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MINORITY TARIFF REPORT. IT WAS PREPARED BY MR. BAILEY. SIGNED BY ALL DEMOCRATS

Give the Grounds of Their Opposition to the Dingley Tariff Bill—Will Not Offer a Substitute, Owing to the Lack of Time Allowed for Preparation of Another Measure.

WASHINGTON, March 24.—Mr. Bailey of Texas presented to the House the minority report on the tariff bill. The report was signed by all the Democratic members of the ways and means committee, and gives the grounds of their opposition to the bill. It says in part: "This bill was framed with the avowed purpose of protecting the manufacturers of the United States against foreign competition, and it is perfectly obvious that if it accomplishes that purpose it must result in compelling the consumers of this country to pay more for their manufactured goods, and for this reason we think it should not pass."

"If the system of unnecessary taxation is indefensible because of the extravagance which it encourages, it is still more so on account of the trusts which it fosters and promotes. It is not more certain that protection encourages extravagance than it is that it breeds unlawful combinations of capital. Indeed, protection is justified upon the avowed theory that competition should be restricted. True enough, it assumes the patriotic pretense that foreign competition ought not to be permitted against our home industries; but they don't understand the selfishness of human nature, and especially they little understand the selfishness of that human nature which relies upon the favoritism of the law to increase its fortune, who suppose that these men, having secured themselves against foreign competition by the favor of Congress will fail to secure themselves against domestic competition by voluntary combination among themselves."

"It is an old adage, and it is as true as it is old, that 'competition is the life of trade,' and whatever tends to restrict competition must tend to restrict trade. The majority of the committee seems to think it is an easy matter for us to build a tariff wall about our borders and thus prevent the foreigners from trading with us, but they forget that the same wall which shuts the foreigner out shuts us in, and that regulations that prevent the foreigner from trading with us must at the same time prevent us from trading with the foreigner."

"We believe in the principles of competition, and we believe that the people of the United States can successfully compete against all other people of the world; and we denounce as a crime against the best interests of our people any law which leaves the consumers of this land subject to the extortions of reckless and corrupt combinations, formed to destroy competition and control prices."

The report concludes: "We are unable to offer a substitute for the pending bill, because we have not been allowed a reasonable time to prepare one. Congress convened in extraordinary session on Monday, March 15, and this bill was introduced the same day and referred to the committee on ways and means, which met the next morning, and on Thursday it was ordered to be reported to the House. The majority of the committee had spent the three months of the last session of the last Congress in the preparation of their bill, and yet they refused to allow the minority three weeks in which to prepare a substitute. We are unwilling to propose a measure that has not been carefully matured, and we must, therefore, content ourselves with protesting against the passage of the committee's bill."

THE MARKETS. Kansas City Grain and Live Stock. Hard Wheat—No. 2 75c; No. 3 74c; No. 4 68c; rejected 60c; No. 2 75c; No. 3 74c; No. 4 68c; rejected 60c.

TWENTY CHILDREN KILLED. Terrible Cyclone in the South—An Academy Destroyed.

EUFALA, Ala., March 24.—This city was swept by a cyclone yesterday morning, in which death and disaster brought a dreadful part. Men were almost caught up from the streets before they could find shelter. Shutters, roofs, etc., gave way and for two hours there was terror and desolation, when the cyclone passed off to the northwest, coursing along the Chattahoochee valley.

The most shocking story of all, however, was that which came from Arlington, Early county, Georgia. It was about 8 o'clock when the pupils of Arlington academy began to assemble. There were about fifty present when Professor Covington, noticing the coming storm, called them in for shelter. A crackling noise was heard and the shutters and swinging doors were wrenched from their hinges. Then came a twisting and a careening and the north partition gave way, falling with deadly effect upon a group of children who were clinging to the professors. The doors and windows gone, the storm had full sway within, fragments of timber flying in the air, the children thrown helpless, being caught up and dashed against the walls. The cries of the wounded, the groans of the dying are described as having been heartrending while all this was going on.

The people of the town, regardless of the wreckage of their own homes, ran to the school, where they knew their children were, only to find many of them dead, others wounded and pinned beneath the debris. Professor Walker had his arms and legs broken and cannot live.

