



TARIFF STAND OF LA FOLLETTE UNFAIR

Products of Wisconsin Only Ones He Showed Any Interest In.

Portland, Or.—(Special).—The La Follette record on the tariff, it has been pointed out here by the Republican State Central committee after an inquiry, has been thoroughly inconsistent and thoroughly selfish.

La Follette voted for the highest tariff rates on all products of his own state and for the lowest rates or no tariff at all on everything produced elsewhere.

He voted for the highest duty proposed on linseed oil and flaxseed oil, both made from raw material produced in his own state. He was so insistent on protecting the Wisconsin product that he voted amendment of the committee report submitting the Fordney-McCumber schedule, inserting a new paragraph providing a tariff on casein, and he voted to amend the report by increasing duties on honey, poultry, cream and a number of other products of vital interest to the state of Wisconsin. But he voted, on the other hand, to decrease the duty on almonds, walnuts, rice, nuts, lumber, shingles, etc.

Because of his bitter opposition to a tariff on woolen textiles, he was afraid to vote for a tariff on wool. On the other hand, because the sheep-raising industry is well established in his state, he was afraid to vote against the tariff on wool so he was absent on all roll calls on the wool schedule. La Follette consistently voted against the tariff on all manufactured goods with two exceptions, metal parts buttons and metal hooks and eyes. In both these instances he voted to increase the schedule above the committee report. It was not understood why he was so careful of the welfare of manufacturers of these articles.

La Follette is now talking about the insidious sugar tariff, but he was not so concerned about it when it came up in the senate to be present and vote.

POSTAL BILL VETO IS EASILY EXPLAINED

Portland, Or.—(Special).—There has been plenty of criticism of President Coolidge because of his failure to approve the bill to increase salaries of letter carriers and postal clerks, but, according to the Republican State Central committee headquarters here, this adverse comment comes from persons not familiar with the facts.

The committee points out that two measures for relief of the underpaid postal workers were considered, one that had the approval of the administration and was recommended by Postmaster General Nev. Mr. Meyer, is the only postmaster general who has ever proposed higher pay for all postal workers. The administration measure carried an expenditure of \$48,000,000 and would have been signed by the president had it passed. But the postal employees stood out for their own bill, appropriating \$68,000,000 and, unlike the other, providing no means of meeting this added expenditure. It was that bill the president vetoed, his reason being that the measure did not provide for the proposed expenditure and he was compelled to give it his disapproval. His action, viewed in connection with the administration bill for the relief of postal employees, did not show him out of sympathy with the needs of the postoffice workers.

CITIZEN AWAY FROM HOME MAY CAST VOTE

Oregonians may vote even if away from their own precincts on election day, it is pointed out by the Republican State Central committee. There is a provision in the election law that will permit this practice, so that none need leave his vote November 4.

Because of the livestock show at Portland closing just before election day, it is thought a number of persons may not return home in time to vote and the way this can be accomplished is pointed out.

Anyone who expects to be at a distance from home on election day should provide himself with a certificate of registration that he may obtain from his county clerk. By presenting this certificate, he will be entitled to vote in any county of the state for state and national tickets.

In case the absent voter has not obtained a certificate, it will be required that he swear in his vote. This can be done in Multnomah county by six freshholdes, but in other parts of the state, two freshholdes may make affidavit.

Coolidge on Taxation.

It is impossible to escape the conclusion that high taxes make high prices. So long as the cost of government is high, the cost of living will be high. This is usually a source of misunderstanding and always a source of discontent. The duty that government now owes to the people is to reduce their burdens by paying off the obligations that come from the war rather than imposing additional burdens for the support of new projects. Having met our war obligation to pay, let us meet our peace obligation to save.—Coolidge.

FARM LOAN ISSUE HELD MERE "BUNK"

Democratic Paper Scoffs at Cock-and-Bull Story of State Officials.

Portland, Or.—(Special).—The bogus campaign issue raised by Governor Pierce and his appointee, Jeff Myers, that of bad loans to farmers, is flouted openly by the Capital Journal of Salem, as staunch a democratic paper as there is in the state. It derides it openly as campaign bunk, useful only for political purposes in the hope of electing Myers state treasurer.

The Capital Journal calls attention to the cock-and-bull scandal in the state highway department at the time of the election two years ago, which was put forward merely for campaign purposes to aid only in Pierce's election. Of course it was all forgotten as soon as the votes were cast.

