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TAKE YOUR CHOICE.

There are two theories of levying tariff. One is the Republican protective theory which means the protecting and building up of American manufactures, American markets and American labor. It means a higher price for everything, either produced or consumed. It means higher prices for American manufactured goods, higher prices for American labor, higher prices for American farm products, grain, cattle, hogs, horses, sheep, etc. Under this kind of tariff the United States has always prospered. The McKinley law, the Dingley law and every other Republican law brought prosperity. The Payne law will continue that prosperity.

The other theory is the Democratic theory of free trade or tariff for revenue only, with all reference to protection of American labor or American manufactures or American markets eliminated. This means lower prices for what you buy and lower prices for what you sell, lower prices for labor and the products of the American farm or factory or American brain and muscle engaged to the cheap scale.

In an era of cheap prices the wages of laboring men is the first thing affected and farm products follow after as a close second. The millions of American laborers employed at good wages in the best market of the world. Destroy their ability to buy meat and bread and you destroy the best market for American farm products.

Do you want an era of good prices or an era of cheap prices? You can't frame a tariff bill which will give you low prices on what you buy and high prices for what you sell.—Marysville News.

CHANCE FOR REFORMERS.

As we understand the government by commission problem, every commissioner in every city has to do just what every advocate of modern reform wants him to do, or he is subject to recall. Every reformer has his own method of reform, and unless every other reformer comes up to the standard, the other reformer is guilty of treason. And as no two real reformers ever agree on any one point it begins to look as though the system of government by commission is a whole lot worse, according to the testimony given by the reformers themselves, than any other form that was ever thought of before. But as the reformers have the whole deck in their hands, and it is their deal every time, if they fail to get the cards they want, the only thing left for them to do is to shoot up the house.—Lawrence Gazette.

Hutchinson News: Collier's record of votes on the tariff schedules again emphasizes the fact that, however much Mr. Aldrich may be denounced, he was with a majority of the Republicans all the time, while the "Insurgents" were against the Republican majority on nearly every schedule. In other words, an indictment of Aldrich is an indictment of the Republican party.

The Enterprise Push has a ridiculous report of the Abilene baseball field trouble Monday in which it says after Gardner had struck Quigley: "That was great sport and crowds in the grand stand sprang to their feet and cheered the conquering hero." Nothing of the kind occurred and the Push editor could not have been present or he would not have so stated. The crowd did not for a time know what happened and then regretted the occurrence. Why should a trouble between two men be charged up to the whole town? Enterprise does not endorse every scrap that takes place inside the city limits, does it?

Senator Bristow was in apparent seriousness: "The people are so earnest in the tariff reform matter that they all seem to want speaking. There is a revolution on." Joe must have struck different folks from those who reside in Dickinson. Not two persons a week mention the tariff in this part of Kansas and they are politicians.

THE STAR AND THE TARIFF.

Has the Kansas City Star ever been in favor of the policy of Protection?

No. The Star has always been a radical opponent of the principle of a protective tariff.

Has the Star ever conceded that there should at least be a tariff high enough to cover the difference between cheap foreign labor and well-paid American labor?

No. The Star has always been a radical free trade paper.

What sort of tariff revision would please the Star?

Nothing short of a free trade bill. Did the Republican party promise to give the country a free trade bill? No. The party declared emphatically its continued allegiance to the policy of Protection.

Did Taft promise to urge a free trade bill?

No. He did not. He declared himself a firm believer in Protection. And after he signed the tariff bill he said, "This is not a free trade bill. It was not intended to be. The Republican party did not promise to make a free trade bill."

Did the election of Taft indicate the people's desire to abandon a protective tariff and try free trade again?

Certainly not. The success of the Republican party was a much a declaration for Protection as it ever was at any other election.

If the Star then has always been for free trade and is still for free trade and a bitter opponent of Protection is it entitled to say what the Republican party should do on the tariff question?

Hardly. Is the Star then not entitled to say what it pleases on the tariff?

Certainly. That is the American privilege. But it is not entitled to sail under false colors. It is an out-and-out free trade paper and its attempt to work Republicans under the guise of "tariff revision" is well understood.

And is the Star fair in its quotations from Taft on the subject?

No. In its characteristic way it distorts his position and misrepresents him.

The Star says that Taft simply said he regards the bill as an honest attempt to fulfill the party's pledges. Is that all Taft said?

No. In a formal and signed statement he said "this bill is a substantial downward revision."