The bodies of eight children have been taken from the ruins of Arlington academy, and about a dozen others will die.

From Henry county, Ala., around Abbeville, there comes stories of death and wreck, but no names have been received. A family of five was reported killed near Geneva. A second disaster, that of floods, is now upon the country. The rivers and creeks are swelling with rainfall which almost resembles a cloudburst.

News comes in of the drowning of a family of eight persons on the Alabama side of the river, in Henry county. Richard Manson, with his wife and six children, lived in a cabin on the river bank at the crossing of the Central railroad from Columbia. The water rushed in, surrounding the cabin. In vain efforts to extricate themselves, all were lost.

Mulvane in Full Control. TOPEKA, Kan., March 24.—The Topeka Capital plant and good will was sold by Master in Chancery H. P. Dillon to-day upon an order of the United States Circuit court, to satisfy the mortgage upon it. David W. Mulvane, representing John D. Mulvane, bidding it in at \$52,000. This sale wipes out all the stock and puts the title in Mulvane. The amount bid about equals the mortgage indebtedness.

For Mayor of Detroit. DETROIT, Mich., March 24.—After a brief fight in the Republican city convention, Captain Albert E. Stewart was nominated for mayor. Captain Stewart was selected by Governor Pingree as Mr. Pingree's successor in the mayor's office.

Incendiary Fire at Altoona, Kan. NEOSHO, Kan., March 24.—Altoona, eight miles north of here, was seriously damaged by an incendiary fire last night. The city hall, general merchandise store of C. A. Stafford & Co., and Dr. Doid's drug store was destroyed. Buildings and contents, loss, \$25,000; insurance, about \$4,000.

Not Gilmore's Assailant. ATWOOD, Kan., March 24.—The jury acquitted Reuben Rinker of Bertrand, Neb., charged with the attempted assassination of Ranchman George W. Gilmore.

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A Big Levee in Danger. ROSDALE, Miss., March 24.—The river has risen along the extreme lower end of the second levee district at Rosedale, Miss., twenty miles north of here and the situation is critical in the extreme. A large stream of water began coming in under the levee and increased to such an alarming extent that Major Sterling, the chief engineer, was sent for by wire. Should the levee give way it would flood many of the finest plantations in the delta.

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CHICAGO PEOPLE ROBBED. All the Cash and the Bonds of the Dishonest Treasurer Gone—Sixty-Five Thousand Dollars Missing—Stockholders Restrained by the Police—A Cashier Steals \$30,000.

CHICAGO, March 24.—The stockholders of the Christopher Columbus Loan association, the treasurer of which is missing with about \$65,000, held a meeting at which threats of lynching the officers of the association were freely made. An examination of the safe in which the money and bonds of the secretary and treasurer was supposed to be made and neither money nor bonds were found. Women who had invested all their savings in the society made a rush for the table upon which the officers were standing, and the police had to beat them back. The officers were blamed for the disappearance of Secretary Sachel and \$65,000.

After a fierce battle of words calmer counsels prevailed and a committee was appointed to decide which of the officers ought to be indicted for the shortage which made the society insolvent. The committee will submit the evidence to the state's attorney and ask him to take the matter before the grand jury. The stockholders are mostly poor Poles and Bohemians.

A THIEF FROM THE START. Bethlehem, Pa., Stole \$50,000—No Bond on File.

BETHLEHEM, Pa., March 24.—Disclosures just made add \$16,000 to the embezzlement of Cyrus E. Breder, cashier of the First National bank of this city, who disappeared a few weeks ago leaving a shortage estimated at the time at \$13,000. He also stole \$13,000 from a building association. His bondsman died and his bond was not renewed, so that the bank had to make good the shortage of \$30,000.

Breder is said to be in Denver, and it is likely that steps will be taken to have him brought here on charges of forgery. An examination of the books shows that he began his stealings six months after he became cashier. A letter from Breder threatens to expose certain unnamed citizens of Bethlehem, who assisted him in his peculations.

Hung Juries for Bankers. PERCY, Ok., March 24.—In the past month three presidents of wrecked banks in Oklahoma have been tried and the jury in each case has failed to agree. The jury in the case of the Rev. C. L. Berry, on trial at Pawnee on the charge of looting the Bank of Commerce there last year, failed to agree yesterday after being out seventy-two hours. J. J. Carson at Nowyork and Richardson also escaped similarly. There are fifty cases against these men.

