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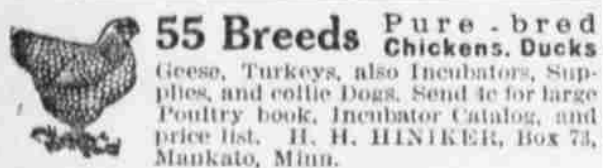
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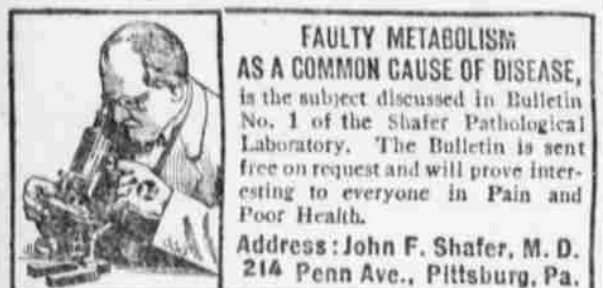
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summarized by the Cincinnati Enquirer in this way:

State-wide primary for presidential preference open to all democrats.

Separate ballots and ballot boxes to be provided.

Candidates for president to secure place upon the ballot through petitions signed by 5,000 democratic electors.

"My Choice for President" to be the only heading permitted.

Facilities for each elector to vote his choice through making cross mark in front of the name on ballot.

Results to be canvassed by election officers and certified to the secretary of state within ten days.

Secretary of state to certify the results to state convention's temporary chairman.

Candidate receiving highest vote to name six delegates and six alternates at large and submit them to the state convention for ratification.

One hundred and five lives were lost in a coal mine explosion at McCurtain, Oklahoma.

## ADOPTION OF THE INCOME TAX

Following is a dispatch to the Louisville, Ky., Courier-Journal:

Washington, March 19.—Republicans almost fell over each other in their haste to vote for the Underwood excise bill in the house today. Eighty of the 120 republican votes recorded on the measure were in favor of it. Representatives John W. Langley and Caleb Powers were in the grand rush. The bill went through, 250 to 40, every democrat voting for it.

That the republicans should vote two to one for the bill was a great surprise to the leaders on both sides, and it is freely predicted tonight that as a consequence the senate can not well refuse to pass the bill, and that President Taft must think carefully before refusing to sign it.

This is the bill which places a tax of 1 per cent on all net incomes over and above a \$5,000 exemption. It is intended to conform to the recent favorable opinion of the courts on the corporation excise tax, and to avoid the court's constitutional objections to the income tax in 1895. The estimate of the democratic leaders is that it will raise \$60,000,000 in revenue each year, which will more than make up for the loss that would be sustained if the democratic free sugar bill should be enacted into law.

Every democratic member of the Kentucky delegation was present and voted "aye," except Representative Ollie James, who had gone to Lincoln, Neb., to speak at the Bryan birthday dinner, and Representative William J. Fields, who is ill. Mr. James was "paired" for the bill with Representative Samuel W. McCall, of Massachusetts, against Mr. Fields was paired with Mr. Langley, but released the Tenth district member by wire when he learned that he was in favor of the bill. Mr. Powers did not explain his vote. Mr. Langley in a speech on the floor said: "Notwithstanding the fact that this measure originated on the other side of the house, and notwithstanding the fact that I am a protectionist republican, I intend to vote for the bill just as it was reported by the committee."

"Nearly twenty years ago I participated in an intercollegiate debate upon this question, and I was on the affirmative side. In preparing for that debate I gave the question as thorough a consideration as I was then capable of giving to it, and my investigation thoroughly convinced me of the wisdom and justice of this method of raising revenue. I still entertain the same opinion."

"I regret to take a position which I assume will be contrary to that of

a majority of my party colleagues here, but I can not conscientiously, merely for the sake of party expediency, abandon the convictions of almost half a lifetime."

