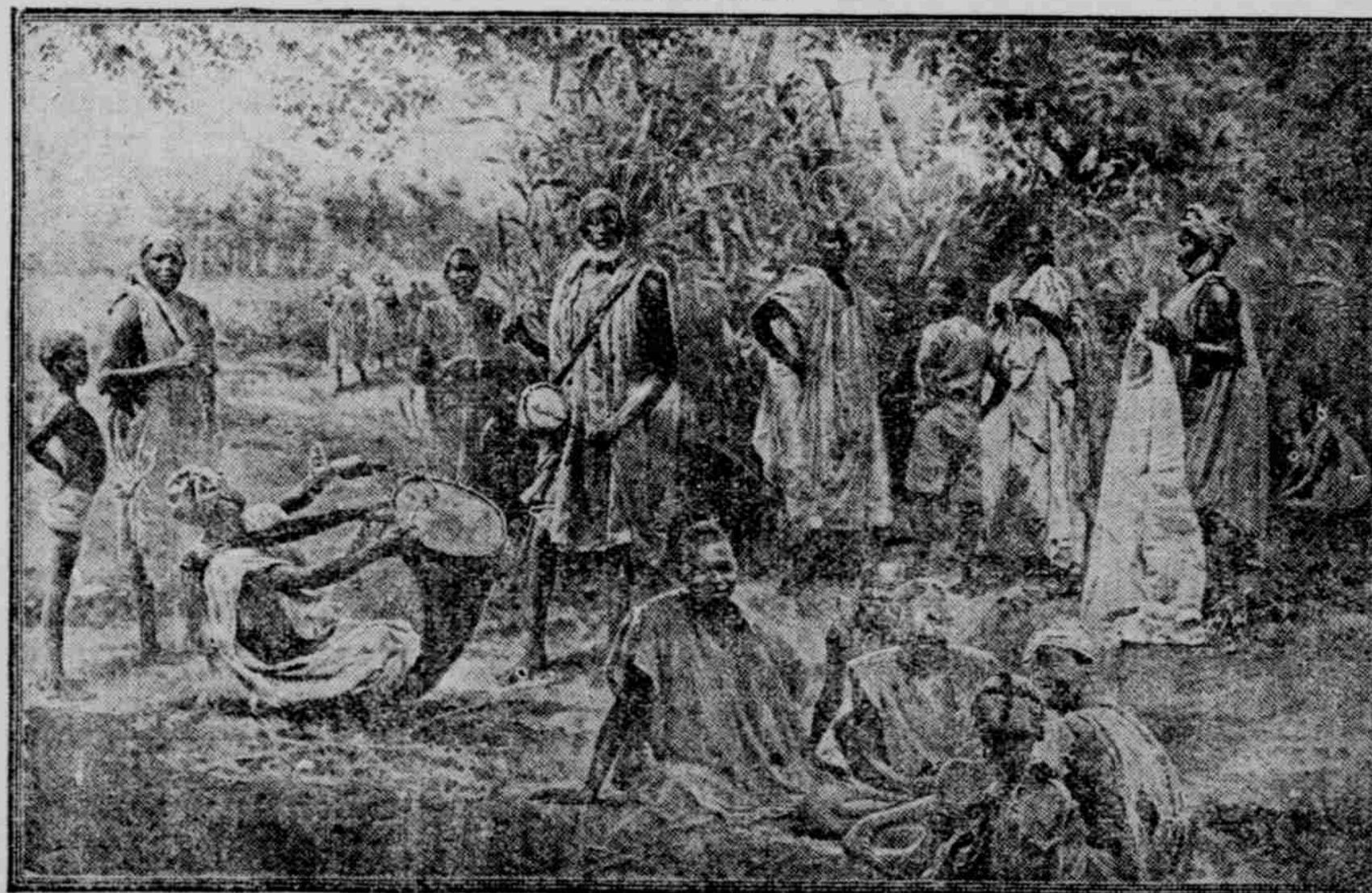
## THE MOST IMPORTANT THING.

### That Labor Should First of All Have Work and Wages.

We think the intelligent union worker knows that what the labor program of the Democratic party is after is not the bestowment upon the unions of all that they want in the way of legislation on injunctions, but the votes, along with the cash contributions, of organized labor. And we also think the intelligent union worker knows that the most important thing to him and to the country is that he should have full work at good wages. Neither he nor any one else can see in a Bryan political prospectus the work and the wages that he has actually experienced under the practical policy of the party which makes business, first of all, for American industries and therefore work for American wage-earners.

But for the Tariff. The magnificent industrial development in the United States owes its existence and prosperity to the protective tariff. But for the protective tariff there would be no sugar factories in the United States today. The protective tariff built up the iron, steel, tin, and, in fact, every industry of note in the land. The stronger the tariff protection the greater development of industries. Hence the more the American people should cling to their industrial development and foster and encourage it by wise legislation. Were it not for the tariff there would be but few smokestacks, mills or factories in the United States. Those countries that had their manufacturing interests highly developed and that were paying labor wretched wages, could hold the American market indefinitely with their products, and their competition would make it un-

## DRUMMING UP LABORERS IN AFRICA.



A NIGERIAN CHIEF'S METHOD OF SUMMONING HARVEST HANDS BY BEATING OF DRUMS.

In the primitive parts of Africa labor is not regularly employed, and when one of the petty chiefs needs workers he collects them in a peculiar manner. In Nigeria, when a chief is ready to begin his harvesting, he sets his tribesmen drumming. They beat huge kettle

## THE DAY BEYOND.

When youth is with us, all things seem But lightly to be wished and won; We snare to-morrow in a dream. And take our toll for work undone; For life is long, and time a stream That sleeps and sparkles in the sun. What need of any haste?" we say; "To-morrow's longer than to-day."