Well, does the Star it is a "substantial downward revision?"

No. The Star says it is not.

Well, then, does the Star take issue with Taft?

No, it ignores what Taft says on that question.

Is that honest? Why does not the Star either desert Taft or admit that maybe it is mistaken about the bill not being a "substantial downward revision?"

Because it prefers to distort Taft's position and seek to make it appear that Taft is with the Star on the proposition. It knows that the people believe in Taft.

Well, the Star is zealous is it not?

Yes, very zealous.

And able, and ingenious?

Quite so.

Did you ever know it to be fair in its advocacy of any proposition?

Well, can't recall it just now.

And if a paper misrepresents, and is not fair and covers up everything that argues against it, and manufactures "news" to order, what reliance is to be put in its preaching?

The proverbial echo answers "what."—Governor Hoch.

THINGS TO "SWAT."

Here is a partial list of the things to be swatted which has been compiled by the Hutchinson Gazette: "The man who comes in and sees you sweating blood and wading through a desk full of papers and remarks cheerfully, 'Are you working today?'" The girl who goes to the ball game and when a member of the home team strikes out, with the bases full, asks sweetly, "What does that count us?" The man who says, "Haven't the mate to that cigar have you? Thanks, have you got a match, too?" The idiot who invented the toastmaster; the man who sweeps his sidewalk just when you are going past his place of business; the fly; the dandelion; the thistle; the stogie; the prune."

With the first real airship in Kansas Abilene will be well ahead even of Girard.

Poor Manhattan—it has had the prize hard luck of the baseball world. Better luck next time.

Concordia must be very naughty. It is going to have Sullivan and Kilrain give a boxing match in front of the grand stand as an attraction for the fair.

The cheering news comes from Topeka that the guaranty fund with the state treasurer is almost large enough to pay the lawyers' fees in the scrap over the law.

WHITE'S TRIP ABROAD.

Emporia gave William Allen White a royal reception when he returned from Europe today. A feature of the affair—and one that could be conceived only in Kansas—was the appearance of a number of Emporia citizens dressed to represent characters in White's new novel, "A Certain Rich Man."

No Kansan who has been abroad has gained from it more than the Emporia author and none has written more interestingly of his journey. In his closing letter he tells what the trip cost, and that is interesting, too, to a lot of Kansans who expect to go abroad some day if they live—if they don't live they will see wonders that will make Europe seem tame and so won't care. Mr. White says:

"So, after a night of it, we went to the boat at half past six in the morning and put our journey in Europe behind us. We landed in Naples on Saturday and embarked for America on Sunday, having been ashore something like eighteen weeks; we followed the lilacs from Madera in April to Berlin in June— to anyone who loves lilacs, a most delightful experience, that kept home and the old-fashioned common things of home always with us. We have taken our time and even including the mad, wild two weeks' chase in Germany and the Netherlands, we have slept in less than two dozen beds since we left home. Six weeks in Italy, three weeks in Switzerland and Germany, three weeks in Paris, five weeks in London and a week in Ireland—that is all. And so long as Emporia people, in one way and another, have paid for the trip and considering that we carried the Emporia viewpoint through Europe, it is only fair to give Emporia people an accounting of the trip. To begin with, the railroad fare in America for the five of us to New York and back, with Pullman fare and railroad incidentals, will cost \$215; the round trip steamer ticket is \$800; European railroad tickets cost \$400; our hotel bill has been \$1,100 including tips, washing and all hotel expenses of any sort; another \$500 spent on seeing things—galleries, places and palaces, which includes street car fare, cab hire, and all of that sort of thing, there is the sum of the necessary expenses of such a trip. We traveled first-class on the steamer and on all boats; second-class in Europe and third-class in England and Ireland. We have had our Sunday clothes on but little less than half a dozen times. We presented only one business letter of introduction—that to a London publisher, and two social letters—both from William Dean Howells, one to Larkin G. Mead a sculptor in Florence, and another to Henry James. We were not out for a gay round. We were out to improve our minds. So, excepting the two gentlemen referred to, some Kansas people in Paris and some acquaintances in London, we did not see 'the best people' any place. But we saw the folks: The people in trains and busses, and in hotels, waiters, servants, working people and the general view of men and women who have to go to work at 8 o'clock. Therefore, if these travel letters have seemed 'common,' if we have not taken so high and serious a view of Art and of the World's Aspirations as we should, remember that we have taken the color of our environment. If we had moved in higher circles we might have had higher and nobler thought. But what's done is done and that's all there is to it."

