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TARIFF NOT POLITICAL.

John Hays Hammond, a noted engineer, financier, Republican and protectionist, recently made the following statement about the need for a tariff commission:

The tariff, for example, is inherently an economic and not a political problem, and while it may not be possible to take the tariff out of politics, it is, at least, desirable to keep politics out of the tariff.

"For this reason, as a business man, I have favored the creation of a permanent non-partisan board of tariff experts to present authentic facts for the edification of congress and of the people of the country in general relating to proposed tariff revision.

"While the tariff board should be non-partisan, its members will have, of course, political predilections which however, should not disqualify them for a scientific investigation of reliable statistics."

Representative Henry T. Rainey, of Illinois, author of the tariff commission bill, approved by President Wilson, says:

"If there is any way of making the proposition more non-partisan than the methods suggested in this bill, I would like to know what it is. It, in my judgment, insures in the future tariff stability and whenever revisions appear to be necessary it will make it possible to make such revisions intelligently. The bill, if it is enacted into law, will come as near removing from the tariff unfair and unreasonable partisan action, in my judgment, as any measure yet conceived."

LIVE ONE FOR CONGRESS.

Benton Courier: There are many people in Oregon who are very tired of a stand-pat Republican congressman in a progressive state, but the shuffling of the political deck has prevented their playing their cards.

Democrats are passing out the tip to write in the name of Mark Weatherford, of Albany, on the primary ballot, and place this brainy young lawyer in nomination against Mr. Hawley. There is no doubt but this will be done.

Mr. Weatherford has not been a candidate, but we understand he will jump in and make an active campaign if the people nominate him.

Mr. Weatherford is a political com- er in Oregon, and a line-up against Hawley will give him an opportunity he will not overlook.

He is in the prime of life, full of pep and ambition; a brilliant lawyer and he has the reputation of being on the square.

Mr. Hawley will have entered for some foot race if Weatherford starts with him, and the thing for Democrats to do is to write in his name and start him.

Congressman Hawley has had the plate passed to him long enough. Write in the name of Weatherford and let our congressman run against a live one.

OUR FOREIGN SERVICE.

Through the diplomatic and consular services, the state department under President Wilson has handled the international affairs of this country and of practically all the warring nations so well that the effectiveness of this country's foreign services is being praised all over the world. The federal reserve system has been organized and put into operation, admittedly the greatest financial achievement of the nation's history.

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The boys of the country have no greater enemy. The cigarette is the stepping stone to many other evils, including liquor.

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The cigarette smoker in athletics hasn't enough wind for a decent race or game of any kind.

Some one said a day or two ago about an Albany boy: "He smokes too many cigarettes to be a good baseball player."

The first thing done in football is to stop the cigarette. Why?

It isn't just the tobacco. A person can use a reasonable amount of tobacco and not be injured. It's the stuff put in it, the paper, and the excess.

The yellow finger tips tell their own story of morphine, etc.

Timely Retraction.

Corvallis Gazette: The reporter on this column made an error yesterday in stating that Mrs. Curtis went to Portland to have her jaw examined. She went with Vera Cox to have the Portland specialist examine Vera's jaw. Rev. Curtis says: "If you think there is anything wrong with Mrs. Curtis' jaw you would change your mind very rapidly if you had heard it work after she read that item." We are inclined to take Mr. Curtis' word for it and hereby retract the statement in full.

The Modern Dance.

Tacoma Dispatch: Women members of the social service board shuddered today when Public Morals Officer Jurisch told what he had seen in cafes and candy stores where dancing was allowed. He said that never before had he seen such sensuous dances as those in the "gumdrop cabarets," where soda water drinkers "ragged." "Everybody swarmed on the floor when the rag music started," said Jurisch. "Such suggestive attitudes and positions I never saw before. It was scandalous. I watched one young man indecently chewing a girl's neck." "Oh!" exclaimed several women. "Ah, ugh-h-h-h," said others, with expressions of the deepest horror and disapproval.

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