

MINORITY ASSAILS VALUABLE RATES

Republican Report Declares Radical Tariff Revision Is Uncalled For.

BILL APPROVED ABROAD

Elimination of Maximum and Minimum Feature, Which Has Added Greatly to Export Trade, Is Also Criticized.

WASHINGTON, April 20.—That a valorem duties such as are proposed in the Democratic tariff bill are "a delusion and a snare"; that the radical tariff revision submitted by the Democrats is inexcusable and uncalled for, and that an accounting will come for its enactment into law, are contentions of the Republican members of the ways and means committee in a minority report to be presented to the House tomorrow.

"There is no excuse for the radical change in our revenue system proposed by this Democratic bill," says the report. "The people have not asked it. The party proposing it is in power, not by the grace of a majority of the American people, but by a division in the ranks of the majority on other questions than that of protection. The Administration has the power to enact this legislation. The accounting for the abuse of that power will come later."

Business Alarm Reported.

The report contends that the bill has caused "intense and widespread alarm in business circles." Asserting that the Democratic bill "seems to meet with universal approval on the other side of the Atlantic," the report declares that the protective feature has been entirely eliminated in the framing of the bill. "It is easily apparent," the report adds, "that many of the duties have been placed on articles imported wholly from abroad, as a 'tax on manufacturers'; that many duties have been lowered so that they are much less than the difference in the cost of labor at home and abroad; that many articles now paying very low rates of duty have been put on the free list, while the comparative cost of production here and abroad is such that it will be impossible for business to continue without bringing down our scale of wages to the level of the rates abroad."

Free Materials Attacked.

"In many cases articles are put on the free list, while a protective duty is laid on the material used in their manufacture." The elimination from the Democratic bill of the maximum and minimum feature of the present law is deplored by the Republicans, who contend that through this provision great tariff concessions and regulations were procured and much added to the export trade of the country. Defending the existing Payne-Aldrich tariff, the minority asserts that in the last four years "the people of the country have been more prosperous than ever before in our history."

JUDGE IS INVESTIGATED

Federal Jurist of Louisiana District Under Inquiry.

WASHINGTON, April 20.—An investigation of United States Judge Boardman and the United States court of the Western District of Louisiana, with headquarters at Shreveport, has just been finished by the Department of Justice. Officials are reticent as to the reason for the investigation, but it was learned that it originated primarily within the department.

The inquiry into Judge Boardman's court, it was learned, had been filed in February before the retirement of Attorney-General Wickham. SHREVEPORT, La., April 20.—"Politics is at the bottom of the whole matter," Judge Alex Boardman said when he was told that an investigation into his conduct as an "inefficient but self-sufficient Governor" was under way. The assembly, after a stormy debate, decided to re-pass the penal code amendment bill in exactly the same form in which Governor Hunt vetoed it at the special session immediately preceding the present one. The Governor's objections were based on the section in which the chief executive's power to relieve condemned criminals would be limited.

SENATORS DEFY GOVERNOR

Arizonaans to Re-pass Bill in Form in Which It Was Vetoed.

PHOENIX, Ariz., April 20.—Defiance of Governor Hunt wishes regarding the passage of amendments to the penal code and attacks on his prison reform methods characterized the session of Arizona Legislature Saturday.

