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In its tariff tinkering congress is making living higher for the common people and it is also making the picking for the trusts better. So long as the people stand for such things just so long will they have to stand the price.

And now it is declared that a tree has been found in Africa that yields beer the same as a cow gives milk. An exodus to Africa may be expected after this announcement. It is dimes to doughnuts that Terrible Teddy found the tree.

The Weeping Water Republican seems disposed to begin the campaign ever before there is a democratic candidate announced. He speaks of rings. What is a political ring? It is a party of a dozen republicans banded together to dictate who should run for office and who shall not run. This is what the dozen republicans said at Weeping Water last week.

That the tariff revising session of congress has proved a conspicuous failure as far as the consumers are concerned is apparent even now. Notwithstanding that the republican platform promised a downward revision and President Taft pledged it in almost every speech he made during the campaign, the aggregate of the revision will be upward. The poor man's table will be taxed higher, his woolen clothing will share the same fate, and so on through the entire list of necessities. And the increased cost of the poor man's living will result in increased profits to the tariff beneficiaries. So far it has been the rich man's congress and when it shall end they will go out and exact their pound of flesh from the non-protected classes. They helped put the administration into power and they must be rewarded at the price of brawn and labor. The shame of it all lies in the fact that the men who are robbed by our exorbitant tariff allowed themselves to be duped into voting for what they are now reaping by promises of a downward revision. It seems that in the republican lexicon the term downward means upward.

Burkett Deserts Insurgents.

A Washington telegram in the Lincoln News says: The defection of Mr. Cullom and the general feeling that this was the time for a special effort by the revisionists were responsible for the opposition making a special effort to muster as much strength as possible. As a result the insurgents were defeated by only nine votes.

Mr. Burkett, whose name comes near the top of the alphabetical list, gave the insurgents a shock from which they did not recover by deserting them and voting with the Aldrich forces against the reductions. There was a renewal of the wonderment about Mr. Burkett's course in the last few days, when he has pretty generally voted with the Aldrich people.

One interesting explanation has been ventured in the cloak room and corridor gossip. It is that Mr. Burkett, who has been constantly in consultation with Aldrich of late, has premises of help in his coming senatorial campaign, in consideration for his standing by the finance committee at every possible opportunity. It is current gossip among the progressives that Mr. Burkett is certainly earning the help whether he shall get it or not. He is the only man who has shown serious symptoms of insurgency who today voted with the Aldrich forces.

Commercial Religion.

"Billy Sunday drew \$6,022.26 for his six weeks campaign in Marshalltown. His converts total 1,879. The total cost of the revival will be about 12,894.55. There were 14,000 people in attendance at the last day's service and the converts numbered 225."—Exchange.

If the good old fathers in Israel could arise from their graves in their embodied forms and intellectual vigor and see how the plain, simple religion they taught "without money and without price" has been converted into commercialism, they would no doubt want to return to their bodies of clay, content to rest in the homely religion they taught from the same bible now used by Billy Sunday. Cut out the money consideration and Billy Sunday would probably return to base ball. We have absolutely no patience with the money making religion as taught by Billy Sunday. There is no foundation to his superstructure. He isn't worth the price. His religion is the emotional kind that vanishes when the clouds pass away from the grandstand of reason. The good, old-fashioned, homely religion as taught by the old fathers in Israel comes down to us through the ages as a beacon light to the mariner on a stormy night outside the harbor. Too much commercial religion has been harmful to the cause of real Christianity.

Here's Your Tariff Revision.

Anticipating the effects of the present provisions of the Aldrich tariff bill the prices of men's clothing have been sent skyhigh within a week. Clothing dealers report that suits that could be bought a week ago for \$20 are now marked to \$35. Staple worsteds and woollens have all taken a 35 per cent rise in the last few days. Coupled with the tariff anticipation is the increased cost of scoured wool, which a year ago cost 46 cents a pound and which today is quoted at 75 cents. Clothing sellers look upon the situation with much satisfaction, their position being much stronger than it has been in years.

