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A GOOD DELUSION

President Taft said at Canton: We don't believe in high tariff, but we believe in tariff enough to preserve our industries and give them a living profit so they can pay good wages and we can all be happy."

For more than a half century the tariff question has been discussed pro and con before the American public, and we suppose there are still to be found those who believe that the "foreigner pays the tax." Even President Taft seems to think that it has something, beneficial to the laboring class, wrapped up somewhere within its complex, entangling folds.

Supply and demand has close association both as to price of labor and products, and while tariff cuts a large swath in business affairs, it is not in the interest of the laborer that it manifests its showing, but it enables manufacturers to control production within our country by keeping like commodities out, and, hence, gives such producers an opportunity to hold up the home consumer, and while our laborers are paid more than the foreigner gets, his home supplies are enhanced in value to an extent that he has very little to bank after his bills are all paid, especially if he is only a common worker and has a family to support.

Tariff affords a smooth plan for collecting revenues for the support of the national government, a good pretext for the payment of higher wages, and a most excellent system for designing men to corner production and grow wealthy at the expense of the general public.

The many strikes in our country surely do not suggest a condition of well paid and happy workers. If it does, then there is something wrong that ought to be investigated.

THE STRONG MAN IN.

Yuan Shi-Kai is President of the Chinese Republic, and government under the new regime is fairly inaugurated. The first President is the really strong man of the empire; or, as we should say now, the republic.

Yuan Shi-Kai is the one man above all others who can secure the greatest co-operation of all the forces necessary to insure effectiveness for the new government; for from all reports, it seems to be assured that he possessed the rare quality of commanding the respect of all hands and the cook.

Dr. Sun Yet-Sen has administrative capacity, as he has shown, but in the intricacies of statecraft which require the man who can act with precision, yet with deference for the poetical value of persons and events, Dr. Sun has not the training of Yuan Shi-Kai. The latter is a marvel

as a diplomatist, while at the same time he possesses the firmness of an autocrat with unlimited power at his command. In full measure, the President of the Chinese Republic is a statesman, probably more competent to grapple with the difficulties which the new government will have to encounter than any Chinese who has gained a name in the public service.—Telegram.

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PUBLIC SCHOOLS ADVANCING

Advancement in Attendance, also in Promptness and Interest

Report of the schools of Polk County for the school month ending Feb. 23, 1912.

Number of schools reporting correctly and on time..... 63
Names of schools failing to report correctly and on time: Parker, Brush College, McTimmons Valley, Greenwood, Lone Star, McCoy, Guthrie.
Number of pupils remaining at last report..... 2549
Number of pupils registered new during month..... 41
Number of pupils registered secondary during month..... 34
Number of pupils readmitted during month..... 422
Total number pupils on register during month..... 3377
Number of pupils dropped during month..... 587
Number of pupils remaining at time of report..... 2790
Number of days taught during month..... 18.6
Whole number of days attendance..... 50655
Whole number of days absence..... 2549
Whole number of times late..... 580
Number of pupils neither absent nor tardy..... 1983
Average number of pupils belonging..... 2840
Average daily attendance..... 2729
Per cent of attendance..... 95.8
Number of visits by parents..... 38
Number of visits by members of the school board..... 31

The following schools have been placed on the roll of honor for the county for having made an attendance of 95 per cent or more: Zena, Dallas, Smithfield, Ballston, Salt Creek, No. 15, Airlie, Bethel, Oak Grove, Ward, Perrydale, Gooseneck, Rickreall, Oak Point, Elkins, Independence, Antioch, West Salem, Buena Vista, Spring Valley, Harmony, Montgomery, Lincoln, North Dallas, Enterprise, Suver, Concord, Oakdale, Crowley, McTimmons Valley, Greenwood, Fir Grove, Sunnyslope, McCoy, Guthrie, Powells Camp (100 per cent), Black Rock Creek, Mistletoe, Valley Junction.

The following schools have been placed on the roll of honor for the county not having made any tardies during the month: Smithfield, Red Prairie, No. 15, Ward, Cochran, Rickreall, Oak Point, Spring Valley, Lincoln, Enterprise, Crowley, Concord, Guthrie, Powells Camp, Liberty, Oakhurst, Highland.

There has been an increase in attendance this month and also in the number of parents who have visited the schools.

The following schools are now standard schools: Spring Valley, Lincoln Buena Vista, North Dallas, Oakhurst, West Salem, Ward, and No. 15. We will have several more schools become standard soon, and much interest has been shown in districts where the most of the points have been won by the children and teachers.

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