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FREE TRADE OVERRULED.

Whatever else they did, the elections throughout the country Tuesday proved conclusively that the democratic party has lost the faith of the people. Whether the republicans sent to congress are numerous enough to overcome the great majority enjoyed for two years by the democrats, the fact remains that the people have spoken and it is plain what their will is. They are opposed to the administration of the nation's affairs as conducted by the democrats.

The tariff and the so-called "war revenue" bill were sufficient in themselves to bring down upon the administration the severe rebuke which it suffered at the polls Tuesday. President Wilson and his lieutenants may say if they want to that they are satisfied with the result, but they should not blind themselves to that fact that their party was decisively beaten. Having a majority in congress cut from 141 to a minimum, is significant.

The truth is that the people are awake to the fact that the democratic administration has been a complete failure. Excepting for a new currency bill that bids fair to work all right practically all the legislation passed by the recent congress has gone wrong. The "tariff for revenue only," which was to have reduced the cost of living and sharpened the edge of the industrial leaders of the nation, has not only failed to produce money to run the government on, but has increased, rather than decreased the cost of living. Needing money to supply "pork" for hungry democratic politicians, the government squandered the money in the treasury and then plastered a "tax" upon a people who had already been duly impressed with the fact that the United States was at peace with the world. The "war tax" was put off until the last possible minute before the adjournment of congress and it was not expected to be much of a factor in Tuesday's elections, but apparently the voters were not as easy to fool as the democratic leaders.

The administration, although pledged to practice economy, has spent more money than any previous administration the country has ever had. The people arose in their wrath and many democratic congressmen lost their seats.

It does not require second sight to show that at Tuesday's election the voters were voicing their protest to free trade ideas and administration extravagance. It is evident that the people are again going to put the affairs of this country in the hands of the republican party which made it the prosperous nation that it was when the democrats went into office on a wave of general discontentment with certain republican leaders rather than against republican principles.

The pre-election claims of the candidates are often laughable when viewed by the light of the counted ballots. For instance, Robins, senatorial candidate in Illinois on the progressive ticket announced loudly on Monday that the fight was between himself and the democratic boss, Sullivan. Sherman said Robins, didn't count. Wednesday it looked as though Sherman was going to win the election while Robins was less of a factor than he had created Sherman with being in announcing that the republicans were conceding the election of Connolly for senator and Hamilton for governor. And locally speaking, there were several pretty wild predictions made by candidates who thought that every man who spoke to them were their ardent supporters.

It is an imposition on the people to have to wait more than a day to get returns from their own home precincts and it is an imposition on the election officials to make them work all day, most of the night and most of the following day in receiving and counting the votes. Ottumwa's voting precincts should be cut down to a size that would make them less cumbersome. In most places, voting precincts are designed to accommodate about three hundred voters in at least one of the Ottumwa precincts and the smallest has about six hundred.

With a serious epidemic of hoof and mouth disease breaking out in cattle herds all over the country, Iowans should take good care to keep the scourge away from this state. Fortunately Iowa is a state that produces cattle rather than one that imports "feeder" stock for fattening and it is the "feeder" stock that has been spreading the disease. Nevertheless it behooves the Iowa farmer to keep his eyes on his herd.

It will not be an easy task for the new republican board of supervisors to step in and do efficient work with bills of all sorts and sizes hanging over their head. Nevertheless they should remember that they were called to office to restore the financial standing

of the county and they will have to practice rigid economy to bring this about.

Now the election is over. Let's get down seriously to the work of boosting Iowa. We might begin by appreciating the fact that no state in the nation can boast of a better fall and Indian summer than has been enjoyed right here in the state of Iowa.

Press Comment

Knoxville Journal: Iowa has always been the banner republican state and will continue to be.

Green Bay Gazette: Wisconsin will have a bunch of officials if all that has been said of them by opponents were true. Unfortunately such lies do not all go home to roost until after election.

