

# BUSINESS MEN ARE ALL FOR TAFT

Nation's Prosperity Depends on His Re-election.

EVERY SECTION FAVORS HIM

Men of Substance, With Interests of Country at Heart, Place Republican Candidate Above Bull Moose Wrecker and Democratic Free Trader—Good Times in Sight.

The Evening Post of New York, which professes an independent attitude toward the presidential contest, has been taking the views of representative business men in various parts of the United States on the improvement in business conditions and the probable influence of that improvement on the national election.

Among conditions pointing to increasing prosperity and better times for all branches of trade and industry are a wheat crop estimated by the department of agriculture in its report for August at 58,000,000 bushels more than the crop of 1911 and exceeding in magnitude only in three preceding years; a corn crop, if not injured by early frosts, estimated to be the third largest of our yields and 10 per cent. larger than in 1911, and a cotton crop recently estimated as high as 14,000,000 bales, which would be exceeded only by the extraordinary 16,000,000 bale crop of last year. The country's iron production of July (usually a "barometer" of trade) surpassed all records for the month. Orders on the books of the United States Steel corporation at the beginning of August were the largest reported in any month since the panic of 1907, and showed the most rapid ratio of increase, as compared with a year ago, that had ever been recorded. The total weekly value of checks drawn on all the country's banks and passed through the clearing houses has increased over 14 per cent. over 1911, and in large sections of the west a 20 per cent. recovery was reported. Along with this, the reports of the railway association on the number of railway freight cars idle in the United States have lately shown the smallest total for this time of year since 1907.

## HONORS TO LABOR MEN

Positions of Public Trust Filled by Members of Trade Unions.

Washington.—The Trade Unionist, the official publication of organized labor in the District of Columbia, says:

"Representatives of labor are taking high place in public affairs—official, commercial, professional and civic. Fifteen members of the house of representatives—Republicans, Democrats and one Socialist—are proud possessors of 'working cards' in the craft union which claimed their efforts before entering upon the larger duties of a wider field of endeavor. Recently the president of the United States, desiring a wise, keen, sagacious, practical private secretary, found his ideal in Mr. Carmi A. Thompson of Ohio.

"Mr. Thompson comes of a family of unionists, his father and six uncles being members of the Miners' union of his native state, Carmi as a boy and man working beside his father in the bituminous coal veins of the Hocking valley. In his early manhood Mr. Thompson attracted the attention of the leading public men of the state because of his wide knowledge of workmen and rare judgment in matters pertaining to industrial conditions. His advance in public life was rapid, keeping pace with his developing popularity. He was elected to local and city offices, held important posts by appointment of the governor, and was secretary of state of Ohio. When appointed secretary to the president he was assistant secretary of the interior.

"Mr. Thompson is genial, kindly, sympathetic, and has lost none of his interest in the labor cause by promotion to commanding positions in the public service. W. N. B."

Under free trade the man who earns \$20 a week now would be forced to accept either \$15 or \$12. The difference of \$5 or \$8, which now goes for clothing, rent, an occasional cigar or a theater ticket, possibly a delicacy for the home table, will not be at his disposal. Think of the several lines of trade that will lose millions of dollars every week by such enforced economy!

Now Used as a Circus Ground. (From the Atlanta Constitution.) Some say that Armageddon is "on the other side of Jordan" and others that it is a boat landing on Salt river.

Mr. Farmer, are you getting too much for your corn and cotton, meat and produce? If so, support Wilson and low tariff.—Bokoshe (Okla.) Enterprise.

# TAFT WOULD AID FARMERS.

Wants United States to Adopt Co-Operative Credit System.

RESULT OF INVESTIGATION

State Department, at the President's Direction, Has Looked Into the System in Vogue in Europe—It Would Mean Low Rates and Easy Terms For Repayment.

The state department's investigation of European systems of co-operative credit has now reached the second stage in which a study is made of the mortgage bond societies and the mortgage banks. It is expected that this is the form of co-operative credit which, under one plan or another, will be proposed for adoption in the United States in connection with President Taft's efforts to extend this assistance to the American farmer.