"I had intended to participate in the general discussion of the bill, but the condition of my voice would not permit it, and for the same reason it must be evident to you that I can not discuss it further now. I wish to take advantage of the privilege which has been accorded of extending my remarks in the Record, in order to give my reasons for supporting the bill. I have risen now to make this brief explanation in order that my party colleagues may understand why I cast my vote for the bill."

Democrats greeted this speech with enthusiastic applause.

In order to conform to the decision of the supreme court the proposed new tax is called a tax on the right to do business measured by the size of the net income above the exempted amount. Representative Oscar W. Underwood, majority leader, believes it will reach such men as Andrew Carnegie and John D. Rockefeller, although some "idle holders of idle wealth" may escape. At a later time, when the house does not face a question of raising revenue at once to make up for proposed reductions in the customs tariff, or when the states shall have ratified the pending income tax amendment to the constitution, Mr. Underwood favors the enactment of a straight income tax law. He believes the supreme court will not again hold such a law to be unconstitutional, even though the amendment should not be ratified. He is not willing to take the chance now.

The bill now goes to the senate, where its fate is a guess. Many senators today declared that if upon analysis they found the house measure would tax all classes of people alike, they would support it. Democratic senators, with a few exceptions, are expected to vote for it. Democratic Leader Martin expressed the hope that the democratic senators and the progressive republicans might put the bill through. Republican leaders are depending upon the president's veto to check revenue revision bills from the house.

With the excise bill out of the way, the house is likely to pass but one more important tariff measure, and that is for the revision of the wool schedule. It became known today that several democratic members of the ways and means committee have suggested that it would be well to pass the wool bill, which was finally agreed upon in the conference between the house and senate last summer, and which President Taft vetoed on the ground that the tariff board had not yet reported. Such a measure would be higher than the democrats would enact if they had their own way, but it is believed that it would show the good faith of the house in its effort to reduce taxes. It is too early to say whether this plan will be followed.

Chairman Underwood is known to be opposed to a free wool bill because he thinks the revenue lost from raw wool, approximately \$21,000,000, could not be raised by putting a duty on raw silk and raw rubber. The anti-free wool democrats say they can demonstrate this.

## T. R. ON TAFT IN 1908

"The true friend of reform, the true foe of abuses, is the man who steadily perseveres in righting wrongs, in warring against abuses, but whose character and training are such that he never promises what he can not perform, that he always a little more than makes good what he does promise, and that, while steadily advancing, he never permits himself to be led into foolish excesses which would damage the very cause he champions. In Mr. Taft we have

the man who combines all of these qualities to a degree which no other man in our public life since the civil war has surpassed.

"The man to trust is the man who, like Judge Taft, does not promise too much, but who could not be swayed from the path of duty by any argument, by any consideration; who will wage a relentless war on successful wrongdoers."

Could a man who makes such horrible mistakes of judgment be trusted in a place where he would have the chance to repeat them every day in the year. Will Theodore pick up his hat and offer his hand to "Dear Bill" after it is all over and a democrat in the White House?—San Francisco Examiner-Star.

## A HOLD-UP GAME EXPOSED

Before you pay charges on an express package again, it might be a good idea to make sure the charges have not been paid at the other end.

The extent to which the express companies have been robbing the people by collecting charges at both ends of a shipment, as revealed before the interstate commerce commission, is amazing and outrageous.

In the case of one company alone it was shown that it made 3,000 overcharges in one day and collected in one year \$67,000 as overcharges!

And in addition to the cases of overcharging which have come to the attention of the commission, it is believed that thousands of shipments are paid for at both ends of which the commission never hears, owing to the fact that the victims do not know they are being fleeced.

An officer of the company above referred to admitted that the system employed to identify prepaid packages was faulty, but had no particular apology to make.

"Demand for transportation charges on prepaid shipments must cease," declared Commissioner Lane, who was plainly provoked. "The complaint of this practice by express companies is universal."—San Francisco Examiner-Star.

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