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Great Britain's income tax fluctuates according to the needs of the government. In our money the fluctuation is from 10 to 15 cents on each \$5 of income.

Are you going to the G. A. R. Reunion at Weeping Water tomorrow? A big game of ball between Plattsmouth and Weeping Water teams, and many other amusements. Get ready and go.

Judge Sedgwick's nomination by such a large vote is certainly a hard blow to the Sheldon faction of the Republican party. The judge was a candidate for one of the three appointments under the new law, but instead of appointing this eminent jurist, Governor Sheldon appointed Rose, the man who handed down that "thin" decision in the non-partisan judiciary contest.

Next Saturday the M. W. A. Logrolling takes place at Union. This is a county association of all the camps in Cass county, and the program for the event is one that will interest all who attend. The Union people have made arrangements to take care of a large crowd, and there will be ball games, races and amusements of all kinds, good and plenty. If you want to enjoy a day's outing take a day off and go.

Liberati and his wonderful band and grand opera singers at the State Fair, Lincoln, September 6 to 10. Their music pleases all classes. It is worth going across the state to hear them play "America" and notice how the great crowd in the auditorium is thrilled as the fanfare of the trumpets and trombones sounds out over the grounds like some great battle call. Four concerts by this band each day.

There will be nothing doing in the county campaign, and will not be until the season's festivities are all over. The handshaking will then begin in earnest. The candidates who can weld the broadest smile and shake the hand most cordially will be the lucky ones. But remember the farmers are smart enough to know whether the cordial greeting is given with good intents or were to gain votes.

The minority leader of the Democratic house is the Hon. Champ Clark of Missouri. He believes the prospects for the party in congress are most promising because of the Payne-Aldrich bill. Champ Clark is one of the most accurate political prognosticators in the land, and if the Democrats do not gain control of the lower house of congress, on account of the refractory Payne-Aldrich tariff, there is but little hope that they ever will.

From the view point of the "standpatter," Senators Cummins, Dolliver, Beveridge, La Follette and others of the Republican insurgents, are little less than traitors to the Republican party. Yet, when all is considered, what have they done? Nothing but voted in the interests of their constituents. If there are any traitors it is those members from the west who voted for the Payne-Aldrich tariff bill. Such fellows as Burkett and Brown.

A neighboring town furnished an illustration of the damning results often resulting from gossip, says the Lyon Sun. A young girl died of typhoid fever and the gossips began to whisper that she died as the result of disgrace. It reached the point where the coroner felt compelled to empanel a jury, have the remains exhumed and a post mortem held to prove the girl's virtue. Gossip is a practice which becomes almost

criminal in too many communities. More young girls are ruined by the slanderous tongues of the gossips than by any other source, but they are allowed to reside in all communities to apply their nefarious tongue-wagging.

Commenting on the income tax the Rochester Herald (Rep.) says: "But has it not occurred to President Taft that if the American people wanted the income tax and the tax on corporations they would have elected the advocate, not the opponent of them? Nobody supposed that Mr. Taft was running for president on the Democratic platform, or was in secret a believer in Democratic principles." Has it ever occurred to our Rochester friend that Mr. Taft has found it necessary to raise money to cover the deficiency which the Republican administration has brought upon the country?

When the north invaded the south to strike down the bonds of slavery its cause was just for an equality of men is pledged to all who come under the folds of the stars and stripes. In a nation which is committed to that equality there can not exist a system of tariff privilege for any considerable length of time, and the west has fearlessly come to a realization of that fact. In every state they are now lauding the bygone slavery as a condition of joyous existence compared with the drudgery and the hardships to which the tariff barons would now reduce the American people. The generation of today knows of slavery only by traditions; it hears of the old mammy's love and the old man's devotion; the songs of the cotton fields and corn brake, the nights of laughter and of glee; of kind old masters, of happy lives from hoe to banjo. There was a break in the harmony, for the constitution of the United States of America could not provide for a country to exist "half slave and half free." If a nation should go to war some fifty years ago to destroy the slavery of happy slaves, it is extremely possible that a nation will arise mightily some day at the ballot box to destroy a condition of existence equally abhorrent to the American spirit of freedom.