Topeka State Journal: "Raise more hogs," a slogan that's been sounded by Secretary Houston of the federal department of agriculture, should be heeded by those who have the facilities. Not only will it be exceedingly profitable to them, but it will also confer a boon on the countless citizens who are not in a position to raise hogs by increasing the meat supply.

Sioux Falls Argus-Leader: This old world isn't going to have much of a Christmas this year. With 15,000,000 or 20,000,000 men under arms trying to kill each other, the anthem of "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men" will have a hollow sound. Those who hoped that the real war in Europe would be over by Yuletide are certain to be doomed to a terrible disappointment.

Clinton Herald: What a lot of naval junk this war is getting rid of! When ever an English or German warship is sent to the bottom, the government suffering the loss announces that the vessel "was old and practically worthless," or "of an obsolete type."

Even with allowance for exaggeration in these statements it is plain that the paper strength of a navy is no criterion of its fighting power.

Chicago Evening Post. Some surprise has been expressed in places at the length of time Lord Kitchener has said it takes to prepare a recruit for the service. The idea seems to prevail generally that a young man ought to be drilled sufficiently and taught how to shoot accurately enough to enable him to go to the firing line in about two months, there to keep his head and his heart. Lord Kitchener, and the generals of the French and German staffs also, doubtless will say that much more is to be done with recruits than to teach them to wheel by fours by platoons and companies to march a few miles and to shoot fairly straight.

Even the athlete has to be trained for army service. The fatigue incident to long marches and uncertain hours of sleep and of food play havoc. The recruit has to be "built up" to the peculiar duties which are ahead of him. One thing is one thing to be able to run a hundred yards in ten seconds and to recuperate rapidly from the effort, and it is entirely another thing to stand the constant strain of campaigning under awful weather conditions, under night alarms and under war's hard conditions generally.

Dinner Stories

The kindly dame de compagnie attached to a young ladies' finishing



school was about to take two of her flightiest charges to see the pictures at the Paris salon. "There are certain pictures in this collection, mademoiselle, which I do not wish you to behold," she observed, halting upon the threshold. "But how shall we know which they are, madame?" giggled one of the twain. "I myself will point them out to you," replied the worthy guide.

An amusing incident happened at a club in Pall Mall. A member, having lost his umbrella there, caused the following notice to be put up in the entrance hall: "The nobleman who took away an umbrella not his own, on such a date is requested to return it."

The committee took umbrage at this statement and summoned before them the member who had composed it. "Why, sir," they said, "should you have supposed that a nobleman had taken your umbrella?" "Well," he replied, "the first article in the club rules say: 'This club is composed of noblemen and gentlemen,' and since the person who stole my umbrella could not have been a gentleman he must have been a nobleman."

A young minister preached one Sunday to a rural congregation and spent the next day visiting the people. At one house the man of the house was expressing his appreciation of the sermon in complimentary terms while assisting the minister to put up his team. His little son had followed him, and after saying the minister a minute or two exclaimed: "Why, papa, you said he was a one-hoss preacher, and he's got two hosses!"

CHARITON

Word was received in this city the first of the week of the critical illness of Mrs. W. W. Whitfield of Lincoln, Neb., formerly of this city. She expected to undergo an operation yesterday. Her many friends here will hope for her speedy recovery.

Mrs. Stanley Van Sandt of Clarinda

National Political News

Washington, D. C., Nov. 5.—Almost any man or woman living west of the Alleghenies would laugh at the suggestion that the government conduct a school for the care of gardens in winter. Our grandfathers and grandmothers did not have to ask anybody as to what would happen to plants caught out in the frost, nor as to whether a lawn should be fertilized during the period when snows are falling and melting week after week. Our fathers and mothers got that sort of practical instruction early, just as they knew how to harness a horse or fight the potato-bug pest. Yet here the department of agriculture, answering a widespread demand for advice, is getting out a series of leaflets of instruction on these matters. As a means of getting the reader's attention free from war and politics for a few minutes it seems well timed. The first of the expert opinions is entitled "To Protect Your Flowers From Jack Frost." Hardy perennials that are expected to live through the winter, it says, should be given a four-inch coating of stable litter, to keep the plant from freezing to so great a depth that its supply of water would be cut off. Larkspur, peonies, hollyhocks, columbine, iris, patty-codones and perennial poppies benefit by this treatment.

