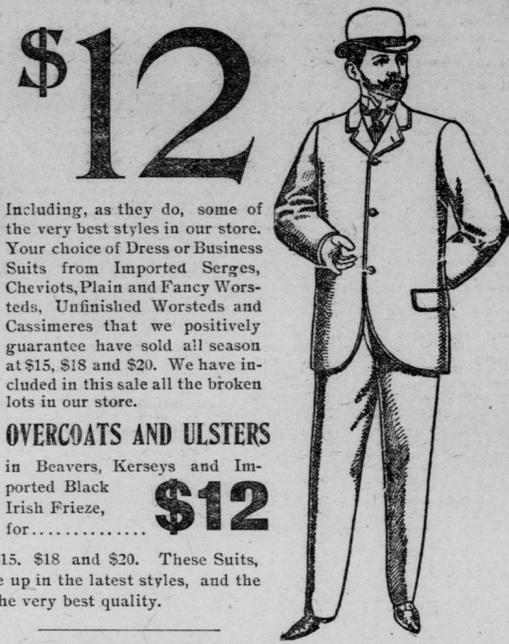
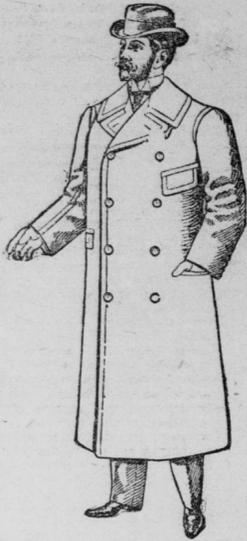


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LUMBERMEN OF THE COUNTRY DECLARE FOR A RADICAL PROTECTIVE SCHEDULE.

TARIFF OF TWO DOLLARS

LOOKED UPON AS ABOUT ENOUGH TO SHUT OFF CANADIAN COMPETITION.

CONVENTION HELD AT CINCINNATI.

Interests of the Trade Before Congress Left to a Committee of Ways and Means.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 15.—Pursuant to a call, issued by J. E. Defebaugh, publisher of the Timberman, and W. B. Judson, publisher of the Lumberman, 150 delegates, representing twenty-seven states, assembled here this morning when the national convention of lumbermen was called to order. Previous to perfecting a temporary organization, Messrs. Judson and Defebaugh made elaborate addresses, explaining the purpose of the convention, the requests for the call, and the present condition of the lumber business. Both had prepared elaborate statements, with statistics on the lumber trade. They appealed to the delegates from the Southern states, which section was largely represented. Most of the Southern delegates have been free traders, but in responding to the welcome address of Judson and Defebaugh, these delegates insisted that if there is to be a protective tariff on lumber, it should be a tariff on lumber. They stated that all other articles used in connection with lumber, in all sorts of construction, were protected, and that the lumber trade was now so depressed as to require relief.

A temporary organization was perfected, with J. A. Freeman as chairman, and J. E. Defebaugh and W. B. Judson, secretaries.

Mrs. Freeman made a vigorous speech against the tariff of 1894, as discriminating against lumber, and urging the convention to take such action as would secure a tariff on lumber. The lumber interests in the tariff bill to be enacted by the coming congress.

Secretary Defebaugh read many letters from lumbermen, who do not seem to be present, but who pledged their cooperation in any action the convention might take to secure a tariff on lumber. The opening address was delivered by J. E. Defebaugh, editor of the Lumberman, Chicago, who said:

CLAIMS OF LUMBER.

We need to present a united front in pressing claims of the lumber industry upon our national representatives. That unity of opinion and action can be secured by a general conference of the industry, composed of its many diverse elements and so widely scattered, it is little able to protect itself, because of the conditions under which it is carried on, because of the enormous natural resources which form its raw material, and which, if not wisely used, may be had readily and in abundance. An industry which in a year or two could double its product, is particularly liable to cover production and little able to organize itself for the protection of its interests.

The erroneous impression widely prevails through the lumber trade and elsewhere that the lumber industry is a simple one, and that it is a matter of course that it should be protected. It is not so. It is a complex industry, and it is one which is particularly susceptible to all commercial influences.