A NEW IDEA IN BOOSTING.

Over in Iowa there is a town by the name of Dexter. It is not a large town, having less than one thousand population. The merchants and business men generally conceived the idea of placing the business of the town under the dictatorship of W. J. Pilkington of Des Moines. He has a contract whereby he is absolute dictator of the business of that city for seven months. Recently the town was visited by nearly 100 Iowa merchants, who went simply to see what was to be seen, and observe the system Mr. Pilkington employed in introducing city methods in country stores. The July, 1903, business of the town showed a gain of 47 per cent over that of last year.

"We have caught the boosting spirit from Mr. Pilkington," Allen T. Percy, mayor of Dexter, said "Our stores have done a larger business, but the real good has been in waking our people up to the realization that we should make Dexter a pretty city. Our streets are already 100 per cent better and we believe we have the prettiest lawns of any town in the state. Everyone has become a booster and is trying to build up Dexter."

Prizes are offered each month for the best kept lawns, with the result that the lawns are all well kept. There is an absence of grass and weeds in the streets, and although they are dirt streets, they are well

kept. Granitoid walks and stone street crossings are replacing the old wooden walks. All these changes have taken place since June 1, when Mr. Pilkington assumed charge.

One day recently the streets were crowded with town people and country people who had come to take advantage of the bargains the Dexter merchants offered especially for the occasion. A negro string band and quartet played on the streets all day and the crowd which was there was evidence that they had come as a result of advertising and boosting. Then there were contests for the leanest couple, the largest family and the man with the biggest feet, besides contests for corn, apples, potatoes and eggs. The winning corn was 14 feet 10 inches in height.

Taft's message to the country on the tariff bill reads like "a poor excuse is better than none."

Governor Shallenberger will be here next Thursday to address the old pioneers. Come and hear him.

There is some talk of organizing a company to build a wagon bridge across the Platte river, north of town. We don't know whether such an enterprise would benefit the business interests of Plattsmouth or not. It don't appear that way to the writer.

An auto driver was brought back from Falls City Wednesday to Nebraska City for high speed through the latter city. He was fined \$25. This is simply a sample of justice that will be meted out to some fast auto drivers through the streets of Plattsmouth if some of them are not more careful.

They are advocating a free bridge across the Missouri river at Nebraska City. Had there been built a free bridge across the Missouri river at Plattsmouth twenty-five years ago we could now boast of a city of 15,000 people instead of 6,000. Such a bridge would be worth \$200,000 a year to the business interests of the city.

The pyro-aero sensation of the century. Pain's stupendous thrilling "Battle in the Clouds." At the State Fair, four evenings, September 6, 7, 8 and 9. The most entertaining open air creation ever conceived; 250 performers, a great outdoor stage, massive realistic scenery. A fleet of fiercely contending airships. A stupendous war spectacle. It is gigantic, thrilling, realistic. In front of the grand stand.

Most of the voters of Cass county are opposed to third terms. They believe two terms is enough for any county office. The Republicans had an opportunity to nominate John Busche for sheriff, who would make just as efficient official as the present incumbent. Four years ago John D. McBride ran for the third term, because no one could be found to take the nomination, and was forced upon the ticket. But the present sheriff has no such an excuse. No one cried third term four years ago than he did.

The state fair board promises to furnish four evenings of great entertainment during the fair this year. At great expense they bring the King of Pyrotechny, Pain of New York with all of his new and novel fireworks and devices and great gorgeous spectacle, "The Battle in the Clouds." It is a battle scene that will look like the real thing. Manoeuvring of air ships, the ultimatum of war, the bombardment with the fiery destruction of the city. Four evenings, September 6, 7, 8, and 9, at the grand stand.

