

TARIFF REVISION IS NOT FEARED

A prominent New York bank has taken pains to obtain the views of business men of the country respecting the effect of tariff revision, and it concludes from replies received that the business men are not looking forward with serious forebodings to the new administration. The bank finds that the "disturbed area" is relatively small and that tariff revision has been largely discounted. These conclusions are reassuring and they seem to be well based, as about four months have elapsed since the presidential election, three months have passed since Congress convened, committees have been busy hearing evidence concerning duties on various schedules and the president elect has announced his intention of early calling a special session of Congress to revise the tariff, yet disaster is not in sight. Every opportunity has been given importers, manufacturers and merchants to discontinue the reduction in duties so that the immediate shock of tariff revision will be minimized. A hopeful spirit is a sustaining influence at the present time.

Walsh is Prominent

From The Irish News
Lieutenant-Governor David Walsh, of Massachusetts, is said to be winning many friends in the Republican party even though elected on a Democratic platform—by his frankness, above-board methods, amiability and uniform courtesy. Mr. Walsh is a strong member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, which fact indicates his Irish nationality. He is being prominently mentioned as next year's candidate for Governor of Massachusetts, and there is little doubt but what he will be elected should he decide to accept the nomination.

THE FORTY YEAR TEST

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CORRESPONDENT IN IRELAND SECURED

From The Irish News
Florence Angland, of New Street, Newmarket, Ireland, has agreed to act as our correspondent in that parish and from now on readers of this paper may expect to find in our columns, interesting items from his pen. Mr. Angland has several cousins in this section of the country, and is well and favorably known to many of our boys. The services he has volunteered will surely be appreciated by all of us, and we look forward with interest to the articles he has promised. An extract from Mr. Angland's letter reads as follows:
"I am a reader from time to time of your Irish News in the far west, and I cannot tell you how much it is esteemed in this parish by the friends, relations and particularly the parents of our boys who are gone out to the far west."

Stock Notes

The Merrill Record gives the following stock notes:

Fred Stukel took out 130 cattle, 5 carloads for Swanston & son of Sacramento.

Barrows & Bloomingcamp had 1,100 head of cattle choice lambs, 8 carloads shipped to Johnson & Son, of San Francisco.

A special train of beef cattle mutton sheep and lambs left the big alfalfa feeding grounds recently to be shipped to Sacramento and San Francisco markets from Midland where they will be shipped soon.

Louis Gerber took out 400 mutton sheep and 70 beef cattle, 5 car loads, which will be shipped to Sacramento. The stock was all in fine condition and were fattened on the different alfalfa feeding grounds among our Merrill alfalfa raisers making a train of 18 cars.

Alturas New Era: Marx Lauer, president of the E. Lauer & Sons corporation, had a little social business at Lakeview last Friday evening. He returned highly elated over the manner in which the matrons of that wide awake little city, handle the outside visitor. We are not fully advised as to the main attraction, but any one below par cannot be found in Lakeview.

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A THEORY VERIFIED.

In an article recently published by E. E. Mitchell, who is connected with the work of the United States geological survey, is presented a discussion of the much debated question as to whether forests conserve ground water supply and whether deforested areas result in greater fluctuation in stream flow.

Careful field investigations were conducted in the portions of the southern Appalachian and in the White mountain forest reserves. In the former area the data gathered proved conclusively the generally credited belief that the deforestation of mountain areas and the repeated burning of the forest which had not only a marked effect upon stream flow, but upon the amount of silt carried down through tributaries into navigable streams, which serve to clog their channels, in the White mountain region different geological conditions were found to exist, which served greatly to reduce erosion and tended to render less apparent the truth of the belief referred to. For this reason careful hydrometric records were taken on two small and almost exactly similar drainage basins on the east branch of the Penigewas set river. One of these, the Shoal pond district, was forested, while the other, a tract in the Burnt Brook basin, was deforested and had been burned over. The data gathered by measuring precipitation of rain and snow and mensuring stream flow showed conclusively that the forested area held the snow better and that during a period of seven or eight days in April, when there were three extended storms, the runoff in this tract was but one-half what it was in the denuded tract, where there was a practical flood. The exact figures for the Shoal pond were 6.9 inches of water, representing snow that had disappeared, and 6.48 inches of water runoff. In the Burnt Brook area the disappearance of snow was equivalent to 10.5 inches, while the runoff was 12.87 inches. The field work done was authorized under the Weeks act creating the Appalachian and White mountain forest reserves, and because of the findings the government may purchase forest areas which are thus found to affect stream flow.

TRY IT OUT FIRST.

Frequently the writer has received inquiries from city people in various clerical or professional lines asking advice as to the wisdom of buying a piece of land and joining in the so called "back to the land movement." While the writer is fully convinced that this movement is decidedly in the right direction, he believes that hundreds are grievously disappointed with the venture and have returned to their former work wiser, sadder and also poorer. For any who really have a desire to get away from the dependent and often cramped conditions of city work and life it is an excellent idea to try working the land intensively on a small scale while following one's regular work. If such a trial of handling the soil proves distasteful and irksome it is fair to assume that the care of acres of land would prove even more irksome. For those situated so they can do so we know of no better plan than to hire out to a man who is a success in the particular line one wishes to take up, whether it be fruit culture, stock raising, dairying, poultry keeping or other lines. The salary one will get while serving such an apprenticeship will not be large, but it is by all means the cheapest and most satisfactory way to "get on to the ropes," for in such hired position one does not assume the risks involved in ownership and management. Moreover, the experience to be got from one who has succeeded in a given line is just as valuable as that which one gets when going it on his own hook and at the same time far less expensive.

