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A packed house is anticipated at each performance notwithstanding the fact that considerably over a hundred seats now remain unengaged for both shows. The impression that the house was already filled to the doors has prevented many from securing tickets, is the opinion of the management. As a matter of fact some of the very best places are yet to be reserved for the acoustics of the house are such that the lines and the catchy music of the piece can be heard to better advantage from the back rows and the gallery seats. A party of professionals and experts sat in the rear seats last night at the invitation of the cast, to ascertain this fact, and notwithstanding the fact that suffings were not used to throw the sound forward, every quip and "gag" and every word and note of the choruses was perfectly distinct. Much of Bren's success is due to his insistence upon concise enunciation.

A big surprise awaits the people in the setting of the second and last act which is staged with a richness and splendor that will seem hardly believable to frequenters of the theater on ordinary occasions. The soft lighting verging from a moonlight effect to the brilliance of a ball room, is an effect in itself that will surely provoke rounds of applause. The graceful ballroom costumes and the excitement of a night race in progress produce an effect that is original and captivating in the extreme.

Mrs. Bren in additional to the famous Yama Yama dance, will execute a "hypnotic" step, assisted by Mr. Landolfi. This is one of the surprises and can only be described as original, catchy and ridiculous in the extreme. Several local allusions that have been carefully guarded from the public will be sprung with "telling" effect, as will many bits of stage business that the participants have been working up on the sly.

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# COURT DELIVERS A STERN LECTURE

**Justice Craig Takes As His Text, "Tell a Policeman," and Causes Trio of Prisoners to Become Converted.**

"Tell a policeman" if you have any stolen goods in your possession. This was the text of an able post-Easter sermon delivered by Justice Craig at the city incarceratory this morning. Three brothers, Barela from Barelas, sat in rapt attention through the lecture and declared at the conclusion that the beautiful words of the text had penetrated into their being. They had found a bicycle, mysteriously placed in their front yard several days ago and had been enjoying sundry joy rides since that time.

Santa Fe Special Officer Sinclair had a description of the wheel and when he saw Miguel upon it arrested him. Miguel, in his excitement, said he had bought the property. In court each brother accused the other of having assumed title to it. Witnesses and neighbors appeared to testify to the good character of the boys, and they were cleared with no graver punishment than listening to the sermon. The authorities would like to spread the good tidings throughout the land, however, so that any brother who finds himself possessed of more than his just share of earthly goods may notify the police. Someone may be looking for the goods.

Three negroes, John Davis, Henry Kepple and William Johnson were placed in the lockup for safe keeping for a term of ten days. The negroes had been without a place of residence and were found sleeping in the Red Light saloon late last night.

# DEMOCRATS FACING SITUATION THAT IS DELICATE AND COMPLEX

**They Have Promised to Revise the Tariff But They Cannot Carry Water on Both Shoulders and Keep Together.**

**POP-GUN BILLS ARE FAVORITES JUST NOW**

Staff Correspondence.

Washington, April 17.—This special session of the Sixty-second congress was called for the sole and specific purpose of getting action, favorable action, on the Canadian reciprocity pact drawn up at the behest of President Taft as the result of a conference between the president and members of his cabinet and high government officials of Canada. This reciprocity agreement, it is proposed to do away with, is of a highly protective character and is the response of the president to a quite general and independent demand for relief from burdensome taxes on the necessities of life. The president has his ideas of what constitute "necessities," so has every individual member of congress. Those ideas differ widely, but all tariff makers are duly cognizant of the popular cry for a reduction of duties on those things which are most needed in home life.

Whose home life is to be benefited? Tariff revision generally confronts the congress, or at least the Democratic house majority, thinks so, and in revising the whole tariff the diversity of opinion comes into play. There happen to be classes in this country, industrially speaking, but inasmuch as all classes eat, the president directs his attention largely in his suggested trade arrangement with the neighbor to the north to putting food products on the free list. In undertaking to remove the duty on certain foodstuffs imported from Canada, it appears that the framers of the Canadian pact forgot to propose a proportionate reduction on some articles manufactured from these food products, thereby aiming a below-the-belt blow at the American farmer with one arm while preparing to affectionately embrace the American manufacturer with the other. Hence came a justified roar of protest from the farmers of this country and others classified in the industrial world who produce those "necessities" which would be put on the Canadian free list, and who buy their supplies from manufacturers who would be protected from Canadian competition by the self-same pact.

