

FARMERS, LABORERS, STOP! LOOK! LISTEN! THINK! 20,000,000 WORKMEN TO COMPETE WITH YOU

Voters of Whatever Party in Whatever Occupation a Terrible Crisis is Hanging Over You—It Can Be Averted Only by the Election of Chas. E. Hughes and the Return to Protection.

Tuesday, November 7th, either Charles Evans Hughes or Woodrow Wilson will be elected president of the United States.

Not Hughes, or Wilson; not the MEN, but what they STAND FOR, is the real question to be decided. NOW is the time to STOP, LOOK, LISTEN, THINK. Farmers, laborers, voters of Shiawassee county, have YOU taken time to consider, or are you of that number who say, "Well times are good, wages are high, crops are high, everything is high, I'm all right. Why should I consider the future?" Do you say, "I don't care what makes things high, I only know they are high? Why should I worry?"

Michigan is credited with having a THINKING people. We believe our citizens are thinking men and women, and to you, as thinking men and women, as men and women who will stand for their OWN BEST interests, we appeal.

There is one subject which overshadows ALL OTHERS in this campaign. It is this—PROTECTION or FREE TRADE. No other compares to this. On its decision hangs the question of whether you shall prosper or not.

The Republican party, with Mr. Hughes as its leader, stands SQUARELY for Protection.

The Democratic party, with Mr. Wilson as its leader, stands for the Wilson-Underwood Free Trade Bill.

The whole history of the Republican party supports ITS claim as the party of Protection.

The history of the Democratic party supports the charge that IT is the Free Trade party.

The present high prices for produce and labor cannot continue. They are abnormal, they are exorbitant, they are unnatural. THEY ARE THE DIRECT RESULT OF THE GREAT EUROPEAN WAR. When that war ceases, there will be an AWFUL COLLAPSE unless something is done to prevent it.

Voters, don't deceive yourselves. It takes no prophet to foretell the result. Anyone who will stop to think will be ABSOLUTELY SURE of it.

When the Democratic party came into power, four years ago, you were ALL prosperous. There were no hard times anywhere.

Woodrow Wilson at once forced the passage of the Free Trade Underwood tariff law by which the tariff on ALL farm products and MOST manufactures was ABOLISHED or greatly reduced.

What then? Values shrunk, factories closed, thousands upon thousands were thrown out of employment, 100,000 were out of work in Chicago, 30,000 in Detroit, soup houses were established. NOTHING but a great war could avert overwhelming disaster to American institutions. JUST THEN war came. All Europe was involved. Fourteen of the world's greatest nations are at arms. It has gone on now for two years. What has been the result?

Fifteen millions of men, of the most able bodied, highly trained, efficient men in the most civilized nations of the Old World have been withdrawn from the active production of agricultural and manufactured goods and put to the uses of war. Probably 5,000,000 more have been turned from agriculture and manufacturing in Europe to the making of guns, ammunition, and other munitions of war. It is no exaggeration to say that twenty millions of men who had before been engaged in the same industries in which YOU, the farmers and laborers of Michigan, are now engaged have, for two years, been turned aside from these occupations. What has happened? An enormous shortage in European production in all lines of human endeavor. Who has supplied the awful gap thus caused? Who has been called to supply this shortage? America, the greatest producing nation in the world. Does any one doubt that, under such conditions, American trade has been GREATLY STIMULATED? Could there be any other result?

Is any credit to be given the WILSON administration because this EUROPEAN shortage has brought this great volume of trade to us? Can any one point to one LINE, one WORD in the Wilson-Underwood tariff which has built one FACTORY, encouraged a SINGLE industry or brought ONE foreign order to you, the farmers and laborers of the Eighth District, of Michigan, of the United States?

Consider, voters of the Eighth District. Point to one single PIECE OF LEGISLATION which has DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY produced these higher prices for your crops, your labor or your skill.

Not in Europe alone, but in America, thousands upon thousands of men have BEEN TURNED from the manufacture of the things which minister to PEACE to the things which minister to WAR—guns, munitions, armored automobiles, and many other articles for export to the warring nations. This must come to an end. It may be NEXT year, it may be the year AFTER, and when it does end, STOP! LOOK! LISTEN! THINK! When it DOES end, what will happen?

