

END TARIFF GRAFTING

CALL OF THE COUNTRY TO THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY.

Opportunity to Justify the Confidence of the Voters is at Hand—Coming Session Will Make or Break Organization.

President Wilson has issued his call for congress to meet in extra session April 7. Oscar Underwood, chairman of the ways and means committee, promises to have his tariff bills ready on that date. It is believed the entire session will be devoted to ridding the country of Aldrichism.

If Democrats in congress do their duty, the first Monday in April will see the beginning of the end of a regime of tariff grafting that has lasted more than forty years. If they fail to do their duty, the same date will mark the beginning of the end of the Democratic party.

The issue which must make or break the administration is fairly joined, and the time of trial is set. This journal has full faith in the patriotism, steadfastness and common sense of President Wilson and his backers in congress.

Democrats Not Responsible.

Speaking of the total amount of the appropriations made by congress during the last session, the Tribune says: "A Democratic house of representatives repudiated all its pledges in order to loot the treasury." Still, to tell the whole truth, large increases in practically every appropriation were added by the Republican senate, which was only prevented from running up expenditures for new battleships by the obstinate opposition of Democrats, much to the Tribune's disgust. The increase of about \$20,000,000 in the annual pension bill, in which Mr. Taft concurred by signing the general service bill during the previous session, and the natural growth in postoffice expenditures approximately covers the entire increase in appropriations of the last session of congress, for which the two parties are jointly responsible.

No Fuss and Feathers.

President Wilson has no taste for some things in which Roosevelt revelled. He has nothing of the "rough rider" in his nature, the martial spirit that enjoys parades and personal display. He would feel uncomfortable flanked by a dozen military aids in glittering uniforms. Discontinuing the custom of decorating the president's box whenever he or his family attend the theater and playing "The Star-Spangled Banner" when he enters will disappoint Washington. But the new president seems to have an idea that it is not his duty to furnish a continuous show for the benefit of the multitude.

All this "millinery," gold lace and music seem trivial in connection with the simple, impressive dignity of President Wilson. Simplicity is the keynote of his administration, as it is of his character.

No Party Split in Choice.

Republican papers that are discovering a party split in the choice of Senator Clark of Arkansas to be president pro tem. of the United States senate in place of Senator Bacon are exaggerating the value of an office of comparatively little importance. The president pro tem. is mainly honorary in its character. Senator Bacon in the senate of the last congress filled the place only part of the time, as the compromise of a deadlock on the Republican side. If the majority of the Democrats in this senate prefer someone else it is their right to vote for him, and Senator Bacon would make a poor figure kicking over the traces about it.

Whole Country to Be Considered.

It is not surprising to hear that some tariff-kickers are to be found in the Democratic ranks and that sugar and lumber and wool advocates are already indulging in lachrymose appeals for protection. Nothing is likely to be done that will in any way cripple any legitimate industry, but the welfare of the whole country and of the great masses of the people has a right to precedence over sectional interests and favored classes. It is time for a broad national patriotism and a national Democracy that can see further than the boundaries of a congressional district.—Baltimore Sun.

Many Duties Ahead of Him.

Looking forward to the duties that await Mr. Wilson, the plain, old-fashioned, needful things he will be called on to do, and reflecting on the obstacles he will have to overcome to do them reasonably well, we are inclined to think that the realization of the "vision splendid" by which at present he "moves attended" may wisely be—and probably will have to be—for a considerable time postponed.

Wilson's War on the Rider.

Mr. Wilson affirms it to be his purpose to veto any and all appropriation bills that contain riders. This is first rate. For legislation that cannot go through on its merits has no right to enactment. The rider is usually a disreputable piece of legislative proposal that had better get the axe than favorable action. So that there is nothing alarming in the announced intention of the president not only to scotch, but to kill the rider whenever it parasites on an appropriation bill.

NEED AN OVERHAULING

GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS TO PROFIT BY A CLEANING OUT.

