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HIGH TARIFF FOOLISHNESS.

Congress is now in labor for the purpose of giving birth to a high tariff law. With nations of the old world without the wherewithal to buy, the only result of legislation of this character will be to make the American consumer pay a higher price to the American manufacturer.

The primary object of a tariff is to produce revenue for the government. It will fail in this purpose, which it is sure to do if placed at a too high figure.

It is also true that if the government is to derive revenue from the tariff foreign made goods must be imported. But if foreign nations have no money with which to buy our products, either manufactured or in the raw state, their only resource is to sell us their goods.

So if our republican friends in congress discourage the importation of their goods, which will result from an excessively high duty or tariff, they will decrease the revenue therefrom and the beneficiaries will be, not the government, but the American manufacturer will fatten at the expense of the American consumer.

Congress will earn the admiration of the American people if it will enact a tariff law which will produce the largest possible revenue. In other words the importation of foreign made goods should be encouraged, both for the greatly needed revenue for the government and to make it possible for the impoverished nations over in Europe to again get on their commercial feet. If America prospers she must find a market for the surplus of what she produces. An impoverished nation is of little value as a customer. So if we prosper, the people in Europe must prosper as well, for they are our customers in the main.

Congress, however, is listening to the people somewhat. In formulating tariff heretofore it has listened mainly to the wishes of the manufacturers. At last farmers' interests are being considered, and the farmer interests conflict in many respects with that of the manufacturers. Congress seems to understand, that is the party in power does, that unless some legislation looking to farmers' interests must be enacted else the now majority will be hurled from power and a moderate tariff, one which will produce revenue for the government, and revenue is somewhat needed by Uncle Sam these days.

The general government will be inexcusable if it panders to the will of the tariff barons just now. Congress should concentrate its activities to hard headed legislation for the best interests of the entire country at this time.

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In the selection of Ex-president William H. Taft for chief justice of the United States supreme court President Harding pleased the great majority of the people of the country. No better selection could have been made. Mr. Taft is a man of large ability and experience; is honest; is not a partisan, and will reflect honor as chief justice. His almost unanimous confirmation by the senate voices the will of the people regardless of party politics.

Musical Note.

There may not be much harmony in the Knockers Quartet, but there is considerable volume. The instrumentation includes Senator Borah on the harp, Senator Johnson with the bull fiddle, Bob La Follette and the snare drum, Tom Watson with the bazoo.

Their last ensemble work was in sounding a protest against the nomination of William Howard Taft to be chief justice of the supreme court. It was not very effective. The nearest approach to harmony in this instrumentation is when each performer is playing a different tune.

When they all get together on the notes of "I Am Feeling Blue," the effect is discordantly depressing. If they should ever try to render "The Star-Spangled Banner" together the audience would not only rise, but would chase them all over the place.

The sentiment for the United States to join the league of nations seems to be growing. With Secretary Hughes and Chief Justice Taft both strong friends of the league, in the highest positions within the gift of President Harding, the evidence that the president sees the advantage of being a league member and is leaning towards the league decidedly more favorably than when he was inaugurated.

The American Legion boys must not feel down hearted because Secretary Mellon and the president are opposed to bonus legislation at this session of congress. Later on, when the nation is on its feet financially once more, the bonus will be looked upon more favorably. Pension (service) for the Civil war veterans did not materialize until 25 years after the close of the war.

The general fund of the state is now exhausted, according to O. P. Hoff, state treasurer, and until replenished, it will be necessary to indorse all warrants of this classification "not paid for want of funds." These warrants will draw interest at the rate of 6 per cent.

Of the 22 fruit districts in the Oregon Growers' Co-operative association the Salem district leads in prunes with 3600 acres, according to a report prepared by the organization. The Amity district leads in walnuts with 296 acres. Medford is first in apple acreage with a total of 2653 acres. Medford also leads in the production of pears, having 3710 acres of this product. The Dalles district signed up 345 acres of cherries, while Amity had 281 acres. Salem is the principal berry district in the association, with 667 acres.

A Rural Financier.