When frost kills the tops of cannas, dahlias, gladiolus, caladiums and similar plants in the fall, their bulbs or roots should be dug up and put away in a cellar, where with the dirt clinging to the cannas and dahlias they should be kept on racks or in slat boxes at a temperature of about 50 degrees. Bulbs of gladiolus, caladiums, tuberous roots and so forth, are to be shaken free of soil and dried for a day before storing. Pansies are to be set out in the fall, in the southern states, but north of the line from New York to St. Louis they do better if set out in the spring. Geraniums for outdoors can be kept through the winter in an ordinary potato cellar, where the temperature is from 40 to 50 degrees, the plants having a little dry soil about their roots as they are packed in a corner or are hung up on a joist. In the spring the tops are cut off to within three inches of the ground line. At least half of the plants so stored will flourish in the second season.

The second of these letters to the anxious home-gardener is entitled, "Tulip Bulbs Should be Planted the Late Fall." It lays down the rule that on the fortieth parallel of latitude the tulip bulb should go into the ground about the first week in November and farther south a little later. Tulips, hyacinths and narcissus should be planted, in general, a month before the ground freezes up for the winter. A light, loamy soil is best, but where clay prevails the bulb should be set in a layer of sand, to insure drainage. The right depth, measuring to the bottom of the bulb, is four inches for tulips and six inches for the hyacinth and narcissus. A covering of stable litter or mulching, several inches thick, will protect the

returned home yesterday after a few days' visit with Mrs. E. E. Ihenfritz, and at the home of her cousin, Dr. F. A. Saum. Mrs. Mina Goodwin and children of Avery returned home yesterday after a few days' visit with her sister, Mrs. Jas. McPhee and old friends. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hess returned yesterday morning from a ten days' sojourn at Excelsior Springs, Mo. Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Putout of Albia, who had been spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. M. Neighbors, returned home yesterday. Mrs. John Stephens of Pickering, Mo., returned home yesterday after a few days' visit with her father-in-law, H. Stephens, and sister-in-law, Mrs. Mollie Kitzelman. Mrs. John Gill visited in Lucas yesterday at the home of her father, John Evans.

Mr. J. J. Watkins of Lucas visited in this city yesterday enroute home from a visit with relatives in Kewanee and Rock Island, Ill., and Hiteaman, Ia. Mrs. E. E. Mills and children of Lucas returned home yesterday after a visit near Derby at the home of her brother, L. E. Sinit. Elizabeth, Fay and Amy Hickman of Spickard, Mo., who had been visiting at the homes of their cousins, G. C. and Murray Frye, returned home yesterday. J. H. Roberts, who is employed in Corydon visited over Sunday at his home here.

BIDWELL.

Mr. and Mrs. John Keifer and little daughter Mary of South Ottumwa and Mr. and Mrs. Scott Johnston were entertained Sunday at the Frank Johnston home. Mr. and Mrs. Rolla Lewis and son Bert visited their son Merle Sunday, who is still a patient at the Ottumwa hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Patrick of High Point have moved to the farm formerly known as the John Beagle place.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Johnston of Chillicothe visited Sunday at the James Johnston home.

Mrs. Mary Grooms of Chillicothe is visiting relatives here.

Henry Canfield and Selmon Lewis were business visitors in Richmond Friday.

John Garner of Ottumwa dug a well for Scott Johnston last week.

