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## MAKING A TARIFF LAW.

### Handful of Men Dictate Provisions of Measure.

The real story of how Congress writes a tariff bill into law is, or ought to be of interest to every consumer, for every American, young or old, little or large, is a consumer, and every commodity of the many thousands that Americans eat, wear or consume in any way is touched by the tariff, that touch usually meaning an increase to the consumer, says a writer in the Dearborn Independent.

Under the constitution of the United States all revenue measures—a tariff act is a revenue measure—must originate in the house of representatives. Therefore it was, of course, in the house of representatives that the McCumber-Rordney bill, now before the United States senate, had its origin.

The first stage of the enactment of the pending bill began on January 6, 1921, when the ways and means committee of the house began open hearings preliminary to what was announced would be a permanent revision of the tariff. These hearings continued for about three weeks and after the hearings had been completed the minority members of the ways and means committee—in this congress they are Democrats—were excluded, and the 17 majority, or Republican members, were divided into some half dozen subcommittees. To each of these subcommittees was assigned the task of fixing the rates. The regular rules of the house were suspended and the bill was then put through the house under the "gag" rule.

When the bill reached the senate it was referred to the finance committee, of which the late Senator Penrose of Pennsylvania was chairman. There the formality of hearings was again gone into just as it had been in the house committee. These closed, again the minority members—still the Democrats—were excluded, and the majority, or Republican members, sat themselves down to write, or rather rewrite, the bill. The only departure from the plan the house committee adopted was that the majority members made themselves a single committee-of-the-whole instead of into subcommittees.

This accounts in some measure for the fact that it required the senate committee so much longer to rewrite the bill than it had required the house committee to write it in the beginning. After months of work the bill was finally reported to the senate by the chairman of the finance committee, Senator McCumber of North Dakota, who succeeded to the important post of the late Senator Penrose. Supposedly it is being deliberated upon in the senate chamber at this time, and it is being considered after a fashion. It is being debated anywhere from 6 to 12 hours daily, and is likely to be debated for many, many weeks, for under the senate rules, unlike those of the house, debate may not be limited save by a two-thirds vote, and that the majority can't muster. But regardless of the importance of the item under consideration, or how important the industry affected by the proposed rate of duty, it is an actual fact that there are seldom more than a dozen senators on the floor during the debate, and frequently the number does not exceed a half dozen.

Chairman McCumber, in charge of the bill, and Senator Smoot, next ranking Republican member of the finance committee, who probably knows more about what is in the bill than anybody else in either house, may usually be counted upon to be in the chamber, while on the other side Senator Simmons, ranking Democrat on the finance committee and leader in the fight against the bill, is usually on hand, and present with him most of the time are Senators Jones (New Mexico), Walsh (Massachusetts), other Democratic members of the finance committee, and King of

## NEWS ABOUT TOWN.

Watermelons and canteloupes are now plentiful on the Fort Mill market and the price has fallen considerably during the past week.

Fort Mill people will have no reason to become excited when the fire alarm rings tomorrow afternoon—it will mean only a practice drill of the fire department.

Monday evening \$2,400 was paid the members of the Tom Hall Guards by the national government for their service during the last six months.

Mrs. Mildred L. Wooten, child placing agent for the State Board of Public Welfare, came to Fort Mill Friday and arranged to take to Columbia with her two little girls who will later be placed in De la Howe School in McCormick county.

Considerable interest is expected to be aroused among the voters of Fort Mill township by the announcements carried in The Times this week of candidates for magistrate of the local district. Magistrate J. R. Haile is a candidate for reelection, with E. S. Parks, former magistrate, also offering for the office.

The special train bearing the Tom Hall Guards from Camp Jackson to Fort Mill arrived Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock. A large number of the militiamen met the train at the depot to welcome them home, after a stay of two weeks at Camp Jackson participating in the annual encampment of the 118th infantry.

Fort Mill was well represented Wednesday at the State campaign meeting held at Filbert for York county. Newspaper men estimated that there were about 3,000 people at the meeting and the best of order prevailed during the entire day. All the candidates were given an attentive hearing except John Duncanson, with Cole L. Blease seeming to be the favorite of the six candidates for governor.

For Curtis, Republican whip, whose duty it is to shoe Republican senators in from the cloak rooms when a vote is about to be taken, are about the only senators who are present during the major part of the time the bill is being debated.

