

from trust stocks, but do not tear down the reservoirs, or a deluge will turn the business world into a great Johnstown.

Reuben Taft, Worcester, Mass.—I congratulate you on the way you handled the subject of free raw material. You left Senator Bailey standing on very shaky ground. I don't think he can get off. I have changed my mind in the last few weeks about a southern democrat for 1912. It looks to me now that the democratic convention in 1912 will be controlled by the same element that controlled the Denver convention. I enclose a clipping from the editorial page of the Boston Evening Transcript, July 7, 1909. As you know, that is the most "tony" republican paper in Boston. By what I know of Jefferson's principles I think he would, if living, favor the income tax plank of the Denver platform. I would like to read in The Commoner what you think about it.

Warren Steere, New Milford, Pa.—I was sorry at the result of the election of November, 1908. As I saw the people did not understand the nature of the tariff. How many voters that went to the polls knew that a tariff on lumber meant higher rent, more cost to build the house, higher fuel and countless many cold rooms, many a shiver. A tariff on wool—how many of the voters can afford from their scanty wages a \$20 to \$25 suit of clothes? Thus a cheaper cotton suit was the result, or none at all—more shivers.

D. G. Lamb, Holdenville, Okla.—I hand you in today's mail a pamphlet which I received from the National Association of Clothiers, requesting me to do what little I could in their behalf. I regret very much to see the National Association of Clothiers at sea without a pilot. You take such men as belong to the above association did not know before election that voting for the republican ticket reduced the tariff up, not down, and it is our duty to give them the benefit of our wisdom and do good for evil. With my request give this pamphlet such consideration as you see best and oblige.

DANIEL B. LUCAS

Judge Daniel B. Lucas died at his home in Charlestown, W. Va. One who knew Judge Lucas well wrote for the Wheeling (W. Va.) Intelligencer the following:

"He had infinite pity and profound contempt for a man of intellect and education who attained high office by posing as the people's friend while secretly serving as attorney for schemes to plunder them. Indirect taxation, for example. He tried to, but never could comprehend how a really intellectual man managed to be satisfied with himself while conscious that he was despised by the entire intellectual class. It is safe to say that Lucas looked back over a long life of intense intellectual activity and felt that he had never done anything or said anything calculated to increase the load of the labor class. It is within bounds to say that out of our sixteen million voters not exceeding one hundred, in his generation, contributed more original thought on public questions and every thought was for the common interest as distinguished from the private interest. He could never comprehend why a brainy man, having sufficient information to be self reliant, hesitated to speak publicly what he said privately on public questions. 'Tis true he had the benefit of association with Judge Green, but others had that association who left nothing which the intellectual class think worth preserving. Had he written nothing else, his opinion in the Splint coal case proves a scope of reading appreciated most by those

who have read most, and appreciated by them because teaching that he had read more. He did not court the applause of fools or seek the influence of the sycophants and knaves who have influence with the ignorant class."

J. J. KIERON

J. J. Kieron, who died at his home in Oelwein, Iowa, was an alternate delegate to the democratic national convention in 1896, and a delegate to the St. Louis convention in 1900. He was born in New York City in 1859 and located in Iowa in 1868. He was a faithful democrat. Referring to Mr. Kieron, Edwin G. Erler, editor of the Lawler (Iowa) Dispatch says: "In the death of J. J. Kieron, the editor of this paper feels that he has lost one of the best, truest and warmest friends he has ever known. Greatly indeed, shall we miss the hearty hand-clasp and words of friendship with which he was wont to greet us on all occasions. His was a heart of gold. He believed that man's mission on earth was not to gain wealth, but to scatter sunshine in the dark places of the lives of those less fortunate than himself, and his friends and friendships were to him sacred. He is survived by his widow, one brother, E. P., and two sisters, Mrs. F. F. McKay of Waucoma and Mrs. J. H. McDonald of Dubuque and it is to these, who sit in sorrow where his footsteps shall never again find echo, we extend the sympathy of one who loved him as a brother."

LESLIE C. HOMER

Leslie C. Homer, an active, earnest democrat, lost his life through an accident in his home town, Bucksport Maine. The Bangor (Maine) Daily News says: "Mr. Homer was born in Bucksport nearly fifty-eight years ago. He has always lived here and all his life has been prominent in the activities of the town. For nearly twenty-five years he has conducted Homer's express, making daily trips between Bangor and Bucksport, and has long been a familiar figure on Bangor's business streets. He owned and conducted the Bucksport and Prospect ferry, crossing the river at Bucksport, and a considerable amount of Bucksport real estate. Mr. Homer was a man of strong characteristics. Of a most genial and happy disposition which made him friends everywhere, he was well known throughout this section. He was a thorough business man noted for his energy as for his unquestioned integrity. He will be greatly missed in Bucksport where he was closely identified with the business and social life. He was generous and liberal and never turned a deaf ear to anyone in trouble or distress and always ready to assist any worthy cause. He was the happiest when making others happy and for years as often as the Fourth of July came around he distributed free fire-crackers to all the children in town. How many people he has quietly helped in times when they most needed help, will never be known but he will never be forgotten by scores who will mourn the loss of one of the best friends they ever had. Mr. Homer is survived by his brothers and sisters; Cleveland C., George P. and J. Albert, Miss Jennie and Mrs. Cynthia Fish, all of Bucksport. He made his home with his sisters in the homestead on upper Main street."

A PHRENOLOGIST

"Pa, what do they call a person that reads heads?"  
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