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The Tariff Sham

That the new tariff bill is simply a mask to increase the profits of industry already amply protected under the camouflage of helping the farmer, was emphasized by Senator Borah in the Senate Monday in an able summary of the facts. He declared the measure out of line with pledges made to agriculture by both parties in the last campaign and that the increases proposed in farm rates would be more than offset by raises in industrial levies which would increase still more the economic inequality of agriculture.

American industry now is in control of 95.6 percent of "the greatest market in the world," the American market, and is exporting in increasing quantities each year, said Mr. Borah, and the existing tariff law is an embargo because it keeps out all but 3.4 percent of the manufactured goods consumed by the American public. "While we are protecting the little man some, the vast benefit goes to those who are engaged in mass production and we are charging the bill to the consumers."

Declaring that he spoke as an advocate of a protective tariff, Mr. Borah argued there was no excuse for the pending bill so far as industry is concerned. Imports are constantly decreasing under the present law, and fell off nine percent in the last two years while our exports were increasing 16 percent. Under this situation 403 manufacturing corporations increased their profits by 29 percent between 1923 and 1928. The National City Bank was quoted by him as authority for the statement that during the first six months of this year 571 representative corporations were making 7.37 percent more than last year. He asserted:

Industrial production during May was higher than ever before in our history. The stock value of 338 corporations was 95 percent above the average of 1927. The steel industry has made 80 percent more in the first six months of 1929 than it did in the first six months of 1923 and this is the industry which is securing greater protection under this bill than any other single industry. Its production is the highest in its history.

With industrial profits increasing, with exports increasing and imports decreasing we have on the other hand the constantly falling income and profits of agriculture.

But if this tariff bill is passed, it will end the increase in our exports by reprisal tariffs on the part of nations discriminated against and thus help destroy the market for our surplus products on which depends future prosperity.

The Bus Franchise

The city council has passed, with the consent of the applicants, the proposed franchise of the Oregon Stages, Inc., successors to the Southern Pacific, for operation of street busses in Salem to a vote of the people at the primary election of May 16, 1930.

The modified franchise has been amended to meet the demands of objectors. The life of the franchise has been limited to five years. A 20 minute service is to be maintained at existing fares of seven cents or four tickets for 25 cents. An annual fee of \$25 each is to be paid for each bus. Fines of \$25 a day are provided for failure to maintain service.

If there is anything objectionable about the modified franchise, it has not been stated, save perhaps the fact that it is exclusive, but no responsible company could afford to make the investment otherwise, and the brief period of its life will open the way for competition, should it materialize. The absorption of the sole competitor, the single old ramshackle yellow bus has already been arranged for. In this day of a private auto for every family and occasionally two of them, there is no great fortune in operating street busses in Salem. It is questionable whether receipts meet expenses. So we are fortunate in having a strong, well established, responsible transportation concern undertake it.

Forest Fire Cause

William Hanley, sage of Burns, echoes the opinion of pioneers generally when he condemns the present forestry policy as responsible for serious forest fires. Mr. Hanley says:

In the olden times the Indians never had trouble with forest fires nor did we old-timers. The method of fire prevention was simplicity itself. There was very little waste or rubbish in the woods. The Indians made a practice of burning the trash. As they would do it yearly, trash did not accumulate and when it was burned the fire could be easily controlled and did not spread to the timber. The Indians were selfish in the matter. They knew that if the deer were to have food, and the Indians depended themselves on the deer, the way to help the situation was to keep the trash out of the forests. These burns resulted in good pasturage for the wild game and enabled the Indians to get their necessary meat. But along came the government with its forest reserves and its regulations. The underbrush, the trash, has been accumulating for 30 or 40 years and, of course, when so much trash does catch fire, it is hard to manage and gets into the trees. The Indian method kept the fire danger at a minimum, for the trash could not accumulate; the government system permits the forests to be cluttered up with waste. And from the dawn of man, the only way that waste in the woods has been gotten rid of is by burning it.

If after the first fall rains, the underbrush is fired, the forest is cleared of debris, without endangering the trees, but under control of our conservation theorists, it accumulates and when a period of protracted drought comes along, disastrous conflagrations follow. The early stockmen followed the practice of the Indians to maintain grazing lands as well as forest.

SHERIFF TAKES PART AT TAYLOR CEREMONY

Dallas—Sheriff T. H. Hooker and family motored to Pendleton Tuesday where the sheriff will attend the Till-Taylor Memorial ceremony Wednesday and then spend several days at the Round-Up. The ceremony that Sheriff Hooker has been asked to attend is the unveiling of the Till Taylor monument of which there will be officials from all over the state. Sheriff Hooker has the honor of being one of the four or five sheriffs still in office who were officials at the time of Taylor's death, in 1920.

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SUNDOWN STORIES

THE INDIAN TEPEE

By Mary Graham Bonser

The little black clock had certainly succeeded in changing the whole scene back several hundred years.

No sooner had he told John and Peggy of his magic powers than they saw an Indian tepee. All around was a great prairie, and in the distance the children saw a fine herd of buffaloes.

The tepee had figures painted on it and all sorts of fancy pictures. Smoke was curling out of the top, and from the little opening at one side an Indian chief appeared.

How magnificent he was! How tall, how splendid, how strong! John longed to feel his muscle, but he waited to see what would happen.

"Enter," said the chief. "Boy-of-many-years-from-now, enter and be welcome."

Then at the opening of the tepee appeared an Indian squaw, and following her were several children.

"Girl-of-many-years-from-now, enter! Enter and be welcome," she said to Peggy.

So Peggy and John and the little black clock entered the tepee.

There the fire was burning. The chief and squaw and the children sat around on stones in front of the fire. John and Peggy looked about at the low beds, the feathered, the pipe of the great chief and toys belonging to the children.

"Boy of the White Face, Girl with Eyes the Color of the Sky on the Noblest Days," began the chief, "we will eat of soup and corn before the Clock dance begins."

The squaw saw that all had plenty to eat. Peggy saw the dolls belonging to the Indian girls, and John was most interested in arrowheads.

Then the chief gave a great whoop.

"We must get ready. We must put on more paint, more beads, more feathers. The dance, O Mighty Little Clock, is about to begin."

The clock clapped his hands. "This is going to be splendid. I hoped they would do this for us."

Tomorrow—"The Clock Dance"

ROSEBRAUGH ON WAR PATH OVER SWIMMING POOL

The swimming tank that is being constructed at the Municipal Campers' park came in for a lot of discussion, including some adverse criticism, at the city council meeting Monday night.

It started with the simple matter of Alderman Rosebraugh's calling the council's attention to the danger of children falling into the excavation, which contains a considerable amount of water. He thought red lanterns were not sufficient protection and that the hole ought to be fenced. After the discussion had

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