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During the past year Uncle Sam spent \$89,000,000 more than his income; a little more political economy, uncle.

The present per capita of the United States gives every man, woman and child \$35.00, but up to the present we have not yet received our "thirty-five."

The location of two new packing houses in South Omaha spurs the metropolis papers onward and upward in the belief that Omaha will be the greatest meat mart in the world.

The state banking board of Nebraska, following the decision of the federal court against the guarantee law, has issued orders that the state banks must not advertise that their deposits are secured by the state.

The Lincoln Star (Rep.) advises the public to be on their guard against being misled by statements of Aldrich and other reactionaries regarding the provisions of the Aldrich and Payne bills and the alterations which the conference committee may make in them.

Taft says the Republican party will be defeated unless it lives up to its provisions. Has the congress of the United States done its duty by taxing people doubly on everything they eat and wear? This is the question before the tolling millions of America. Did they vote last fall to have this done when they marched up to the polls and voted according to the dictates of their employers.

Take your catalog to your merchant, and if you want "sweatshop" articles, things made by poorly and underpaid, and likewise incompetent labor, tell him to duplicate them for you, for cash, of course. He lives among you, has probably been in your community for years, and if he tells you he will do so, you know he will. But you should not ask him to give you a class of articles he has selected with care free from flaws or imperfections.

Special clearance sales have been inaugurated in Plattsmouth. Why not, during the balance of the summer, designate one day out of every two weeks as a special sales day in this city? Let the people tributary to Plattsmouth understand that you can sell the same quality of goods herein this town as cheap as they can be had in Omaha, and you will get at least one-half the trade that goes there. Let's try the sales day proposition once, anyhow, and see how it will work. What say our business men?

Chairman Tom Allen has issued a call for the Democratic state convention to meet in Lincoln on Tuesday, July 27, 1909, at 2 o'clock p. m. The basis of representation is one delegate for every 300 votes cast for Hon. A. C. Shallenberger for governor at the election last fall. This will give Cass county eight delegates and in this call it is stated positively that proxies will not be recognized. So if you want to be a delegate be sure that you can attend, or give way to those who will attend.

Everything that tends to cut down the trade of the merchant depresses rents, injures investments and generally holds back your town. It may not come to you right off, but such an alien policy will be felt by everybody in the end. The business man pays his taxes, buys his goods, employs his salesmen and pays his rent. He deserves to be patronized. He is doing more than his share of keeping the town going and helping it along. If he does not keep in stock the article you want he can get it more cheaply than you can,

because he knows where to buy, how to order and he gets the discount given the trade.

If "Doc" Tanner of the South Omaha Democrat and Editor Marnell of the Nebraska City News don't let up on the poker business their readers will come to the conclusion that they do know something about the game.

The fools are not all dead, but two more met death the other day, a bride and groom of a few hours, by rowing over the Niagara Falls in a boat. If death is so sweet it might as well be by this route as any other.

In all of your forgettings don't forget that the national deficit for the fiscal year ending June 30th, was almost one hundred millions of dollars. And yet Cleveland is not president. Prosperity sits enthroned, doesn't she?

What about that merchants' carnival? The time is growing short if we expect to hold it the first week in September. Such extensive arrangements will have to be made that it will take some time to get things in shape.

Senator Burkett will have the hardest sledding he ever experienced in his efforts to be re-elected. His record on the tariff bill is bad, and many of his former friends compare "Slippery Elmer" to the fellow who was so crooked he couldn't lay straight in bed.

Don't forget the dates of Elmwood chautauqua—Aug. 14 to 22, inclusive. The attractions consist of some of the best known literary characters, and their musical numbers are far superior to any they have ever before had. If you cannot be there all the time, make your arrangements to have your family attend a part of the time, at least.

It is declared that the men and boys of the United States will pay \$129,000,000 more for their clothing in 1910 than this year simply and solely as a result of the new tariff bill, which stands as little show of being changed as the sudden removal of the Rock of Gibraltar. How do you like the prospect of doing without that new suit you were expecting to get next year?

The race for the Republican nomination for congress in this district has simmered down to E. M. Pollard of Cass and George Tobey of Lancaster. Pollard claims that he is not a candidate, but you will see when the time rolls round, and no one else is in the race outside of Lincoln that Earnest will don his running clothes and jump into the race with both feet.