SHOULD DRAW THEM OUT.

With the season for the farm institutes in full blast, definite arrangements should be made by those having these meetings in charge to see that some wide awake man, who is a good information extractor, is given the specific job of getting valuable pointers and data from that class of farmers in attendance who have the practice down free, but who are backward about volunteering to speak. Many of these would furnish suggestions well worth while if they were approached in the right way. In one of the liveliest institutes the writer ever attended much of this desired information was got through having an important subject bundled as a debate. Men took sides and spoke on the question who could hardly have been induced to speak on their own hook.

HE KNEW BETTER.

A pretty level headed farmer told the writer the other day that he fell down badly the past season in the matter of crop returns simply because he did not take the time and pains to see to the securing of a supply of good seed corn the year before. He had some house repairs on at planting time and so trusted to luck in the matter of his seed corn, which he did not test. The result was a poor stand of corn on rich land, a small portion of which planted to good seed produced at the rate of sixty bushels per acre. He saved a good supply of seed last fall, however, and it is fair to assume he will test it carefully next spring. He said he knew better, but remarked, "A fellow gets careless."

J. E. Trigg

O'DONNELL LIVES INTERESTING LIFE

From The Irish News
For the following graphic account of the life of Leopold O'Donnell, Spanish diplomat and soldier, we are indebted to the "New York Freeman":

"The life of Leopold O'Donnell, the great Spanish diplomat and soldier, is a stirring example of what an Irishman might accomplish were not trammelled by the chains of oppression. He was born in 1809 to a Spanish general of a well known Irish family which was exiled for defending the rights of its Fatherland.

The career of O'Donnell is one of great interest, and his brilliant successes would be cause of great praise were it not for his changing from one party to another. At the age of twenty three years Leopold entered the army and almost immediately he was made colonel. In the Carlist war he sided with the young Queen, and this first brought him into notice, and for his services in raising the siege of Lucena he was created Count and received command of a large army.

He subsequently attached himself to the cause of the Queen Mother, Christina, with whom, when their cause was lost waroblged to take refuge in France where he remained until the overthrow of his opponent, Espartero. On his return to Spain he was made Governor of Cuba, and while there he amassed a large fortune.

After his term in Cuba expired he returned to Spain, and busied himself again with political intrigues, and was appointed Director General of the Infantry. Soon after he plotted for the overthrow of Christina, and being proscribed, he raised a revolt and fought an undecided battle at Vicalvaro. He issued a manifesto demanding the restitution of the Constitution of 1837, the emancipation of Queen Isabella, the amelioration of the laws regulating elections and the press, the reduction of taxes and other popular measures. At this crisis Espartero was invited by the Queen to form a new Ministry, and O'Donnell became Secretary of War and was made Marshal.

In 1856 he succeeded Espartero as President of the Council, and at once declared Spain under martial law, closed the Cortes and abolished the National Guard. Insurrections followed, but he quickly suppressed them, until Narvaez plotted against him and forced him to resign. He returned to power in a short time, and was at once made Prime Minister and Commander in Chief of the forces fighting in Morocco. For his services at the great battle of Tetuan he was made a Duke. O'Donnell now endeavored to restore tranquility and to carry out many reforms, and he procured the acknowledgment of the Kingdom of Italy. The extremists of all parties united against him. Insurrections were frequent, and much blood was spilled, so the Queen formed a new Ministry, and O'Donnell fled to France, where he remained till his death, which occurred on the 5th of November, 1867.

Old Frigate Burned

From The Irish News
The old frigate "Jamestown" built by the Navy Department in 1845, was mysteriously burned several weeks ago in the Norfolk Navy Yard.

In 1847, this ship sprang into world-wide fame when she sailed from Boston with a large load of supplies for sufferers from the Irish famine. It is said by one of our contemporaries that "Deeds of philanthropy were less common in those days, and the arrival of the 'Jamestown' in Cork Harbor was widely heralded." After having served through the Civil War, the "Jamestown" made a trip around the world. Some few months ago she was sold by the Navy Department, her usefulness even as a training ship being at an end.

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Foreign Labor

From The Irish News
Asiatic exclusion received the approval of the California Legislature this past month when the lower House adopted a Senate joint resolution calling upon Congress to pass the bill introduced by Congressman Raker excluding "Asiatic and pauper" labor. The only opposition to the measure in debate came from a Southern California member, who said the orange growers depended on the Japanese for the gathering of their crop.

The wild geese are said to be flying northward over Virginia, and this is taken to indicate that winter is broken up, but all the fragments have probably not been cleared away as yet.

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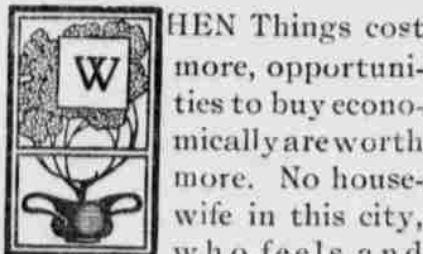
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