As compared to the present American system of farm land loans this form of co-operative credit would accomplish two things for the farmer:

First.—It would permit him to repay his loan through an easy system of amortization extending over a long period of years and would remove effectively the menace of foreclosure or renewal which hangs like the sword of Damocles over the head of any borrower from a private individual under a short time mortgage.

Second.—It would unlock the doors of the great money centers to the farmer of the remotest regions and give a security to the investor in New York, so that he would need have no concern with knowing anything of the sort of security offered by the farm in Texas or Oregon on which the money he lends is to be spent.

This means to the farmer low rates of interest and easy terms for repayment. What it would mean in more specific terms to the American farmer can be easily seen in a comparison of conditions in Germany of France and in the United States. Here is the statement of a dealer in land mortgages in our southwest, made at a meeting in New York city. The speaker was describing the business of a company financed by British capital which makes mortgage loans on farms in the southwestern states:

"We have been loaning money at 8, 9 and 10 per cent. I loaned money in the Panhandle twenty-seven years ago and for the first three or four years never got less than 3 per cent a month. That is incident to a new country. Now our bank rate is 10 per cent. Our land loans that we have been making the first year or so through that section of the country have been made on an 8 or 9 per cent basis. However, I am very frank to say that I think the rates ought to come down and that we ought to be able to get money from that section of the country at 6 or 7 per cent."

In comparison with this statement the Credit Foncier of France is able to loan money on farm lands at 4.3 per cent and the German societies and banks at about 4 or 4.5 per cent. As the speaker quoted above says, the high rate of interest in this country is probably to a large extent due to the fact that it is a new country and that money here is more actively employed. It is doubtful whether, even with the adoption of the European machinery, the interest rates on mortgages could be brought down as low in the United States as they are in either France or Germany. It is the opinion of no less an authority than Charles A. Conant, however, that they could be brought down to 5 per cent. A mortgage at 5 per cent with the advantage to the farmer of repaying his loan little by little through an unburdensome plan of amortization might be accepted as the sum total of benefit to be expected by the American farmer from the adoption of some such system—as, for instance, the German mortgage bank plan.

### Another African Theodore.

An African Theodore came to grief just forty-five years ago because he thought he was the whole show. The rest of mankind thought they were some show, too, and Theodore of Abyssinia learned too late that he had made a very serious mistake in not taking that very natural attitude into account. Nature has not given to any individual a monopoly of the abilities requisite in the rule of a people.

A vote for the Democratic ticket this fall is a vote for free trade and all that free trade stands for. A vote for the bull moose ticket is a vote for something which no one, not even its promoters, can give any light upon. A vote for the Republican ticket is a vote for protection to honest American toil, and protection is a synonym for prosperity.—Newport (N. H.) Champion.

### When Wilson Will Get Worse Left.

Woodrow Wilson complained that his private car was left several hours behind by the Chicago express. That's nothing to the way he and his free trade crew will be left behind by the Taft Republican express on Nov. 5.

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### His Only Opportunity.

"So Banks is trying to break his late wife's will." "Yes; poor fellow, I guess it's the first time he ever had the chance to do it."—Baltimore American.

### Yearly.

"George, dear," said the young wife, "you are growing handsomer every day." "Yes, darling," replied the knowing George. "It's a way I have just before your birthday."

### Mightier Than Armies.

Ideas go booming through the world louder than cannon. Thoughts are mightier than armies. Principles have achieved more victories than horsemen or chariots.

### Uncle Pennywise Says:

A great many couples surprise their friends by getting married. Now and then a couple surprise their friends by staying married.

### Caught.

"You are the first woman I've ever kissed," he declared fervently. "You don't kiss as though I were," replied she.

### Cruel.

Wife—I'm going out now, dear. Won't you be lonesome without me? Hubby—Oh, no; just set the parrot here before you go.

### Free Speech.

Free speech is limited to women and men who do not have to depend upon salaries.

### Scarcity of Opium Felt.

Codeine, a very largely used narcotic, is more than twice its normal value, owing to the scarcity of opium. Carboic acid continues to advance in price, and it is not at all unlikely that the cost of household disinfectants may be increased. The most noteworthy of the few articles which have declined in value is glycerin, which, after a long period of high value, now shows signs of coming down in price.