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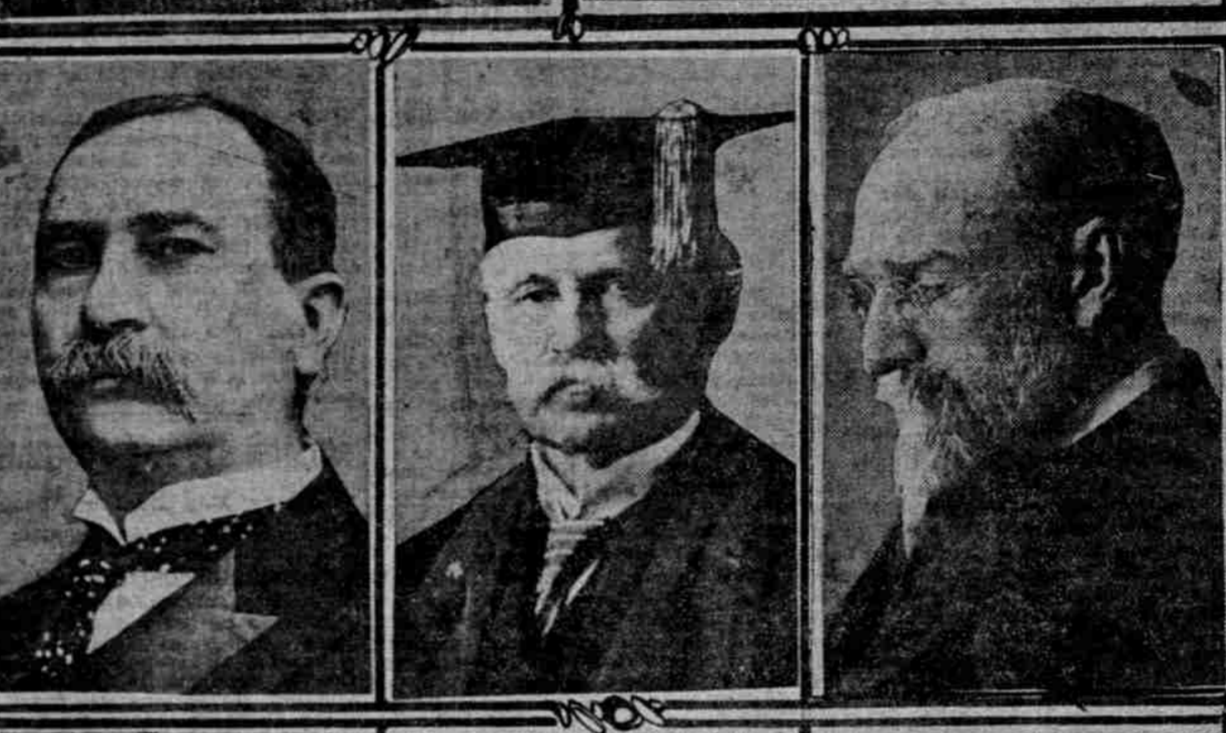
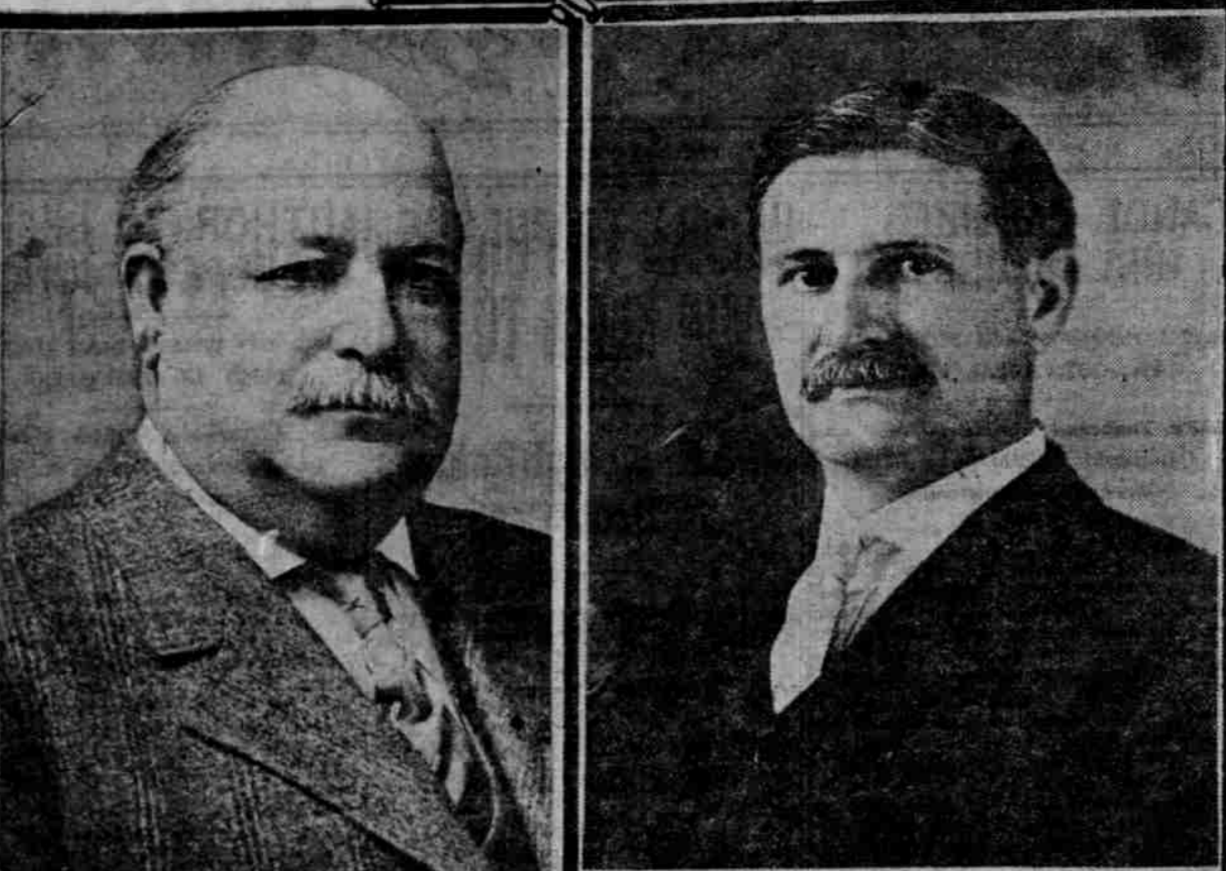
State Railroad Commission Inspects Corvallis & Eastern Line.