These 20,000,000 of efficient European men, highly trained in the arts of peace, will at ONCE be turned to compete with YOU, to raise the CROPS you now raise, to MAKE the things AMERICA is now making. These great European factories, so constructed as to be turned readily from the making of war materials to the making of the things made in times of peace in our own mills and factories, will be at once put in competition with our own farmers and laborers.

What will be the result? What MUST be the result? ALL PRICES WILL FALL. There isn't a man or woman who can think, who does not KNOW that, when this enormous army of skilled and unskilled workmen begins again to compete with America, this artificially stimulated trade and industry will take an AWFUL TUMBLE. How FAR it will fall, how GREAT the catastrophe which awaits us, will depend upon what policies we adopt, whether, with wise foresight, we have provided AGAINST a complete collapse.

Now we ask you, as thinking men, in whose hands rests the future of the nation, the future of your prices for farm products, manufacturers and labor, what is there in the policies of Woodrow Wilson, of the Democratic party, which offers ONE IOTA of protection against this catastrophe?

When the greater part of our European demand is cut off; when England, France, Germany, Russia again become active bidders for our South American trade, for supplying all nations with sugar, wheat, boots, shoes, automobiles, auto trucks, for everything we now produce; when the present blockade is raised by the declaration of peace and the accumulated products of industry of all these years now piling up awaiting safe shipment are turned loose; when our own workmen, now making munitions, turn to active competition with those in the legitimate lines of farm production and making machinery of peace, do you doubt that a terrible danger threatens?

Has any provision yet been made to meet such a crisis? CAN Mr. Wilson and CAN the Democratic party, which prides itself that there is not in the Underwood bill "one SENTENCE, ONE LINE, ONE PARAGRAPH FAVORABLE TO PROTECTION" which has asserted OVER and OVER again that PROTECTION IS UNCONSTITUTIONAL, can it now about face, repudiate its entire past, repeal the Free Trade act, and adopt a protective policy?

Do you not know, that their weak-kneed, anti-dumping act, conceived in the hope of tiding over election, no Free Trade tariff commission devised to replace the Protective tariff commission the Democrats starved to death can meet such an emergency?

Citizens of the Eighth District, MAKE NO MISTAKE. Let no temporary election made policy mislead you. By your votes Tuesday, November 7, you will help fix the policy of the nation for the next four years. You will help to decide whether our FACTORIES are to be SHUTDOWN by the cheap labor competition of Europe, desperately in need and ready to make any sacrifice to get trade; whether our WORKMEN are to be thrown out of employment and your HOME MARKET destroyed.

Of what use will be an eight-hour day to a few railroad men, when many millions have NO WORK DAYS, NO wages, NO money to buy with?

Of what use will be beautiful theories and sweet sounding phrases, when there is NO BREAD in the larder, no MONEY in the pocket?

Remember the days of '93 to '97. Remember the revival under a McKinley tariff. Remember the prosperity which came THEN, which has ALWAYS been yours under an ADEQUATE PROTECTIVE TARIFF administered by its FRIENDS, who believe in it, not by its ENEMIES, who repudiate it.

We are throwing no scare. We are pointing out facts. Where is there a flaw in our reasoning? Remember, think. Be guided by reason, not by fine spun theory, and you will vote for Charles Evans Hughes, the only exponent of Protection, the only defender of your interests as farmers and laborers, and for Joseph W. Fordney for congress, the most capable representative of Protection in the United States.

Hear Governor Milliken of Maine, and Congressman Fordney at New Armory, Saturday Evening, Nov. 4

Michigan Dry Meetings for Sunday.

- The Shiawassee County State Wide Prohibition Committee has arranged for a union meeting on Sunday next at the following places, the same to be held in the evening unless otherwise stated:
- Corunna—Rev. W. R. Blanchford, Rev. F. M. Purdy, Baptist church.
- Ferry—Rev. B. G. Mattson, opera house.
- Shafterburg—Rev. S. Jennings, M. E. church.
- Byron—Rev. E. J. Cross.
- Burton—Rev. W. J. Dudgeon, M. P. church.
- Bancroft—Rev. J. Frank Green, Congregational church.
- Lennon—Rev. J. T. M. Stevens, M. E. church.

