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Too many people cherish the delusion that the main thing in business is to injure your competitor. But it isn't. Nothing pays better in business than to be decent and accommodating to your competitor.

"Brethren," said a man in meeting, "so many sinners are dying every day that I have come to the conclusion that hell is full." He sat down, when an old deacon in the Amen corner started the hymn "There's a place reserved for you!"

Hon. John E. W. Wayman, former state's attorney of Cook county and candidate for republican nomination for governor, committed suicide at his home in Chicago Thursday. It is reported he had a nervous break down from overwork.

Lieut.-Gov. Barrett O'Hara has visions of being governor to succeed Gov. Dunne. While the Hon. O'Hara has already cut quite a swath, he may fall by the wayside. There is many a slip between an "investigating committee" and the governor's chair.

Representative Brown, of Ottawa, was on the war path in the House this week and wanted to whip the speaker. The speaker ordered the Sergeant-at-Arms to make Brown take his seat but he didn't do it. The Sergeant-at-Arms is Gus Kelm, of Ottawa. Gus was in the butcher business in Dwight years ago with Len Hahn and was well-known here.

Governor Dunne makes public complaint that the tax levy for state purposes next year will advance from 38 to 56 and possibly 60 cents on the 100 valuation, and he says this is due to the late Governor Deneen, who insisted last year in making a lower tax levy than he should in order to provide an asset for his campaign and by doing so a deficit has been created

that must be provided for now by an increase in the tax levy.

Hereafter United States senators will be elected by direct vote of the electors, and there will be no more legislative scandals. It is already reported in Illinois that Senator Sherman will be a candidate for re-election, and it is also reported that Ex-Congressman Frank O. Lowden will also be a candidate. There will probably be others. This will come before the people next year, and with only two (?) such candidates there will be a warm campaign.

Kansas City Journal: If the progressives honestly desire to advance their theories of reform they should endeavor to do so through the republican party, for without republican help they are powerless against a united democracy. A reunited republican organization can carry the country and control the government. With both Taft and Roosevelt out of the active leadership it ought to be possible to undo the damage done to the great republican organization and restore it to its rightful place in the affairs of the nation.

Frank Munsey makes another appeal for the republicans and progressives of the country to get together. This is the logical plan, and all over the country the two factions of the republican party are compromising and again taking a united stand. There is very little difference between the republicans and the progressives, and neither faction would be forced to give up any particular doctrine should fusion become general. There were many voters who voted the progressive ticket last fall because of their personal preference for Roosevelt or for their personal dislike for Taft. These voters are republicans as much as they ever were and are working for the best government through the medium of that party.

No man who makes a practice of being dishonest and repudiating his just accounts ever amounts to a hill of beans. In the commercial world they never get to the quarter pole. The successful business man thinks more of his credit than he does of his wife, for he knows if his wife leaves him he stands some show of getting another, but if his credit forsakes him he is up against it. He can have but one credit. It seems strange with all this in mind that young men will start out with beating little bills at the restaurants and at the stores. They will borrow little sums of money of friends and refuse to pay it back. That class of fellows

always wear a banner that can be seen all over town and everybody is onto them. When it comes to paying your debts "honesty is the best policy."

GOLD MEDAL FOR BOY OR GIRL.

A gold medal to the school boy or girl between the ages of 10 and 15 who writes the best composition, not to exceed 800 words, on the repair and maintenance of earth roads, is to be awarded by Logan Waller Page, Director, Office of Public Roads, United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. All compositions must be submitted to Mr. Page before May 15, 1913, and the medal will be awarded as soon thereafter as the compositions can be graded. The composition may be based on knowledge gained from books or other sources, but no quotations should be made.

After many years' experience in dealing with the public road situation of the country, it is Mr. Page's belief that ignorance on the subject of repair and maintenance of roads is as much the cause of their bad condition as any other one factor. It is expected that the competition will bring about a better understanding of the subject of repair and maintenance in the rural districts.

Many children living in the rural districts have experienced the disadvantages of roads made impassable through a lack of proper maintenance and it is expected that their interest in the competition will stimulate greater interest among the parents. Bad roads have prevented many children from obtaining a proper education and have even prevented doctors from reaching the side of rural patients in time to save their lives.

Any child between the ages mentioned, attending a country school, may compete. Only one side of the paper must be written on; each page should be numbered; the name, age and address of the writer, and the name and location of the school which he or she is attending must be plainly written at the top of the first page. The announcement of the competition has been sent to the superintendents of schools in the rural districts. No further information can be obtained from the Office of Public Roads. This announcement should be plain to everyone, and all children will thus start on a basis of equality.

THE TARIFF.

There are many opinions regarding the outcome of the tariff bill introduced and fathered by the democrats in congress and piloted by President Wilson. Everyone knows that if wool is put on the free list it is going to hurt the sheep raising industry; that

if beef is admitted free it will affect the cattle raising industry and hit many a farmer pretty hard; that if shoes are admitted free it will affect the price of hides, and reduce the wages of thousands of workmen in the big factories of the country; that if all manufactured goods are admitted free that it will reduce the price of labor in every protected industry in this country; that will reduce the price of living at a terrible cost simply because of lack of demand.

