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TAFT'S TARIFF VETO.

Will Become Campaign Document Next Year.

Washington, Aug 3.—Congressional visitors to the White House today said that adjournment of congress would depend largely upon how quickly President Taft vetoes the first of the tariff bills that gets to him. It is frankly admitted that the first veto will put a quietus on further tariff reduction activities and that congress will adjourn with promptness after that.

Few callers believe that congress will be here later than August 15.

Congressional leaders today said the wool bill will be the first to reach the White House.

Some of them are figuring on that bill going through and reaching the president by Saturday, at any rate not later than Monday.

If this is done there is little doubt that the president will flash his veto to the country within six hours afterwards. All he wants is sufficient time to prepare this veto, which will unquestionably become a campaign document in the presidential race next year. What the president says in that veto will be the beacon-light for his party next year, and will be quoted from a thousand campaign platforms in the next 15 months. The president knows just what he wants to say but, owing to the importance of the wording of the veto, he will necessarily want a little time in his preparations.

COLORED ODD FELLOWS AD-JOURN.

More Than Five Hundred Delegates and Visitors Leave for Their Homes.

After a very pleasant four days in the Game Cock city, the delegates and visitors to the great State Convention of the Grand Lodge of Colored Odd Fellows, nearly 500 strong, left Friday afternoon and Saturday for their homes in various parts of the State.

The meeting was one of the largest and most successful held by the Colored Odd Fellow in this State and the lodge was shown to be in excellent financial condition, as well as were the branch lodges. The delegates were entertained in various ways, most of the meetings being held in Mt. Pisgah A. M. E. church.

Combined with the meeting of Odd Fellows was the meeting of the Order of the Household of Ruth, a order similar to the Odd Fellows, conducted by the colored women. The headquarters for the order was in the Andrews hall on West Liberty street. One of the features of the meeting was the orderly manner in which it was conducted and the absence of street demonstrations among the visiting crowds. The delegates spoke very highly of the way in which the local order had entertained them.

This morning the passenger station was a mass of seething humanity where the delegates and their friends were telling each other farewell. Additional coaches had to be put on several of the trains to carry off the crowd.

Sumter Becoming Cosmopolitan.

As an indication of the fact that Sumter is becoming a cosmopolitan city, the citizens can point out the fact to inquirers that Sumter is the birthplace of a full-blooded Greek, Mr. Christopher Gazes and his wife are the proud parents of a little Greek girl who was born several days ago in this city.

Although other Greek women have lived in Sumter, this is probably the first Greek child to be born in the city, and for that reason the parents have a right to be proud of her. Mr. Gazes has lived in the city for several years. Last summer he made a trip back to the fatherland and brought away with him his young bride.

Mr. John Lemmon returned Friday from a two week's stay at Salluda and Hendersonville.

OLD TESTAMENT TIMES
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DESTROYING GOD'S WORD
Jeremiah 36—Aug. 13
"The Word of our God shall stand forever."
—Isaiah 40:8.

THE Prophet Jeremiah was shut up in prison. The disaster upon the kingdom had, to some extent, awakened the people to a slight repentance in which the king joined, yet it was a repentance of fear rather than heart repentance. The king had enmity against Jeremiah because the Divine message came through him. He seems to have hoped to restrain the Prophet from further proclamation of the coming trouble through fear. However, the Lord directed the Prophet to write out all of his prophecies on a scroll, after the ancient style. In columns, Jeremiah dictated and Baruch served him as amanuensis.

By the Lord's direction this book of Jeremiah was to be read to all the people, in the temple, on the occasion of a general gathering for worship and repentance. Since the Prophet himself could not go, he directed Baruch, who took the scroll and read it in the hearing of the people. Its prophecies of dire disaster made a deep impression. One of the princes of the people was present and heard the reading and reported to others of the king's counsellors. They sent for Baruch and had him read it before them all. They also, were deeply impressed and concluded that it should be brought before the king. But meantime Baruch and Jeremiah were hidden, the probability of the king's displeasure being great.

Hearing of the manuscript, the king was anxious to have it read before him by a scribe. During the reading, as two or three columns of the manuscript were read, the king cut them off with a pen knife and threw them into the fire—until the entire manuscript was heard and destroyed. By the Lord's direction Jeremiah dictated his prophecies afresh, Baruch again acting as amanuensis; and this edition was made still more complete than the former. Amongst other things it included the Divine edict that none of Jehoiakim's posterity should ever sit upon the throne of David.

God's Word Indestructible

Thomas Paine, Voltaire and Ingersoll imagined that they had made the Word of God to appear so ridiculous that it would nevermore have influence amongst men. Robert Ingersoll is quoted as having said, "In ten years the Bible will not be read." How little the poor man knew on the subject.

The frontispiece of a well known Wycliffe Bible pictures Satan and others, religious and irreligious, blowing with all their might to put out a light. In proportion as their energy and strength became exhausted, the light grew stronger and burned the more brightly. This illustrates the futility of all attempts to quench the Word of God.