For an industry of such magnitude it is not surprising that it should be so widely scattered, and that it should be so widely scattered, it is little able to protect itself, because of the conditions under which it is carried on, because of the enormous natural resources which form its raw material, and which, if not wisely used, may be had readily and in abundance.

Notwithstanding the fact that the consumption was tremendously curtailed throughout this country, that the United States has not in any two months since June 30, 1895, imported more than 100,000 cubic feet of lumber, the Canadians have continued to gain.

Mills have been erected on Canadian soil and during the year ending June 30, 1896, imports of lumber, valued at \$2,500,000, were valued at \$2,500,000. The present government fiscal year showed importations of 225,000,000 feet, which, if maintained, would bring the aggregate to much the highest point ever known.

That in the face of business depression and greatly reduced buying power, that in the face of our own low prices and struggle to dispose of our product, our Canadian competitors should have been able to approximately maintain the volume of their sales, and then to increase them; that while our lumber was lying idle in the mills, waiting for buyers, the Canadian product should have been sold in large volumes that we have to cross the border, indicates the danger to American lumber interests from this formidable competition—a competition, let me

warn you that is only just beginning to be felt.

Messrs. Ramsey, of Texas; Lamb, of Iowa; Foreman, of Pennsylvania; Call, of Alabama, and Farm, of Virginia, were appointed as a committee on permanent organization, and retired for a meeting.

TWO-DOLLAR TARIFF.

There were addresses by Sias W. Gardner and W. B. Judson after which a general discussion followed, participated in by Mr. Simmons, of New York; H. S. White, of West Virginia; Congressman Dorr, of West Virginia; D. F. Nelson, of Minneapolis; George S. Hunt, of Chicago, and others, who were united in favoring a tariff on lumber of \$2 per thousand. A. G. Foster, of Tacoma, spoke at length on the Canadian lumber being shipped in British ships to American ports at \$2 per thousand, while Americans are compelled to pay from \$3.50 to \$4.00 per 1,000. The Canadian government takes back the land after the timber is taken off it, and the lumber dealers have no taxes to pay there. They also have cheap labor, and the cost of production does not affect them in the market on the Pacific coast.

Mr. Montana, of the Indiana Retail Dealers' association, spoke in favor of a tariff of \$2 per 1,000 and held that it would not affect the price to the consumers. Mr. Werner, of St. Louis, gave an elaborate address on the duties of France and Germany and favored an American tariff from \$3 to \$4 per 1,000.

The committee on permanent organization reported as follows: President, C. W. Goodyear, Buffalo; vice president, H. Clay Tunis, Maryland; E. E. Wells, Illinois; secretary, C. W. Wells, Illinois.

The committee also recommended the appointment of the following committees: Ways and Means, consisting of the lumbermen before congress at Washington and to have general charge of the interests of the organization.

John L. Roper, Norfolk, Va.; S. J. Marsh, Georgetown, S. C.; H. P. Smart, Savannah, Ga.; L. C. Enoch, Jackson, Miss.; S. J. Irvin, Chickpea, La.; W. H. Williams, Palsellon, La.; F. M. Hamilton, Nashville, Tenn.; A. H. Winchester, Buchanan, W. Va.; W. E. Ramsey, Lake Charles, La.; J. B. White, Millville, Ark.; J. B. White, Grandon, Mo.; Elias Deemer, White Plains, Pa.; Fred Upham, Chicago; William Irving, Chickpea, La.; W. H. Williams, Rock Island, Ill.; A. C. Foster, Tacoma, Wash. All the officers were made ex-officio members of the ways and means committee.

The following were recommended as members of the committee on resolutions: W. B. Marchon, Michigan; A. J. Nelmeier, Arkansas; A. C. Ackley, Tennessee; W. H. Smith, Alabama; H. Clay Tunis, Maryland.

After the unanimous adoption of the report on permanent organization, Temporary Chairman J. A. Freeman, of Millville, Ark., appointed a committee to escort the permanent president, Mr. Goodyear, to the platform. Mr. Goodyear spoke at length on the protection accorded iron and other industries and the discrimination against lumber, the largest of American industries. He urged all to be at Washington this winter and also next winter. Recess was then taken until 2:30 p. m.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED.

