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WATCH MONTANA GROW.

More than 600 miles of new railway track will be laid in Montana at a cost of about \$25,000,000, is the announcement made recently by prominent railway officials. Right of way has been secured for the greater part of this new mileage, and a number of parties of surveyors are in the field locating the remainder of the mileage to be constructed. One of the most important of the new lines to be constructed is the cutoff for the Northern Pacific, extending from Glendive to Helena, a distance of 350 miles. This road will pass through Dawson, Fergus and Meagher counties, which is a new and sparsely settled section offering many opportunities for home-seekers.

The chief purpose for the construction of this new line is to give a more direct route from St. Paul to the coast, and the new road will be used chiefly for mail and fast freight. This road will parallel the Milwaukee road from Miles City to Meagher, but at an average distance of 25 miles.

In connection with the building of this 350-mile cutoff at an estimated cost of \$10,000,000, announcement is made that the railway company will colonize large tracts of their lands. It is their policy to keep these lands out of the hands of speculators as much as possible. To indicate the rapid settlement of Montana, the president of the Northern Pacific states that 630,000 acres, from the total of 834,000 acres that had been disposed of during the 10 months' period ending March 31, were in Montana.

It is also announced that the Great Northern will construct a road south-easterly from Mondak to Lewistown, a distance of 268 miles. Right of way has been secured for this road, and surveyors are in the field selecting the best route for a further extension of this road from Lewistown to Helena, an additional distance of more than 100 miles. The estimated cost of this road is from \$12,000,000 to \$15,000,000.

In addition to these two lines that are definitely projected, the Milwaukee system is reported actively at work on a branch line from Melstone through Lewistown to Great Falls. These new railway lines will give transportation to a very large territory in Montana and will be the means of rapid development, for both the Hill and the Milwaukee systems are "colonizing" roads.

PRESIDENT IS NOT PARTISAN.

The recent speech of President Taft at Rockland, Maine, was, in its reference to his position as president of the United States, a most happy one, and it will be exceedingly gratifying to the masses of the people if he and his successors invariably maintain the patriotic and unselfish status he so eloquently defined.

"Traveling as I am, as president of the United States, I have no right to be other than president of the whole people and to stand only on the platform of patriotism, love of country and prosperity for all."

In those words President Taft raised the chief executive far above the whirl of party politics, far above factions, cliques and machines, and, sincere man as he is, the people of the country receive his words with confidence and exult in the separation of the president and political canvasses.

We are to have no more "swinging around the circle" of our presidents for the purpose of influencing voters by presidential appeals for partisan purposes.

He, himself, has said it, and the presidential promises will be as firmly fixed in the mind of the executive as are the party convention pledges.

President Taft in this has broken away from the course of many of his predecessors and has set a precedent that will render him illustrious in a line of illustrious officials.

When he travels as president of the United States his fellow citizens of all and every political faith will welcome him in every quarter of the land; they will listen to his words of hope, his patriotic sentences, his pledges of national progress, fully assured he will utter not a sentiment that will tend to further a partisan end or a word of commendation of one party more than another.

He has divorced the president from alliance with politics of every partisan nature; he has separated the executive of the nation from the schemes and machinations of candidates and committees who would make him the instrument to draw the voters into partisan organizations to advance personal or party ends.

President Taft in that speech served notice upon politicians everywhere that the president of the United States would be no tool in their hands to do partisan work.

If he draws upon himself the anger and disfavor of the politicians by those words, expressing such a high resolve and dignified attitude, he, by

keeping his promise, will call forth the plaudits of his countrymen.

It was high time that presidential campaign excursions should be ended, and it has fallen to the good fortune of President Taft to end them.—Cincinnati Inquirer.

IT PRODUCES REVENUE.

Coming on the heels of recent primary elections in several states, in which the tariff law was the chief issue, the official figures analyzed by a correspondent of the Milwaukee Sentinel show up in even a stronger light than did the friends of the tariff law during the primary campaign the falsity of the charges brought against the measure which President Taft declares is the best tariff law ever framed. The law has been in operation just a year. The official figures show in general the following facts, as summarized by the correspondent mentioned:

1. That the total value of free imports under the eleven months of the Payne law was greater than for an average similar period of any other tariff law.
2. That the total value of dutiable imports was greater than for an average similar period of any other tariff law.
3. That the percentage of free imports was greater than for an average similar period of any other tariff law, the McKinley law alone excepted, when sugar was on the free list.
4. That the customs receipts were greater than for an average similar period of any other tariff law.
5. That the average ad valorem on dutiable articles was lower than for an average similar period of any other tariff law.
6. That the average ad valorem on all imports was lower than for an average similar period of any other tariff law.

