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Jim Dahlman's platform for governor includes the relocation of the state capital in a more central place in the state. The REPUBLICAN has never regarded Dahlman's chances for that office very flattering yet with the democratic and republican parties of the state divided upon the county option question there is no telling what may be the result politically. But be that as it is the question of removing the state capital from Lincoln to a more central place will have many supporters regardless of party affiliation. Hastings, Kearney and Grand Island are candidates for the plum. But when the question of location becomes a real issue there will be something doing in Broken Bow. There is but one geographical center in the state and that is Broken Bow and if the capital is ever relocated here is where it should be.

Another county campaign will soon be upon us, and it will be up to the people to ray whether all the candidates shall be from Broken Bow.—Courier-Tribune.

Bring out your candidates, if you have any Bro. DURR, the best material the county has regardless of locality. The republicans of Broken Bow would be glad of an opportunity to support mer of right qualifications for any of the offices from the various paris of the county. If we select our candidates this year we have got to have men of ability, popular at home as well as abroad who will command the respect and confidence of the republicans. We need three such men as candidates for the legislature and one for county attorney. Give us a list to select from.

Washington Letter.

These benefits that have accrued to the country under the operation of the new law are more and more apparent every day. Attention has already been called in these columns to success of the measure as a revenue law. The receipts so far during the present fiscal year, ending June 30 next, being some \$50,000,000 more during the corresponding months of last year, while the deficit of about \$70,000,000 a year ago is now about \$14,000,000, and there seems to be no doubt that this deficit will be wiped out by the end of the fiscal year.

Again there is a full volume of employment all over the country, and our people were never so prosperous as now. It is true we hear much about high prices, but it has been shown beyond question that these high prices are in no way attributable to the tariff. But the best news of all which we are having is the constant and voluntary increase of wages by the great corporations and railroads of the country. Nearly all of the Eastern Trunk lines, including such roads as the Pennsylvania, Philadelphia and Reading, the Baltimore and Ohio, the new York, New Haven and Hartford, the Maine and others have increased wages recently. And this increase has been by no means confined to the railroads—the United Steel Corporation and various other large corporations have followed, and the ad-

justment now made in mining centers will no doubt result in widespread increase to all the coal miners of the country.

As regards the present business situation, it can be summed up in the recent statement of R. G. Dun & Co., who say:

"While the trade development is irregular, revealing diversified conditions in different sections of the country, the volume as a whole has made such steady gains over last year that there can be no question as to its substantial character."

To these splendid results of the new tariff law in all the avenues of finance and business which is effected by the law, can be added the splendid progress now being made in Congress to carry out the pledges of the party and adopt the recommendations of the President. The large appropriation bills are now practically out of the way, and for the next few weeks Congress will be engaged in passing laws, strengthening the Interstate Commerce Commission, providing for better regulations as to the railroads, providing for postal savings banks, a so-called anti-injunction law, admitting the two new States of Arizona and New Mexico, and, in short fulfilling as far as possible of promises of the party and the President. Thus the issues of the coming Congressional campaign will be clearly defined, and the Republicans will go before the country with the utmost confidence that the President and the party will be sustained through the return of a Republican majority to the next House of Representatives.

Governor Harman, of Ohio, in a recent interview, which was practically an announcement of his policies and beliefs, has made the issue with the Democrats very clear, and it seems to be the old issue of Democracy, which consists simply of opposing everything the Republican party stands for. Governor Harmon on the tariff question is a practical free trader, and announces that he is for a tariff for revenue only. That would close thousands of mills throughout the country and throw millions of men out of work, and even if a Democratic House of Representatives should frame a bill in accordance with the views of Governor Harmon and should send it to a Republican Senate, where it would be quietly pigeonholed, still it would bring about a check to our prosperity and an anxiety in business circles which would do untold harm. Mr. Harmon might better have kept silent. His interview shows that he is not only ignorant on National affairs, but would play the part of a demagogue in appealing for the votes of the people to place him in the Presidential chair. His interview has weakened him most materially before the voters of the country, and it will no doubt have much effect in defeating him for his race for governorship in Ohio this fall.

While the Republican party has been facing many unpleasant situations during the past weeks it is emerging from the clouds into clear sunshine and long before the 8th of next November it will be found that in every State and in every section of the country there is a united party backing up the President, and quite willing to rest its case before the people upon what it has done and upon the record of the administration up to that time.

Cost of Living in England

The London "Economist," a freetrade journal, which is collecting a fund to promote freetrade agitation, states that the increase in prices in the United Kingdom on the average from 1896 to February, 1910, was only about 30 per cent. "Only"

is rather a strange word to use for that free-trade country, where no one thinks of ascribing the increased cost of living to tariff rates. Of course, the "Economist" tries to make out that the increase has been greater in the United States but it concedes that the cost of living has gone up the world over, and there can be no question about it being a matter entirely independent of the tariff rates. Of course the Democratic freetraders in the United States try to make out that the tariff is responsible for the increase, though the increase has been greater products on which the tariff was reduced or removed altogether than in products on which the rates were increased. They will not attempt to explain the increase in the United Kingdom, nor explain the increase in the price of hides in this country, on which the duty was removed, nor tell how it comes about that boots and shoes have advanced in price, although the industry was furnished with free hides and the duty on boots and shoes very greatly reduced. The free-traders hope for success only from ignorance caused by their misrepresentation of the facts

