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## DEMOCRATIC TARIFF MEASURE NOW COMPLETE

### Ways and Means Committee Have Completed Document on Which the Democratic Party Stands—Income Tax to Have Sliding Scale.

[By Associated Press.]  
Washington, April 22.—By a vote of 14 to 7, with all Republicans voting against it, the House ways and means committee reported the completed Democratic tariff revision bill today. Chairman Underwood told the House the income tax can be raised or lowered from year to year, according to the government's revenue needs, thereby making possible a close balance between expenditures and revenues, such as is practiced in most other civilized countries.

The new bill completely disregards the cost of production. Thereby, as a regulator of tariff rates, the Democrats assert, the highly protected industries, like wool, become stagnant because no real competition develops to make them highly efficient, while industries where protection has been reduced, like steel, lead the world because foreign competition has brought out American efficiency.

The Democratic leaders told the House the future growth of the great American industries lies in foreign countries.

**Wilson Appeals to California.**

[By Associated Press.]  
Washington, April 22.—President

Wilson today telegraphed Governor Johnson, appealing to California not to pass any anti-alien land laws conflicting with the United States treaty obligations with Japan. President Wilson says he appeals "with the utmost confidence to the people of California" on this point.

**Charges a Baseball Trust.**

[By Associated Press.]  
Washington, April 22.—Characterizing organized baseball as the "most audacious and autocratic trust in the country," Representative Gallagher today introduced in the House a resolution for an investigation by a special committee and the Attorney General of the baseball contract system.

**Passed Sundry Civil Appropriations Bill.**

[By Associated Press.]  
Washington, April 22.—By an overwhelming vote the House today passed the sundry civil appropriations bill, containing a provision that the funds it appropriates to carry out the anti-trust law shall not be used against labor unions or farmers' co-operative associations. Former President Taft vetoed this bill on account of these two provisions.

## COMMISSIONERS COURT PROCEEDINGS

Plans for New Jail Prepared by Architect Fountain Approved—Results of Elections for Rural School Trustees.

The Commissioners' Court adjourned yesterday after the April term, and the following business is recorded in the minutes as having been transacted:

The election returns of the recent election in Improvement District No. 1 were canvassed, and it was declared that a majority were in favor of issuing \$10,000 in bonds for maintenance of the levee.

The court canvassed the returns of the recent election in School District No. 3 (Millican) and found that a majority of the voters were in favor of increasing the school tax to 15 cents.

The court ordered that G. R. Dunn be furnished with a road drag, and with cement to build two culverts on the San Antonio road; Mr. Dunn to furnish all labor.

The bond of the First National Bank for \$100,000 was approved, and it was designated as the depository for the school fund.

D. Cahill was instructed to reopen the Mosely Ferry road, closed by Simon Nemece.

A jury of view was appointed upon the petition of ten citizens on a road to be opened from the Mosely Ferry road west to the river.

Acting on the petition of thirty-two citizens of the Reliance school district, the court set May 24 as the date for an election to determine whether the school tax should be increased to an amount not to exceed 50 cents on the \$100.

The returns from the school trustee elections were canvassed, and the following trustees were declared elected:

District No. 6, College—J. C. Boyett and J. L. Stasny.

District No. 7, Harvey—N. A. Cotnam and E. U. Peters.

District No. 2, Wellborn—Tom Royder and R. H. Wilson.

District No. 3, Millican—A. J. Edwards and R. E. Dunlap.

District No. 8, Steep Hollow—I. M. Cook and C. M. Risinger.

District No. 9, Reliance—J. H. Mathis and C. M. Shealy.

District No. 10, Kurten—Herman Kindt and Jim Tobias.

District No. 17, Smetana—John Kosarek and J. H. Wehrman.

District No. 25, Independence—J. J. Merka and W. P. Means.

District No. 26, Minter Springs—J. A. Parker and A. B. Welch.

The plans for the new Brazos County jail were submitted by Architect Fountain, and finally approved. Plans will be furnished to contractors for the purpose of making up bids, for \$10 each. The plans are to be returned in ten days, and the \$10 deposit will then be refunded. All bids are to be accompanied by a certified check for \$1000.

The monthly report of Tax Collector Wipprecht was read and approved.

## MISSOURI EDITOR ACQUITTED OF MALICE

Was Sentenced to One Day in Jail for Criticising a Circuit Judge—Reversed by Higher Court.