Jobson, driving along a lonely road one morning, managed, in some way or other, to ditch his car.

Fortunately a farmer hove in sight behind a pair of stout horses and Jobson appealed to him for help.

"Why ya-as, I guess I kin help ye out; mister," said the farmer. "Les see, what it'll kum to—one day's use of the team, \$5—"

"One day?" retorted Jobson. "It isn't going to take a day to haul that machine out, is it?"

"Why no," returned the farmer, "but arter I get the \$5 I don't caltate to do any more work till tomorrow."

Members of the Oregon state livestock sanitary board at a meeting at Salem re-elected Dr. W. H. Lytle state veterinarian. This will be the sixth consecutive term that Dr. Lytle has held this office. Walter K. Taylor of Corvallis was re-elected president of the board, while K. G. Warner of Pendleton was selected as vice-president. Other members of the board are J. R. Cole, Molalla; Jay P. Dobbin, Joseph; William Pollman, Baker; B. T. Sims, Corvallis, and Harry West, Scappoose.

Because owners of scab-infested sheep using private range are unwilling to submit their stock to dipping, Dr. R. A. Parsons of the bureau of animal industry in central Oregon declared that it may be impossible to eradicate the disease this year, as had been hoped early in the spring. Forty thousand sheep remain undipped in northern Lake county, and Dr. Parsons has received no intimation that the sheepmen intend to take either curative or preventive measures. Forty-two thousand sheep have already been dipped in Deschutes county this year, and 12,000 more are listed for dipping.

The Oregon public service commission has no authority to relieve the Benson logging railroad at Clatskanie of its obligation as a common carrier, according to a legal opinion given by the attorney-general.

First returns from the New York auction market on Wasco county cherries sent there for sale have been received. Half a carload of Bing's was sold at \$5.12 1/2 for a 20-pound box. Half a carload of Royal Anne cherries returned \$2.15 a box. These prices were considered among the best ever paid in the east for northwestern cherries.

The 26th annual grand encampment of the Indian War Veterans of the north Pacific coast closed its sessions at Portland with the election of officers for the ensuing year. Erastus Morgan of Portland was elected grand commander; G. W. Riddle of Riddle was elected senior vice-grand commander, and John W. Kelly of Oregon, junior vice-grand commander. The other officers elected were M. Dickson of Portland, grand adjutant; L. A. Bailey of Scappoose, assistant grand adjutant, and N. M. McDaniels of Portland, grand paymaster.

Financial conditions in Oregon, as reflected by the banks, indicate that the business activities of this state have not been as hard hit by the natural depression following the war as have those of many other western districts, according to S. G. Sargeant, now connected with the federal bank was state superintendent of banks in San Francisco. Mr. Sargeant formerly reserve system, with headquarters in Oregon.

E. W. McComas will receive a clear title to his homestead of 205 acres near Pendleton, filed on by his predecessor in 1873, under a bill put through the house by Representative Sinnott. The title to the land, which was a swamp land selection, was questioned some years ago and the courts held against McComas. The secretary of the interior approved the Sinnott bill recently recommended that Mr. McComas be permitted to purchase the land for \$1.25 an acre.

Fifty-two of the largest firms in Oregon operating under the workman's compensation law and employing 14,500 workmen have advised the state industrial accident commission that they have accepted the provisions of the amendment to the present law relating to organization and educational work in accident prevention. Although the amendment does not become effective until July 1, reports have been received by the commission indicating that the organization of safety committees already is in progress.

Information as to the population of the United States, by color and race, is contained in a bulletin from the census bureau of the department of commerce, given out recently. Of particular interest is the statement as to Oregon. The figures are for 1910 and 1920. Following are the figures: Total population, 1920, 783,389; 1910, 672,765; white, 1920, 769,146; 1910, 655,090; negroes, 1029, 2144; 1910, 1492; Indian, 1920, 4590; 1910, 5090; Chinese, 1920, 3090; 1910, 7363; Japanese, 1920, 4151; 1910, 3418; all others, 1920, 268; 1910, 312.

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