In the minds of those hostile to the protective tariff theory these six facts of course constitute six crimes in political economy. But to all those who have been prating about how loyal they are to the principle of protection and yet were too "patriotic" to endorse the present tariff act these facts are unanswerable refutation of their position. To the republicans who have maintained persistently that the present tariff act is thoroughly republican in theory and in results, the official figures covering the first year of the law's operation will be wholly confirmatory and correspondingly encouraging. On such a showing the republicans may well wage the congressional campaign on the tariff issue with confidence in the merits of their own position, if not in the ultimate good sense of the voters.

Going more into detail, the figures show that for every working day of the year the customs revenues have been \$1,000,000. The monthly average has been double that under either the Wilson or McKinley law and \$6,000,000 more than under the Dingley act. The Payne law has not only produced \$6,000,000 a month in excess of the customs receipts under the Dingley law, but has added \$2,000,000 a month in corporation taxes.

Lands Open To Entry.

Upon request of the commissioner of the general land office at Washington, who called on Receiver C. A. Wilson for an immediate report on the unappropriated lands in the Great Falls land district, the latter states that there are still open for entry a total of 1,685,701 acres, which have been surveyed, and 300,420 acres that have not yet been surveyed by the government, making in all 1,986,121 acres. The tabulated report is interesting and is as follows, by counties: Teton, 729,520 acres surveyed, 217,200 acres unsurveyed; Chouteau, 633,920 acres surveyed, 12,900 acres unsurveyed; Cascade, 288,620 acres surveyed, 70,260 acres unsurveyed; Lewis and Clark, 19,640 acres surveyed; Fort Shaw Military reservation, 8,801 acres surveyed. The figures named do not include the amount of land unappropriated which was transferred to the Havre land district July 1.

It is understood that the general land office desires to ascertain the amount of vacant government land in the United States and all of the receivers throughout the entire country have been called upon for a similar report.

Orders Must Be Obeyed.

General Nelson A. Miles tells this story to illustrate the results of carrying military discipline too far. There was a certain colonel who, in the middle of a campaign, was seized with a sudden ardor about hygiene. He ordered that all the men change their shirts at once.

The order was duly carried out except in the case of one company, where the privates' wardrobes had been pitifully depleted. The captain of this company was informed that none of his men could change their shirts, since they had only one apiece. When he reported this fact, the colonel hesitated a moment, then said firmly: "Orders must be obeyed. Let the men change shirts with one another."

HINTS FOR THE BUSY HOUSEWIFE

Mop Wringer That Fastens In the Sink.



The mop wringer illustrated above was designed for ordinary household use. This new wringer consists of a conical can with a hook on the side by which it can be hung in the corner of the kitchen sink. It is open at the bottom and has openings at the sides to permit the outflow of water. Along the inside is a series of blades that engage the mop when it is thrust in the can and hold it when it is twisted. A couple of twists of the handle and the mop can be squeezed as dry as though it were run through a roller wringer. This device has an additional advantage in that it can be used conveniently not only to dry a floor mop, but to wring out the small mop that women use in washing dishes.

Stuffed Eggs For Picnic Lunch.

Boil fresh eggs twenty minutes, then drop into cold water. When cool remove the yolks without breaking the whites. Lay the two halves of each egg side by side so it will be easy to match them when filled. Rub the yolks to a cream with melted butter, add for a half dozen eggs a half cupful boiled ham minced fine and seasoned with salt, pepper and a bit of made mustard. A spoonful of chopped pickle may be added if desired. Put the two halves together, skewer with wooden toothpicks and wrap each egg in a square of paraffin paper. This filling may be varied by using tongue instead of ham, minced olives or chowchow, minced mushrooms or capers.

Ripe Cucumber Pickle.

Cut cucumbers in halves lengthwise. Cover with alum water, allowing two teaspoonfuls powdered alum to each quart of water. Heat gradually to boiling point, then let stand on back of range two hours. Remove from alum water and chill in ice water. Make a sirup by boiling five minutes two pounds sugar, one pint vinegar, with two tablespoonfuls each of whole cloves and stick cinnamon tied in a piece of muslin. Add cucumbers and cook ten minutes. Remove cucumbers to a stone jar and pour over the sirup. Scald sirup three successive mornings and return to cucumbers.

Kitchen Hints.

For cleaning iron sink, zinc and nickel use kerosene, two tablespoonfuls added to a pail of water. This is excellent for washing an oiled floor. It improves its appearance and is also good for oilcloth.

Use sal soda dissolved in water for cleansing sink spout.

For cleansing hands discolored from cooking use tartaric acid, rinse thoroughly, then rub in dry Indian meal.

Always keep near at hand an antiseptic to be applied immediately to scratches, cuts and bruises. It often saves blood poisoning.

Liver Sandwiches.

