

IS THIS FAIR TREATMENT TO NORTH DAKOTA FARMERS?

J. W. Smith of Surrey Furnishes Some Interesting Facts on the Subject of Grain Received in Bond.

On page 57 of the tariff act of Aug. 2, 1909, on "Imports into the United States" we read as follows: "That all articles manufactured in whole or in part of imported materials, or of materials subject to importation without having an internal revenue tax, and intended for sale revenue stamp affixed thereto, shall, under such regulations as the secretary of the treasury may prescribe, in order to be so manufactured and exported, be made and manufactured in bonded warehouses similar to those known and designated in treasury regulations as bonded warehouses class six. Provided that the manufacturing of such articles shall first give satisfactory bonds for the faithful observance of all the provisions of law and of such regulations as shall be prescribed by the secretary of the treasury."

"Whenever goods manufactured in any bonded warehouse established under the provisions of the preceding paragraph shall be exported directly therefrom or shall be duly laden for transportation and immediate exportation under the supervision of the proper officer who shall be duly designated for that purpose, such goods shall be exempt from duty and from the requirements relating to revenue stamps."

"That where imported materials upon which duties have been paid are used in the manufacture of articles manufactured or produced in the United States, there shall be allowed on the exportation of such articles a drawback equal in amount to the duties paid on the materials used, less one per centum of such duties."

"That the drawback on any article allowed under existing law shall be continued at the rate herein provided. That the imported materials used in the manufacture or production of articles entitled to drawback of customs duties when exported shall, in all cases where drawback of duties paid on such materials is claimed, be identified, the quantity of such materials used and the amount of duties paid thereon shall be ascertained, the facts of the manufacture or production of such articles in the United States and their exportation therefrom shall be determined, and the drawback due thereon shall be paid to the manufacturer, producer, or exporter, to the agent of either or to the person to whom such manufacturer, producer, exporter, or agent shall in writing order such drawback paid, under such regulations as the secretary of the treasury shall prescribe."

There is nothing in the provisions of this law which would arouse the antagonism or suspicions of the average farmer. But we wish our readers to note carefully that the details are left with the secretary of the treasury. Here is his ruling contained in the following letter:

Treasury Department, Washington, Dec. 9, 1912.

Mr. J. W. Smith, Surrey, N. D.
Sir: In reply to your inquiry of the 25th ult. as to how long imported wheat can be held in bond and whether bonded wheat must be milled before exportation, I have to advise you that such wheat may remain in bonded warehouse in the United States for a period of three years from the date of importation. The wheat may be exported in the condition in which imported, or it may be withdrawn from the bonded premises for transfer to a bonded manufacturing warehouse to be made into flour prior to exportation.

No statistics are compiled to show the quantity of bonded wheat now held in this country, and the department is, therefore, unable to reply

to your inquiry in that regard.

Respectfully,
T. M. HALSTEAD,
Chief, Division of Customs.

It is quite evident to a fair minded person according to the present ruling of the treasury department there is practically no tariff on wheat. If a miller can go to Canada and buy wheat at a time we have a short crop here and wait three years before he is obliged to export it is quite evident that he can buy our wheat for export at his own price for in that length of time we will have a big crop out of which he can make his exportation. If he (the importer) was obliged to export inside of sixty days after the importation was made no harm would be done the American farmer and great good might be done the American laboring man and the "industry." Under the present ruling the small miller is not benefited at all—only the export miller.

What reasonable excuse is there for handling whole wheat in bond? It makes business for the railroads, we know, but they would have the same amount of business from handling this wheat if it was milled in this country. This government has repeatedly declared its intention of fostering agriculture. The business men in all the little towns dotting the grain-growing states have time and again expressed a desire to see the farmers prosper, and yet this condition of affairs has been allowed to exist for years. The average farmer doesn't know where he is getting hurt. He has learned however, that other industries have been protected and that his business has been exploited, and in the November election he did the thing which was most natural for him to do—the only thing left for him to do. He turned to the Democrats for a reduction of the protective tariff on manufactured articles and prosecution of combinations in business which has become so sordid that it threatened the very existence of agriculture as an industry carried on by independent men.

A VISIT IN STRINGTOWN.

As we haven't heard anything from Stringtown for a long time, we thought we would investigate a little. Will give only a short sketch this time and finish next time. At East First street we found John Caswell very busy chewing his cud. Lee Irwin is busy hauling his grain to market and has bought it as his family have moved to the claim. Next comes our jolly old blacksmith, who says he has just got back from a two weeks' visit from his son, Sid.

Stopping at Witham's store, we found Mrs. Witham hustling around and she says that with every one to wait on and getting Spencer up in the morning, it keeps her busy.

Frank, the giraffe, is kept busy watching the stock off his grain that didn't get threshed last fall. He didn't prosper very well this season, but we think he'll come out ahead next season as he has some plowing done and that is more than anyone else can boast of.