The Capital Journal, too, points out that any time for the past 14 years books of the state land board have been open to inspection and any delinquencies could have been unearthed long ago if there were any merit in the hue and cry that has been raised. Many loans are classed as bad by the Pierce adherents that show interest delinquent from six months to two years. By applying the same rule of delinquency, delayed payment on six months' interest, the records show that during 1923, when Governor Pierce was chairman of the school land board, 70 loans he approved are now bad loans. This seems to show that the governor has not made any notable improvement in the handling of state funds, although he and Jeff Myers have very little to say about the current loans. They point merely to the trumped-up delinquencies of their predecessors in office and do not, in any case, blame themselves.

The pitiful part of the newest Pierce "scandal" is that he is seeking to make political capital at the expense of the good name of Oregon farmers. Of 602 loans he has classed as bad, by figuring interest delinquent after six months, interest was paid on all last year and on all but a small percentage of them in the fall of 1923. Therefore, when the audit was made, as of June 30, out of the whole 602 notes, there were more than 520 on which a year's interest was not yet due, but on which, without doubt, the interest will be paid this fall after the crops are sold.

The audit shows that 181 notes and mortgages have been sent out for foreclosure and of this number, interest was paid in full in 1923 on 58, in 1922 on 45 more and in 1924 on six. There was, therefore, from six months' to one and one-half year's interest due on more than 100 of these 181 notes now under foreclosure. The last legislature, recognizing the plight of the farmer, amended the school law to the effect that the time for payment of such interest on loans as was then due might be extended to two years.

Despite this, and the well known fact that the governor is a warm friend of the farmer, the land board, which he heads, is foreclosing mortgages on many lands they are not required or expected by law to foreclose and the only explanation must be that the action taken is for political purposes alone.

Estimate of losses as made by Pierce and Myers has been grossly exaggerated, as is shown by the record and this too, is purely for political effect. Farmers of the state who have been out-buckled by poor prices will no doubt be willing to call it dirty politics.

For instance on 80 notes that have been foreclosed, assessed values of the properties represented are from 40 to 50 per cent in excess of the amount the state has loaned on them. In Malheur county, for instance, where it is said the worst risks are, property represented by 11 notes, on which the state has invested \$21,172, is assessed at \$31,070 and appraised at \$77,000.

The state has already sold 15 farms on which it had foreclosed and received an average of 40 per cent cash payment, and yet none of these farms has been sold at a loss.

These facts show that talk of immense losses is all bunk, put out by the Pierce administration clique for political purposes only and calculated to hoist Jeff Myers into office, so that he may continue to threaten hard-pressed farmers who have not made interest payments on state loans within six months.

Coolidge for Reclamation Work.

Although he has lived all his life in a country where reclamation is somewhat meaningless, President Coolidge is responsive to the needs of the west, as shown in his letter to the convention of the American Mining Congress at Sacramento recently. He said water power and irrigation go hand in hand and continued, "It is my purpose to unremittingly stimulate and encourage the development of these great projects by every authority of the federal government."

Real Economies Made.

The number of federal employees has been reduced more than 100,000 in the past three years. Government financing has been put on a sound business basis, with expenses cut to a minimum and deficits turned into surpluses. It is these sensible economies that have brought about reductions in federal taxes.

CECIL NEWS ITEMS

Cecil was a busy stockyard in a small way on Friday morning during the buying and selling of a bunch of lambs belonging to Mike Marshall of Boardman. John Kelly of Rock creek and E. Coen of the Columbia Basin Wool Co. of Portland were among the buyers. Prices were not obtained at time of writing.

Miss Hazel Tyler of Rhea Siding had the time of her life on Saturday while visiting her friend Josephine McEntire at Killarney. Master Jackie McEntire was a close second in all their daring explorations.

George Branders, who has been herding for Hynd Bros. for the past few months arrived at Buttery Flats on Thursday from the mountains and will have a short vacation before the winter work comes on.

Henry Krebs and W. Farrens left on Wednesday with a large band of sheep belonging to Krebs Bros. They were trailing the sheep to pasture at Hardman on range which Krebs Bros. have recently rented.

Congratulations are extended to Miss Esther W. Logan of Portland, only daughter of the late Boyd Logan of Cecil, on her marriage during the week in Portland to William Ray Barnett of Iona.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Sexton of La Grande arrived in Cecil on Tuesday and he will have charge as highway patrolman, J. Hughes, having been transferred to the highway shops in La Grande.