Therefore additional cause was presented the Democratic majority of the house to go into the whole tariff question, which question would have been gone into inevitably in this session regardless of whether the reciprocity proposition was equitable. The Democrats believe they were triumphant in the last congressional campaign because of their promises of tariff revision downward, and it is their desire, or rather their announced desire, to give the consumer the best of the bargain now. To be dead sure that the consumer is benefited by their revision they are liable to go to an extreme in placing American manufactured articles on the free list, just as the high protection Republicans in the past are accused of having given too much protection to these manufacturers.

In view of this situation no surprise was occasioned when the house Democrats, in their second caucus, decided almost unanimously to bring in and pass, of course—"pop-gun" tariff bills, as they are called, putting on the free list agricultural implements, dressed meat and meat products, sour, rough lumber, boots, shoes and saddles, wire fencing, baling wire, cotton bagging and ties, burlap and salt.

The senate, which frowned upon reciprocity in the closing session of the last congress, may be able in this congress, through a coalition of standpat Republican and conservative Democrats to control the speed gauge on tariff legislation. The house majority of this congress, at it did—with the aid of progressive Democrats—in the previous congress, unquestionably will approve the same trade agreement. The number of Democrats in the senate has increased from 32 to 41, and the number of Republicans has decreased from 59 to 50, and thus the Republican majority between congress has dropped from 27 to 9. The strength of the insurgent Republicans is variously estimated at from 7 to 14, depending on the issue concerned. There is one vacancy—one senator shy from Colorado, whose legislature is Democratic. It is obvious, then, that the Sixty-second senate's tariff course cannot be traced very far ahead.

The house Democratic leaders, notably Speaker Clark, have promised that in revising the tariff they will pursue "scientific" methods—will trim the schedules carefully and artistically. Also they would trim diplomatically and politically. Seeing that the farmers and ranchmen consider they will be given the worst of it through Canadian reciprocity, certain supplies—manufactured supplies—are to go on the free list in the house pop-gun bills. The votes of the farmers and the ranchmen are not to be despised, and "Votes, votes, votes," is what the Democrats whisper to one another in caucus and in conference. The ways and means committee has shown a predilection to follow the testimony adduced in the Payne hearings nearly two years ago in their tariff revising. The report of those hearing deals at length with the wool and woolen schedule, however, that particular schedule—K by name—is being approached with no little trepidation. The uprising among the sheep and wool growers of the southwest in solemn protest against such a reduction of the tariff on raw wool as would undermine the industry in this country, undoubtedly has affected the situation, and, with the great cry that the prohibitive duty on manufactured woolen goods has resulted in some quarters in ultimate consumers going poorly clad, will compel conservative action and fairness in reducing the tariff on raw wool and the manufactured article.

It is safe to forecast that neither cattle, sheep nor wool will be put on the free list by this congress in any general tariff law, but as to Canadian reciprocity the situation is somewhat different. Yet the senate is not going to fall over itself putting these American products on the free list—even with Canada. The duty on dressed meats, the output of the big packeries, without doubt will be placed on the free list by the house, as will the other commodities mentioned heretofore, but a conference committee of the house and senate eventually will attend to these items and the finish need not be anything like the start.

The new house majority is an enthusiastic, exultant, resourceful—so-called—assemblage of Democrats, with an eye to making good. Inasmuch as they believe the responsibility for all tariff legislation, anyhow the initiation of that legislation, rests upon their shoulders they may grow angry if the "upper house" in the senate undertakes to revise their revising. The fact is, an intimation already has gone abroad to the effect if the senate in the next two weeks tries to tear to pieces the little single schedule tariff bills and the Canadian reciprocity agreement, and ignore the house's "O. K." on them, the house Democrats will introduce a general tariff law—one that would be equivalent to reciprocity with not only Canada, but Portugal, and China, and Argentine, and Russia, and every other country. But if the senate could manage the situation as to Canadian reciprocity and pop-gun tariff bills, it certainly could with respect to a general tariff law, and it would be a desperate fight, house vs. senate. That the house Democrats should not lose their temper and try to run the government with merely a majority in one branch of congress, some of them are well aware. Furthermore, their constituents—the voters, generally—would hardly consider that they had improved each shining hour with the additional authority vested in them.

