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NO DANGER OF RETALIATION.

During recent years about the quickest and surest way to put the average audience to sleep in the West is to touch on the tariff. In view of this fact it is a matter of wisdom to apologize beforehand when you have anything to say along this line. And yet, this subject is like unto the old, old story—it is ever new. But now and then something of real interest "bobs up."

Many of our readers are aware of the fact that Germany recently undertook to force special concessions, whereby she could benefit. In nicely turned diplomatic phrases we were given to understand that without the United States government did about thus and so, Germany would place a duty on many of the articles which we exported to her shores. This was a bluff, pure and simple. Germany is dependent upon us for a great deal of her bread stuffs, and there is no danger of her shutting us out of her markets, at least not until she can find a cheaper seller than we are.

It is not necessary for us to alter our tariff schedule at the demand of any nation. Our schedule of tariffs are for our own people; they are intended to suit our needs, not those of the people of any foreign nation, and quite excellently do they fill the bill. The following from the Detroit News, gives a good insight into this German bluff:

Germany has a large industrial population. In spite of the intense farming so generally practiced she cannot feed her people off her own soil. The volume of our agricultural exports is evidence of the fact. Germany, even before putting the schedule into effect, is showing an uneasiness bordering upon apprehension, simply because the United States seems to take little interest in reciprocity treaties. German statesmen are already sounding the authorities in Washington as to what we are likely to do for German goods in return for a material reduction of the tariff against our farm products. In other words, Germany hesitates about pinching the stomachs of more than half her people for the sake of giving the agricultural minority an extraordinary profit. Her food tariffs must be regarded as something of a bluff, and if the bluff should be called and reciprocity withheld the German urban population would presently be confronted with an increased cost of living and a consequent demand for higher wages.

BOTH ARE NECESSARY.

It is an old saw that a poor man is a rich man's leech. Here is food for reflection. It is obvious that well-to-do men are a necessity in any community; they are the bone and sinew, the king pin of everything, but they are not all that is required. There must be men of brawn to carry to completion certain works conceived and laid out by the capitalists, and these men, greater in number than he of money, occupies a position of some responsibility and are as necessary as any class of citizens.

The wise men are those representing both capital and labor and who realize that where harmony prevails between these classes there will be found the most progressive people. Both are necessary and each should respect the other. Instead of working together it is too often the case of war to the death, and when such war is on it is hard to

determine which is the most relentless foe. But it is true that the poor man often quarrels with his own bread and butter.

A GOOD NAME.

A man who is honest with himself when debating the multiplicity of questions that are suggested by his "better self" is a man who is honest with his neighbor. He is first of all truthful, and may be trusted. It matters not what his religious views may be, if you feel that he is sincere, he inspires trust.

You may disagree with him, but you respect him nevertheless. If a man is not honest with himself he is not likely to be with his neighbor, for he naturally cares less for his neighbor than he does for himself. It is only a step from dishonesty with oneself to hypocrisy. A hypocrite is scorned by all. A good moral sentiment is as much an element of success as so many dollars, and every young man when he starts out in life should bear this in mind. We may not all of us be money-makers, but we can possess that which is good to have and what money alone cannot purchase—a good name.

Arbor Day.

Next Friday, April 14, is Arbor Day and J. H. Ackerman, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, has issued a very fine program for the teachers of the state, one of which found its way into our possession. It may be not alone edifying, but interesting to many of our readers to scan the following sections from our school laws which treat of Arbor Day:

SECTION 62. The second Friday in the afternoon in April of each year shall hereafter be known throughout the state as Arbor Day.

SECTION 63. In order that the children in our public schools shall assist in the work of adorning the school grounds with trees, and to stimulate the minds of children towards the benefits of the preservation and perpetuation of our forests and the growing of timber, it shall be the duty of the authorities in every public school district in this state to assemble the pupils in their charge on the above day in the school building or elsewhere, as they may deem proper, and to provide for and conduct, under the general supervision of city superintendents, county superintendents, teachers, and directors, or other school authorities having the general charge and oversight of the public schools in each city or district, to have and hold such exercises as shall tend to encourage the planting, protection, and preservation of trees and shrubs, and an acquaintance with the best methods to be adopted to accomplish such results.

SECTION 64. The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall from year to year, under and by direction of State Board of Education, have power to prescribe from time to time a course of exercises and instructions in the subjects hereinbefore mentioned, and shall be adopted and observed by the said public school authorities on Arbor Day.

It is requested that teachers keep the annual numbers of Arbor Day as a part of the school library. The material offered has been obtained from a great variety of resources with the object of providing a permanent and valuable collection of literature for the teacher's use in connection with the work in Nature Study and Humane Teaching. The programs given are, of course, only suggestions, and should be modified as differing conditions may make advisable.

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