A western Kansas editor gives this bit of helpful philosophy to those who sometimes hesitate to take up a particular profession because of the fact that it is already overcrowded: "A young man with a practical knowledge in his head, skill in his hands and health in his body, is his own letter of reference. Mix him up with seventy millions of others, and you will find him again, as he will have a habit of being on top. Throw him naked onto a desert island and he will be at the head of something. He does not go whining over the land blaming fortune and saying he has had no chance, but goes out and does it again and does it better. Men who can do things, either with head or hands, are the men who are wanted and the demand is as great here and now as it has been at any time since the beginning."

Ellsworth is to have the C. K. pennant with Balina second and probably Abilene third. Had Abilene played as good ball the first 14 games as in the last of the season it would rank at the top of the list. Just you wait until next year!

Baseball note in Topeka Capital: A Minneapolis minister held a short service at the ball park just before the game Sunday. The general effort was good, but the fact that the umpire did not come forward and ask forgiveness for his sins defeated its specific purpose.

WHAT IS THE REASON?

The following editorial from Gov. Hoch's paper, the Marion Record, is so applicable to Dickinson county that it is worth reproducing:

"The county commissioners have failed to appoint a county engineer. In failing to do so they have failed to carry out a plain, mandatory provision of the law."

"The last legislature passed a good-roads law. Section 1 of that law provides: 'The board of county commissioners of each county in the state shall, within six weeks after this act becomes effective, in each county of the state having a population of more than 20,000 inhabitants, appoint a county engineer of highways and bridges,' etc."

"Nothing uncertain in the language. Nothing left to the discretion of the commissioners as to the propriety or wisdom of naming such an officer. They shall appoint a county engineer."

"We are going here to discuss the merits or demerits of the law. That is not now the question. The question is not what anyone thinks of the good-roads law passed by the last legislature—it is not even for the commissioners to pass on that matter. The commissioners are not the judges on that question. The legislature has spoken. It is the law."

"But it is said that no penalty is provided by the law for refusing or failing to make the appointment. That seems to be the case. But that is hardly reason enough for disregarding it."

"Another thing. There may be a question as to the legality of any appointment of road overseers in this county, without the approval of the county engineer. Having provided what counties 'shall' have a county engineer, the law provides that township boards, in counties having such township engineer, shall appoint a road overseer 'by and with the approval of said county engineer.'"

"Can any appointment of a road overseer be legally made now in this county, under the law as it now stands? Possibly so. Possibly not. That question has not yet been passed upon by the courts in interpreting the new law. The county attorney is inclined to think that no appointment of road overseer is legal in this county without a county engineer."

"We do not wish to be unfair to the board. They may have some reasons for their failure not disclosed to the public. Our columns are open to them to tell the people about it."

THE BEST RELIGION.

Some one asked J. F. Jarrell, the editor of the Holton Signal, what he considered the best system of religion. His answer was as follows: "In our humble opinion the best 'system' of religion is that which brings to you the greatest peace and comfort. The only religion we know in this country is the Christian religion—based on the teachings of Jesus—a religion which, we believe, has been a marvelous aid to mankind. As John J. Ingalls once said: 'Pilate and Herod and Caesar, the kings and heroes, philosophers of that time, are nothing. No one cares that they lived or died, but millions now would die rather than surrender their faith in Jesus.' The details of a man's belief the denomination with which he shall affiliate, the manner in which he may practice his religion, the ideas he may have of heaven or hell, his conception of his duty to God and his fellow men, are questions which he must fight out for himself; and his accountability, so long as his conduct transgresses not on the right of others, is to his Maker alone. Every man should strive to live in such a manner that when he places his head on his pillow at night it will be with the feeling that he is at peace with his God, his family, his friends and his banker. A religion which brings so fine a feeling—whatever it may be called—is worth striving for. Perhaps this is not an orthodox view, but we are answering our correspondent's question to the best of our ability."

The Chicago Record-Herald in commenting on Mr. Bryan's declaration that tariff for revenue is now the paramount issue says: That any large amount of attention can be attracted by a fight on the protective principle as such seems almost impossible. Every one recognizes that the political problem has to do with concrete tariffs, and that the real tariff fight is not one fight but a hundred fights, with divided armies in each case. The Democrats in the Senate were never consistently against all duties. Clarke of Arkansas is the only senator who never voted with Aldrich, and he was absent most of the time. The Democratic senators averaged eleven votes a piece on the Aldrich side. They averaged seventy-seven votes a piece against Aldrich. Statistically we may say, therefore, that they were 77 per cent protectionist.