The foregoing is a New York Associated Press dispatch that appeared in metropolitan daily papers. How comforting it must be to the poorer classes who are obliged to buy clothing as well as to those who voted for Taft on his oft-repeated pledge to the downward revision of the tariff. With all the pandering by congress to the protected interests, have you seen one word written in the pending tariff bill concerning the laboring classes? Working men everywhere were duped into voting for Taft on his promises of radical reform in our exorbitant tariff taxes. In return for their votes they are now taxed higher than ever for the actual necessities of life. But that is what they voted for and they are getting it in two-fold doses.

Boys, help yourselves to plenty of fire crackers this Fourth. Next year you will not have the opportunity.

Good towns are built up by push and enterprise. Poor towns are built up by people sitting down on stools with pails between their knees waiting for the cows to back up to be milked.

And now the two cent fare law has been declared unconstitutional in Pennsylvania. It would not be surprising to us to see such a law decided unconstitutional in every state in the Union.

The Journal force will observe Monday as "the day we celebrate." In consequence of which there will be no paper issued on that day. Those interested will please remember.

An Iowa physician has issued a warning to women to beware of kissing men who wear beards. Whiskers are germ breeders. All beardless editors will please assist in circulating this valuable information.

Plattsmouth will have a doings of their own next Monday and in a manner commemorate the deeds of those who fought that we might enjoy life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. We invite our farmer friends to join us.

What about the Merchants' Carnival? Now is the time to begin to move briskly in that direction. The Fourth will soon be over and the work of organizing the various committees should begin. Let us have a carnival that will be a carnival in the fullest sense of the term, and make a show that will be worth coming many miles to see. Let us begin the work now, and keep it up until all arrangements are perfected.

A decision of the Court of Appeals of New York in a case which grew out of a dispute over the right to a car seat holds that placing a piece of baggage in a seat does not preempt the space. The court rules that passenger cars are to carry persons, not baggage, and that filling a seat with luggage confers no title to the seat on the owner of the grip. In other words, if a traveler wants to make sure of sitting in an ordinary day coach, he or she must take a seat and leave to it.

There is a probability that if the bank guaranty law is knocked out by the supreme court, the governor will immediately assemble the legislature to remedy the technicalities which seem to be objectionable to the law as a whole. In a few more years if the republican party is kept in power, there will be no power in the states which the national government will feel in duty bound to respect any further than it suits its purposes. Governor Shallenberger, in speaking of the court's action, says: "The people of Nebraska have expressed themselves in favor of the guaranty of bank deposits. When the opponents of such a measure will not let the state courts pass upon a matter in which the people of the state are primarily interested and force the matter into the federal courts, which have no connection with the affairs of the individual state, it merely means that the enforcement of the law has been delayed. The people of the state have spoken and they will not be denied even if the federal courts do provide a temporary bulwark for the opponents of a bank guaranty act."

Every now and then we hear of the "Iowa plan," and no doubt others have wondered what it was, or amounted to, and we propose to give our readers an idea of what that plan is. It is a new schedule which Iowa is developing, and the interest in the plan is working day by day. W. J. Pilkington is editor of the Merchants' Trade Journal, a magazine which is being published solely to oppose the encroachment of the mail order system upon the small town. Mr. Pilkington is to be the business dictator of the town of Dexter, which has 800 people, for a period of seven months. He is in absolute control of every bank and business house in the town. He dictates the policies of each, spends their money, superintends the buying, authorizes retrenchments in different departments and expansion in others, places the advertising and regulates the conduct of the clerks, besides putting into effect his ideas on how the city government should be run in order to boost the town and bring people there to trade. His control began on June 1, and will continue until January 1. In the several intervening months he expects to increase the amount of sales. Double the profit of every merchant in the city and make Dexter a larger town. This immense task he has undertaken just as an experiment, and it will be watched by the business men of the entire country.