Four boiling water over a half pound of calf's liver, drain and pat dry. Put several slices of bacon cut small in the frying pan and as the fat begins to try out add the liver and three small shallots chopped fine. Cook the liver three or four minutes only, as longer cooking toughens; then chop the contents of the frying pan fine or pound in a mortar until of the consistency of pate de foie gras. Season with salt, pepper, a dusting of mace and nutmeg and spread between thin slices of buttered bread.

Homemade Cement.

A good cement that will be found most efficacious in mending curbs, fossils and other things is made in this way: Dissolve two ounces of gum arabic in about a pint of water, then add an ounce and a half of laundry starch stirred smooth in a little cold water and half an ounce of sugar and cook in a double boiler until clear and of the consistency of tar. Add a few drops of oil of cloves or camphor to assist in preserving the glue.

Ironing Shirt Waists.

First iron the body of the waist, then crumple a quantity of soft brown or tissue paper into a big loose roll; button or pin the waist over this bundle and then proceed to iron the sleeves without any trouble. The button side of the waist may be ironed on several thicknesses of a Turkish towel; the sinking of the buttons into the soft towel gives a flat surface to iron on, and the other side will be perfectly smooth.

A DEMOCRATIC VIEW.

High Cost of Living Charged To Republican Legislation.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16.—The tariff, trusts, combines, monopolies and an increased money supply are the substantial causes for the advance in prices in the United States, according to Senator Johnson (Ala.), Clark (Ark.) and Smith (S. C.), minority members of the select senate committee appointed during the last session of congress to investigate and report on wages and prices of commodities. The report was made public today.

Vigorous attack is made in the minority report on almost all the reasons given by the majority in its report submitted some time ago as the cause for the advance in prices.

After attacking one at a time the foregoing principal causes, which according to the majority report contribute to the high cost of living, the minority report takes up the tariff, declaring that when the Payne-Aldrich bill was framed "champagne was put on the schedule at from 54 to 66 per cent, while wearing apparel was taxed from 80 to 92 per cent; drinking champagne was to be encouraged and wearing woolen clothing discouraged."

Fire Fighting is Expensive.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16.—Because of the serious forest fire situation in Montana, acting Secretary Pierce of the interior department, today requested Chief Clerk Uoker, who now is in the Yellowstone national park on a tour of inspection, to go to the new park and assist Supervisor Logan in handling the situation. Because of the extensive area it is difficult for one man to supervise the fighting of the fires.

The cost of fighting the fires on the national forests in the Missoula district comprising Montana, northern Idaho and Wyoming is said to be enormous. This will create a deficit in the appropriation of \$135,000 made at the last session of congress for fighting forest fires during the current fiscal year. It is not believed here the situation will be materially relieved until the advent of rain.

Washington News Notes.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16.—The American National bank at Helena has applied for designation as a depository of postal bank funds.

The coal lands in North and South Dakota, amounting to about a million acres, which were recently withdrawn from the public domain by President Taft, have been opened to homestead settlement, under the act passed at the last session of congress authorizing agricultural entries on coal lands. The title to the coal and the right to prospect for, mine and remove it is reserved to the United States, but the surface lands are thrown open to settlers.

In order to promote harmony and co-operation between the field officials of the general land office and the forest service in the settlement of homestead claims within the national forests, representatives of the interior and agricultural department will leave Washington Thursday for the west to confer with field agents of the two branches of the government. The task has been delegated to James S. Sheridan, chief of the field division of the general land office.

Roosevelt Turned Down.

NEW YORK, Aug. 16.—Theodore Roosevelt's name was presented for the office of temporary chairman of the republican state convention at the meeting of the republican state committee today but his selection for that honor was lost by a vote of 20 to 15.

Vice President James M. Sherman was named as temporary chairman of the coming state convention by a unanimous vote, following the unsuccessful attempt to make Colonel Roosevelt the temporary chairman of the convention.

House From One Tree.

SEATTLE, Aug. 16.—A house which is perhaps the most remarkable structure of its kind in the world has just been completed at Elma, Wash. It is a large 14 room dwelling, two and one-half stories high, and was built entirely from a single fir tree. All of the lumber used in erecting the house was from this one giant tree, a douglas fir. It contained 40,000 feet of good lumber, worth about \$1,000.

To Irrigate Fork Peck Lands.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16.—In order that the Indians on the Fork Peck reservation in Montana may be protected from dry seasons in the future, the interior department has decided to construct ditches for the irrigation of about 9,000 acres of land on the reservation.

The work will be done under the direction of Supervising Engineer H. N. Savage of the reclamation service. It is said that the Indians' principal crops have been a failure this year on account of an exceedingly dry season, and the government desires to install the system at the earliest possible moment.

The Indians will be given an opportunity to work on the project during the coming fall and winter.

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