- Vernon—Rev. E. J. Warren, M. E. church.
- Henderson—Rev. J. B. Wallace, Henderson.
- Nicholson—Rev. F. P. Sprague, afternoon.
- Antrim—Rev. A. N. Riley, M. E. church, 2:30 p. m.
- Carland—Rev. E. H. Scott, Rev. A. Ostroth, Carland church.
- Judds Corners—Rev. A. Garman.
- Pittsburg—Rev. W. J. Weidenhamer, afternoon.
- New Lotrop—W. C. T. U.
- Bennington—Rev. Tinglan.
- Durand—L. E. Stewart of Battle Creek.
- Owosso—H. H. Rood, B. P. Hicks, Union meeting.

- Easton—Pastor, Disciple church, morning.
 - Durand, 2:30 p. m., Morrice, evening, Rev. Fr. Dennis A. Hayes.
 - Laingsburg, Rev. C. R. Wolford.
 - Carland, Monday evening, Judge S. S. Miner.
- To Save Pedestrians.**
- The city commission has instructed the city attorney to draft an ordinance compelling bicycle riders to use lights at night and a bell or alarm at all times, and use sidewalks only in cases of necessity. Recent accidents caused complaints to be made.
- Born, Friday, to Mr. and Mrs. George Sherman, West Williams street, a daughter.

"The report of the Republican congressional campaign committee that the next house of representatives will be Republican by at least twenty-seven, is of particular interest to the eighth Michigan district. That means that Congressman Fordney will be chairman of the all-important ways and means committee and probably the most influential man in the house."—Saginaw Courier-Herald.

Congressman Harrison, Democrat of Mississippi, also stated in an address at Saginaw last week that Congressman Fordney was the most popular member in the house of representatives. Congressman Clark of Florida, Democrat, also showed his esteem for Congressman Fordney by not filling the speaking dates in the eighth district.

Congressman Fordney will be without question chairman of the ways and means committee and floor leader of his party if the Republicans win the house. This will make him a national figure and place him in a position to do more for his district than ever before. No Republican in Owosso or in Shiawassee county can afford to vote against him simply because his opponent resides here.

When we can retain the service of the most influential, popular member and probably the leader of the house, EVERY REPUBLICAN should stand by him loyally, and let no sentimentality influence him.

Governor Milliken.

The Republicans of Shiawassee county will undoubtedly turn out in large numbers to greet Gov.-elect Milliken of Maine, who has promised to be present for the rally in this city Saturday afternoon.

Three Splendid Public Officials.

There is every reason why Probate Judge Matthew Bush, County Clerk A. L. Nichols and County Treasurer J. A. Richardson should be re-elected and not one single thing can be honestly said against any of them. That they will be again chosen is not questioned, and even the most sanguine member of the Democratic party will admit that their candidates cannot even hope to be successful. Judge Bush is recognized throughout the state as one of the best Probate Judges in Michigan, his long term of service (having been first elected in 1888) and re-nominated without opposition each four years since is the highest testimonial to his worth and expresses the esteem in which the voters of Shiawassee county—without regard to party—hold him. He will continue for years to come in the office he now holds.

County Treasurer Richardson, best known to all his friends as "Deb" is just completing his first two years of service and he has "been on the job" every minute and is better fitted now to care for the county's finances than a new man could be. Mr. Richardson is so honest, courteous, obliging, good natured, and careful that the patrons of the office find it a pleasure to do business with him.

One of the happiest officials of the county as well as one of the most efficient is its Clerk, Albert L. Nichols, so well known that it is difficult to tell the people of the county anything new

Capable Official Appreciated.

The most trying office is that of county drain commissioner, and any man that fills it for two or four years without having roused fierce opposition to himself is a wonderfully capable and successful official. Shiawassee county is blessed with one in the person of Alonzo Griffin, and his services are certainly appreciated. He was unanimously re-nominated and will receive the hearty endorsement of the people of the county Tuesday. He has done more work than any previous drain commissioner, and all of it is well done. The work is kept up to date and with the certainty of Mr. Griffin's serving for two years more, applications are being made so fast that the county will be one of the best drained counties in the state in a comparatively short time.

MR. FORDNEY SHOULD BE RE-ELECTED.

(Editorial from the Saginaw Courier-Herald.)

One argument that W. A. Seegmiller has been using in Shiawassee county in his campaign for election to congress in place of Congressman Fordney he apparently overlooks in his addresses in Saginaw county, although no doubt it is used with fine effect in his home county. In the Owosso Argus we find a paid advertisement advising the voters that Shiawassee county has a chance to be represented at Washington, that "it means something to be represented at Washington," and that "this county should lay aside partisan feeling and go out and elect the home man." If that is good logic in Shiawassee county



CONGRESSMAN JOSEPH W. FORDNEY. It is good logic in Saginaw county, and yet Mr. Seegmiller is singularly silent about it here. We think it only fair to the voters, however, to inform them that Mr. Seegmiller believes that they should "go out and elect the home man."