Mrs. Lottie Williams and son and daughter Burk and wife Williams visited Sunday at the Chas. Smith home near Munterville.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Canfield and Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Canfield of South Ottumwa visited relatives here Sunday.

Mrs. Will Shields of Kansas is visiting at the Mrs. Lottie Williams home.

BELKNAP.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Swinney, son Fred and daughter Lola motored Troy on Sunday, spending the day with Samuel Prather and family.

G. S. Hancock was taken very ill suddenly last week but is improving now.

Mrs. Chas. Harward of Floris was a visitor Friday attending the reception given by the teachers and pupils.

Mrs. Francis Painter and little grandson Master Eldon Kane of Smithsburg, Ill., are guests at the J. B. Painter home.

The new Methodist minister sent to

ground from alternate thawing and freezing, which would injure the bulbs during the winter. The secret of growing tulips, narcissus and hyacinths indoors is declared to be planting the bulbs in shallow earthen pots, leaving the pots in a dark place from four to eight weeks, allowing them to become rooted before any tops are permitted to grow and then bringing them by gradual stages to warmth and light. October is the best time to plant for the earliest of these indoor blooms. Hyacinths, the paper-white narcissus and the sacred Chinese lily can be grown in a dish of water, the bulb resting on a layer of pebbles.

These days of democratic applause of the parcels post system are not without their disappointments in the same parcels post institution. As soon as the election season is well under way, the farmer hears all about the "greedy farmer" and the "dishonest farmer" and the stupid farmer, who has begun boosting the price of eggs and butter and apples and all sorts of foodstuffs which may be sent direct from the farm to the consumer in town. Nothing frank and impolite was thought to be in order for formal conversation until the farmer ballots and has safely reaped and hauled to the barn.

But here is the way the eastern townsman who has been making complaint to the powers in Washington looks at it: The parcels post was established by law under the impression that it would help reduce the cost of living. The farmer would not sell his eggs and butter and cherries and early apples at wholesale rates to the commission merchant or the town grocer. He would advertise his goods for sale by parcels post, and he would find a ready market because he would sell at only a slight advance over the wholesale price. He would make up for even this extra profit by giving the better measure and finer quality. All of which was to reduce the cost of the consumer's dinner and gladden all hearts along the paved streets, and enable little Charabel to attend an extra show or party every little while.

But, alas! The unfeeling farmer studied the retail price lists in town. He figured out exactly the cost of packing by the parcels post route, and the chance of gain or loss by spoiling his product in shipment. Then he modestly advertised his stuff for sale at a price which just grazed under the retail price set by the town grocer. He made it clear that he was going to get the lion's share of that direct-to-consumer profit. He could use it in his own household. His daughter should get the extra social privileges that were to be had through the better measure and finer quality. He stamped. He marked up his prices and the consumer could take the produce or leave it. The grocer smiles again. The parcels post business does not expand rapidly. The consumer is displeased.

This church was unable to be present Sunday, but expects to be here in two weeks, preaching at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Misses Mae Hartwick and Xela Swinney and pupils gave a reception Friday for the parents. An excellent program was given. Refreshments were served.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Wishard and daughters Hazel and Maud, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Wishard and sons Harold and Will, Rev. Geo. Purdy and little daughter, Mrs. M. W. and Mr. W. A. Wishard of Bloomfield and Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Wishard of this place were entertained Sunday at the J. B. McCormick home.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Anderson spent Sunday near Drakeville at the I. E. Kneeder home.

Mrs. J. R. Hart entered the Ottumwa hospital last week for treatment and is getting along nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Milo Foster spent Sunday at the Ott Bandel home near Bloomfield.

Mrs. Stella Rominger of Floris spent one day last week with her parents Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Myers.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. McCormick, Mrs. Ida Jennings, Mrs. C. A. Wishard and Mrs. W. L. Woodwine spent Thursday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Dodd is an Ottumwa visitor.

Mrs. John Buchanan of Locust Grove spent Sunday with her daughter Mrs. Maggie McMain and Mrs. C. G. Myers.