SALEM, Or., April 20.—(Special.)—An order issued by the State Railroad Commission Saturday requires the Corvallis & Eastern Railroad, within the next two years, to replace its present 10-pound steel tracks between Corvallis and Yaguina with 15-pound steel rails. It also recommended that the road be ballasted and the roadbed improved in certain places. It is estimated that the cost of the improvements will be in the neighborhood of \$500,000.

Ontario Creamery Opens.

ONTARIO, Or., April 20.—(Special.)—The Ontario creamery opened the first of the week. The plant will make fancy butters and ice cream. R. J. Smith, the manager, is an experienced butter maker. The machinery and equipment is of the most modern and improved type. Farmers in this section and dairymen in the Eastern states are just beginning to realize the opportunities of the dairy business here. The market for butter fat is always higher here than it is at Elgin, Ill. the center of the Eastern dairy industry.

LEADING FIGURES IN RECENT CONVENTION CALLED TO STUDY FARM CO-OPERATION IN MARKETING AND CREDITS.



Top Row—Left, Frank P. Holland, Father of the Movement; Right, W. J. Spillman, of the Department of Agriculture. Center Row—Left to Right, B. L. Yeakum, Head of the Frisco Lines; Dr. Harry Pratt Judson, President of the University of Wisconsin; Eastern Row—Left to Right, E. M. Toulson, Director of the Right Relationship League of Minneapolis; Representative Bailton W. Sumners, of Texas; H. J. Waters, President of the Kansas Agricultural College.

MARKET IS PROBLEM

Waste Between Grower and Consumer Strikingly Shown.

NEW BUREAU ASKED FOR Professor MacPherson, of Oregon Agricultural College, Analyzes Recent Chicago Meeting—Appeal Made to Congress.

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with adequate funds and place upon it the responsibility of working out and helping to apply such methods of sale and distribution of farm products as would insure to producers reasonably staple and remunerative prices and to the Nation an adequate food supply.

The other incident which showed the temper of the conference was the discussion following the paper of B. F. Harris on "Improving Farm Credit in America." Mr. Harris is a gentleman and a banker, an aristocrat of the banking fraternity; in fact, having formerly been president of the Illinois Bankers' Association. He has been carrying on a campaign against what he considers the extreme misrepresentation of our rural credit needs. Mr. Harris is convinced that all that is needed is National currency reform. Apart from much-needed currency legislation, our present credit facilities, together with education in production and soil conservation are adequate to solve all our rural problems. He does not provide any assistance to the industrial and thrifty landless man who wishes to buy a farm. It makes no provision for the man who has in

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some way gotten hold of a piece of land to waste credit unions. These associations led to others, and the farmers' societies became the chief agents in promoting soil conservation and scientific farming.

Old World Experience Ignored. With the easy generalization that European remedies cannot be applied to American conditions, Mr. Harris evaded the fact that the most progressive countries of the old world began their co-operative credit experiments when they were on the verge of bankruptcy; when they were without equipment, and knew least of soil conservation; when their basis for production was poorest; they organized the Landshafter and credit unions. These associations led to others, and the farmers' societies became the chief agents in promoting soil conservation and scientific farming.

Revenue and Waste Contrasted. B. F. Yeakum, chairman of the board of directors of the Frisco Lines, contrasted strikingly the Nation's tariff revenue with its annual waste. He began by giving \$26,000,000 as the total revenue of the United States from last year's tariff collections. The loss from agricultural waste he estimated as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. 100,000 carloads of fruit and vegetables which rot on the ground from the lack of shipping and storage facilities... 35,000,000. Additional amount which the farmers should receive if, by co-operation, they knew when and where to sell their products to the best advantage... 1,500,000,000. Total loss... \$1,785,000,000.

Concrete Examples Given. Last Summer, for example, he said, vast quantities of Colorado cantaloupes rotted in the field, while the consumers of Madison and other Middle West cities were forced to pay 10 cents each for Colorado cantaloupes in lots of 10 or a dozen. The remedy, according to President Van Hise, lies in co-operation. It must, however, be a system of co-operation which includes the consumer as well as the producer, and which establishes a more direct and less costly relationship between them.