[By Associated Press.]  
Jefferson City, Mo., April 19.—William E. Nelson, owner of the Kansas City Star, was found not guilty of malice in the publication of an article criticising Circuit Judge Joseph Guthrie last February, when Mr. Nelson was sentenced to one day in jail for contempt. The finding was reported to the Supreme Court today by Special Commissioner Crow.

**A Very Liberal Ruling.**

The commissioner held that every person has a right to publish his understanding of what a court has decided and differ with the court as to what the law is, and criticise the law, as long as he does not impugn the motives of the court, or charge it with corruption.

He also held the article which caused the citation, and which related to a divorce suit, was true.

**BALL PLAYERS OMITTED.**

[From Tuesday's Daily Eagle.]  
In the membership of the Bryan baseball team published yesterday afternoon the names of the following were omitted: Joe Spell, Algic Hearne, Willard Skelton and Otis Brogdon. The list is still open, and all who wish to try for the team are invited to come out and join the squad.

**NEW CHURCH DEDICATED.**

Iola, Texas, April 18.—The Zion Methodist Church was dedicated last Sunday with appropriate services, both morning and afternoon. The sermons were preached by Dr. Rankin of Dallas, assisted by the pastor, Rev. Llewellyn. Dinner was served on the grounds and the church was filled to overflowing.

## FORT WORTH PASTOR IMPRESSED BY A. & M.

Rev. H. W. Knickerbocker Returns from College with Highest Praise for Boys, Faculty and Facilities.

"I do not see why there is so much talk about moving the Agricultural and Mechanical College," said Rev. H. W. Knickerbocker, pastor of the Central Methodist Church, who has just returned from College Station, where he preached before the cadets of the college Sunday.

"I knew that we had a great school in the Agricultural and Mechanical College," he said, "but I never thought we had anything like I saw. It was absolutely remarkable."

"I find they have 2416 acres of land in their campus and more than a score of buildings which are valued at more than \$1,000,000. My trip through the buildings gave me an opportunity to see the splendid equipment they have. I can not understand how it could be possible for the college to be moved and all this valuable property abandoned. No educational institution could step in and take hold where the Agricultural and Mechanical College would quit."

"It is the healthiest bunch I ever saw. It appears that sickness is a stranger to the college."—Fort Worth Record.

## ALLEN ACADEMY NOTES

Coach Melton is worried because two of the track men, Knittle and Bryant, are laid up with mumps. The track meet at Austin is to be held on May 2 and 3.

R. S. Vandiver is spending a few days at his home in Houston.

Fred Jarvis went home to Kaufman, where his father has recently sold his ranch preparatory to moving.

The revival ministers have been visiting the academy and conducting the chapel services.

The academy grounds are being cleaned up and put in good shape.

The quarter-mile cinder track is in splendid shape, and is being used continually by the track team.

## ALDERMAN LEVY ON PAVING

Mr. Sam Levy has just returned from a trip to Nashville, Tenn., and Birmingham, Ala., where he made a careful inspection of the relative value of various kinds of pavements as compared to their cost. Alderman Levy is of opinion that vitrified brick is the thing for Bryan to use, and says that he stopped in Houston and saw the viaduct being paved with vitrified brick. The viaduct will stand heavy traffic, and if brick is good enough for Houston, Galveston and other cities, it should do for Bryan.

Mr. Levy went to Nashville as delegate from the Bryan lodge to the National convention of the Independent Order of B'nai B'rith. Next year the order will convene in Shreveport, La.

## BRAZOS COUNTY SHEEP AND WOOL TRADE

The proposed tariff schedule now under consideration by Congress, putting wool on the free list, is of interest to the sheep growers of Brazos County. The present tariff on wool is, approximately, 11 cents per pound. The quantity of wool clipped in this county is not of record, but the clip per sheep per annum amounts to about 5.1 pounds.

There are 3963 sheep and goats, valued at \$9022 by the Federal Census Department, on the farms and ranges of Brazos County. The annual wool and mohair production is valued at \$1233, and 824 sheep and goats are sold and slaughtered each year, and their total value is \$1870.

The number of these animals on the farms and ranges of the entire State is 1,808,709, which have a value of \$6,301,364. The production of sheep and goats is 591,976 annually, valued at \$1,361,544, and the State's yearly wool production is valued at \$2,267,308.

## REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

William Jones to James Palasota, lot 7, block 67; consideration, \$25.  
Ed Graham to S. B. Wilson, a lot 91x60 feet in block 114; consideration, \$2000.

## THREE PEOPLE PERISH IN A PRAIRIE FIRE

Flames Caught Them While Driving in Wagon and Barbed Wire Fences Cut Off Escape.

[By Associated Press.]  
Selling, Okla., April 21.—Rev. John Leslie, his wife and child were burned to death in a prairie fire yesterday. They were driving in a one-horse wagon when the flames caught them, with barbed wire fences along each side of the road making their escape in a lateral direction impossible. Mrs. Leslie attempted to save her child by crawling under the wagon where she was burned. The husband was found several feet away. The horse was also burned.

## PLANNING A VIGOROUS FLY CAMPAIGN

City Health Officer Will Ask That City Dumping Ground Be Succeeded by City Crematory for Burning All Filth.

City Health Officer Dr. R. J. Hunnicutt is planning an active fly swatting campaign. Effort will be made to handle the danger by education, instead of legislation, and to this end circulars and posters are being prepared.

The need of the campaign is great. The city of Bryan itself contributes largely to the always threatening danger, by the city dumping grounds, and Dr. Hunnicutt is preparing to petition that a crematory be built that the accumulated filth of the city may be burned. The matter is one that should have the most serious attention of the Council.

## HOUSTON MARKET REVIEW

Houston, Texas, April 21.—Each day sees a strengthening of the already high poultry market in Houston. It appears impossible to secure receipts anywhere near approaching the demand, and in consequence high prices prevail. Producers will do well by sending in supplies. Prices already are against the sky and can not go higher.

The Houston egg market is very firm, and 15c is being asked for eggs in the country. Dealers find little profit in eggs, and most of them are going into cold storage.

An unusual lightness in strawberry receipts for the season prevails. Receipts are averaging 300 crates per day and up, but they are all taken and there is barely enough to supply the local demand.

New potatoes are not going very well. Some supplies are coming in from the Rio Grande country and are selling to the trade at \$2.50 per bushel. Primary points have advanced prices 10c per bushel.

Some sections report cotton damage from the frost of a week ago. How far this damage has spread is not known. The plant is crippled and a rain is needed to test it out. If the damage is permanent replanting will follow.

Trade conditions in South Texas are encouraging, according to reports to the Houston Chamber of Commerce. Failures are very few, trade seems optimistic and business on a firm basis. Collections are fair in all lines of trade.

## ENGLAND TO TRIUMPH IN CANAL CONTEST

Ambassador Bryce Sends Satisfactory Accounts of His Conversations Upon Subject with President.

[By Associated Press.]  
London, April 16.—The report sent by James Bryce, the British Ambassador to the United States, on the results of a recent conversation with President Wilson foreshadows, it is understood, a favorable termination of the controversy between the two countries over the question of the Panama Canal tolls.

The Manchester Guardian understands that President Wilson will shortly make an important statement on the question.

## LAMP POSTS FOR SQUARE.

The ornamental iron lamp posts ordered by the Commissioners' Court have arrived from the foundry. The posts will be placed one on each corner of the courthouse square, and will prove very attractive, as well as lighting up the square. The posts are about ten feet high with ornamental top and will carry several lights each.

## UNCLE SAM BACKS UP ON JAPAN SQUABBLE

### Secretary Bryan Wires Gov. Johnson of California to Withhold Signature From Anti-Alien Land Legislation Recently Passed In That State

[By Associated Press.]  
Washington, April 19.—Secretary of State W. J. Bryan today telegraphed Governor Johnson of California asking him to withhold his signature from any anti-alien land legislation passed by the Legislature of that State which might violate the treaties between the United States and Japan. Mr. Bryan refused to make public the text of the message.

**To Finish Tariff Bill Today.**

[By Associated Press.]  
Washington, April 19.—The Democratic caucus today resumed the consideration of the tariff bill with the

expectation that all administrative features of the measure would be completed before nightfall. Every effort to amend the bill has failed, except minor changes in the language, making it clearer without changing the meaning.

**Slight Changes in Bill.**

[By Associated Press.]  
Washington, April 19.—The ways and means committee agreed today to an amendment to the tariff bill transferring buckwheat and rice to the free list and adding savings banks not conducted for profit to exemption from the income tax.