Miss Marie Kneeder of Drakeville is a guest today at the R. E. Anderson home.

FARMINGTON.

Mrs. Susan Morse left Thursday for Creston where she will visit her son Frank Morse and family.

Miss Miss Inez Boice attended a Halloween party in Ottumwa Thursday evening and was the guest of Miss Ruth Sumner.

Miss Vera Kelsey was a Bonaparte visitor Friday.

Mrs. G. F. Boyer and Mrs. Ira Boyer are visiting relatives in Allerton.

Mrs. E. A. Garver and Mrs. N. J. Reesman left Thursday for Des Moines for a visit with their brother Lincoln Clifford.

Miss Ollie Scheyll is the guest of relatives at Milton.

Miss Viola Schriever was a recent Donnellson visitor.

Mrs. Alice Coulter has returned from Allerton where she was the guest of her son, Dr. T. J. Coulter.

The Philathea class of the Baptist church gave a Halloween social at the home of Will Flood on Saturday evening. The guests were transported to this hospitable country home in automobiles and hackrays. The parlors were decorated with autumn leaves, black cats and other appropriate decorations. Games suitable for the occasion were played, and the evening was a happy one, doughnuts and coffee were served.

Miss Lela Martin of Keokuk visited over Sunday at the home of her father B. Martin.

Victor Cling of Ames spent Sunday in Eddyville visiting friends.

C. A. Williams left Monday for Kan-

MODEL STUDENTS IN RURAL SCHOOLS

FULL LIST OF THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN NEITHER ABSENT NOR TARDY.

The following list prepared by the teachers and County Superintendent Elizabeth Burgess, shows the students in the rural schools of the county who have been neither absent nor tardy during the past month:

Bear Creek, Center township—Leslie Saunders, teacher; Velma Chapman, Leona Chapman, Joe Chapman, Everett Chapman, Anna Chapman, Cleora Chapman, Elsie Peterson, Orville Adcock, Clarence Logan, Everett Logan, Pascoe Millhouser, Adrian Millhouser, Ellen Fleer, Maggie Shoemaker, Mary Shoemaker, Cleo Berry.

Elm Grove, Center township—Mary Smith, teacher; Imogene Coyne, Clarence Coyne, Christina Wagner, Mary Coyne, John Coyne, Jeanette Wagner, Lulus Coyne.

Oak Ridge, Center township—Agnie Leinhausler, teacher; Theodore Bissell, Edna Fuqua, Orta Hermann, Frances Hermann, Bernard Hermann, Janet Hobbs, Lloyd Patary, Nina Simmer, Hubert Simmer, Andrew Simmer, Claude Spilman, Darle Terrell, Liona Terrell, Golden Bock, Edna Geisels, Helen Hermann, Gordon Hermann, Ella Hobbs, Carol Leinhausler, Bernice Schaub, Ethel Simmer, George Shepherd, Jesse Shepherd, Daisie Terrell, Durward Terrell.

Smith Ranch, Competine township—Rena Bottorf, teacher; Lewis Copeland, Fred Nelson, Francis Gardner, Cecil Nelson, Merritt Gardner, Lowell Holzhauser.

Keokuk township, district No. 1—Alta Rime, teacher; Lloyd Chrsinger, Willie Chrsinger, Perle Chrsinger, Lonnie Wilkins, Sadie Wilkins, Iva Wilkins, Ernest Wilkins, Orval Wilkins, Anna Dorrel, Ada Dorrel, Bessie Isenhart, Frank Buchanan, Neva Sedore.

Keokuk township, district No. 2—Eda Halls, teacher; Anna Skinner, Francis Skinner, Marion Houk, Hazel Houk, Clarence Skinner.

Keokuk township, district No. 4—Louise Briggs, teacher; Earl Cole, Nina Cole, Sleva Cole, Paul Dunning.