Out of the two houses of congress—the conservative senate, where insurgent Republicans are counter-balanced by reactionary Democrats, and the house, with its Democratic majority bearing in mind its mission is to make good, some kind of tariff legislation may be expected.

The question is, what kind?

## ARKANSAS VALLEY FRUIT GROWERS USING SMUDGES

**Valuable Crop of Colorado's Agricultural Districts Are to Be Saved by Approved Methods This Year.**

Pueblo, Colo., April 17.—With the fruit crop of the Arkansas valley as the stakes, preparations for the struggle between the fruit growers and the elements are now under way. L. H. Daingerfield, local forecaster of the weather bureau, stated today that Jack Frost was certainly after the fruit crop. Last night the thermometer registered 28 degrees above zero at Canon City, the heart of the fruit belt in the Arkansas valley, and today the weather bureau warned farmers throughout the valley from Lamar on the east to Canon City on the west that colder weather would prevail tomorrow, with possibly freezing temperature. The fruit growers are ready. Smudge pots are set in thousands of orchards. In the large orchards watch will be kept almost continually from now on until May 1 and whenever the temperature reaches a point where there is danger for the budding trees, smudge fires will be kindled and every effort made to protect the fruit.

So far the conditions were never more favorable for a bumper fruit crop. The trees, it is claimed, have not as yet been damaged by the cold.

Many schemes are used in the valley to guard against possible damage by frost. In some instances the trees are grubbed on one side and laid on the ground. Sacks and straw are spread over the trees and where the orchard is particularly exposed earth is thrown over the cover. This method has been successful in orchards located on exposed hillsides and in places where frost is most likely to occur.

Throughout the valley the farmers have for the most part found that smudging is sufficient to protect the fruit and insure a crop under ordinary conditions. The government authorities recommend the use of smudge fires, and advise farmers throughout the Arkansas valley to equip their orchards with the inexpensive smudge pots and sufficient charcoal or soft coal to provide a heavy smoke whenever the fruit crop is threatened by cold weather.

In the average orchard a row of smudge pots is set between each row of trees, with rows of pots surrounding the orchard on the windward side. When frost threatens, the pots are lighted and the orchard enveloped in a blanket of warm smoke which keeps the temperature at a point where the fruit is not damaged even when the temperature may fall several degrees below freezing.

While there is no great danger to the fruit crop of the Arkansas valley at this time, the weather bureau is advising farmers to prepare their smudge pots and be in readiness from May 1 to at any time on short notice to start the smudge pots and save their fruit crop.

The average date of the last killing frost for the Arkansas valley as compiled from government statistics for the past 20 years is April 27. Last year there was no frost in the valley after April 16. Once in 1893 the valley was visited by a killing frost on May 23. This is the latest date on record and it is safe to expect no frost after May 1, although the wise fruit growers keep their smudge pots ready until late in May.

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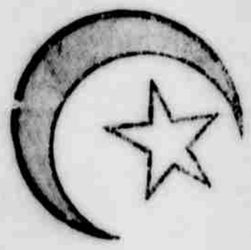

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## MORTUARY

**Mrs. Blanche Ruch.**

Mrs. Blanche Ruch, wife of John Ruch of 512 South Arno street, a well known santa fe engineer of this city, died in Ocean Park, Cal., on April 15, following an extended illness. Mrs. Ruch leaves three children and her husband. Mr. Ruch has been in Haywood Hot Springs taking treatment for rheumatism and arrived in Albuquerque this morning. The body of Mrs. Ruch will leave Long Beach for Albuquerque this evening. French and Lowber have charge of the funeral arrangements, which will be announced later. Mrs. Ruch was well known in Albuquerque and many will regret to hear of her untimely death and hasten to extend sympathy to Mr. Ruch. Mrs. Ruch was a member of several social and fraternal organizations and representatives of the various orders will attend the funeral.

P. J. McFarland and Mrs. McFarland were Easter Sunday visitors in Albuquerque. Mr. McFarland is chief clerk for the Becker-Mactavish company in Magdalena. Mrs. McFarland is a sister of Mrs. Luke Walsh of this city.


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