And when to-morrow shall destroy The heaven of our dreams, in vain Our hurrying manhood we employ To build the vanished bliss again; We have no leisure to enjoy,

"So few the years that yet remain; So much to do, and all!" we say, "To-morrow's longer than to-day."

But when our hands are worn and weak, And still our labors seem unblest, And time goes past us like a bleak Last twilight waiting to the west, "It is not here—the bliss we seek; Too brief is life for happy rest.

And yet what need of grief?" we say: "To-morrow's longer than to-day."

—Waverley Magazine.

even if the fact's only too apparent. He won't want to stay half as long the next time as he will if he anticipates tears and reproaches."

She apologized for other delinquencies of Stribbling's from time to time, as when he wasn't nice about a hat, complained of the summer or brought guests home unexpectedly in the course of the next fifteen or sixteen years.

So everything went along very happily indeed, upon the whole, until one fatal evening Stribbling came home and found his mother-in-law in the sitting room with her embroidery.

"Why, hello, mother!" said Stribbling, a little surprised. "I thought we had lost you."

"My rheumatism was troubling me so this afternoon that Bessie wouldn't let me go," explained Mrs. Sanaper.

"I'm sorry," said Stribbling. "I can sympathize with you, too. I've been bothered with rheumatism all day. Where is Bessie?"

"She went downtown to do a little shopping," replied Mrs. Sanaper. "I thought surely that you would come home on the same train."

Stribbling frowned as a sharp pain shot through his temples. "It's a dicking knob at what would be the mouthpiece end of the horn, and the five are arranged in a ring, side by side, with the honey knobs aloft. Though the honey stone is obvious from without, yet the insects who would slip it must creep into the flower and penetrate with a long nose up the curving horn to the knob."

Some time the petals are all joined together into a tube and the sweet nectar simply exudes from the inner side of the wall and collects at the bottom.

This is the case in the dead nettle, the tube of which forms so toothsome a morsel that some children call it "suckies."

"I suppose you think she ought to be," said Stribbling. "She's an abused, trampled-on, domestic drudge, isn't she? And I'm a brute. Is that what you mean?"

Mrs. Sanaper groaned a little and then said with some energy: "I certainly think you are not in a very available mood this evening, John."

Stribbling turned on his heel and left the room.

That night Mrs. Stribbling said: "What have you been saying to mother, John? She's been crying about something and she won't tell me what it is."

"I'll tell you," said Stribbling. "I wish she'd go. She's been here two days now. Because she happens to be my mother-in-law I don't see why I'm to be criticized by her. She's been trying to make out that I mean to you—or she thinks so, that's all. It's the natural hostility of a woman to the man who marries her daughter, I suppose, and I suppose I'll have to put up with it; but I don't like it. Just plain mother-in-law."

The moral is that eternal vigilance is the price of toleration.—Chicago Daily News.

## REVIVAL OF DICKENS NEAR.

Instead of Stribbling, Man, She Looks Up to Him as a Superior Being.

We are threatened—and there is no use any longer dignifying the fact—with a formidable revival of the Dickens girl. An audacious milliner, in a thoughtless moment, reintroduced the "cottage bonnet" (familiar in portraits of the young Queen Victoria) as a kind of blinder for motoring, and the head-gear, tied round the dimpled chin of a pretty young woman, reminded numerous elderly gentlemen of strollers of the '30s.

Like Yvette Guilbert, the first girl who ventured to wear the cool-sentimental bonnet had a success de grand'mere. The contrast was piquant, irresistible. For some time past the artists of the Dickens school have been pasting crimson and white bows all over the insignia of the young person of the Dickens novel and period. And now she is upon us in the flesh, and not upon canvas. The cottage bonnet and floating veil sweep all before them, the most devout woman hater is disarmed, the susceptible fall at one glance.

And with the Dickens bonnet will surely come a revival of the feminine manners, the feminine attitude of the '40s and '50s. It will be a surprising volte-face. Missy will have to put away her golf clubs and horseback strolls, and take to tatting and playing the piano. Young persons with a pretty wit and a talent for conversation must forthwith sit unchaperoned, and their voices must not be heard at the dinner table.

Instead of snubbing and chaffing Missy, she will have to prostrate herself before him as being of superior power. One can foresee some diverting contingencies—until the heroine of another and more audacious period comes, for the nonce, the fashion—London Sketch.

## HOW FLOWERS HIDE HONEY.

Flora Where Sweets Are Stored In The Lily.

"Before the bee sucks," as Ariel put it, he must find the wonderful places where the flowers hide away their honey, to be found like the priests' hiding holes in ancient mansions, by the right sort of visitor, and to keep away all intruders.

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**DISCOVERIES AT KNOSOS.**

Results of the Recent Excavations by Dr. Evans in Crete.

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In another quarter, on the north, a great hoard of bronze implements and utensils, including a large tripod cauldron in perfect preservation, will much increase our knowledge of the finer domestic apparatus of Minoan civilization. As Dr. Evans speaks of having unearthed a great number of early vases with these tools there should be no difficulty in dating the latter and thereby getting standard forms.

On the south of the palace a range of buildings has been found at a lower level, largely buried under debris of the palace itself. The latter included a mass of ivy fragments, the remains of carved caskets and of fresco paintings. Inside the south building itself, under a staircase, a small hoard of silver vessels has come to light—some bowls and a jug. These will be welcomed as first fruits of that work in precious metals which so greatly influenced the ceramic artists of the middle Minoan period, but has generally disappeared.

We hear, too, of fine vases of various kinds, one with a papier-mâché ornament in relief and others in the best "palace style." Work is also proceeding actively on the restoration of the royal apartments on the east of the palace, and every effort is being made to get into the great dome tomb found last year and to find other tombs.

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