M. V. Logan of the Willows, candidate for sheriff in the democratic ticket for Gilliam county, has been busy during the week hauling feed from Four Mile for his stock.

Al Henriksen of Pendleton still thinks there is no place like Cecil and can't resist the temptation of returning to visit his old friends every now and then.

Miss Clea Palmaster of Windybrook left for Lexington on Sunday where she has enrolled as a student of Lexington high school for the coming term.

Geo. W. Perry of Pendleton arrived at his ranch near Ewing on Thursday and will spend a few days with Mr. and Mrs. O. Neal, who have the Perry place rented.

W. A. Thomas of Dotheboys Hill was calling on Mrs. H. V. Tyler of Rhea Siding, spent Saturday with friends in Pendleton.

W. T. Matlock, prominent sheepman of Alderdale, Wash., was calling on Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Krebs at the Last Camp on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Streeter and children were visiting J. W. Osborn and Mrs. Weltha Combs at Fairview ranch on Sunday.

Miss Mildred Duncan, student of Boardman high school, spent the week end with her parents at Busy Bee ranch.

Misses A. C. and M. H. Lowe, accompanied by Miss Annie C. Hynd, were doing the sights of Heppner on Saturday.

Geo. Henriksen of Strawberry ranch accompanied by his father Chris Henriksen of Portland, left on Tuesday for Canby.

Miss Annie C. Hynd of Buttery Flats was calling on Miss Myrtle Chandler at Willow creek ranch on Monday.

Jim Wardfield of Morgan and T. B. and F. Wide of Iona were calling on L. L. Funk at Cecil on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Medlock and children of Rockville were visiting friends in Morgan on Sunday.

Oral Henriksen of the Moore ranch near Heppner was visiting his old home at Ewing on Saturday.

Water Pope of Hillside ranch is busy hauling pipe, new windmill, etc., for his new well.

H. J. Streeter and son Noel accompanied J. W. Osborn to Heppner on Wednesday.

HARDMAN NEWS ITEMS.

The Fossil football team journeyed to Hardman last Saturday with the intention of beating the Hardman boys, but the locals turned over a new leaf and the final score was 2-0 in favor of Hardman. The local team was very strong on line backs thus

interfering with Fossil's forward passes. On the other hand the Hardman boys were too strong for the visitors. The game was played on Fossil territory all the time. Fossil's average is 147 pounds while Hardman's average is 140 1/2 pounds. It has been said by many that if Hardman had started and played the other games as they did with Fossil that the scores would have had a smaller difference.

A big banquet was given the football team Saturday evening at the high school auditorium in honor of their first victory in football. A large crowd was present and every one had an enjoyable evening. The ladies of the town served cake, sandwiches and coffee about eleven-thirty.

We have another new student, Percy Bleakman of Boardman enrolled Monday morning, Oct. 20, making a total enrollment of 30 in the high school.

The Hardman orchestra has just received several of the latest popular pieces which they intend to play for the dance, Nov. 1.

The high school students are working hard completing their plans for the Halloween carnival.

A Good Word Is Said For Hardman Orchestra

I think it is about time for us to give the Hardman orchestra three cheers for the splendid work it is doing. It is now furnishing fine music for the community, of which the dance given on October 11 was a good testimony. The people who were there say they intend to come back for the Halloween dance on Nov. 1. The orchestra at present consists of six pieces; violin, two saxophones, trombone, piano and traps and drums. Others have signified their intention of joining.

Every performance is an improvement over the former one, so that with the Odd Fellows' new hardwood floor and music furnished by the orchestra, the dance Nov. 1 promises to be one of the finest held in the vicinity.

We older residents of Hardman greatly appreciate the efforts of the orchestra and are glad to have such a good musical organization in our town. HARDMAN BOOSTER.

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Do Your Christmas Shopping Early and DO IT IN HEPPNER

Proper expression of the spirit of the season is suggested in the slogan DO YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING AT HOME THIS YEAR. Heppner merchants are now stocking their Christmas goods, and in a short while will be able to show as complete assortments as can be found anywhere. Indications are that useful gifts will dominate this year, and of these an abundance may be found.

Watch for the announcements featuring Christmas goods which will begin to appear soon, and give the local merchants an opportunity to fill your order before you send it away.

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