Next comes little Cicero. He is kept busy cleaning out the stable and taking care of the bronchies and having to run all over the country after bread.

Stopping at the next house, we found it empty. Yes, our friends are all gone and it brings tears to our eyes not to see and hear the little ones who made it so homelike for so long. The dear ones will be sadly missed. We refer to L. B. Shea and family who have moved to Minnesota, where they will be happy in

their new home.

Then there is Mark Zorn. He is a terribly big but always jumping around like a chicken with its head off and doesn't do anything but sputter. Says he is in the hay business, buying, selling and speculating. We noticed a wagon loaded. Has been standing for two weeks ready for market, so he must be busy.

His neighbor, Frank Tromblee and wife have gone to Indiana to visit the latter's parents, and Nye always has two strings to his fiddle, which keeps him busy, and Ross has to look after things while pa and ma are away.

At the west end of Main street lives our genial friend, B. C. Witham, a great hustler, but has been working one handed for the past two weeks, having got his hand badly hurt while helping L. B. Shea load some very fractious horses on the car, which he was taking to Minnesota.

Just a few doors north lives his friend, Chris, an all around good fellow, who has to put in his spare time taking care of the baby. It being the first one, hasn't any others to play with, so demands more attention. Will now take a spin south on 4th street to Corman's, and see who is there. Their son Guy, the editor from Mott, is there eating Xmas dinner.

Thorwald Larson and family took dinner at A. Britton's. Mr. and Mrs. Saspa and family were also there eating Xmas dinner.

Nye Taylor and Ross Tromblee took Xmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Orrin Carpenter.

Quite a few enjoyed the services Xmas night at the Shea school house. Mrs. J. McCarthy who has been very sick, is reported better.

Ernie Smith took a load of grain to Minot Thursday and had to stay all night because his horses became sick.

Cicero took a load of wheat to Minot and brot home a load of coal. Killed two birds with one stone.

Spencer Witham took dinner with Nye Taylor and Ross Tromblee Sunday.

Gaylord Corman and Miss Pearl Zorn attended the dance in the hills Saturday night.

Mrs. Ruby Larson and son are visiting friends in Minot. Pearl Zorn spent Christmas at home.

B. C. Witham and family took Xmas dinner at M. L. Zorn's.

His Stomach Troubles Over.

Mr. Dyspeptic, would you not like to feel that your stomach troubles were over, that you could eat any kind of food you desired without injury? That may seem so unlikely to you that you do not even hope for an ending of your trouble, but permit us to assure you that it is not impossible. If others can be cured permanently, and thousands and thousands have been, why not you? John R. Barker of Battle Creek, Mich., is one of them. He says, "I was troubled with heartburn, indigestion and liver complaint until I used Chamberlain's Tablets, then my trouble was over." Sold by all dealers.

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SURREY NEWS.

D. B. Laughridge is on the sick list.
Alta Wolfe left Monday for Georgetown, Ill., where she will attend school.
Mr. and Mrs. Brey are entertain-

ing company from Devils Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Fox and family have returned to their home at Wadena, Minn.

Albert Rasmussen has been quite ill the past week.

The seniors and juniors will give a masquerade party at the Wilton Perry home on New Year's eve.

Mr. Shipley has gone to Georgetown, Ill., to attend the Olivet college.

Verna Blaker of Granville visited Mabel Burns one day last week.

Cards are out for the wedding of Rev. Irwin to Miss Alice Williams. The ceremony will take place on New Year's at the bride's home in Sawyer. Mr. and Mrs. Irwin will occupy the Welty Wolfe house in Surrey. Their friends extend congratulations.

Edith Luchinger is visiting her sister, Mrs. Jacob Luchinger in Montana.

The choir of the Presbyterian church went to Logan Sunday p. m. to assist Rev. McCracken in the Christmas service.

There was a masquerade dance at the town hall one night last week.

Schools will begin next week after a Xmas vacation which has been enjoyed by both teachers and pupils.

On Xmas eve, at the home of her sister, Mrs. Cora Luchinger of Montana, Miss Edna Perry was united in marriage to George Benson of Sawyer. The ceremony was performed by Jacob Luchinger. Congratulations.

Fay and Francis McKone spent Xmas in Minot with relatives.