### Shows Slight Advance.

The lover of primitive passions is evidently feeling the touch, if not the grasp, of modern civilization. The latest one of this type did not kill a girl he was in love with because she refused to marry him. With great and entirely unexpected moderation, he merely slashed her face with a razor, so that nobody else would want her. This is a distinct and encouraging advance.

### Imprisoned Tailor Strikes.

The latest Australian strike is one of the Gilbertian order. A prisoner in Fernando prison, a tailor by trade, refused to work on the ground that it would be contrary to his principles as a trade unionist. He sent a letter to the Tailors' union officially notifying it of his action, but that body expressed neither sympathy nor disapproval, preferring silence.

### Scrub Chickens.

The skin of poultry is frequently very dirty when brought from market, and fowls should not only be washed, but scrubbed with a soft brush and warm water, in which a teaspoonful of baking soda has been dissolved. Such treatment will prevent the disagreeable "hen" taste often noticeable in cooked poultry.

### Patriarchal Turtle.

A mud turtle, said to be 180 years old, has been in an Albany (N. Y.) family 65 years. Wrinkled skin, broken shell and twisted claws indicate its old age. It is very friendly with the house cat and night finds them under the stove with the turtle's head on the cat's paws.

### Naturally They Would.

Clothier—I'm going to distribute 10,000 sheets of blotting paper with my advertisement on, "All Wool Trousers for \$2" in big letters. Ain't that a good idea? Printer—I don't think it is. Folks might take the blotting paper for a sample of the goods.

### Excellent Evidence.

A witness at Shoreditch (England), asked why he had borrowed a certain pencil from the plaintiff, replied: "To sign that document." "But it is signed in ink," said his honor. "Then I couldn't have had the pencil," replied the witness.

### Alice in a Quandary.

"What's the trouble with Alice's deep-breathing exercises?" "The teacher keeps on telling the poor girl she's got to breathe from her diaphragm, and she don't know what kind of a diagram to get her."—Baltimore American.

### The Meanest Man.

"He's a mean cuss, isn't he?" "Mean? He's capable of going into a barber shop for a shave and then getting his hair cut, a shampoo, massage and hair treatment just to keep other people waiting."

### Concise Explanation.

A young policeman giving evidence in a London burglary case was so excited that he accidentally said: "Please, your worship, I was the only person present in the house except another constable, who was outside."

# Williamport & North Branch Railroad TIME TABLE.

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### Roll Call.

Bernice and Mildred Absent  
Sonestown Absent  
Muncy Valley Present  
Ricketts Absent  
Nordmont Present  
Forksville Absent  
Hillsgrove Absent  
Eagles Mere Absent

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### Death of Ralph Molyneux

Ralph O. Molyneux, son of Oscar N. and Ada (Mullan) Molyneux, died of kidney disease on Monday, Sept. 30. The funeral services were held at the home in Forks township Wednesday at 10 o'clock a. m., interment was made in the Millview cemetery. Rev. Wilcox of Millview officiated.

Ralph was a very bright, loving child of 5 years, 9 months and 16 days. All that good care and physicians could do proved of no avail.

Just before his death he pointed up toward heaven and said "Going Home." The parents and only sister, Florence, have the sympathies of a multitude of friends.

### Death of Perry Stoddard

Perry Stoddard of Sciota, died at the home of his brother, William, at Hollenback, on Wednesday, Sept. 25, after an illness of several weeks. His ailment was heart and stomach trouble. The funeral was held at the church at Hollenback with interment in the Elwell cemetery, where part of the service was performed by a delegation of the Clauson Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Sugar Run. Mr. Stoddard, whose age was 62 years, had followed farming, owning and occupying the Benjamin Barnes farm. He was unmarried.

### Death of Child of John C. Miller

John, the 15 months old child of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Miller of Ricketts died on Tuesday, Oct. 8, of whooping cough. Funeral services were held Friday and the child's body was taken to Millburg by automobile for burial.

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