But when voting time comes and the bell is rung, in flock the senators from the cloak rooms, the Republicans to vote as they are told to vote by Senator McCumber or Senator Smoot or Senator Curtis, and the Democrats to vote as their leader or leaders tell them they should vote. Sometimes they know and understand what they are voting about, but more often they do not, or at least it is difficult to understand how they can or could know, because for the most part the cloak room is about as near as they get to the subject that is being debated until the bell rings and voting time arrives.

That is how it happens that a tariff bill is written by a few men, and is rewritten by an even fewer number. The ways and means committee of the house, where the bill is written, numbers 25 members, of whom 17 are Republicans and 8 Democrats. Nine constitute a majority of the majority, and may dictate the bill. Under the house gag rule methods, what these nine say shall be in the bill is usually what is in it when it is passed. Then it goes to the senate and is there referred to the finance committee, which numbers 16 senators, of whom 10 are Republicans and six Democrats. There six are a majority of the majority. They write, or rather rewrite, it, and it goes to the senate. The bill is changed in the senate, and to adjust these differences with the house it is sent to conference. For the house, the three ranking majority and two ranking minority members of the ways and means committee are named; on the part of the senate, the relative ranking members of the finance committee are named. The six majority members of the two committees iron out the wrinkles and a party vote decides it.

## NEWS OF YORK COUNTY.

### Items of General Interest Found in the Yorkville Enquirer.

The enrollment for York county totals about 1,000 more voters than most of the prognosticators had figured on. The "dopesters" now have it that at least 6,000 of the 6,275 voters enrolled will cast their ballots on August 29.

The little child of Bright Mills of the Lowryville community suffered the loss of a foot Friday when it was caught in a mowing machine. The child was standing in front of the machine when the mules started off, and the rapidly moving blade severed the member. The child was taken to a Chester hospital for treatment.

While they did not register opposition in the meeting, some of the members of the executive committee thought that the assessment fixed for the house of representatives—\$25—was too high. They thought that if the assessment was fixed at \$10 or \$15 it would have the effect of encouraging more candidates to enter the field.

A small quantity of liquor and a complete moonshining outfit in operation fell into the hands of Magistrate R. L. A. Smith and Constable McKnight when they made a raid on lands said to belong to Misses Eula and Lena Wilkerson near Hickory Grove Friday night. A colored man was engaged in operating the distillery when the officers came on the scene, but made his getaway after the officers had been recognized. About three gallons of whiskey was captured and 200 gallons of beer were poured on the ground. The distillery was destroyed.

"Well," remarked Dr. D. L. Shieder of Yorkville, one of the candidates for county treasurer, "whether I am elected county treasurer or not, I will have had the satisfaction of having learned York county as I never knew it before when this campaign is over. I have known all the time, of course, that it was a big county; but until I began to travel it I had little idea that it was really as large as it is, and there has been much satisfaction and pleasure in visiting localities that I probably would not have visited had I not been in this race."

A series of services in progress at Clover Methodist church, directed by Mrs. C. S. Steidly of Gastonia, conducted each day and night last week, came to a close Sunday night with a congregation that taxed the seating capacity of the church. Mrs. Steidly, who is an evangelist of the Shelby district of the Western North Carolina conference, was perhaps the first woman ever to hold an evangelistic campaign in York County. Her sermons, delivered each day, were strong and forceful and she proved herself to be a preacher of great force and persuasion. Mrs. Steidly was formerly associated with the noted evangelist, Rev. Baxter McLendon.

James M. Campbell, chairman of the Tirzah Picnic association, who was in Yorkville Monday, said that practically all arrangements had been made for the annual agricultural picnic which is to be held at that place on August 15. Hon. J. Skottowe Wannamaker of St. Matthews, president of the American Cotton association, has accepted an invitation to be present and make the principal address. Dr. J. B. Johnson of Rock Hill, president of the South Carolina Cotton association, will likely preside. Dr. Clarence Poe, editor of The Progressive Farmer, who was also invited to be present and make a talk, found it impossible to accept the invitation. Mr. Campbell said the people of Tirzah were expecting a large crowd to attend the picnic.

Celebrating her birthday, Mrs. Ellie Parks Friday evening entertained a number of her married lady friends at a tacky party at her home in the upper section of town. Refreshments were served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. T. F. Lytle, Miss

## PLANS YORK CAMPAIGN.

### Committee Fixes Dates and Levies Assessments.

The campaign itinerary of York county candidates was arranged, the assessments fixed and the time for the filing of pledges named at a meeting of the county Democratic executive committee in York Monday.