New Political Appointments Will Not Be Allowed to Lessen Efficiency of the Administration, but They Will Be Made.

The Ancient Order of United Barnacles views the Wilson administration with alarm, not to use a shorter and uglier word. Members of that ancient order who have clung to the ship of state for 15 years seem to think they have a vested right to a share of public money. Whoever seeks to disturb them is an "office-seeker," and just now that is the bitterest term in the Barnacle vocabulary.

But the Ancient Barnacles are in error if they think the country at large cares much for their protests. The notion is rather widespread in this land that one who has held a political job for half a generation had better get out and see whether he has lost the ability to earn an honest living.

President Wilson will not allow political appointments to lessen the efficiency of his administration. The nation knows this; and knows too, that every department of government needs a thorough overhauling. In face of these recognized facts, the Ancient Barnacles may scream all they please, but the country will only smile.

Not Extremely Convincing.

The harvester trust took a very ingenious course in putting on the stand a number of farmers and dealers who testify that the consumers and the trade have been benefited by the combination. Their testimony, however, was not very convincing. One dealer did not sell the trust goods for three or four years, but resumed handling them because he could not do business without them. That would look as though the combination had too firm a grip upon this business for the success of any competing concern. The combination makes 90 per cent. or more of the binders, and 75 or 80 per cent. of the mowing machines, and if the prices have not gone up very much, they have certainly not gone down, and some of them have been moderately advanced.

Thinks Party on Probation.

The first consideration is that harmony and cohesiveness must be preserved in every feature of the party's program. The most ambitious and well intentioned project will fall by the wayside unless they are supported by a united organization. It is suicidal folly to assume that the opposition is either crushed or sleeping. It is very much alive and very vigilant. The combined votes of the old guard Republicans and the national Progressives in a few pivotal states would have brought Democracy in for the worst drubbing in years. The party is simply on probation.—Atlanta Constitution (Dem.).

President's Wise Move.

No one questions the wisdom of the president in declining to be annoyed by office-seekers. They and their friends are the bane of any president's existence. In the recent past, Mr. Taft was too good natured and patient to drive them away, and Mr. Roosevelt endured them because he is jealous of power and would not allow anybody to do anything that he could do himself. The office seekers, therefore, flocked to the White House for personal interviews with the president. Now they must seek the cabinet officers, beyond whom their appeals may or may not go.

Good Wishes for Wilson.

Relying on his ability, integrity and broad-mindedness, the Globe most cordially presents its good wishes to Woodrow Wilson, our twenty-eighth president. Very few presidents, if any since Washington, have had the good fortune to enter the White House so untrammelled by obligations. Some have gone in burdened with a debt to a section of the country, to a state, to a faction, or to some powerful man or men. Mr. Wilson is free from these anxieties. His only debt is to the whole people.—Boston Globe.

Not the Farmer's Fault.

Whoever is responsible for the high cost of living, the farmer is not. Staple farm products of the United States averaged 21.7 per cent. lower in price March 1 this year than on the same day in 1912.

It is safe to say that no family in the land has witnessed a corresponding drop in the prices it has to pay for those farm products by the time they are ready for use.

With All Good Wishes.

The new cabinet starts with a clean slate and an inspiring leader. May its deeds measure up to its opportunities.

Progressives Offer Help.

President Woodrow Wilson does not vaingloriously proclaim himself "the chief" of his party or its spokesman as a triumph. He tells with sincerity that no man can doubt his wish to serve only the needs of his people. This proud humility must strike an answering chord in the soul of the new party that also seeks but to serve. All "honest, patriotic, forward looking men" within its ranks and without will step forward to meet the appeal of the nation's new leader.—Chicago Evening Post (Prog.).

FEEDING AND CARE OF GEES

One of the Cheapest and Easiest of All Domestic Fowls to Raise—Method of Management.