WATCHING FOR THE COMING OF YOUNG "1913"

One of the most pleasant New Year parties was enjoyed by friends of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Young at their hospitable home in Surrey on New Year's eve. Progressive five hundred was the order of the evening, there being four tables where the good old game was industriously indulged in for several hours, and many a Grand Slamb was recorded, after which a most delicious lunch was served by the hostess assisted by her daughters, Tossie, Enid and Norma, not to forget W. S. himself, who gracefully served delicacies to some of his special friends among the ladies present. The prizes for the best players of the evening were awarded to Mr. Harry Vanorsdell, who, in token of his superior skill received a volume of one of the latest copyrights. The ladies' prize went to Miss Roy Reiff who received a beautiful hair ribbon with which, after this, we expect to see him do up his magnificent hair according to the latest Paris fashions. Of course the "Light Fantastics" were not forgotten and, when the hours grew small, the dining room floor resounded with the many feet keeping time to Miss Tossie's lively music. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Geo. A. State, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Olson, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Morey, the Misses Anna Wolley from Deering, Ruth Shorb, Elsie Lawrence and Messrs. C. O. Dierdorff, Ray Dierdorff Roy Reiff (don't forget the hair ribbon), Harry Vanorsdell, Richard Sjordal, C. R. Shorb and J. W. Rode. Auf wieder sehen.

ST. CARL ITEMS.

Miss Emma Grothe, who has been attending school at Fargo, is spending the holidays with her parents. WANTED—A man for the position of dog trainer in St. Carl coulee; good wages and a steady job for the right party. For particulars inquire of Mary Maher, Hillside avenue.

Gustin Olson, Henry Larson and Giber Tofsey left last week for Minnesota to spend the holidays with friends and relatives.

Wm. Strycker of Maple Creek, Canada, visited D. J. Mahoney a couple days last week.

Charles Geist is spending the holidays at home.

"Johnnie, pull the blinds down next Sunday evening."

Rev. Gullixson of Minot held services in the school house last Thursday, which was attended by a large crowd.

Neils Haugen is spending the winter

Our January Clearance Sale Commences Saturday, Jan. 4th THE FAIR

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at his old home in Minnesota.

Johnnie Maher has been busy fishing up stream lately. Wonder how the fish are biting.

Tom Davis has departed from our midst to work for Mr. McCarty of Stringtown.

Mrs. Mattie Mathiason of Estavan, Canada, visited relatives in the coulee last week.

Mr. Neils Saugstad is reported seriously ill at his home.

While out joy riding with the other fellow on Xmas, a sudden change of rigs was deemed necessary and the gallant cavalier was sent on his way. "Heo, Tossie made a trip to the di's last week."

J. Ecklund and son, former residents in this vicinity, but now located in Canada are back on a short business trip.

\$40 for inside lots and \$60 for corner lots.

RAMBLING NOTES.

The Xmas tree and entertainment at Logan was responsible for gathering together the largest assembly, young and old, that this august little burg has yet witnessed. While not wishing to draw individual distinction among the many who lent their aid in furthering the success of the undertaking, special credit is indeed due to Mrs. Will Humphrey, Mrs. W. Fecker and Miss Hazel Whitted for the clever training of the children. Mrs. Fay Kearfoot, Messrs Russell and Ralph Oard and Mrs. H. Telgan were responsible for the musical portion of the program and acquitted themselves right nobly. 'Twas an effort worthy of Logan and a credit to all who so cheerfully essayed to entertain in manner seasonable.

"Rumor is a lying jade," thus sayeth the sage of old, but exceptions prove the rule. On the 4th day of the present year a fair maid who graces the N. Prairie, and a ruddy youth whom the valley knows well, will renounce the selfishness of single life. Good wishes, sincere.

Mrs. Fay Kearfoot is the guest of Mrs. Wm. Hecker during Xmas festivities.

The Mission Ladies' Aid met on Thursday last at the winter residence of Mrs. Shaw. The recent heavy loss sustained by Mrs. Cook prompted the good dames to illustrate that adversity is but that which gives true neighbors occasion to exert their hid-

den strength and put into practice virtues that cheer the day, and be concealed in the smooth seasons and the calms of life. Much work of a useful character was accomplished, lunch consumed and conversation enjoyed.

SOUTH PRAIRIE.

Don't forget the dime social at the Shea school house Saturday evening, Jan. 4th. Everybody invited.

Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Tromblee left Dec. 21st for Indiana, where they will spend part of the winter visiting friends and relatives.

Miss Tillie Mostad attended the Aid Mrs. Gus Anderson's last Friday.

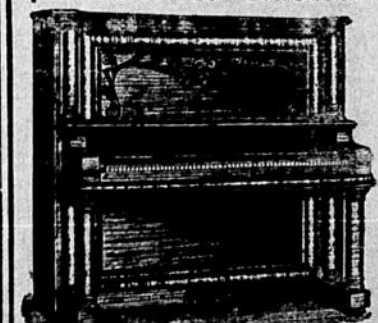
Mrs. Jim McCarthy is still on the sick list. Her many friends hope to hear of a speedy recovery.

The Presbyterian Aid will meet with Mrs. John Caswell Jan. 16. Miss Hannah Lagerwall spent New Year's at the home of O. M. Christensen.

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