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THE TARIFF SITUATION.

No other question has been so persistent in American public life as the tariff. It has repeatedly been the decisive issue in presidential campaigns, has made and unmade statesmen—and appears no nearer a permanent settlement today than it did half a century ago.

The 62nd congress, whose first regular session is just now getting under way, was elected largely on the issue of the tariff. The special session of this same congress was called into being last spring for the purpose of enacting a tariff measure—the late reciprocity agreement with Canada which Canada herself rejected at the first opportunity. Every indication at the present time is that this congress will give more attention to this vast economic conundrum than to any other single subject.

That being probable, it may be worth while to get the essential facts in mind concerning the present status of the tariff question.

It will be remembered that Mr. Taft was elected president three years ago last November upon a platform demanding a revision of the Dingley tariff act. The general interpretation of that platform utterance was that it called for a revision downward. As soon as he was safely inaugurated he called congress into special session to carry out this particular pledge of his campaign.

The result was the Payne-Aldrich law which President Taft has stoutly insisted was actually a downward revision of customs schedules, but which was generally taken by the country at large as a betrayal of popular confidence and a failure to carry out the promise of the national republican platform.

A little more than a year after the

passage of this new tariff act another congressional election came. This time the verdict of two years before was sharply reversed. A democratic house of representatives was chosen and enough state legislatures overturned to cut heavily into the republican control of the senate.

This was the 62nd congress which would not have been organized until December, 1911, had President Taft not been desirous of securing the ratification of the Canadian reciprocity measure which the previous congress had denied him. Had the new congress contented itself with approving the reciprocity pact, the tariff situation would have remained practically undisturbed.

The democratic house, however, considered itself bound by popular mandate against the judgment of the republican president, against the protest of the business interests generally. There was nothing to indicate, however, that it acted contrary to the desire of the great rank and file of its own party.

So, with the exception of the reciprocity measure, President Taft vetoed all the tariff bills sent him by this democratic house acting in cooperation with the democratic-insurgent senate. He declared that these revision measures were not "scientific," that the tariff board would be ready to report early in the regular session allowing a more accurate amendment of the Payne-Aldrich law and that it would be disastrous to disturb the tariff twice within six months.

This, then, is the situation as congress gets down to work for the long session. Tariff action is certain. Can the democrats frame a measure which the republican executive will sign? If he uses the veto again, what will its effect be on the election of 1912? The possibilities are many prophecy would be profitless.

MARKET REPORTS.

Local market quotations today.

Butter and Eggs.

Butterfat—38 cents.

Cheese—Hazelwood and Tillamook, 25 cents.

Butter—Creamery, 45 cents, one lb. 85 cents two lb. roll.

Eggs—Ranch eggs, 45c; storage, 35c.

Vegetables and Miscellaneous.

Potatoes—Per cwt, \$1.50

Cabbage—Per cwt, \$2.00.

Onions—\$2.25 per cwt.

Cabbage—Per pound, 2½ and 3c.

Celery—Per bunch 15c, two for 25c.

Sweet potatoes—Six lbs. for 25c.

Sugar—cane, cash price, \$7.00; 30

days' time, \$7.40 per awt; beet sugar,

cash price \$6.80, 30 days' time, \$7.20.

Beans—White, 8 1-3c; lima, 10 cents

Fruits.

Home grown apples—\$1.25 to \$1.10

per box. Grade establishes price.

Grapes—20 cents per quart.

Bananas—40c per doz.

Feed and Grain.

Alfalfa Hay—\$13.00 (retail).

Timothy—\$15.00.

Grain Hay—\$13.00.

Snowdrift Flour, sack \$1.40

Bran and Shorts—\$1.30 and \$1.40.

Oats—\$1.50 per cwt.

Rolled Barley—\$1.70 per cwt.

Cattle, Hogs and Powl.

Cows—3 to 4½c.

Steers—4c to 5c.

Sheep 3c and 4c.

Light hogs \$5.75.

Heavy hogs—\$5.00.

Chickens—Hens, 10c; old roosters,

8c and spring fries 10c to 12½c.

Turkeys, live weight, 17 to 18c.

Ducks, live weight, 12c.

Geese, live weight 10c.

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La Grande, Oregon, December 6th,
1911.

C. M. HUMPHREYS,
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