Geese are one of the cheapest and easiest of all domestic fowls to raise, says the Farm and Fireside. They require little shelter at any time, and if given plenty of pasture, will gather the largest portion of their food from the fields. They are very easily and quickly fattened for market and bring very good prices. This is the method for managing breeding and market geese: Never mate over two females to each gander. Never use females less than two or ganders over four years of age. They are allowed to run in a pasture where they have plenty of grass to eat and water to swim in. In winter and during the laying season feed them lightly the following ration: Bran, four parts; shorts, two parts; cornmeal, one part; and in winter cut clover, steamed, four parts, is added. A goose will lay 30 to 40 eggs in a season, if she is allowed to sit. The eggs require 30 days for incubation, and invariably hatch well.

Goslings are removed from the incubators as soon as dry, and placed in brooders where the heat for the first 24 hours is 90 degrees. After the first 24 hours the heat is reduced daily until the goslings are ten to fifteen days old. Beginning the third morning after hatching the goslings are fed as follows, four times daily, by measure: Bran, one part; rolled oats, one part; cornmeal shorts, one part. This mixture is dampened with skim milk until it will crumble. Grass, grit, and drinking water are always before them.

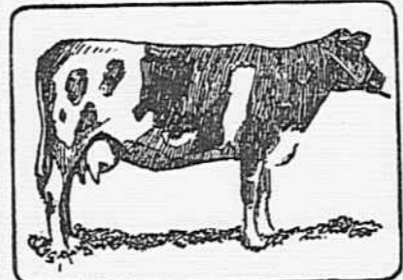
Water is given in fountains, so they cannot get into it. They are fed as mentioned until they are eight weeks old, when those for market are closely confined to be fattened, and fed as follows, three times daily, all they will eat: Bran, two parts; shorts, one part; oil meal and beef scraps, one part; cornmeal, one part, dampened until it will crumble. Whole corn is frequently given. Green food, grit and water are always before them.

FEEDING SILAGE IN SUMMER

Missouri Expert Says It Is Cheaper Than Blue Grass Pasture—Formation of Good Dairy Cow.

Dean Mumford of the Missouri college of agriculture makes the statement that cows can be maintained more cheaply on silage than they can be carried through the summer on blue-grass pasture where the land costs about \$100 per acre and is suitable for growing corn.

He says that there is very little pasture land where a cow and a calf can be pastured on less than one and one-half acres, but it is entirely possible to get twelve and one-half to twenty tons of silage from one acre. A cow and her calf can be carried through the summer on two pounds of clover hay and thirty-five pounds of silage per day as well or better



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than on blue-grass pasture. Thus he declares that you can carry a cow and her calf six months on less than a half-acre of silage.

The good dairy cow has a broad forehead, indicating intelligence and a kindly disposition. She has a short thin neck not at all beefy, in which veins are plainly manifest. She is narrow through the front shoulders and thick chested, indicating good lung capacity.

She has a large, well rounded stomach, showing capacity for storage of food and water, from which milk is to be manufactured. She has broad hips and a good width through the flanks, giving plenty of room of lacteal organs. There is also a gentle incline from her shoulders to her rump. The udder is large and soft, hanging down well between her hind legs and extending forward and backward in a well balanced proportion. Her legs are short and her hair is a glossy color.

Egg-Eating Habit.

Egg-eating is a habit that starts with hens, generally, that are out of condition. In other words, when the hen gets too fat and also when there is a scarcity of lime in the bill of fare the shells of the eggs become thin. When being laid these soft-shelled eggs usually break and the hen thus acquires a taste. It is always best to gather the eggs several times a day so that there will be no chance for breakage by hens crowding on the nest or by a newly laid egg striking those already laid.

Removing Old Knives.

To get the old knives off a sickle, just hold the sickle strip on an anvil, or whatever you use for an anvil, letting the knife stand over the edge, and one or two blows above the rivets will take the old knife off. In other words, let the old knife be its own chisel to cut the rivets off.

