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1894 AND 1913

THE WALL STREET JOURNAL prints some timely comparisons between 1894, when the Wilson-Gorman tariff law went into effect, and 1913, the year of the Underwood tariff law. Standpat interests are claiming that our "infant" industries still need the paternal hand of government to protect them against competition, the argument being that if required to stand alone they will fall. There have been no notable tumbles, and there will be none, for a very good reason.

Most American industries are no longer infants. Manufactured out-put, figured on the value added by manufacture to exported articles, amounted to \$3 per capita in 1894, compared with \$12.16 per capita now. The products of American manufactures were worth \$73 per capita nineteen years ago; now they are worth \$107.60 per capita. Gross earnings of railroads were \$15.87 per capita as against \$49.26 now. The total value of the farm output in 1894 was \$49.26 per capita; in 1913 it is \$61.38. The Wall Street Journal says:

"We now consume either for personal or business use 5.38 tons of coal apiece, as compared with 2.25 tons when the Wilson bill went into effect. Our per capita output of steel has increased from 130 pounds to 634 pounds. In this short interim of only nineteen years our stock of gold has grown from about \$500,000,000, which was hidden away where Gresham's law couldn't get at it, to \$1,900,000,000, which is now in the banks and the pockets of the people doing active service. In 1894 the security markets were so bad that our industries were able to raise only about 5.54 of new capital per capita, this year the total will be close to \$19; while our bank deposits per capita have more than doubled."

There has been a vast growth in wealth during the past 19 years, and Wall Street Journal's figures go to the essence of standpatism's argument for continuation of a prohibitive tariff. If high protection is necessary for "infant" industries, when will the infant become able to stand on his own feet? A five-fold per capita increase in the output of steel would seem to indicate that American steel industries are reasonably well established, strong enough to stand without the government's supporting hand.

The nineteen intervening years between 1894 and 1913 marked the end of most prohibitive tariffs. The infants have grown into manhood. The bottle is no longer necessary in their feeding. Today the need is for equal opportunity, and opportunity should be open to the man who consumes the products of industries as well as to the man who produces them.

The Underwood tariff law marks a new era. Never again will the United States go back to the policy of upbuilding a few at the expense of the many.—The Oregon Journal.

Brief News of the Week

Springfield, Mo., defeated the proposed commission form of government charter.

Arguments in the government's anti-trust suit against the International Harvester company were scheduled to begin Monday in St. Paul.

The California railroad commission has ordered transportation lines to put in individual sanitary drinking cups which will sell to the public for 1 cent each.

Suffragettes in London interrupted services in the Westminster Abbey, with chants for suffragettes now in prison, when the clergy failed to mention the women in their prayers.

The concerted yells of 3000 fans at the Temple auditorium, Los Angeles, where they were watching the baseball score, split several pipes in the \$30,000 pipe organ.

Hereafter a matron and a policeman must stand guard with a watchful eye in every public dance hall in Boston to see that the tango, turkey trot and other dances of a similar character are not attempted.

Strong opposition to abatement of the severity of examinations at the West Point military academy is voiced by the superintendent, Colonel Townsley, in his annual report.

Commissioner of Mediation Stewart, of the federal department of labor, will recommend forthwith a congressional investigation of the strike of Colorado coal miners.

The Western Fuel cases, in which are involved many officers and employees of the Western Fuel company, charged with conspiracy to defraud the government through manipulating weights, came up for trial Monday in the United States district court at San Francisco.

The British government has decided to continue an opium monopoly in China until the expiration of the

present agreement and it is thought that with the control of the traffic in the hands of the government its gradual suppression will be easier.

People in the News

Adolphus Busch, multi-millionaire St. Louis brewer, died in Germany, aged 76.

Prince Taro Katsura, ex-premier of Japan and a close friend of the emperor, died after an extended illness.

Yuan Shi Kai has been elected president of China by the two houses of the republican parliament. He will rule five years. Twenty candidates were nominated.

According to information brought to Victoria by a Japanese liner, Dr. Sun Yat Sen, organizer of the Chinese revolution of 1911, has not left Japan, but is in hiding at the island empire. Failure of Governor Johnson of California to name a new medical board is keeping 500 young physicians from getting licenses to practice.

Mrs. Emmaline Pankhurst, the famous militant suffragette leader, sailed from Havre for the United States aboard the liner La Provence.

It is rumored that the widow of Mayor Gaynor will seek to have the will of her late husband overruled on the grounds that sufficient funds for her maintenance have not been provided.

Mrs. Jennie May Eaton was placed on trial at Plymouth, Mass., Monday, on an indictment charging her with the murder of her husband, Read Admiral Joseph G. Eaton, U. S. N., retired.

