#### TARIFF REFORM!

"Skeer" at It Worse Than at a Locomotive Whistle,

In 1894 Mr. De Armond came home to the bosom of his political family fresh from the halls of a congress which had labored long and hard with the ques-tion of "tariff reform." He came direct tion of "tariff reform." He came direct to Clinton and was received under an arbor, where he spoke to the dear peo-ple on this subject for two hours. The Republican had hired a Democratic court stenographer to take the con-gressman's speech that it might be pre-served for posterity, but after the ora-tion had been delivered the stenogra-pher was bought, and The Republican could never get that speech in long hand for love or money. Mr. De Ar-mond spoke as one direct from the fountainhead. He came straight from Washington, where he had seen the sugar trust and George Vest laboring with "tariff reform" on the floor of the senate, and he brought with him doubt-less, though not for display, Grover Cleveland's denunciation of the "tariff reform" of himself and his colleagues, reform" of himself and his colleagues, branded as "party perfidy and dis-honor." All over the Sixth district Mr. De Armond talked "tariff reform," and when the poils closed on the night of the election his majority of thousands had dwindled to less than a hundred, and it's ancient history that had Bob Lewis tried he could have been the member from the Sixth Missouri at the next session of congress.

The reason for all this was that the peculiar brand of "tariff reform" ad-vocated by Mr. De Armond had been working in the Sixth district, and the people were experiencing some of its peculiarities. Up in Shawnee town-ship Charlie Powers was buying mule coits for \$15 a head. The stock feed-ers were selling their fat cattle in the Kansas City markets for about what the hide and horns were worth under a protective tariff. Calves were worth about the price of jack rabbits, and horses sold on the streets of Clinton for \$5 a head. The banks were as good as closed, and gilt edged paper could not get a hundred dollars for thirty days. Bank presidents spent their time whis-pering to each other, while the eashiers whittled boxes on street corners. The mills shut down, and there was no market for their products; the coal mines followed suit because coal was not needed at the mills. People had plenty and to spare, but no person wanted the surplus. Long trains load-ed with Mexican cattle were running through the country, and the fat steers horses sold on the streets of Clinton for ed with Mexican cattle were running through the country, and the fat steers of Henry county were not worth ship-ping. Since that time our congressman has let tariff reform severely alone as a political issue when speaking his lit-tle piece to the people in this neck of the woods and has had free silver, anti-imperialism, anti-Americanism, down with Baublicen nurse much carriers with Republican rural mail carriers and down with the trusts as his plea, but the "hants" have ceased to frighten the mossbacks, and doubtless Mr. De Armond has concluded that his anclent argument with its one reaction been forgotten, and when he comes home again he will spring it as some-thing fresh upon the voters. "Tariff cient argument with its dire result has thing fresh upon the voters. "Tariff reform!" The dog blamed thing al-most knocked this county silly the only time it was ever tried, and they say that even the mules in Osage township "skeer" at it worse than at a locom tive whistle.-Henry County (Mo.) Republican.

What Camp? The Arkansas Democrat thinks Mc-Laurin of South Carolina and the Louisiana senators and all others who stand for protection for special inter-ests should be kicked into the Republican camp, "where," according to The Democrat, "they belong." This is all very well, but what about Gorman of very well, but what about Gorman of Maryland and Jones of Arkansas, who scotched the Wilson bill and made such a boly show of it its own author didn't know it when it came back to the house for final action? Into what camp do they belong?-Helena World.

#### Summer Normal School.

The Sullivan County Normal School will open at Dushore; Monday, July 14, 1902, for a term of four weeks. The fol-lowing course of study will be followed as The folclosely as circumstances will permit : English .- Reading, Spelling, Grammar, and Composition, English and Ameri-



It is a "fad," perhaps, but a very commendable one, for the farmer

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Mr. Carl Heess of Piatt, recently nformed the News Item that he had given his farm the name of 'Spring Brook farm'' which is a very appropriate name for that beautiful, well kept home "down on the farm," such as the poets delight to sing about.

The News Item urges that the farmers name their homes, and would be pleased to publish the names selected. We here offer a few suggestions which would be appropriate to select from, viz: The Avon, Valley View, Mountain Range, Breezy Ridge, The Gables, White Pigeon, Springdale, Willow Shade, Shady Pine, Prospect, Maple Vale, Beech Shade, The Knoll, Serenity, Crystal Brook, TheElms, Fair Dale, Fairview, The Dell. Stony Brook, Cold Spring, Oakview Farms, etc, etc,

#### Printers will Take a Rest.

Following the practiced custom of weekly papers to give the office a week's vacation on the 1st of July the News Item will not be published next week. Our correspondents will please send only such items as will be news for the following week. Our next issue will be July 10.

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