Polk township, district No. 1—Anna Thorne, teacher; Fay Oswald.

Richland township, district No. 6—Jessie Baker, teacher; Floyd McConnell, Margaret Shaw, Mary McCoy, Willis Shaw, Leona Shaw, Edna Brown, Lorene Belford, Doris Brown, Theo Andrews, Hallie McConnell, Delbert McConnell, Truman Mast, Lois McConnell, Katherine Kalen, Ella Randal, Maud Shaw, Gladys Brown.

TOTAL VOTE IN APPANOOSE COUNTY

Centerville, Nov. 5.—The state republican ticket had about 800 plurality in Appanoose county. G. W. Clarke 652 and A. B. Cummins 348. The republicans elected auditor, treasurer, clerk, recorder and one board member. The democrats elected representative, sheriff, attorney and a board member. H. H. Towner carried the county over H. E. Valentine, his opponent whose home is Centerville, by 178. Following is the total vote:

Cummins (R) 2,317; Connolly (D) 1,969. For Governor—Clarke (R) 2,678; Hamilton (D) 2,026. For congressman—Towner (R) 2,449; Valentine (D) 2,271. For representative—Whitton (R) 2,140; Shaeffer (D) 2,467. For Auditor—McNeal (R) 2,915; Willett (D) 1,844. For treasurer—Steele (R) 2,649; Cate (D) 2,166. For clerk—Elliott (R) 2,844; Hiatt (D) 1,940. For sheriff—Bailey (R) 2,441; Brown (D) 2,487. For recorder—Glick (R) 3,284; Harbels (D) 1,373. For attorney—Wycoff (R) 2,346; Hays (D) 2,461. For board, 1915 term—Tucker (R) 2,463; Monroe (D) 2,179. For board 1916 term—Raney (R) 2,215; Ellis (D) 2,367.

sas City on a business trip. Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Bellman of Albia were guests Sunday of Dr. and Mrs. Shan.

Wm. Lewis and daughter went to Okaloosa Monday to visit Mrs. Lewis who recently underwent an operation in the Okaloosa hospital.

Jack Emanuel of Bloomfield is visiting this week at the parental Emanuel home in Eddyville.

Mrs. Pannie Cassatt spent Monday in Pella visiting relatives. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ogden came down from Okaloosa Monday and spent the day visiting the former's aunt Miss Cornelia Goldback.

CEDAR R. NO. 1.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Moore were callers in Okaloosa Wednesday of last week. Mrs. Seigle Allison and children visited at the parental M. E. Allison home Friday.

Miss Cecil Moore spent Wednesday night with her cousin Mary Funk and attended the surprise party at the W. D. Ruble home.

Miss Viola Ross visited at the home of her aunt Mrs. Isaac Cook Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Allison moved from the Schafer farm to Chester Funk's farm on the other side of Chillicothe.

GOLDEN WEDDING AT DAWSON HOME

CHARITON COUPLE MARRIED 50 YEARS—HONORED BY CHILDREN.

Chariton, Nov. 5.—This evening, Nov. 5, 1914, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Dawson of this city, will observe their golden wedding, or fiftieth anniversary and in commemoration of this event will entertain a number of friends and relatives at their home. An elegant repast will be served, and a most enjoyable time is anticipated. Wm. Dawson and Miss Lorinda Schofield were united in marriage at the Andrew Leuch home about fourteen miles west of Chariton on Nov. 5, 1864. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Wm. Bennett, pastor of the Goshen Baptist church. Their fifty years of married life have been spent in Chariton. Twelve children have been born to them, six of whom are living. They are Mrs. Lou Madis, of Lehigh and Mrs. Mary Pettyjohn, of Chariton; Charles of Davenport; Ed of Humeston; Harry of Lincoln, Neb.; and Boyd of Chariton. There are also thirty-eight grandchildren and ten great grandchildren. Mr. and Mrs. Dawson are both sixty-nine years of age. 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