Although we have passed the day when any one would attempt to destroy

the Bible, we have not passed the day of opposition to the truth.

Satan would fain have the people of God worship the book rather than study and appreciate its contents. In consequence, not a few are opposing the light that is now shining from the Word of God—disclosing to us the fact that much that came down to us from the Dark Ages is contrary to the Bible as well as to reason. Many of the professed teachers of the church are heartily opposed to Bible study, although their opposition is advanced as cautiously as possible "for fear of the people."

A Famine For the Word of God
Scriptural truth is a scarce commodity at the present time—the world is full of error and sin and unrighteousness. The Lord's disciples must so love truth and righteousness as to hunger and thirst for it. To such spiritual food will be granted. Truth will be dispensed to them as "meat in due season."

The Scriptures from first to last give us to understand that God's Word is to shine more and more brightly down to the very end of this Gospel Age. St. Peter declares it to be "the more sure Word of prophecy, to which we do well that we take heed, as to a light shining in a dark place until the Day dawn and the Day Star arise in your hearts" (II Peter 1, 19).

The Bishop of London opposed the Tyndale translation because the practices of the time were not in harmony with the Scriptures. Similarly, today, there are doctrines, traditions, creeds from the Dark Ages still revered, and which a better understanding of the Bible would correct and put to shame. Hence the opposition to the better understanding of God's Word. Nevertheless, the Word of God shall stand forever, and the spirit of the truth shall make free all the children of the truth.

"Truth crushed to earth shall rise again. The eternal years of God are hers."

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Jeremiah dictating to Baruch.



Jehoiakim burns the book.

Farmers' Union News
—AND—
Practical Thoughts for Practical Farmers
(Conducted by E. W. Dabbs, President Farmers' Union of Sumter County.)

Meeting of Sumter County Farmers' Union at Elliotts, August 3rd.

Owing to the splendid rain which fell around Elliotts about 9 o'clock the local attendance was not as good as usual. Good delegations were present from the local union.

The delegates to the recent State meeting reported, and expressed their regret that every farmer in the State could not see the earnestness and business-like manner of the State union.

Sumter union endorsed the measures sent down from the State union and appointed committees to put the plans of the State union in operation.

The most important matters for publication were the address to the people on the cotton situation and the committee to confer with the chamber of Commerce of Sumter next Monday, August 14th.

In accordance with the decision at Trinity to have health talks, a trained nurse gave an illustrated lecture on nursing in the home of several ladies of the union in the school house after dinner, while the men were having an informal discussion out under the trees. If this feature proves attractive it is the intention of the health committee, Mrs. H. W. Beall, Mr. S. C. Harvin and Mr. H. B. Bonson, to try to secure lecturers on health and domestic science for the ladies at every county meeting of the union.

Mr. H. W. Beall, who is chairman of the State committee on Farm Life Schools, hopes to make the afternoon of each meeting instructive by discussion of the county school problem.

The cotton committee, E. W. Dabbs, J. M. Brogdon and S. N. Welch, have issued an address to the people on that subject. As our objects can best be secured by the widest publicity that address was given to the press of the State with the request that every paper reproduce it.

The committee to confer with the Chamber of Commerce of Sumter at 4 o'clock on the 14th, will please assemble at the office of Clerk of Court L. I. Parrott at 3:30 o'clock p. m. for a short conference. Every union is earnestly requested to see that its committeeman attends this meeting or sends a good substitute. S. N. Welch, J. M. Brogdon, R. K. Brown, E. M. McElveen, E. T. Mims, S. A. Harvin, will be the county president, and the appointees on this committee.

The next meeting of county union will be with Oswego local on the first Friday in September.

E. W. D.

Get to Work for a Parcels Post.

The New York Post aptly says: The demand that our present inconvenient and expensive system of sending parcels by mail shall be brought up to the level of the parcels post in almost every other civilized country comes with peculiar force from the farmers. If only the dwellers in the cities and their suburbs were to be thought of, we could pull along as we do at present. Where population is concentrated and retail business is on a large scale there is a multitude of delivery agents. The service of the larger city stores runs out through the whole suburban region, and there is always a swarm of local express radiating out from populous centres. In the country all this is different. Whatever a farmer buys he must get home for himself. The rural telephone may have brought him within ordering distance of more than one town, but if he wants to get what he telephones for, he must hitch up a horse and wagon to get it. Now, when he sees that the rural postman who brings him his daily paper drives up to his door with nothing in his wagon but a small mail bag, he would be a very unintelligent farmer if he did not reason that this same postman might just as well bring him his small parcels too.

Strange, is it not, that what is so plain to a city man should be a doubtful matter to some farmers? Most farmers, we know, favor a parcels post; but many of them are not interested enough to do anything toward securing it. Write your Congressman and Senators today, find out where they stand and let them know where you stand.

