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WILL THE SOLID SOUTH ALWAYS BE SOLID?

A congress of all the southern industries which desire protection will be held at New Orleans the latter part of September.

There is no sound economic reason why there should be any sectional division on the subject of protection, nor, in fact, any political division.

Tariff protection is an economic subject.

The people of the South admit the soundness of the principle when they ask for protection for peculiarly southern products, such as sugar, rice, tobacco and peanuts. Since the erection of so many manufacturing plants in the South, the people of that section have also become convinced of the wisdom of securing protection for their manufactures, as well as for their agricultural products.

But they are inconsistent.

The platform of the Democratic party says: "We reaffirm the traditional policy of the Democratic party in favor of a tariff for revenue only."

And the South will vote the Democratic ticket.

The South, too, is dry—all dry; bone dry, made so by state enactment before the federal prohibition amendment was adopted.

And the South will vote for Cox, knowing that he is wet, and that his nomination was forced by Tammany and other powerful wet interests.

The only way the South may be sure of protection for her agricultural and manufacturing interests is to cast its lot with the party which believes in protection to all American industries; whose "traditional policy" is against the principle of a tariff for revenue only—which is the shibboleth and camouflage of the free traders—which means free trade; which is responsible for the tariff law on the statute books now, that gives so large a measure of free trade that it is daily becoming a more frowning menace to American prosperity.

The South is vitally interested in protection, and the South can be sure of protection only through a Republican administration in every department of the federal government—

With a Republican President,

And a Republican cabinet,

And a Republican Congress—

And Republicans on guard in every custom house and appraising office, to enforce the law—

For even a thorough going protective tariff law may be largely nullified by unfriendly officials at the custom houses.

In larger matters of patriotism, the South has done splendid service; in the Spanish-American war; in the world war. But in politics she is so bound up with her traditional sectionalism, that she stands in her own light and appears selfish and craven in ways that are discreditable to her great sons and daughters who stand out as true Americans, with many of the finest traditions of this country; untainted by the reactionary and hide-bound foreign ideas and elements found in larger or smaller measure in many other sections of the country.

It is high time the South became ashamed of her politics.

"You cannot take a dollar to heaven with you," says the preacher. Will somebody please tell us what we can do with it here on earth?

The value of competition is indicated already, although but a short time has passed since the railroads were turned back to the people that own them. Cheap excursions are advertised in many parts of the country and the people are getting the benefit of the reduced rates.

Pictures of the Harding home in Marion and of the Coolidge semi-detached cottage in Northampton will make more votes for the Republican ticket this fall than all of the oratory cast to the four winds. To millions of people the plain home life of the Republican candidates is the real symbol of Americanism. Harding and Coolidge each live in an old-fashioned house in a country town.

A recent estimate shows that in the nineteen months of the war the number of actual deaths was 77,949. During the same period there were killed by accident in this country 126,000 persons. Appropriating the words of the women of Israel who sang, "Saul has slain his thousands and David his ten thousands," so might we say, "War has slain its thousands and accident its ten thousands." The most of the accidents might have been prevented by caution.

The strong churches today are the churches that have applied the principles that lead to success in secular affairs. The practical side does not expel the spiritual; consecration and enthusiasm are more likely to be found where the church is conducted efficiently and frictionlessly than in cases where there is no discipline, no assignment of duties and functions, no business system. A modern pastor has no light task. He must be a man of God and a man among men as well. His executive capacity is of even greater moment than his theological erudition. If it is irreligious to be an able executive, then St. Paul was one of the most irreligious of men.—Philadelphia Ledger.

WHY DESECRATE THE FLAG?

As the time for the Elks convention draws near, Salem is expected to dress up, figuratively speaking, for the occasion.

Let us at the same time be ever mindful of the respect and veneration we should have for that emblem which is sacred to the hearts of every loyal American citizen—the Flag.

It is a symbol of power and protection and the crowning glory of the republic.

It should receive from each one of us every kind of honor and respect.

It always must be carried upright; see that it never touches the ground. It should hang straight but never be draped in any way or use it as a covering for the auto radiator, table covering, whip or staff. Nothing but our Bible should rest upon it.

Our Flag should be raised at sunrise and lowered at sunset.

It is too sacred to be used for any purpose other than that of patriotic intent.

Always remember, to bear the American Flag is an honor, to own one is a sacred trust.

It is one of the sacred emblems of the order of Elks.

Let us educate ourselves along this line and read the Oregon Flag law, and show to our visitors we know how to treat our Stars and Stripes.

—A Daughter of a Veteran.

HOW WORDS GROW.

"Swank" is not a word to use in this court," a London magistrate told a solicitor last week. Yet in course of time even the fastidious may come to use it without wincing. Less than a century ago many purists objected to the word "constituent." Macaulay relates that in speaking to Lady Holland he expressed a wish that "it had been

FUTURE DATES

July 5 to 24—Summer school for rural pastors at Willamette university.
July 6 to 20—Annual encampment of Oregon national Guard, infantry and engineers at Camp Lewis, artillery at Fort Stevens.

July 19, 20 and 21—Willamette valley tennis tournament, state hospital courts.

July 22, 23 and 24—State Elks convention in Salem.

August 9 to 14—Buyers' week convention in Portland.

September 27 to October 2—Oregon state fair.

September 4, 5, and 6—State convention of Artisan lodges, Salem.

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