"In the face of this prolonged tariff debate who will have the nerve to urge President Taft to veto the bill and have all the work gone over again?" inquires the Nonpareil. It does almost give one a chill to think of it, but if the pre-election pledges of the party can be redeemed in no other manner, let's have the veto. Anything is better than double dealing.—Malvern (a.) Leader (Rep.).

What Do You Think of This?
Everybody knows that the St. Louis Globe-Democrat is one of the stinkiest and most intolerant republican papers in the western country. Now read what that paper has to say about Taft's corporation tax: "Why did Mr. Taft change his mind about restricting congress' activities in this session to the tariff? What has caused him to project an extraneous measure upon the attention of congress at this time, which is arousing protests from conservative men of all parties

all over the country, which is not favored by a single republican newspaper of standing in the United States, and which will be sure to precipitate a discussion which will last a week or ten days, and which may last much longer than that? Does the president think Mr. Aldrich was mistaken in the estimate of the increased revenues which the remodeled tariff would bring? Or has he dropped his retrenchment program?"

Excuse Us, Please.

We are in receipt of a letter asking the Journal editor to write an article in opposition to the measure which seeks to tax corporations. We beg to be excused, for the simple fact the present and past administrations came into power by the aid and influence of the corporations, and they should be the last to complain of the conditions which now confront them. All will remember the contributions of the insurance companies to the Roosevelt campaign fund. That fund came from the exorbitant premiums collected from policy holders. Now that those same insurance companies are being pinched by the powers they helped to place in positions of trust they squeal to those who were opposed to the policy of the corporations pouring out their money as a corruption fund, to aid them in their impending dilemma. They voted for it and now must make the best of it. We were opposed to the corporations assisting to put the present administration in power and we are now opposed to assisting them when that administration is pinching them. The people are forced to take their high tariff medicine and the corporations should be forced to take their high tax medicine. Being in power everybody now looks alike to Bill Taft.

Learn Your Advantages.

No one is more vitally interested in the prosperity of his community than the retail merchant. To enjoy a large trade and a paying business requires a prosperous community. This is true in all branches of business. The prosperity of a place is due very largely to the enterprise and judgment of its citizens and especially of the business portion. A community, like a bank, must have a reputation in order to gain prominence and hold the confidence and patronage of those upon whom it depends for prosperity. This confidence can be increased by legitimate advertising. We are unable to think of any better method of advertising a place than for each citizen to be posted on the points of advantage and excellence enjoyed by the community. Every place has its good points, and these are the ones that should be carefully studied and given prominence. It is not necessary to exaggerate, nor is it advisable to constantly exercise a grandiose spirit, but a plain matter of fact statement of the advantage of a place will have a beneficial effect. When your customers complain about the town, show them in what respects their city of adoption surpasses other places where they might live. In other words, encourage an optimistic spirit and discourage the pessimist.

Financial failure, dullness of trade and idleness are unlikely in a community, yea, all but impossible, so long as you continue to exercise this lesson of home trade, unity of interest and community fellowship.

TARIFF TRICKERY.

The tariff is apt to be feared by the man in the street when it is discussed as an abstract proposition. Statesmen and near-statesmen have made him believe it is a very difficult subject. It is hard to deal with it at length without some reference to the almost unanimous anti-tariff opinion of the professors of political economy, a science which to the average citizen is what Carlyle called it, "the dismal science."

Yet the tariff is the most important public question in America today, not because congress has been spending weary months discussing it; on the contrary, congress has been discussing it because it is important. It is the important issue because it is the pocketbook issue,

Americans work harder than the people of any other nation on earth. They work because they must make a living, because they desire to build up the country and make money for themselves. Now, the tariff is a tax. It is a clumsy, unjust tax. It puts \$1 in the United States treasury and \$7 in the pockets of the Big Rich. And this is the people's money.