The convention was late assembling after noon, and slow about getting to work. In fact, about the only business transacted was the hearing of the report of the committee on resolutions. That report was crushed at first as lacking vim and comprehensiveness. Temporary Chairman J. A. Freeman, of Millville, Ark., pointed out the statement that the resolutions were not an appeal to congress, but a manifesto to the general public setting forth the attitude of the lumbermen of the nation. It was further explained that all matters of method and detail would be left to the ways and means committee, and that the convention never contemplated forestalling or embarrassing that committee by a multitude of resolutions. However, the introduction of a third resolution by W. A. Simmons, of New York, and the acceptance of it by the committee gave general satisfaction and stopped debate. The resolutions adopted are:

Whereas, the placing of lumber on the free list by the existing tariff law not only promotes ruinous competition by lumber from



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HIS INJURIES ARE ARTIFICIAL.

Julian Claims to Be Able to Prove Sharkey Submitted to an Operation.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 15.—The Fitzsimmons-Sharkey witnesses today gave no sensational testimony, but Fitzsimmons' friends say they are now able to prove that a doctor performed an operation on Sharkey to produce external evidence of an apparent foul, and that he was paid one thousand dollars for his services. Danny Lynch, Sharkey's manager, denies all knowledge of a conspiracy, and said that neither he nor Sharkey was a member of the National club and declared that Referee Earp had no pecuniary interest in the check for \$10,000. Benjamin, a sporting reporter, witnessed the fight, but saw no foul blow struck by Fitzsimmons.

Thomas Sharkey's testimony was simply a denial of the stories told by his trainers, Billy Smith and George Allen. He never heard of a conspiracy before the fight, had no talk with Earp and bet no money on the fight. He declared Fitzsimmons struck him a foul blow in the groin. When asked why he screamed as if in pain when he was with Dr. Lee in the dressing room after the fight, Sharkey said that Lee had pressed his groin hard during the examination after Fitzsimmons' blow, and that pressure caused him great agony. He stated that he still suffered pain from his injuries in the groin.

MCKINLEY INVITED To Attend the Wisconsin-Carlisle Football Game.

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—An invitation was extended to President-elect McKinley today by the management of the University of Wisconsin-Carlisle Indian football game to be the guest of the Press club at the Coliseum Saturday night. The manager will be in Chicago at that time, and it is thought that he will conclude to witness the great gridiron contest. Gould, of Amherst, will referee the contest. Dickiplinarian Thompson, telegraphed from Carlisle today that he preferred either "Bob" Wrenn or Garfield for umpire, but would leave the choice to the management.

BROWN SPIDERS.

Cleveland Team May Be Transferred to St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 15.—The fact that there is a good chance for the crack Cleveland base ball team being transferred to St. Louis in the near future, is no longer denied. Sportsman's park, Chris V. G. Aha has admitted that he was in correspondence with Frank De Haas Robinson, president of the Cleveland club, but he refused to give out any information as to the proposed deal. Pat Tebeau, the Cleveland manager and captain, who is in the city, makes no denial of the fact that the Robinsons would like to have a club in St. Louis.

INDOOR BASE BALL LEAGUE.

Militiamen of Three Cities May Organize One.

A movement is on foot to organize an indoor base ball league, composed of teams selected from the different militia companies of St. Paul, Minneapolis and Stillwater. A regular schedule of games will be played throughout the winter and something in the nature of a pennant or cup will be put up to go to the winner of the majority of games.

There are a number of first-class indoor base ball clubs among the Twin City companies. Company C, of St. Paul, carries off the honors for the Saintry City, while Company I's Minneapolis team is no slouch. Battery A of St. Paul, is organized

POLO AT DULUTH.

St. Paul Players Are After the State Championship.

The Northern Pacific team has arranged for a match with the Duluth polo team to be played in the Zenith city. It is proposed to play three games for the state championship, which is now held by the Duluth team. While the dates have not been set, the Duluth team has suggested Christmas and Dec. 26, and the St. Paul team's consent has been asked.

Cochrane Is Beaten Again.