The standard of living and the general surroundings of the mechanic and laborer in the United States is higher than any country in the world, and Wm. McKinley, the protective apostle, had the great mind and thought out all this and his bill and succeeding republican legislation has made this the richest and greatest and grandest country in the world.

Of course we must all acknowledge that the party in power is carrying out its promises to the people. The general results, however, seem to us will be legislation as near free trade as possible, with very little regard for the welfare of the great factory producers. The declaration by someone that a "protective tariff is unconstitutional," was no idle thought or claim by the democratic party.

It should be remembered that a large majority of the voters of the United States voted for a protective tariff at the last election, and only a plurality supported the democratic ticket. The result which is almost sure to follow is that the protective tariff people will vote and act together next time for their mutual protection and for the protection of the country.

The Chicago Inter Ocean published the following editorially the day after the democratic bill was introduced, and after President Wilson delivered his message:

"The tariff is a very practical subject. It is interwoven with the well-being of millions of our people. While every tariff necessarily rests on some broad principle, tariff making is almost wholly a matter of concrete business administration, the determination of what rates will best meet the double purpose of providing revenue and promoting industrial prosperity."

"President Wilson's first or tariff message is a brief statement of general and rather abstract principles, without a single suggestion for their concrete application! However, the tariff bill introduced the day before may be regarded as giving the President's concrete application of his principles, since it has been publicly confessed that the ways and means committee, nominally its framers, made it just what the President wanted it to be.

"Starting with the assumption, which some will deny, that within the last generation 'the whole face and method of our industrial and commercial life' have been changed beyond recognition, Mr. Wilson proceeds to this further assumption, which republican legislators responsible for existing tariff laws would energetically repudiate:

"We long ago passed beyond the modest notion of 'protecting' the industries of the country, and moved boldly forward to the idea that they were entitled to the direct patronage of the government. * * * At last nothing is normal, nothing is obliged to stand the tests of efficiency and economy, in our world of big business, but everything thrives by concerted arrangement.

"Evidently Mr. Wilson regards the 'industries' of the country as something apart from the people of the country. But is this so? Does any one believe that such an exponent of the protective policy as William McKinley regarded 'industries' as anything but the people who derived their livelihood from these pursuits? And are not the people entitled to whatever assistance their government can give toward making their toil more remunerative and their livelihood better?"

"The fallacy of President Wilson's thinking is obvious. It is the old fallacy which attempts to distinguish between producers and consumers and to set their supposedly diverse interests in opposition or to hold the balance between them as if they were antagonists in a lawsuit. It is the old fallacy which ignores the truth that all 'consumers,' with insignificant exceptions, are also producers.

"Having accepted the fallacy that all protective tariffs are patronage to a consciously selected few, instead of efforts for the material assistance of all the people, President Wilson is logical enough in his enunciation of the principles which should govern tariff making:

"We must abolish everything which bears even the semblance of privilege or of any kind of artificial advantage, and put our business men and PRODUCERS under the stimulation of a constant necessity to be efficient, economical and enterprising, masters of competitive supremacy, better workers and merchants than any in the world.

"We have emphasized the word producers because it unconsciously reveals the fallacy of thought. Consumers have complained that tariff rates are too high. Therefore regard producers as a class apart which has been in the receipt of special favors or patronage, take away the favors and put the producers under whip and spur!"

"Of course that means to put us all under whip and spur, and the kind of

whip and spur which wholly ignores the wide difference between American and other standards of living!

Carried to their logical conclusion, Mr. Wilson's principles would require us all to exhibit the economy of Chinese coolies that we might attain their efficiency.

"However, this is the kind of tariff making the people voted for last November, with their eyes open. It remains to be seen how we shall like it now we are getting it."

THAT REMINDS US

That it's a good thing for Noah and his bunch that the question of building an ark was not referred to a democratic congress.

"That the following is pretty good: 'I hev come to tell yez, Mrs. Malone, that yer husband met with an accident.' 'An' what is it, now?' wailed Mrs. Malone. 'He was overcome by the heat, mum.' 'Overcome by the heat, was he? An' how did it happen?' 'He fell into the furnace over at the foundry, mum.'"

Judge's Two Rules.

Judge Hans Hamilton, at the Blackpool (Eng.) county court, replying to an expression of regret at his forthcoming retirement, said that, in order to expedite business and save time, he always had in front of him, written in large letters upon a piece of blotting paper, the words: "Do not talk. Do not make jokes."

Pertinent Question.

Mistress—"Jane, we are going to have company for dinner, and I want to speak to you about the cooking." Maid—"Yessum; are they your relatives or your husband's?"—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

Essential Thing.

"De wust thing about arithmetic," said Uncle Eben, "is dat a whole lot o' folks gits de idea dat any kind o' figgerin' is all right if dey kin finish wif a number dat has a dollar mark in front of it."

P. Nast, of Streator, was in Dwight Monday.

J. P. Cahill, of Budd, was in Dwight Tuesday.

A lineman by the name of Fisher had one of his hands burned quite severely Friday morning while changing electrical wires from one pole to another near the Larsen building on Franklin street. The line he was handling carried 2300 volts and the entire amount passed through his body until the line was cut by a fellow workman.

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