An examination of the enrollment books by the committee disclosed fewer mistakes than usual had been made and that only a few names would be stricken off.

Following is the campaign itinerary: McConnellsville, Wednesday, August 9; Ogden, Thursday, August 10; Rock Hill, Saturday, August 12; Fort Mill, Wednesday, August 16; Forest Hill, Friday, August 18; Clover, Saturday, August 19; Bethany, Tuesday, August 22; Hickory Grove, Wednesday, August 23; Blairsville, Thursday, August 24; York, Saturday, August 26.

The assessments were fixed as follows: House of representatives, \$25; supervisor, \$40; treasurer, \$40; auditor, \$50; probate judge, \$40; superintendent of education, \$50; county commissioners, \$15; magistrates of Bethel, Bethesda, Broad River and Bullock's Creek townships \$10; of Catawba, \$25; Ebenezer, \$15; King's Mountain, \$17.50; Fort Mill, \$15; York, \$20.

The time limit for the filing of pledges and the paying of assessments was fixed as Tuesday, August 8, at 12 o'clock noon.

### Question for Candidates.

The Ministerial union of Fort Mill and the Pastors' conference of the York Baptist association want to know now candidates for the Legislature in York county stand on the matter of holding Sunday sessions of the Legislature and in the county campaign to open next Wednesday each will be asked to state his position in response to the following question, recently adopted by both bodies:

"The matter of Sunday sessions of the Legislature of South Carolina, which are reported to have been held during the present year and in past years, having been called to the attention of the Ministerial union of Fort Mill and the Pastors' conference of the York Baptist association, a resolution was passed by each of these bodies deploring these sessions as a violation of God and man, and we therefore request that you state at the various meetings to be held throughout the county during the campaign about to open what your attitude will be, should you be elected, toward using both your vote and your influence for the suppression of this dangerous practice."

The question is signed by the Rev. J. W. H. Dyches and the Rev. R. H. Viser for the Ministerial union and the Rev. J. W. H. Dyches and the Rev. C. E. Thomas for the Pastors' conference.

### Joe Paxton Killed.

Joe Paxton, rural police officer of Mecklenburg county, N. C., was almost instantly killed in Charlotte Sunday afternoon when the motorcycle he was riding ran into a trolley pole. The speedometer of the motorcycle is said to have registered 61 miles per hour when picked up by a citizen who witnessed the accident. Paxton's skull was crushed and both his legs broken. He was en route at the time to his work, being required to report for duty at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

### Married Sunday Afternoon.

A marriage of interest to the many friends of the young couple was solemnized Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock when Miss Ruth McLaughlin became the bride of A. Melville Cathcart. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. J. W. H. Dyches. Mrs. Cathcart is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. McLaughlin of Fort Mill. Mr. Cathcart is from Winnsboro but for the last two years has made his home in Fort Mill as the foreman of construction for the Fort Mill Manufacturing company. Mr. and Mrs. Cathcart have returned to Fort Mill to make

## SIX MILE TUNNEL.

### Western Railroad to Send Trains Through James Peak.

Six hundred men will begin work on August 15 on the long-tunnel railroad in America, to be built for the Denver & Salt Lake railroad through James Peak, about 150 miles from Denver, Colo. The tunnel will be a little more than six miles long and will cost approximately \$6,700,000. Almost three years will be required for its construction.

The object of the tunnel is to reduce the grades which must be conquered by the locomotives toiling up and across the Continental divide. The result will be a cheaper service and one with fewer interruptions.

The tunnel is to be known as the Moffatt tunnel. It will eliminate all snowsheds and treacherous roadbeds, two present tunnels and all the heavy grades on the line in that vicinity.

The Denver & Salt Lake railroad, sometimes called the Moffatt road, is an unusual road. The road was built by David H. Moffatt of Denver, who paid from his own money for the marvelous engineering feats that were necessary. Traffic is possible at 40 miles an hour at any place on the road, despite the steep grades and dangerous curves.

The tunnel, which will make the road one of the most up to date in the Rocky mountain area, will be 24 feet high and 16 feet wide. It will slope from the center to each end so that there will be ample drainage. Electric locomotives will pull trains through it. There will be only one track.

The actual cost of cutting the long tunnel will be about \$3,288,000. The rest of the work will raise the total to almost \$6,700,000, or about \$1,000,000 a mile.