In an open letter to the Czar of the House of Representatives, Congressman Charles N. Fowler pours the hot shot into old Joe about right, and very justly, too. Here is just one paragraph that ought to hold the deceitful and arbitrary old rooster a little white: "Do you suppose that I was not aware of your ignorance, prejudice, inordinate conceit, favoritism, putrid preferences and that like all such characters possessing absolute powers, malice is

the mainspring of your every action under such circumstances?"

The Fowler letter is another piece of evidence that Speaker Cannon is going to have a hard time holding his organization together at the next session of congress. Fowler himself has many followers and his removal from the chairmanship of the committee on banking and currency wasn't in itself an incident of much significance for his ideas on currency reform are not in line with those of the Republican majority.

Mayor Dahman and W. B. Price have been secured for a joint debate on the temperance question at the State Fair auditorium, September 9. This, it is believed, will be the largest drawing card of the entire fair. Dahman's views are as pronounced as Patrick's, or more so, and those who go expecting to hear a verbal clash are guaranteed to get their money's worth. The State Fair management is not handling the attraction, the temperance forces at University Place being primarily responsible.

NEXT A DEMOCRATIC CONGRESS.

In the great eastern centers of population where labor is more or less controlled at the cashier's desk of the immense manufacturing concerns the tariff, in the main, is an obscure and indefinite something for men of business and the professions to worry over and discuss, with here and there an older head conscious of what it means to the rising generation. The complete evil of the Payne-Aldrich-Taft measure has not yet touched the masses in those centers. The west and middle west is alive to its import. The smaller business man confident that the consumer must bear the greater part of the burden is planning to save his own skin, conscious, however, that he has a battle before him. But the tariff problem has been wafted from one end to the other of the nation; it has been dinned into the ears of 80,000,000 Americans, and a great majority of that number is aware that the tariff session at Washington promised to reduce the cost of living. It promised a revision downward, and the work of the session will be judged by the results.

So far in the cities they have had this result:

Suits of clothes heretofore sold at \$10, now \$12.50.

Calves' liver, a few years ago, free, now 14 cents a pound.

Lard, formerly 9 cents, now 15 cents.

Pork, nearly 100 per cent increase.

Granulated sugar, formerly 4 1-2 cents and 5 cents a pound, now 5 1-2 and 6 cents.

Increase in the cost of stockings, cottons, woolens.

In fact, there has been an increase in practically everything entering into the daily life of the average working man in the city with the exception of newspapers, magazines and street car transportation.

The tariff bill just passed the congress insures an increase in the cost of many of the necessities of life and a decrease in none. The issue of the campaign of 1910 will certainly be the tariff, no matter how industriously and expensively the protected interests work to keep the schedules intact. The newspaper and the candidate which demand a repeal of the tariff set forth in the Payne-Aldrich bill will be accused very probably of a desire to disturb business. The agents of the tariff barons will continually demand that nothing be done to check the business rally.

From all sides will come appeals to "let well enough alone." To "stand pat." The voters will be asked to send back congressmen to uphold the president's hands. Every resource will be drawn upon to insure a house of representatives that will not alter or amend the Payne-Aldrich measure.

And herein lies the Democratic opportunity. The Cannon congressional ring is headed for a plunge. The cry to uphold the president's hands has a double meaning. The president upholds the hands of Cannon and of Aldrich, and the last two shake hands with the trusts. The

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people will seek vigorously to upset Mr. Cannon, and there are sufficient votes in five states of the middle west not only to turn Cannon out of the speakership, but to turn the present minority into a majority. And the middle west has refused to accept the tariff bill passed by Mr. Taft's leaders and approved by Mr. Taft. Despite the criticism that has been justly poured out upon a few of the Democratic members of congress for their tariff actions, Champ Clark has kept the Democratic ship pretty near to her course. Some left him, when their aid was needed, but the record of the Democratic party in congress is in accord with the party professions and party principles. Those who have followed Mr. Clark's leadership—and 90 per cent were loyal—have not faltered in their opposition. The Democrats were not permitted in the conference though members of the committee; their views were neither asked nor accepted; they were denied a voice and their responsibility was thereby limited.