But more concrete instances are necessary to arrest the attention of the people who, because the tariff is supposed to be a hard and dry subject, and because the tariff taxation is indirect, often grow impatient and will not take the pains to understand that they are being robbed. A recent editorial in the Duluth Herald sums up admirably a few of the things the tariff does to the people. Says that paper: "Can there be any excuse for a tariff which enables the watch trust to sell watches abroad for \$7.98 when it charges \$10.23 for the same watches at home? Is a tariff justified which enables it to sell cheaper watches abroad at \$2.04 when the home price is \$4.47? What warrant is there for a tariff which allows a price of \$4.25 for shotguns which are sold abroad for \$2.80? Or for a tariff that allows a home price of 68 cents a dozen for lamp chimneys and a foreign price of 40 cents a dozen? Or for a tariff that allows a home price of \$9 a dozen for saws which sell abroad for \$6 per dozen? Or for a tariff which makes screws sell at .073 per cent gross here and .034 cent per gross abroad?"

Certainly there is no excuse for this. The people are themselves to blame. Last fall they elected the Republicans. It is true that this time they pledged tariff revision downward, a pledge which, whatever the president may do, congress has most signally failed in keeping, not stopping at letting bad enough alone, but actually going the length of making bad worse. But unless the people wake up and make their power felt they will deserve the misgovernment under which they suffer even more than do the subjects of Asiatic despotism, since the Americans possess the rich traditions of 1776.

The house reduced the tariff on print paper from \$6 a ton to \$2 and let in wood pulp free. The senate has raised the tariff from \$6 to \$8 a ton on print paper, which will stop importations of pulp from Canada. This is a sample of the tariff reduction promised in the last campaign.

Otoe county farmers furnish beer on the side, and by thus doing they have no trouble in securing assistance in the harvest fields. If some of the farmers of Cass county would try this scheme Plattsmouth might get rid of a few of her chronic loafers, for at least as long as there was beer in it.

Governor Carrol talks of convening the Iowa legislature in special session for the purpose of passing upon the income tax proposition. If Governor Shallenberger deems it wise to call a special session of the Nebraska legislature, after the supreme court has passed upon the guaranty laws, this matter could also be included in his call.

Governor Shallenberger says he will call an extra session of the legislature immediately following the action of the federal court invalidating the guaranty deposit law. The whole state will back up the governor and the legislature in repudiating the interference of tramp courts with the state's domestic affairs.—Kearney Democrat.

The trusts of the country, the giant combinations of capital that hold in the hollow of their hands the prices of practically all the necessities of life, will continue to fatten at the expense of the public so long as the tariff exists. The tariff is the mother of all trusts, and so long as the tariff exists the trusts will laugh at all efforts to regulate them. It requires a big sum of money to run this government, and the fact is that it is collected indirectly makes the expenditures more extravagant than if taxes to defray governmental expenses were col-

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lected direct from the people. The time has come to do away with the tariff and collect our expense money some other day, a direct tax being preferable at least to the tariff plan. A tariff for revenue only would be all right if the people were required to pay only the tariff collected on imports, but everybody knows that in addition to paying the actual duty on such goods as are imported the public pays into the pockets of the trusts the same amount of duty on every article manufactured at home, while in many instances the same articles are exported and sold in other countries for a less price than they are sold at home. It is well to talk of putting the trust masters in stripes, but none have ever worn them yet.

RING RULE A THING OF PAST.

The Republicans of Cass county are up in arms on account of the arbitrary manner in which a few leaders have undertaken to manage the political affairs of that county. A few days ago several self-appointed persons met at Weeping Water and selected those whom they thought would be acceptable candidates—so far as the managers were concerned—but the voters do not endorse their action, and the result is that a large sized revolt is threatened. Under the laws of this state and the education of the people the time of ring rule has passed. The people demand the right to express a preference as to who shall represent them, and that privilege is given them under the laws of the state. The new election laws are calculated to do away with ring rule.—Nebraska City News.

Yes, the time of ring rule has passed and the time is ripe when voters can go to the primary polls and vote for any candidate they choose. No more will ring leaders dictate to the voters who they shall

and shall not vote for. It is well that good, honest, upright men be chosen to fill our county and state offices, but let the people—the common voters—make the selections. The Courier, as well as the hundreds of its readers all over Cass county, is down on any clique or clan or conclave of men dictating who shall have this or that office regardless of the many voters among the common masses.—Louisville Courier.

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