### Mysterious African Races.

A race of tree beings, who live in the tops of trees and are sheltered from enemies by the dense foliage, are said to exist in parts of unknown Africa. These people, two-toed and claw-handed, pass from tree to tree with the ease and activity of monkeys, and are said to be of a ferocious nature. Then there are dwarfs in Central Africa which live like wild animals among the rocks and bushes. Their projecting jaws and protruding lips, slender, ill-shaped legs and protruding bellies give them the true ape-like appearance. They are singularly timid and fleet at the sight of strangers.

As mysterious is the race of gigantic natives in the unknown deserts north of Uaso Nyiro and the Lorain swamp, East Africa. This strange race is known by tradition to the natives now inhabiting the land west of the Juba in the north and the Tana in the south. Until pestilence and native wars broke them they are said to have cultivated large areas, used irrigation to raise crops, owned camels and lived in great circular houses, the huge stones of which testify to their great strength.

### Printing Postal Cards.

Two ingenious presses, each of which can print, color, stamp, cut, trim and count 4 million postal cards a day, have been devised and improved expressly for the use of the government printing office in Washington. They are the only kind of presses of their description ever made. Huge rolls of post card paper, each of which weighs a thousand pounds, in turn are fed into these presses. Each roll is converted into 200,000 postal cards. Hardened steel plates—there are 96 of them on each of the press cylinders—print the impression and lettering on the postal cards. Rapidly working knives automatically cut and trim the cards. Another attachment counts them and delivers them in neat stacks of 50 each, ready to be wrapped and sealed for distribution to the small postoffices. There is another attachment on the presses which is adapted to print reply cards.

We never know how weak we are until they attack us.

## HEARD IN FORT MILL.

### Candidates for State Office Speak at Confederate Park.

Perhaps as many as 300 people were present at Confederate park in Fort Mill late Tuesday afternoon to hear speeches by Cole L. Blease, candidate for governor, and a number of other candidates for State office. The candidates had spoken in Lancaster during the day and were passing through Fort Mill on the way to Rock Hill for the meeting there Tuesday night. Original plans for the Fort Mill meeting were that it was to be addressed by Governor Blease only, but other candidates were in town and an invitation was extended them to speak. The crowd was unmistakably in sympathy with the utterances of the former governor, judging from the applause he received.

The meeting was presided over by Arthur C. Lytle, mayor of Fort Mill. Following a prayer by the Rev. R. H. Viser, pastor of the Presbyterian church, Governor Blease was introduced by Hon. S. H. Epps, former member of the Legislature from York county. The former governor lost little time in reaching the subjects he said he would discuss briefly. He laid particular emphasis on what he said was the extravagance of the Legislature for the last eight years in creating useless offices and otherwise spending the people's money needlessly.

Men are now sitting in the skyscrapers in Columbia drawing large salaries from the State for performing no service of value to the people, he declared, and the one message they give to the people of South Carolina is, "All's well, plow on, plow on." He cited as an illustration of the waste of the taxpayers' money, the expense incurred by the efficiency and economy committee, which he said had done no good. He also called attention to the crime wave which has been sweeping over the State, saying that South Carolina is today the most lawless State in the American union.

Mrs. Barton Wallace of Columbia, followed Mr. Blease in a happy little speech in which she told of her work in the school room for the children of the State and of her service overseas. Mrs. Wallace was the first woman candidate for a State office to address a Fort Mill audience and her speech was listened to with much interest.

Walter E. Duncan, comptroller general, candidate for reelection, said the efficiency and economy committee had cost the State more than \$17,000. He denominated it nothing more than a "smelling committee" composed of men brought from the north to tell us how to run our government, saying that its work had amounted to nothing and that the tax payers had to foot the bill.

W. Banks Dove, in a short speech, announced his candidacy for reelection as secretary of State. He told of the efficient way in which the office had been run under his administration and thanked the people of York county for the large vote he had received in the county in one of his former races.

State Senator George Wightman of Saluda county urged support of his candidacy for commissioner of agriculture and referred to the work he had done as a senator for the mill operatives of the State. He said the office he sought was being extravagantly run and he thought he could do some effective work in it as an economist.

Harold Eubanks of Aiken presented his claims for election as attorney general, claiming that the incumbent was running the office at too great cost to the taxpayers.

John E. Swearingen arrived just as the meeting was about to break up, but in time to tell the audience why he thought he should be reelected as State superintendent of education. He said he had held the office for 14 years and had had the honor of