Tell your representatives, too, that you want a general parcels post. The rural route parcels post is only a "concession" to the farmers, as one Congressman put it in a letter to us. It will help some but will leave us still in the grip of the express companies and while it might hasten a general system, it might, again delay it.—Progressive Farmer.

The True Test of Success.

There are many men who have made a success, as the world counts success. That is, they have accumulated wealth in spite of the fact that they had no educational advantages. But this does not prove that education is a disadvantage. These men, by reason of brains and energy, have succeeded in spite of being handicapped by lack of education, and not by reason of the lack. In fact, the same men would have taken far higher positions had they had educational advantages. Of course, there are many men who have made a poor use of their education, but this is the fault of the men and not of the education.

But while the world admires a man who has piled up a great many dollars, is the accumulation of a fortune the best measure of the success of a man's life. The fact is that the men who have done the most good in the world, the men who have influenced their race for better things, have rarely made fortunes and while the college graduate may not, for the reason of being a graduate, be able to accumulate dollars, he will certainly be prepared to do more service to humanity than the uneducated man. And after all, is not the amount of service the man renders to humanity a better measure of success than the piling up of a fortune to ruin his children?

The man who sends out into the world a family of well educated sons and daughters has made real success even if it took his last dollar to educate them. The influence of his life will be felt long after he is in his grave. The young man with a good education, and without a dollar to start with, is in a far better shape than the ignorant young man who has a fortune left him. In fact, a fortune is, as a rule, more of a handicap than a help to a young man starting in life. The best fortune you can possibly leave your children is a thoroughly good education.

One of the most pleasant things I saw in the last issue of The Progressive Farmer was the reports from the various State Superintendents showing the great progress that is being made in the South in educational matters. The boys can not all get to college, and hence the great importance of developing the rural

schools to greater efficiency.—Progressive Farmer.

How Cowpeas Can Make Land Poor.

An Arkansas friend writes that he was somewhat surprised at my statement that taking a crop of peas off land twelve years in succession would impoverish the soil, as he thought that the longer the peas were grown the better they would make the land. Doubtless, if the peas were made into hay and fed and the manure returned to the land that grew them, there would be no impoverishment. But taking any crop off the land year after year and returning nothing, can but lead to soil depletion, and as cowpeas draw very heavily on the phosphoric acid and potash in the soil, they will certainly reduce the amount of these unless they are kept supplied with them. Peas get for us the nitrogen in the air and combine it in organic matter and thus give us not only the nitrogen, but the organic matter to aid in the increase of the humus in the soil. But they get all the phosphoric acid and potash they use from the soil, and the supply of these must be maintained or the soil will be the loser. Peas are an invaluable crop when rightly used, but it will not do to jump to the conclusion that you can take any crop off the land year after year without running down in fertility.—Progressive Farmer.

South Carolina Takes Third Place.

The total value of farm lands and buildings in the South in 1910 approximated \$6,300,000,000, of which the \$1,823,000,000 of Texas was nearly 28 per cent. Florida ranked first in the rate of increase in the value of farm lands in ten years, it being 203 per cent, with Texas second, 173 per cent; South Carolina third, 169 per cent; Georgia fourth, 166 per cent, and North Carolina fifth, 141 per cent. Florida led, too, in the rate of increase in the value of farm buildings, 144 per cent, with Georgia second, 142 per cent; South Carolina third, 137 per cent; Texas fourth, 109 per cent, and Arkansas fifth, 109 per cent. The rates of increase, 35 per cent, in the value of land and 42 per cent in the value of buildings in Maryland, were the smallest in any Southern State.—Manufacturer's Record.

The road across the Wateree at Garner's Ferry will be opened for regular travel within the next two or three weeks and the promoters of the new highway expect it to become the popular route to Columbia from the eastern part of the State. Thus far all the money for the construction of the road has been furnished by Eastover and Columbia men, Sumter county automobilists not having responded to the invitation to take stock in the proposed Garner's Ferry company.

During the month of August there will be no services at night in the First Methodist church.

R. H. Whitman, Seaboard agent at Kollock, near Cheraw was knocked from the track and fatally injured by the northbound train Thursday night.

Coker College Scholarship Free.

Coker College has offered through the Rural School Improvement Association of Sumter County, a free tuition scholarship, worth \$50.00. Any rural school girl of this county is eligible. For further information, write the college or phone or write, Mrs. H. W. Beall, Sumter, S. C. 8-7-2L.

NOTICE.

I have sold my interest in the firm of The S. M. Pierson Co., to Mr. S. M. Pierson and will after August 15th be with Mr. J. J. Whilden, who bought out the firm of Von Oshen and Shirer last January, is doing business in the same lines at the same old stand on East Hampton avenue. I shall be pleased to have my friends send there for work in his lines. Mr. Whilden is prepared to give satisfaction in horse shoeing, carriage, buggy and wagon repairing, in fact, any kind of blacksmith work. I shall use my best efforts to give prompt service and satisfactory work. T. V. WALSH. 8-1-3L.

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