On memorial day and on February 12 our thoughts go back to Abraham Lincoln but on the Glorious Fourth of July they go away back even of the time when Lincoln was a child to that early period in our history when our population was sparse and thinly scattered along the Atlantic sea board, when we had no money in our treasury, when we were fighting desperately for our liberty against one of the strongest nations in the world, and our half-clad soldiers stained all the paths around Valley Forge with the blood of their unprotected feet. In the midst of the celebration's noise, generally thoughtless and silly, let us call to mind those soldiers, and their leaders. Surely the Almighty in His universal program of training and developing the human race, is using this nation. Else, why in our most critical times do men of vast genius appear to lead us on and up. This thing occurred in 1861 and it occurred in 1775 to 1800. The greatest of generals were raised up to lead our armies. The most astute ambassadors we had to represent us at foreign courts. America never had a more wise and thoughtful representative at foreign court than old Benjamin Franklin. And towering over and above all is the "Father of His Country," George Washington, one of the greatest military leaders and strategists, one of our greatest presidents and statesmen, one of our biggest souled men, with a sacrifice of himself and his personal interests, that is almost Christ-like. Thoughts of these men and what they were and what they did, should come to us on the Fourth of July as comes to us the sacred fragrance of perfumed flowers, pressed by vanished hands. We all like to remember and revere the memory of those who fought and bled that we might live to enjoy life and liberty, and we hope the youth of the land one hundred years hence will celebrate the great natal day just as cheerfully and joyfully. Long live the Glorious Fourth of July!

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REPAIRING PROMPTLY ATTENDED TO.

For years there has been a republican ring in Cass county, and in the selection of the ticket by the coterie at Weeping Water a few days since is the best evidence in the world that ring still lives to impose upon the masses of the party.

Many people mistake good intentions of editors for malice. Proper criticism is always for the betterment of the community. The only question involved is as to what constitutes proper criticism. On that it is quite likely that the critic and the criticism will disagree.

SLATE RULE IN OLD CASS.

Louisville Courier.

A man who calls a spade by any other name is either a poor judge of a spade or doesn't know one when he sees it. A political party committee that assumes authority to speak for the whole party and then calls its deliberations party action and party expediency steps out of the path of fairness, and what the committee does or says does not necessarily bind the party in question unless an agreement has been entered into by the party and the party has given its consent. This is true of any and all political parties.

A point in view is the action of some members of the Republican county central committee that met at Weeping Water recently and framed up a ticket for the various county offices for the forthcoming fall election. This state now has a fair and just primary law. At the primaries it is the privilege of the legal electors to exercise their citizenship and cast a vote for their choice for candidates for all offices to be filled. This being true the voters of the Republican party of Cass county do not approve of a slate made up by a few party leaders. The object of the Elmwood and Weeping Water committee meetings may have been held in the interest of harmony, and good men may have been selected for candidates, but the rank and file of the party still believe that they have a right to enter into and become a part and parcel of any and all things that mean success or failure to the principles they espouse. No man, even be he at the head of a political combination, is in very truth able to stand alone. Support he must have, and his party must be recognized impartially to merit that support which means success.

For years some Republican leaders have connived at dictation. This was done at the recent conclave at Weeping Water, as well as at Elmwood, when proposed candidates were named. Perhaps these men will be selected at the primaries—perhaps the selections were wise ones—but the fact remains that the selections were made by a few instead of the many.

All over the county the Republicans disapprove of the central committees' action—all out over the county Republicans are awakening, and if any good man who was named at either Elmwood or Weeping Water by the County Republican committee fails to be the choice at the primaries it is possible that his disappointment may come on account of Republicans tiring of a few men telling them what they shall and shall not do. It always pays to be fair and it always pays to take the men who do the voting into full fellowship. If this is not done the men who do the voting—the bulk of it at least—will revolt and may give their support to others at the primaries not indorsed by a few who seek to speak for all. What the people want in all parties, political, are the best men obtainable. The day of "he's good enough" has gone. There has been an awakening of Republicans and Democrats alike. The voters not only demand good and capable candidates, but also demand the right, under the law, to help make these selections. The Courier speaks for any and all parts of the county. It also speaks for Louisville—a portion of the county that has been a hewer of wood and a hauler of water for many years, and has received but little recognition at the hands of a combine that has already existed too long. The time to pause and do a little hard thinking is here.

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