It is just as well that the Republican party took full responsibility for this measure. The western branch of the party declines to accept that responsibility and a split is created which cannot be easily healed. The party leaders, however, having sufficient votes to force the measure through, were in no mood to take counsel from the western associates. They were established for the information of the American people that a tariff revised by its friends is a tariff revised for the enemies of the masses, and when the voters again are given an opportunity to act it is not to be expected they will quietly accept this measure. Those who are responsible for the acceptance of the Payne-Aldrich bill have their hands full at the coming election. All of which is as it should be.—National Monthly.

President Taft said: "The bill is not a perfect tariff bill or a compliance with the promises made."

The New York Times, which supported Taft loyally, is now opposed to him because he has not fulfilled his tariff pledges.

Congress reduced chloroform from 20 to 10 cents per pound in the new tariff bill. Evidently that was done to chloroform the voter so he can't see the other iniquities of the bill.

We agree with Governor Johnson of Minnesota that the great west should see to it that it is better represented in the framing of the laws and control of the vast interests of this great country. The New England tail has been wagging the middle west dog just long enough.

Taft has begun making his appointments for census enumerators, and warns them that they must not associate politics with the work. But we notice that he chooses rabid politicians for his appointments. This

is like giving negroes the freedom of the melon patch and suggesting to them that they should eat no melons. Would a duck swim?

According to the metropolitan journals the price of rubber automobile tires has been advanced 17-1-2 per cent by the trust. Congress increased the tariff on rubber 5 per cent and now the protected trust jumps the price to 17 1-2 per cent. Is there a farmer or business man who is silly enough to believe that the new tariff will be worth millions to Nebraska? It simply means higher prices to the consumer and increased profits to the trusts.

Those Republicans who are worrying themselves sick because the eight o'clock closing law is the only one of the bills passed by the legislature that has stood the test of the courts, should remember that it is the only one Republicans wish to see stand, as they figure it will give Democrats trouble. The bills that the people really want the courts are ready and apparently willing to knock out whenever the Republican leaders demand it. The non-partisan judiciary is apparently needed in Nebraska.—Geneva Gazette (Rep.).

"Two years ago, thoughtless Republicans in this county elected a Democratic county clerk, treasurer and superintendent of schools."—News-Herald. Thoughtless Republicans! Thoughtless! What does that word mean? A standard dictionary defines "thoughtless" as "dissipated," "loose," "stupid," "dull," "blockish," "doltish." And the leading Republican paper of Cass county applies all these vile epithets to the many good, respectable, substantial and honorable Republicans of Cass county, who voted for W. E. Rosencrans, Frank E. Schlater and Miss Mary E. Foster! And this is how this same Republican paper is supporting the straight Republican ticket, by such vile abuse of many of the best Republicans in Cass county. It looks as though A. L. Tidd is still editor of the News-Herald.

H. B. Davis of Logan, Ia., spent last evening in the city the guest of his aunt, Mrs. J. H. Thrasher. Mr. Davis' wife is in the hospital at Omaha, having been taken there for an operation for appendicitis recently, and he took advantage of his presence in that city to run down here for an evening with his relatives, returning to that city this morning.

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Order to Show Cause

In the district court of Cass county, Nebraska, in the matter of the guardianship of Reo Campbell, a minor.

The cause came on for hearing upon the petition of James M. Campbell, guardian of Reo Campbell, a minor, praying for a license to sell the undivided one-half of the north half of the west half of the west half of the southwest quarter of section 25, township 11, range 9, in Cass county, Nebraska, for the purpose of converting said property into money to assist in advancing the education of said minor and for reinvestment.

It is therefore ordered that all persons interested in said estate appear before me at my office in the court house at Plattsmouth, Nebraska on the 16th day of October 1903, at the hour of 1 o'clock p. m. to show cause why a license should not be granted to said guardian to sell said real estate.

Dated this 28th day of August 1903.

HARVEY D. TRAVIS,
Judge of the District Court.

D. O. Dwyer, attorney.