The petition to have Lola Norris and Marsha Warrington, who eloped to Reno with Diggs and Caminetti, declared dependents, was denied by Judge Shields on the recommendation of the probation committee.

BRIEF NEWS OF OREGON

Heavy snow fall in the Sumpter district has caused delays to railroad traffic and telegraph and telephone lines have been hampered.

Mrs. Sarah A. Evans was re-elected president of the State Federation of Women's Clubs at the convention at Hood River.

Since the establishment of the state automobile registration department in 1911, Multnomah county has paid in more than \$26,000 in fees.

Owing to effective forest patrol Linna county passed through the summer without a single destructive forest fire.

Glendale and Sutherlin will not vote on local option issues November 4 because of technicalities in the petitions.

Governor West had no right to incur debt in carrying on vice crusade work, and the emergency board had no authority to declare legal such action, according to the attorney-general.

L. D. Westfall of Tualatin won the handsome loving cup offered by the Great Northern railroad for the best agricultural exhibit at the state fair at Salem.

More than 30,000 head of sheep will leave Bend for Chicago stock yards, this probably being the largest single shipment of mutton ever made from Oregon.

Eugene was chosen as the next place of meeting at the closing session of the annual convention of the State Federation of Women's Clubs at Hood River.

High school officials of Coquille have placed a ban on pupils' attending picture shows, parties, dances, etc., on any night in the week except on Friday and Saturday.

George Temple, aged 12, a Chemawa student, shot Watchman George Staniff. The latter hit the boy on the head with the former's weapon. Both may die.

The Notj tunnel on the Eugene-Coos Bay railroad is nearly ready for the rails. Trains may be run from Eugene to Mapleton within the next 80 days.

School fund loans in Oregon aggregating \$100,000 may be forfeited unless the notes are renewed or foreclosure suits are brought, says Governor West.

Representative Humphrey of Washington may visit some of the more important river and harbor projects in Oregon if Representative Hawley finds he can't make the trip.

The C. A. Smith lumber company has been asked by Governor West of Oregon to defend its title to 10,000 acres of land which, it is intimated, has been obtained by use of dummy school land selections.

Guy M. Lindsay, former cashier of the Citizens National bank of Baker City, was freed of the charge of misappropriating funds, because of the government's failure to produce any damaging evidence against him.

George H. George, president of the Astoria National bank, vice president, secretary and treasurer of the Columbia River Packers' association and one of the foremost citizens of Oregon, died at his home in Astoria.

That the national forest, which recently was opened to homesteading of available agricultural lands, is on the brink of an era of development is the opinion of J. Roy Harvey, newly appointed supervisor.

Secretary of the Navy Daniels has informed Senator Chamberlain that insufficient room on the battleship Oregon will prevent Oregon guardsmen from accompanying the ship through the Panama canal, as an escort.

Suit has been filed by the attorney general of Oregon against the governor, secretary of state and treasurer, for recovery of \$14,000 said to have been unlawfully spent out of the penitentiary revolving fund.

Senator Chamberlain has been told by the state department that the proposed legislation by Chile has been changed to make the lumber duty 70 per cent ad valorem, an increase of 50 per cent, instead of 215 per cent as intended.

Governor West intends to put the payment of expense of grand jury investigation of I. W. W. deportation in Coos county up to A. H. Powers, of the Smith-Powers Logging company. Powers is blamed for instigating the deportation.

Very largely through the efforts of Representative Sinnott, the director of the geological survey has recommended to the secretary of the interior designation under the enlarged homestead act of sections 7, 8, 16, 22 to 36, township 26 south, range 16 east; sections 1, 2, 11 to 14, 23 to 26, 35, 36, township 27, range 16 east Lake county, near Fort Rock.

Governor West has appointed a committee to devise a plan for an improved system of forest taxation. The governor also will urge the committee to formulate a plan to encourage reforestation and the settlement of logged-off lands and to make recommendations to the next legislature.

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UNDERWOOD AND HOBSON HAVE CLASH

Washington.—Representative Richmond Pearson Hobson, representative of Alabama, and his colleague, Majority Leader Underwood, engaged in a bitter debate on the floor of the house over the senatorial contest in their state, in which they are rival candidates. The oratorical duel was precipitated by Mr. Hobson reiterating utterances he made last week in a speech at Wetumpka, Ala., intimating that Mr. Underwood was "the tool of Wall street and the liquor interests," and charging that he had gained Alabama's support in the last presidential campaign under false pretenses.

Cheers from Democrats and Republicans greeted Mr. Underwood as he rose to reply, and later, when Mr. Hobson tried to interrupt, there were loud cries of "Sit down, sit down; you've had your time."

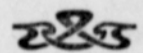
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