In working for the establishment of co-operative associations, we are liable at any time to be taken to task for violating the Sherman anti-trust act. "Indeed," said the speaker, "the decisions under the Sherman act have uniformly held that selling exchanges and combinations, where the commerce was clearly interstate, which fix prices, divide territories, or limit output, are illegal. Yet some of these things must be done if co-operative societies are to be successful.

Episcopal Hall Site Dedicated. NYSSA, Or., April 20.—(Special.)—Bishop Paddock dedicated the site for the new Episcopal Hall in Nyssa last Sunday. Work was started the next day and the foundation is nearly ready. The structure will be 32x56 feet and will cost \$200. It will be used for an annual tent hall as well as for religious services.

Springfield Names Educators. SPRINGFIELD, Or., April 20.—(Special.)—The Springfield school board has chosen the following high school teachers for the year: R. L. Kirk, superintendent; Miss Hartung, of Corvallis, domestic science; Miss Gertrude Walling, of Corvallis, and Miss Nora Sorenson, of Springfield, teachers. It is not known whether or not all of those chosen will accept. Grade teachers will be selected early next week.

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GROWERS TO FIGHT TARIFF ON FABRIC

Sheepmen Believe Manufacturers Deserted Them in Final Emergency.

SENATORS IN QUANDARY

Effort Also to Be Made to Obtain 15 Per Cent Duty on Raw Wool, but Small Hope of Success Is Seen.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, April 20.—Fearful that they cannot restore raw wool to the dutiable list, Democratic Senators from the wool-growing states are hopeful of appeasing the wrath of the woolmen by making a fight to force wool fabrics and other woolen manufactures on the free list. They realize that this will not aid the woolgrowers, but there long has been a feeling among woolgrowers that the wool manufacturers were getting an advantage over them in tariff duties if these Senators can make wool fabrics free, in the event raw wool remains on the free list, they feel that they at least will have placed both industries on an equal footing, so that one enjoys no advantages of which the other is deprived.

For a great many years the wool manufacturers of the East have professed to work with the woolgrowers of the West in keeping a substantial duty on all forms of wool, both raw and manufactured. But the woolgrowers have known that the advantage has been on the side of the manufacturers and that the growers, especially under the Payne-Aldrich law, got only a fraction of the protection they were supposed to receive, owing to tricks of the manufacturers in grading foreign wools.

Grower Promptly Sacrificed.

When the Democrats came into control of the Government and it was evident that a radical revision of the tariff would be made, some of the Eastern manufacturers threw aside their old and came out openly in advocacy of free raw wool, though they were equipped with many reasons why their own product should not be brought into unrestricted competition with the manufacturers of foreign countries. For years these manufacturers had used the "poor woolgrower" in maintaining a high duty, not only on all wool, both raw and manufactured, and when the time came for the sacrifice they shoved the woolgrower to the front and offered him as a sacrifice.

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Secret Relations With Underlings in War Department Discussed Openly in Reichstag.

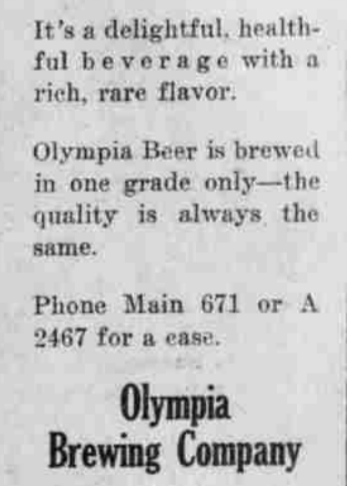
BERLIN, April 20.—(Special.)—It would be impossible to exaggerate the painful impression that has been caused in Germany by the revelations concerning the secret relations maintained by the Krupp Works at Essen with underlings of the German War Department.

This scandal, which was described in the Reichstag Saturday by the Socialist Deputy, Dr. Liebknecht, who brought the facts to light as "Panama and worse than Panama," promises to become one of the ugliest affairs that Germany has ever known. Graft in such high places has hitherto been practically unheard of in this country and Germans have been brought up to believe that that was a species of corruption which was exclusively confined to the United States.

Nothing else was discussed in the Reichstag today and the spokesmen of all parties, even those supposedly identified with the "Armor Plate Patriots," condemned the participants in the scandal in unmeasured terms, although emphasizing the necessity of withholding final judgment until the official investigation was completed. A large portion of the press is making a somewhat studied effort to reduce

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