## BELGIAN STRIKE MEANS GREAT LOSS

Strikers Number Half the Male Population of Belgium—Union Printers Out, Crippling Daily Newspapers.

[By Associated Press.]  
Brussels, April 19.—Twelve million dollars is the estimated loss in Belgium from the first week of the strike for equal ballot rights, which has been joined by 400,000 workmen, representing half the male population of Belgium.

The printers struck at Brussels at midnight, crippling fifteen daily publications.

## BASEBALL TEAM ORGANIZED

The ball enthusiasts of this city have organized a baseball team, giving it the popular name "Dixie." Mr. Fairman is back of the boys and will render them every assistance in developing a first-class team, one that will be able to meet all comers.

Their suits have already been ordered, and will be of black material, with the name "Dixie" worked in white. They will make trips to neighboring towns and will also bring other teams to this city. The first game will be played here on next Saturday.

The membership of the team is as follows: Eugene Driver, manager; Herbert Preston, Edgar Buchanan, Carroll Harris, Earl Johnson, Douglas Houston, Frank Conway, Roy Roberts, McDuff Simpson, Roland Nunn and Sid Simpson.

## SPECIAL ELECTIONS ORDERED

[By Associated Press.]  
Austin, Texas, April 17.—Governor Colquitt today ordered special elections for May 6 in the One Hundred and Twenty-third and Sixty-ninth Legislative districts, where vacancies occurred through the death of Representative Hunt and the election of Representative Buchanan to Congress.

## ATLANTIC FLIGHT IN DIRIGIBLE POSTPONED

[By Associated Press.]  
Las Palmas, Canary Islands, April 17.—Owing to a sudden deflation of the dirigible "Suchard Two," through a leak, Joseph Buecker postponed starting his flight across the Atlantic Ocean today until a new supply of gas comes from Germany.

## HOUSTON MAN TO BE NAMED MINISTER TO PARAGUAY

Washington, April 21.—B. H. Carroll Jr. of Houston, who has the backing of National Committeeman Sells and the Texas Congressional delegation to Paraguay and Uruguay, will, it is said, be appointed. Secretary of State Bryan has intimated to members of the delegation that Carroll is acceptable to the President and the State Department.

## COLQUITT'S VETO AXE STILL WORKING

Vetoed Several Court Measures Today—Congressional Election Returns Canvassed—Many Charters Issued.

[By Associated Press.]  
Austin, Texas, April 19.—Governor Colquitt today vetoed the bills creating the Seventy-fifth Judicial District, and which reorganized the Thirty-eighth, Fifty-first, Sixty-third and Seventy-second Judicial Districts; and the bills creating the Seventy-third Judicial District, the bill reorganizing the Twenty-eighth Judicial District, and creating the Seventy-fourth District.

The official canvass of the returns of the special election for Burleson's successor in the Tenth Congressional District today showed Hon. J. P. Buchanan received 11,256 votes and Judge George Calhoun 8337.

The report of the Secretary of State shows 602 charters and charter amendments have been filed since January 1. This is the greatest number ever filed for the same period.

## MAIL SERVICE TO BE RESUMED IN COAHUILA

[By Associated Press.]  
Eagle Pass, April 19.—Postmaster Chichester has received instructions from Washington to resume the delivery of mails to all points in the State of Coahuila, Mexico, where the Carranza (rebel) government is operating postoffices.

## NEGRO WOMAN USED AXE ON NEGRO MAN

A serious difficulty, which came near resulting in a tragic butchery, occurred among some of the colored population last night. A negro woman named Mary Mitchell assaulted a negro man named "French" with an axe, striking two murderous blows. He was cut on the head and neck, and while his injuries are very painful, they are not considered necessarily fatal. The negro woman was arrested and placed in the county jail.

## DR. PROCTOR HAS RETURNED.

Dr. W. F. Proctor, head of farm demonstration work in Texas, has returned from Richmond, Va., where he attended the Conference of Education for the South. He is enthusiastic over the meeting and is confident of its results on the future of agriculture in this country. He met Dr. Carver of Harvard, who is at the head of the new department of "marketing and rural economic conditions," and who is working for better conditions along these lines in all parts of the country. He promised Dr. Proctor to come to Texas and be present at the next session of the Farmers' Congress.