

From the County Papers

Atkinson Republican:

Clark Guy is still at the Merchants, under the skillful care of Dr. Blackburn and is steadily improving. That he recovers will be a miracle.

The editor learns that there will be a representative of New York trust company on the ground next week who is looking up the A. & N. proposition. While here he will go over the proposed line. Knockers get good strong handles put in your hammers.

W. B. Taylor of Omaha, was in Atkinson Monday night transacting business with the A. & N. railroad officials. Mr. Taylor has been identified with the projectors of this enterprise for several months past. There seems to be quite an underground current in favor of the A. & N. proposition notwithstanding the fact that little is being done.

Stuart Ledger:

Roy Taft has moved with his family to the Indian reservation about eighty miles north of Naper where he and his wife have secured positions in the Indian school. The positions are the ones which have been so efficiently filled for several years by Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Thomas, a brother in law and sister of Mr. Taft.

The union revival meetings which have been in progress for five weeks will probably close next Sunday night unless it is deemed by the pastors unadvisable to discontinue at that time. The interest in the meetings has been good, especially during the last two weeks and the influence they have exerted upon Stuart and vicinity has been clearly shown by the number who have expressed a determination to turn from their evil ways and lead nobler and better lives.

People's Advocate:

J. J. Hall of Hornick, Io., has purchased from Roll brothers a quarter section of land four and one half miles north of town. Mr. Hall expects to be here with his family by March 1. Roll Brothers also closed deal by which a Mr. Bartock, of Howells, becomes the owner of a half section of land three miles west of Deloit.

Whoever has suffered from piles knows how painful and troublesome they are. Tablers Buckeye Pile Ointment is guaranteed to cure piles. Price 50 cents in bottles. Tubes, 75 cents. P. C. Corrigan.

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N E 20-28-9. 600 acres incultivation Good grove and orchard. \$800.

W 1/2 sec 24 and sw 1/4 9-26-14. Will cut 100 tons of hay. \$700.

N 1/2 ne nw 20 and ew se 17-32-11. Good grain farm. Eagle Creek runs through the land. Price \$550.

Sw 17-27-10. Good hay and grain farm. Price \$700.

Ne 26-27-10. Price \$400.

Se 24-28-12. Fine hay farm, 5 miles from O'Neill. Price \$1000.

N 1/2 20-28-12. 320 acres. Price \$1400.

Sw 31-30-11. 160 acres in cultivation. Price \$1000.

N 1/2 of n 1/2 3-29-11. \$450 buys this farm.

W 1/2 sw 17 and n 1/2 nw 20-25-9. \$500.

\$850 buys the nw 15-29-14 with building and 70 acres in cultivation.

W 1/2 8-29-15. 120 acres in cultivation. \$1500 for this 320 acres close to market.

Nw 21-26-12. 1/2 mile from Chambers. 20 acres in cultivation and 10 acres of trees. \$600. This is a snap.

A 1/4 of section one and nw 12-30-15. Good location for sheep ranch. \$1500 will buy this if taken at once.

Best stock ranch in the county, known as the Brown ranch, south of Ewing, 480 acres. Good hay land with running water. At \$2800 for 30 days only.

M. Lyons, Emmett, Neb.

CHURCH AND TARIFF.

DOES RELIGION THRIVE ON POVERTY AND WANT?

Characteristic Free-Trade Contentions That the Cause of Christianity is Best Promoted by Human Destitution and Misery.

The Brooklyn Eagle, a Free-Trade but gold standard newspaper, is very certain that The American Protective Tariff League is on the wrong track in its effort to show the extent to which the churches have shared in the restoration of prosperity through increased plate collections. The Eagle says:

"Religious revivals follow disasters, and big financial panics make men think of their sins and induce them to turn their thoughts to the churches and to give to them more liberally than in their prosperity. Flood and pestilence are potent influences in making men think of serious things. A wave of prosperity does not advance the cause of religion. It rather retards it. If our present prosperity is occasioned by the Dingley law then the churches might well hope for a return to the Wilson law, with its alleged depressing effect on business, and its consequent direction of the thoughts of men to their souls' salvation. It was the Wilson law that made the churches prosperous, and not the Dingley law."

It may be so, but if so, let us have the facts and figures to prove it. The Eagle, chief among the newspapers of the "City of Churches," should know whereof it speaks; but does it know for certain that religion fares best when the people fare worst?

Is it true that poverty increases crime and morality at one and the same time?

Do idleness, hunger and want operate to fill the jails and also the churches?

Is the minister sisset of his salary when the burglar is busiest?

Do the dire conditions which impel men to steal and murder promote Christian morality?

Are pew rents more promptly paid and is the contribution box better filled when churchgoers have empty pockets?

Does the appeal in behalf of home and foreign missions meet with the most liberal response when the congregation is "broke?"

Are church debts the smallest when individual debts are largest?

Do men think most about the salvation of their souls in times when they are most engrossed with the problem of how to keep body and soul together?

Is it, in short, true, as the Brooklyn Eagle asserts, that "it was the Wilson law that made the churches prosperous, and not the Dingley law?"

The American Economist does not believe that any of these things are true. To believe them would involve the necessity of believing Christianity to be a curse instead of the greatest boon and blessing the human race has ever known.

If the churches will do their part in furnishing information as to the relative difference between plate collections in 1895 under a Free-Trade tariff and in 1899 under the Dingley tariff, the American Economist will guarantee to show that religion and morality thrive best when mankind is happiest, most prosperous, and freest from the necessity and the temptation to commit crime.