September

IS THE MONTH TO THINK OF

Children's Shoes

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NO DOUBT ABOUT IT.

There is no doubt that there are many people who sold their farms in Brown county and went west and then south and got more and cheaper land, wish that they had not made the change. Some of the farm renters, also, who went west and south, where they could get land on better terms, wish that they had not done so. Some renters have returned and there will be more, and some Oklahoma and Kansas farm owners are trying to sell, and are making inquiry about the price of Brown county farms where a crop can be raised every year. It is too bad that the greed for more land would cause any Brown county man to give up his rich farm here which he had placed in fine shape, upon which he could raise a fine crop, and which he had fixed up so handy in every way, and go to a new untried section, to commence over again, because land was cheaper there and he could own more acres than here. Is that no limit to the greed of the human being? Any one should be satisfied when he has got a quarter section farm in this county, for it is a gold mine. He can, if he has a mind to make all kinds of money. It is always at par, it cannot be stolen, it will not die, run away, or burn up. It is a safe fortune to any man, and when the owner disposes of it, he is running a great risk. Stick to your Brown county farm. The soil is all right, the climate is right, the seasons propitious, the crops sure, the markets handy and prices good. What more do you want?—Brown County World.

The article printed above applies with equal force to Dickinson county.

Courts are queer. You'd have thought the incubator baby and its mother would have been sent home. Instead, the kidnappers are sent to Topeka and the baby is in charge of the juvenile court at Kansas City, Missouri.

George Remsburg, who is an authority on such things, gives the derivations of the names of a number of well-known Kansas streams: The Missouri river derived its name from a tribe of Indians that dwelt on its banks at the time of Marquette's visit. "Missouri" is a modified form of the original name, which is variously given as Oumessourit, Emissourit, etc. The name is said to signify "Living on the mouth of the waters."

The Kansas river was named for the Kanzo or Kansa Indians, and signifies "wind" or "people of the wind."

The Grasshopper river is from the word "Sautrelle," which means "grasshopper." Sautrelle was a Frenchman who was drowned in the stream at an early day. This river was later given the name Delaware, for the Delaware Indians. Stranger creek was so named by

the Kansas Indians. It is derived from the word "O-keet-sha," which means "stranger." Why it was given this name is not known.

Walnut creek was given this name by early settlers because of the prevalence of walnuts on its bank.

Mud creek yet remains to be accounted for.

SUNDRIES.

Oftentimes a man gets in for going out for a good time.

Don't bother to kick yourself, there's always plenty of others glad to do it.

The trouble with some people is they try to grasp opportunity with kid gloves on.

A fairy tale is a child's novel; and a novel is a fairy tale for grown-up folk.

Science deals with things as they are; religion with things as they ought to be and will be.

The highest task of life is to overcome hatred with love, fear with faith and evil with good.

All the mysteries of life are not wrapped up in a plate of beef hash.

Bread is the staff of life, and butter is the lubricant that keeps it running smoothly.

The pity of it all is that many mothers don't hear about the splendid things they used to make.

Many a fellow is so quarrelsome that he would even go into a poker game with a chip on his shoulder.

There ought to be a hospital for people who lack the esthetic sense, since people who lack the moral sense are put in the penitentiary.

FREE METHODISTS MAKE APPOINTMENTS FOR YEAR.

Solomon, Aug. 30.—The Free Methodist Kansas conference, which has been in session here for the past four days, adjourned this evening. The meeting next year will be held at Ottawa, which was chosen by a unanimous vote on Saturday. The appointments, which were made Saturday afternoon, are as follows: Clay Center District—A. Neid, district elder; Clay Center, Robert Sherwood, Mabel Sherwood, supply; Washington, A. Anderson, supply; Barrett, Antioch and Frankfort, C. E. Huston, supply; Manhattan, C. L. Fike; Alma, C. A. Howard, supply; Junction City, R. C. Myers; J. G. Big-nell, evangelist.

Solomon District—A. Neid, district elder; Solomon and Cox school house, C. Center, H. C. Williams; Jeffcoat, Industry and Abilene to be supplied; Oak Hill and Storm Center to be supplied; A. Siebert, supernumerary.

Card of Thanks.

To the kind friends and neighbors who assisted us in our recent bereavement, the death of our little daughter, we wish to extend our heartfelt thanks.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Henderson.