Townsend played the fastest and best game of his life against Cochrane last night in the amateur handicap series at Foley's. It was one of the best games so far played in this tournament. He had decidedly the best

second, Tempesta third, time, 1:32. Third race, seven furlongs—Nicollin won, Little Billy second, Katherine third; time, 1:30. Fourth race, five furlongs—Hill Billy won, Miss Verne second, Flaudit third; time, 1:01. Fifth race, one mile and a sixteenth—Uncle Jim won, Huribert second, Mr. Dunlap third; time, 2:27. Sixth race, seven furlongs—Timberland won, Petrolene second, Chicel third, time, 1:30. Pool Rooms Legal.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 15.—The supreme court handed down a decision reversing the decision of the lower court in the case of Tom Walsh, the bookmaker, who was fined \$1,000 and sentenced to six months in the St. Louis workhouse for accepting a \$500 commission to be bet on a horse named Nicollin, at New Orleans, one day last winter. The decision in effect declares unconstitutional the state law prohibiting pool rooms, and will result in the reopening of a number of closed here last winter.

Ovation for Rice.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Dec. 15.—"Joe" Rice, who won the second prize in the six days

Edward Hale, the Great Smasher of Bicycle Records.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Edward Hale, the new long distance champion bicycle rider, well deserves the honors and emoluments he won on the big track in Madison Square Garden if physical endurance merely is worthy of praise. His energy and pluck were manifest throughout the race. He rode within the compass of six days and nights. At the head of them stands Hale, the champion, with 1,500 miles to his credit, ridden within the compass of six days and nights. He used a bicycle geared to eighty-six inches. The good roads question, that 19,000 miles. Statistics of the energy all this involved are interesting. On the average, he propelled his wheel twenty-one and a half feet with every revolution of the pedals. Each of his feet pushed the pedal around 327,000 times. In making this great ride Hale expended about 32,700 pounds of energy, or 16,350 tons. He traveled on the average 200 feet

farther in each mile than the men that were with him in the race. This was because he clung to the outer rim of the track, and in the next to Hale, followed an unbounded admiration for the Irish giant during the race. Hale lingered hours beside the man from Wilkesbarre, cheering him up and encouraging him to persevere. Rice's heart was asked Hale to dismount. When he had done so, Hale approached him and took his hand. "You're mighty good to me," Hale looked at a better man than I am, and I am glad that you are going to win." Hale looked sheepish, as if he had done something that he was ashamed of. Hale's speed was phenomenal and demonstrates the fallacy of the old idea that mere endurance can win in a six days' race. Speed will be a distinct factor in long-time races hereafter. Hale, besides winning the championship, will receive the neat sum of \$5,000 into the bargain.

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SULTAN COMES DOWN

SPECIAL ENVOY TO CRETE RECALLED AS DEMANDED BY THE POWERS.

THWARTED THE REFORMS WHICH TURKEY HAD PROMISED TO THE PEOPLE OF THE ISLAND.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—The Times' Berlin correspondent says that the Porte has recalled Said-Ed-Din Pasha, the special envoy to Crete, in accordance with the joint demand of the powers. Said-Ed-Din Pasha was accused of thwarting the reforms in Crete promised by Turkey to the powers.

STEAMER LOST.

Crew of Fourteen Drowned in the Wreck.

ROUEN, Dec. 15.—The French steamer Marie Fanny, from Bayonne for the port, has been totally lost off the island of Alderney. The captain was saved, but fourteen members of the crew were drowned.

COMMERCIAL BENEFITS.

England Will Profit by the Opening of China.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—The Globe today says it understands that important negotiations are proceeding, if not completed, whereby Great Britain will derive considerable commercial benefits in the opening up of China, adding that an English syndicate has obtained a concession to construct and maintain a long railroad which will be a powerful counter-check to Russian designs.

Rhodes' Castle Burned.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—A special dispatch from Cape Town says that the Cape Rhodes country house was gutted by fire early this morning. It may be presumed that the "country house" referred to in the above dispatch is the South African palace of the premier of Cape Colony.

Lord Darley Dead.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—John Stuart Bligh, sixth earl of Darley, is dead. He was born in 1828. Lady Mary Bligh, a daughter of the late earl, was found drowned in a pond at Cobham hall, near Gravesend, in July last. She is believed to have committed suicide while suffering from despondency, due to an unfortunate love affair.

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