Of the truth of this there is not the slightest doubt. Wouldn't it be a good thing to demonstrate it beyond question in the manner proposed by the American Protective Tariff League?

RIGHTLY NAMED.

Democrats Ashamed of the Term "Free-Trade" as Applied to the Wilson Law

Some of the Democratic newspapers are scolding at Congressman Grosvenor of Ohio, because he said in his recent speech on the Currency bill that in the campaign of 1896 the Democrats demanded "the maintenance of the Free Trade Tariff bill, called the Wilson act." They complain of the term "Free Trade" as applied to the Wilson bill, insisting that it was in a measure Protective, since it carried an average duty of nearly 40 per cent. Isn't it rather late in the day to bring up this question? Three years and two months ago the people of the United States registered their judgment of the Wilson tariff by overthrowing the party responsible for its enactment. They condemned it for what it was, a Free Trade measure in principle and intention, and, if not wholly so, as near an approach to Free Trade as the Democratic party dared to make at that time. It was meant to be the entering wedge that should split asunder the American system of Protection, and the horrible wreck and ruin wrought by that entering wedge foreshadowed only too plainly the ultimate fate of American industries in the event of the complete realization of Free Trade in this country.

Congressman Grosvenor's appellation, "the Free Trade tariff bill, called the Wilson act," is fully justified by the facts. Democrats, however, are naturally a little sensitive about it, in view of all that has happened in the past three years. Formerly they were only too glad to take the credit of the Wilson Tariff law as "a step in the right direction." They found no fault in the campaign of 1896 when that law was characterized as a Free Trade measure. The only fault they found then was that it didn't go far enough in "the right direction," that is in the direction of Free Trade. But

times have changed, and the Democrats would like to have the Wilson law relegated to the limbo of oblivion. Toward the law and the blame which attaches to the party would be forgetfulness. That is why the sting of Mr. Grosvenor's reminder has called forth so many manifestations of pain and uneasiness. But there are some things not to be forgotten. The "Free Trade tariff bill, called the Wilson act," is one of these things.

DANGER AHEAD.

California's Protest Against Proposed Reciprocity Concessions.

If reciprocity treaties with foreign nations mean the release from restrictive tariff regulations of foreign products which we do not produce, in return for the admission for such of our products into foreign territory as they do not produce, no one will deny their wisdom.

On the other hand, if these treaties mean the withdrawal of tariff in such a manner as to build up one class of products in our own country at the expense of another, or the fattening of powerful Eastern corporations by the destruction of productive industries of the country, it is time to call a halt.

The new tariff from Washington that not only the Japanese reciprocity treaty but the French reciprocity, contains provisions that strike at the very heart of the Pacific coast, but to our own industry and still other products, at the base of rich and powerful corporate interests in the West, is amazing and disheartening.

If that is the way the administration and the Republican party interpret the duty they owe to the country, the sooner the president and the party learn that they are treading the path that leads to disaster the better.

It will not do to lightly put this question aside by saying that California must suffer for the general good. If that were true it might be a good excuse, however, lamentable, but it is not.

Will it be for the common good to shatter the industrial interests of this immense western region that the Standard Oil company, the northwestern millers and greedy importers in the east may fatten?

The Republican party has stood for protection to our growing industries with magnificent results. If it permits itself to be used by designing men it will basely desert its colors, and will deserve the fate that will surely overtake it.

It is not a question alone of injury to our local interests; the affair assumes a national importance. Should the Republican party prove faithless to its trust in California, it will prove faithless in other states. Los Angeles (Cal.) Press.

Watch this paper for other verses. The Judge rode on but he thought all day of pretty Maud as she raked the hay. And the bonnet so dainty that made other girls her crowd. And the leggings that circled her ankles brown. So he sent a note from his courtroom old. To a lady wealthy, but proud and cold. And he told her that he had lost his heart. To the bonnetted party of the first part.

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The Petrified Man. According to a Billings, Mont. dispatch in the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, John Johnson, known throughout the west as "Liver-Eating Johnson," a government scout and spy, and who is believed to have killed more Indians than any other man, either living or dead, that ever rode the arid wastes of the west, reached this city recently en route to the soldiers' home at Los Angeles. He recognized the ossified man found in the Missouri river, near Fort Benton about a year ago, as being the petrification of a man he knew at Fort Benton. The petrification looks as natural as life. It will go east from here, and then to the Paris exposition.

The Sufferer in Wet Weather's Slippers. One evening as I sat with Mr. Whitler before his Franklin stove he hospitably brought forward a pair of slippers and laughed as he pointed at the artificial device embroidered upon them. He said Gail Hampton worked them for him when his wartime poems were being published. They represented a pair of belligerent American eagles, armed with the thunderbolts of Jove, and they were doing the soberest Quaker drab—thunderbolts and all! "These sees," he said, "she is as sharp with her needle as with her pen!"—Samuel T. Pickard, in Ladies' Home Journal.

Ingenuous Expedient. A local correspondent says that the other day a friend of his brought him a chunk of ice which he threw into his jar. But here was a difficult problem for him. The quantity of water was too great to be sufficiently cooled by that piece, which was melting as fast as our correspondent was himself doing in tears. At last a highly valued friend of his—who had spent the best portion of his life in scientific researches on the most original lines—came to his rescue and, after mature reflection, was of opinion that the best way out of the difficulty would be to evaporate the greater portion of aqua by heating it so the ice would surely cool the remaining quantity.—Lahore Tribune.

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