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CUSTOMS AND COURTS.

One of the classic blunders of the present administration in now before the court of customs appeals and a decision is looked for at an early date.

The court is expected to interpret the meaning of the provisions in the Underwood tariff bill proposing to give a five per cent discount in customs duties on merchandise imported in American vessels. Thus far that clause has failed in its purpose just as the tariff measure of which it is a part failed to provide adequate revenue.

Enacted October 13, 1913, it failed on its first test, and that test applied, too, by the then attorney general less than 30 days after the bill was signed.

No sooner had the tariff bill been presented to the secretary of the treasury for administration than a doubt arose in his mind as to the validity of the five per cent discount provision. He appealed for advice to attorney General McReynolds, who is now on the supreme court bench. The provision was pronounced inoperative.

"The five per cent discount on American Vessels cannot be given," is the language of the attorney general quoted by the secretary, "without impairing the stipulations of existing treaties between the United States and various other powers, and consequently the subsection is inoperative."

Acting on this opinion the secretary of the treasury issued an order to customs collectors, instructing them to make no allowance of discount on duties under this provision.

Importers who had relied on the law appealed to the board of general appraisers. Their ruling resulted in further confusion, and neither side being satisfied, the case was taken to the court of customs appeals, more than a year after the law had passed.

The democratic committee report on the five per cent provision defined it as "a discrimination in favor of American shipping, designed to build up our merchant marine and keep at home millions of dollars now being paid to foreign vessels to carry our products to foreign markets."

Yet although they fully realized the tremendous importance of this measure which they said involved millions of dollars, they lacked the foresight to consult their own attorney general as to the possibility of enacting it into law. They had a vague idea of what they wanted, adopted a vague method of trying to secure it, and by careless guess work threw the whole matter into the courts.

Furthermore, even if the principle of discrimination had not been questioned by the attorney general the provision was so clumsily drafted that three different interpretations have been placed upon it. Counsel for the importers claimed one interpretation, government attorneys claimed another, and the board of general appraisers

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During the debate in congress on this provision. Republican members repeatedly warned the democrats that, quite apart from its policy, its phraseology was meaningless and should be corrected to become effective.

It was so much breath wasted. The majority stubbornly refused to accept either caution, suggestion or amendment. The result has been that this very important clause has thus far proven mere useless verbiage, except to cause litigation and expense to all concerned. About the only purpose it has served is to emphasize the fact that the inefficient methods of democratic legislators have made it impossible for them to put even their own ideas into effect.

SOME COMPARISONS.

Men whose political memory runs back twenty years are finding a close and curious parallel between the political conditions of 1895 and those of 1915.

The country then had a democratic administration, Cleveland's. The country today has a democratic administration, Wilson's. The country then had a democratic tariff law, the Underwood-Simmons bill. Then, as now, there was widespread unemployment and deep discontent all over the land.

Then, as now, the country had just experienced sweeping republican victories in the elections of the previous "off year." Then, as now, the municipal elections of the springtime showed the continued sweep of republican ascendancy. Then, as now, the country was looking forward with eagerness to its approaching relief from democratic administration and to the restoration of the republican party to power.

The political indications of 1895 found their fulfillment in the election of McKinley in 1896. The political indications of 1915 will find their fulfillment in the election of another republican president in 1916.

"There is not a note of partisanship in the definition of neutrality by President Wilson," says the Wilkes-Barre (Pa.) News, in lauding the president's speech before a body of newspaper men. Well, why should or could there be? The remarkable feature of the incident is that democratic papers deem it noteworthy that partisanship was omitted from a speech dealing with foreign relations. The fact is that in all his other acts and utterances, the president has been so intensely partisan that it is a cause for comment when he says something or does something in a way that indicates a realization that he is president of all the people and not merely part of the people. His course in that respect alone is sufficient to guarantee that after March 4, 1917, he will be president of none of the people.

Over 150,000 horses have been purchased in America for shipment to the warring nations of Europe. At a fair estimate, the average price was not less than \$150, which would make a total of more than \$22,000,000 paid for horses. This accounts for a part of the balance or trade in favor of the United States, credit for which the democrats have made a vain attempt to assume.

Three years ago, when Wilson was governor of New Jersey, he made a trip to the Pacific coast and told people what he was going to do. This year he will make another trip over the same road and will probably tell people why he didn't do it.

"News," said Wilson to the editors of the country, "is the raw material of opinion." Exactly. And the news from all points, when compounded into the country's general opinion of the Wilson regime, is decidedly "raw" also.

The publication of the answer to the German note on neutrality reveals the fact that Bryan was at the state department one day recently and remained there long enough to sign his name where Robert Lansing indicated.

Secretary Tumulty's comment on the Chicago election reminds us of the man who told Noah that the deluge was only a little shower, anyway.

Those who have read the president's book on American history say that he writes a mighty sight better history than he makes.

In the weeks since congress adjourned, its democratic members have come to realize a genuine "new freedom."

SCHOOL NOTES.

Last Friday the pupils of the 10th, 11th and 12th grades were dismissed at 2:10 p. m.

Last Thursday the school enjoyed a vacation. The cause was the circus, which a number of the pupils attended.

Last Wednesday the seniors intended to go out to the home of Miss Eva Watts for a party, but since the weather was not suitable it was held Thursday.

A number of the pupils were absent Monday. These are the names of some: Alberta Outhouse, Bertha and Maggie Christiansen, Myrtle Phillips and Forest Larson.