Give the President Fair Play

We are glad to see the Republican members of the Senate stood solidly behind the administration's postal savings bank bill and passed it by practically a party vote. Now that one pledge of the party in its national platform is underway to fulfillment, let the Republican majority at Washington forget minor differences and stand behind the President and his party in fulfilling all the obligations of the Chicago platform. A lot of time is being wasted in vituperative attacks on Speaker Cannon, underhand slashing at Senator Aldrich, and left-handed blows at the President himself. All is unseemly, unfair, undignified and unmanly. Let boy's play be stopped and let the Republican majority in control at Washington accepted its obligations and get down to substantial business. The President's task, at best, is difficult and his responsibilities are overwhelming. He is entitled to receive the generous, hearty and vigorous support of every Republican in both Houses of Congress. No matter what a few muck-raking and anti-Taft Republican newspapers and magazines may have to say regarding the administration, it deserves a fair trial and the support of Congressmen who have been elected on Republican tickets and on Republican platforms. We beg to remind the "insurgents" and all who are inclined to break away from party obligations that they are furnishing the sinews of their political opponents, and that they must eventually face the responsibility for so doing.—Leslie's Weekly.

The Home Market

Congressman McKinlay sowed a great deal of good tariff seed on the Kansas prairies during his recent tour of the State, and the Kansas prairies are not usually barren grounds when good seed is properly sown. Mr. McKinlay made many strong points in his defense of the Payne bill, but he could hardly have scored more effectively with farmers than in his insistence on the fact that the farmers' market is essentially a home market. With 85 per cent. of all he raises consumed within the confines of this country, one would imagine that the farmer would be the last to advocate anything which decreased the buying ability of those to whom he sells.

That the consumers must be largely wage earners goes with- ing saying, and that wage earners must be what the name implies depends on their ability to get employment. This ability to get employment depends on the

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ability of wage payers to give it, and, finally, this depends on industrial conditions which involve prosperity in mine and mill and factory and in all the avenues of commerce. If America imports its shoes, clothing, machinery, etc. it requires only the commonest kind of common sense to understand the wages paid for manufacturing these things must be paid to foreign workmen not to American labor that composes the farmer's home market.

Congressman McKinlay, Speaker Cannon and other Republican leaders have shown time and again that a majority of the articles and commodities imported are not dutiable, while of those which are dutiable the great majority are luxuries. As to the necessities of the people, either they have been admitted free under the Payne bill or the duties have been largely reduced. It requires \$400,000,000 a year to pay the legitimate running expenses of the government, besides millions more for pensions, etc. A tariff bill which levies larger share of this burden upon the wealth rather than upon the dinner pails of the country would seem to deserve the commendation of all who not blinded by partisanship of most stupid kind.—Kansas City Journal.

Protecting the Richest Market

The richest market in the world, the priceless jewel of commerce, is the market of the United States. The protective tariff holds its treasure secure to the American wage earners and all the American people. This is the simple essence of protection. It is the cardinal principle of the American tariff system which has been made a national policy by the Republican party. The recent revision of the tariff by the Republicans on protection lines, and not by the Democrats on free-trade lines, downward on necessities and upward on luxuries, is daily demonstrating that it was the best revision of the tariff ever made by the American Congress, as President Taft declared in his Winona speech. It is working well, and it will be approved by the voters, who will still keep the Republicans in power and keep the American market for Americans.—Freeport (Ill.) "Journal."

One statistician shows that the increase in prices in England has really been greater than in the United States figuring it on percentages. Of course Mr. Taft and the American tariff are to blame for high prices in that country.—Cedar Rapids "Republican."

The people will be glad to hear from Roosevelt at any time, for with all his faults they love him still. He has been "stull" now for a year, and a resumption of noise might prove just the tonic that is needed in Republican circles today.—Watertown Standard.

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Washington News Letter.
Washington, April 13, 1910.
Senator Burkett's bill to allow settlers on reclamation projects to assign their patents after five years' residence has been reported favorably by the House Committee, and will no doubt become a law within a few days. Senator Burkett expressed himself as much pleased at the action of the house and stated that while the bill did not give as broad concessions to the reclamation settlers as he had advocated, it was a step in the right direction, and opened the way for further privileges in the way of legislation.
Easter time in Washington is the season for the sight-seer. Washington is at its best. Spring comes early here, and nature dons its freshest garb in honor of the season. The trees are in their first tender green, the magnolias are in fragrant flower, the dogwood blossoms are showing in the timber along the streams, and every day's sunshine brings an increase of bloom and verdure that makes Washington a delightful place at this season of the year. Then too, it is vacation time. There has been a veritable pilgrimage of Nebraskans visiting Washington or passing through the city on their way to other places during this Easter-tide.
Lieutenant Governor and Mrs. Hopewell of Tekamah have been guests of Congressman Latta and have called on the members of the delegation. Governor Hopewell said that he was going to visit other friends on his way back to the state, especially one of his former associates on the bench, Judge Keyser, who is now in St. Louis.
Mr. and Mrs. Elmer E. Bryson of Omaha were here three days before sailing for Europe from Philadelphia. Mr. Bryson is in poor health, and they were on