AT THE LAST HOUR. President McKinley Saves the Santa Fe Murderers for Ten Days.

SANTA FE, N. M., March 24.—All preparations for the hanging of Francisco Borrego, Antonio Borrego, Lauriano Alarid and Patricio Valencia for the murder of Sheriff Chavez were completed this morning and a troop of cavalry and a company of infantry of the New Mexico national guard were ordered out to guard the prisoners from the penitentiary to the jail and to guard the jail, where the gallows was erected. The hanging was to have been private, only twenty-four persons being permitted to be present. Just as the prisoners started from the penitentiary, about a mile from town, Governor Thornton received a dispatch from Attorney General McKenna stating that the President had granted a reprieve for ten days to look more fully into the case, press of business having prevented full consideration. Governor Thornton immediately sent a messenger to Sheriff Kinsell, and the prisoners were taken to the county jail under escort.

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Floods in the South. The valley of the Mississippi river beginning at Cairo, Ill on to the gulf is one great inland sea.

One Failure Causes Another. PANNA, Texas, March 24.—The Farmers and Merchants bank closed its doors this morning. It was one of the oldest financial institutions in the state and had a paid up capital of \$200,000. The failure of Martin, Wise & Fitzhugh cotton buyers, yesterday caused a run. John Martin was president of the bank until yesterday, when he resigned.

Corbett Called on Fitz. SAN FRANCISCO, March 24.—Corbett called at Fitzsimmons' hotel to-day, but the latter evaded him. Corbett says he will fight no one else. Corbett says he may accept the management of a big athletic club in New York.

From First Appointment. WASHINGTON, March 24.—Postmasters at offices which have been raised to the presidential class during the last administration will have their four year term of office dated from the appointment prior to the change of classes and consequent reappointment. The issue was raised in a number of cases of this class, and the cases in which several contests figure, have been carefully considered and the policy definitely determined.

LINCOLN'S NEW CHARTER. The Bill Prepared by the Business Men of Lincoln is Passed.

The people of Lincoln have at last secured relief from the arrogant and avaricious corporations of that city. The populist legislature has passed a charter drawn by the best business men of the city and supported by all of the business interests. It will go into effect at once as it passed with the emergency clause. The bill provides that the number of councilmen shall be seven instead of fourteen and that they shall be elected at large instead of by wards. It is believed that a better class of men will be secured by electing at large than those secured by ward elections. It also provides for a fire and police commission of three members to be appointed by the governor. This commission has the power to appoint and discharge members of the police and fire departments. This is a good provision for the reason that it removes the police and fire departments from the changes and uncertainties of city politics. As it has been the mayor of the city who controls the police force and has been known to make arrangements and promise of immunity from punishment to certain elements in the city in order to secure their support for his election. As it will be under the new arrangement the police department can enforce the ordinances of the city in relation to all matters of police regulation without regard to promises and political deals made by the mayor in his campaign for election. There is another provision that permits the city council to purchase or erect a city lighting plant for its own use not to cost more than \$15,000. If it is to cost more than \$15,000, the proposition must be submitted to a vote of the electors. It reduces the salaries and running expenses of the city and provides that all fees shall be turned into the city treasurer.

Table showing salaries under the old and new charters. Mayor: Old \$1,000, New \$1,000. Treasurer: Old 3,000, New 2,000. Deputy treasurer: Old 1,200, New 1,200. One assistant: Old 900, New 900. Each councilman: Old 300, New 300. Each fire and police com: Old 300, New 300. Each member excise board: Old 300, New 300. City clerk: Old 2,000, New 1,200. Deputy clerk: Old 1,200, New 900. Marshal, per month: Old 100, New 100. Captain of police, month: Old 90, New 80. Policemen, per month: Old 70, New 60. City engineer: Old 1,800, New 1,200. Asst. engineer, month: Old 75, New 50. Street com., per month: Old 75, New 75. City attorney: Old 1,500, New 1,500. Deputy city attorney: Old 900, New 900. Water commissioner: Old 1,000, New 1,000.

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