ENDS TARIFF GRAFTING

MUCH SIGNIFICANCE IN PUTTING RAW WOOL ON FREE LIST.

Likely to Mean the Untaxing of All Clothing, Releasing Consumer From a Burden Which Should Not Have Been Imposed.

The decision of Democratic leaders to put raw wool on the free list is right and wise. Whether that decision can be carried through the senate or not is another story.

The present duty of 11 cents per pound on raw wool is made the basis for the most comprehensive structure of graft ever placed on the statute books of a nation. Schedule K, the wool tariff, is so bad it cannot be amended. It must be built anew from the beginning. If the new builders start with free wool, their way is clear to untax clothing altogether at the earliest possible moment.

Secretary Bryan has always been in favor of free wool, and once had a sharp passage at arms with Oscar Underwood on the subject. President Wilson espoused Mr. Bryan's views, and Mr. Underwood yielded gracefully. The harmony thus shown is a good sign for consumers—and an omen of ill for the tariff grafters who have managed governmental affairs so long.

No Dissolution.

Of course the harvester trust has not been dissolved. What does the government mean by suggesting such a thing?

Trusts, according to George W. Perkins, are inevitable and ineffable things; compounded equally of business genius and angelic philanthropy. They are born of cosmic necessity, and nurtured on the milk of human kindness. They save the small dealer from the sin of avarice by putting wealth out of his reach; and they make the laborer content in the station to which Providence and G. W. Perkins have called him by giving him no chance to get out of it.

Why should such an assortment of virtues be "dissolved," merely to satisfy a petty prejudice in favor of obeying the law, and a useless rule of conduct which out-of-date people call "fair play"?

Capable Democracy.

"The government that wields the arm of the people must be the strongest possible." President Wilson's use of the government of the people in relieving the distress of flood sufferers is a fine exemplification of efficient Democracy.

There isn't any red tape in that action. No hesitation as to how-not-to-do-it. No nice weighing of federal and state's rights. No checks and balances. No fear of paternalism or constitutionalism.

This style of president practices the theory that Democracy can be and should be just as capable, just as respectable and just as strong as the government of Bismarck or Napoleon.

Bryan Administration Spokesman.

The suggestion—made with seriousness—that Mr. Bryan abstain altogether from oratory while secretary of state is unreasonable. General Harrison was his own orator on many occasions, and a very competent one, but Secretary Blaine sometimes spoke for the administration. Secretary Root made some very important speeches for the Roosevelt administration, and Secretary Knox performed similar service for the Taft administration. Mr. Wilson will need Mr. Bryan in a like capacity, and is fortunate in having a man so admirably equipped and so willing to respond.—Washington Star.

Two Republican Legacies.

Without stopping to deduct current liabilities, which reduce the actual treasury surplus to a bare working balance of around \$60,000,000, we can frankly concede that the Republican financial legacy to the Wilson administration is an improvement on the legacy left to the last previous Democratic administration.

Some little cash in the treasury is better than no cash. Even a small working balance is better than a left-over order for plates to be used in a bond issue for current expenses and raided gold reserve.

Choice of the Country.

Several thousand Democrats whom nobody ever heard of think that because Woodrow Wilson was elected to office they must have been elected to office too.—New York World.

There are two ways of looking at this phenomenon. If the unheard-of Democrats hadn't voted for Woodrow Wilson it is possible that Theodore Roosevelt would be president today.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

If all the job-hunting Democrats had voted for Roosevelt the Wilson plurality would still have been above 2,000,000.

First Move to Be Made.

It would be unfortunate if the people were led to expect too much of the tariff revision soon to be undertaken, for disappointment might result in a loss of confidence in the Democracy at a critical time. If the cost of living is to be greatly reduced during the next administration, a determined and intelligent move against the food combines will have to be undertaken, for as matters now stand these are in a position to absorb most of the benefits to be derived from tariff reduction.

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