If, however, the voter believes there are larger interests than local pride to be served and that it is better to be represented by an able and influential man than by one who is merely a home man we would advise that he follow his judgment, and it ought not to be a difficult matter to choose between the two candidates: Mr. Fordney with his fine ability, his long experience, his standing in congress, the almost certain prospect that he will become chairman of the ways and means committee with the tremendous influence that position will give, and Mr. Seegmiller.

Mr. Fordney, has long and ably represented this district at Washington and he has always fearlessly championed the things he believed to be for the best interests of his country. He has been at all times open and frank. His constituents have known at every moment exactly where he stood and have respected him for it. He holds their entire confidence. Moreover, his long experience in congress, has given him a familiarity with national affairs, a knowledge of the nation's business and a power at Washington that are of the utmost value to the country as well as to his own district. He is a man of fine character, able, conscientious, fearless and open. He is the type of man who should be kept at Washington and The Courier-Herald has every confidence that the voters of his district will see to that.

Youthful Thief.

Charles Pratt, aged 20 years, of Durand, is for the third time in trouble for stealing, being charged with taking two watches and a job from the residence of M. E. Bacon. Pratt was on probation until next February for stealing clover seed and had been taken in custody once for stealing a typewriter.

103 to 0.

Owosso high school football team got lots of exercise but little opposition in its game with Ithaca high school Friday, the score being Owosso 103, Ithaca 0.

Royal

Baking Powder

Absolutely Pure

Made from
Cream of Tartar
Derived from Grapes

Pertinent Pointers. Mostly Political

Who knows of a single voter in Shiawassee county who does not believe Judge Matthew Bush will be re-elected?

Col. Geo. C. Harvey, the discoverer of Woodrow Wilson, in April last declared under the heading "Nobody for Hughes but the People," that Charles E. Hughes would be the next President of the United States. In 1904 he was but 22 electoral votes out of the way in predicting the result; in 1908, 17; and in 1912 missed his prediction on one state only. He now says that the election of Hughes is certain and gives him 392 votes, Wilson 149, with 50 doubtful.

Lee H. Brown, a wet worker in Ing-ham county only a few months ago, sees a big dry victory ahead.

Some one has had the temerity to suggest that an Owosso man should be supported for congress so that Owosso might be put on the map. If this city has not been placed on the map in a most effective manner during the years Uncle Joe Fordney has held the position we shall have to be shown. Mr. Fordney has done more for Owosso in a lasting manner than all his predecessors from the district and he is going to continue to do so. Space is too limited to recall the favors our city and citizens have received and most of our voters have pretty good memories.

The general convention of the Episcopal church held in St. Louis, Mo., last week declared against the saloon as follows: "Our age is witnessing vast and universal readjustments with reference to the manufacture and sale of liquor and it is generally recognized that the saloon has been more and more a menace to the best interests of our corporate and individual life."

Wisconsin and Minnesota governors called special sessions of the legislatures of their states to amend the absence voters' law so that their soldier boys at the front could vote. Michigan soldiers—most of whom are known to be Republicans—are disfranchised. Such an injustice is, to put it very mildly, a blot upon the record of Gov. Ferris which will never be erased.

"You might say to your readers that Mr. Fordney will receive more than 95 per cent of the vote of the veterans of this city and county," said a very prominent member of the G. A. R. to THE TIMES a few days since. "We do not and cannot forget all he has so cheerfully done for us. We are for him for many more terms in congress."

Andrew H. Green, Jr., of Detroit, head of several of the large industries in Detroit, says: "Although I am a Democrat, I never have held my party above the interests of my fellow citizens. I am not engaged in a business protected by a tariff and do not need a tariff, but the present situation and the developments of the near future compel me to vote against my party." He easily proves that President Wilson and his party are not equal to handling the world trade war which will be on this country when peace comes to the battlefields of Europe. He urges the election of Mr. Hughes and a Republican congress for the SAFETY OF AMERICA.

The Chicago Daily News, hitherto always independent, has declared strongly for the election of Hughes and Fairbanks. The straws all show which way the tide is turning.

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