The 9th grade's garden is growing very fast if it is not hindered by lack of rainfall. We hope by the first of September, that the radishes and spring onions may be large enough to eat.

J. H. Burwell entertained the members of the 12th grade at his home last Wednesday evening. A most excellent time was enjoyed by all those present. The seniors have come to the conclusion that Mr. Burwell does of late realize the truth of the words, "Blessings brighten as they take their flight." We hope that the revolution in the minds of the seniors may be complete enough that they may also find this to be true.

New Paper at Ashton.

The initial issue of the Ashton Herald reached our exchange table last week, and makes a very creditable showing considering the handicaps the new editor had to work under in getting out the first issue. The new paper announces that it is non-partisan. J. R. Gardiner, formerly of Loup City, is the new publisher.

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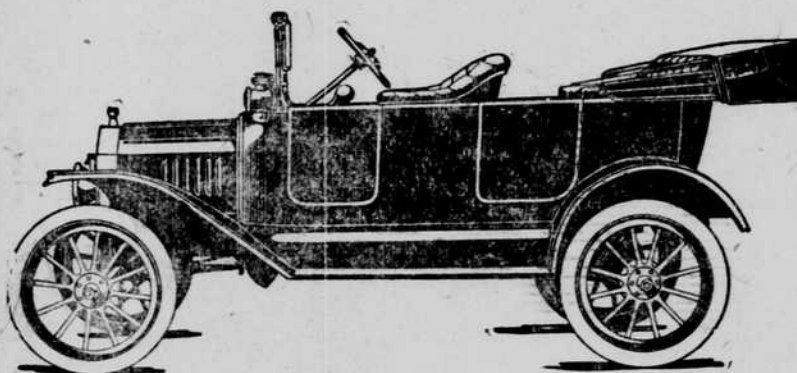
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Baptist Church.

The pastor desires to speak to parents Sunday morning, the subject will be "Mothers Gods Messengers." It is hoped that parents will be present, especially mothers and all interested in them.

7:00 B. Y. P. U., the subject being "The Bible the Worlds Supreme Book," Deut. 6:1-9 led by Mrs. Rufus Hiddleson.

8:00 song and gospel service. Everybody is cordially invited to all services.

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Notice to Creditors.

The State of Nebraska, ss In the County Court, Sherman County.

In the matter of the estate of Schuyler S. Reynolds, deceased. You are hereby notified, that I will sit at the county court room in Loup City in said county, on the 15th day of May, 1915, at 10 o'clock a. m. and on the 20th day of November 1915, to receive and examine all claims against said estate, with a view to their adjustment and allowance. The time limited for the presentation of claims against said estate is the 20th day of November, A. D. 1915, and the time limited for payment of debts is one year from the 17th day of April 1915. Witness my hand and the seal of said county court, this 20th day of April 1915. (SEAL) E. A. SMITH, County Judge 19-4

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE

First National Bank OF LOUP CITY.

CHARTER NO. 257, INCORPORATED AT LOUP CITY in the State of Nebraska, at the close of business May 1, 1915.

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts	\$215,432.19
Overdrafts secured
Unsecured	781.10
U. S. bonds & securities	7,800.00
Subscription to stock of Federal Reserve Bank	\$3,000.00
Less amount unpaid	1,500.00
Banking house, \$7,708.61; furniture and fixtures, 1,100.00	9,808.61
Due from Federal Reserve Bank	3,222.26
Due from approved reserve agents in Central Reserve Cities	\$2,610.61
Due from approved reserve agents in other reserve cities	18,282.07
Outside checks and other cash items	408.47
fractional currency, nickels and cents	122.66
Notes of other National Banks	620.00
Lawful money reserve in bank	112.00
Specific	86,641.40
Legal tender notes, U. S. Treasurer (not more than 5 per cent of circulation)	350.00
Total	\$871,277.37
LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in	\$25,000.00
Surplus fund	25,000.00
Undivided profits	7,201.97
Less current expenses interest and taxes paid	3,783.64
Circulating notes	7,000.00
Due to banks and bankers (other than included in 5 or 6)	2,368.07
Demand deposits	
Individual deposits subject to check	\$108,653.80
Certificates of deposit due in less than 30 days	29,193.27
Time deposits	
Certificates of deposit due on or after 30 days	70,643.00
Total	\$871,277.37

State of Nebraska, ss County of Sherman, } ss I, L. HANSEN, Cashier of the above named Bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. L. HANSEN, Cashier

CORRECT-ATTEST: A. B. OUTHOUSE, Director, W. F. MASOS, Director, W. T. CURTIS, Director. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of May, 1915. E. A. Miner, Notary Public. (SEAL)

Notice to Creditors. State of Nebraska, ss In the County Court, Sherman County. In the matter of the estate of Michael Donahue, deceased. TO THE CREDITORS OF SAID ESTATE: You are hereby notified, that I will sit at the county court room in Loup City in said county, on the 30th day of November 1915, to receive and examine all claims against said estate, with a view to their adjustment and allowance. The time limited for the presentation of claims against said estate is the 30th day of November, A. D. 1915, and the time limited for payment of debts is one year from the 17th day of April 1915. Witness my hand and the seal of said county court, this 20th day of May, 1915. (SEAL) E. A. SMITH, County Judge.

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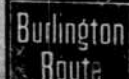
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