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Proportional Representa- tion

Earl Grey in Glasgow City Hall

The ideal democratic state was one in which every elector had equal political rights and in which every elector could vote for the candidate whom he preferred without throwing away his vote. It was only where every elector had unrestricted freedom of choice in the exercise of his vote that they could hope to secure that vigilant interest in public affairs by the greatest possible number of citizens which every philosopher from Aristotle downwards had declared to be the distinguishing mark of an ideal state. The ideal state, further, was one in which men of character, ideals, and convictions—or, in other words, every man who wished to serve the state—could find an entrance to the representative assembly if he could secure the support of a sufficient number of electors to entitle him to a seat. The ideal state was one in which the members of the representative assembly took a long view of the national requirements; in which they fearlessly gave utterance to their honest opinions; in which they discussed public questions from the standpoint of national, not of party, interests; and in which they came to conclusions only after full deliberation and discussion. The ideal state, in addition, was one in which independence of thought, spontaneous opinion, initiative and self-confidence were encouraged, and in which moral courage was the prevailing note of the whole community. If he could prove to their satisfaction that the present representative system tended to hinder the realization of every one of those ideals and that the system of proportional representation tended to secure their attainment, he would confidently claim their support as members of the Proportional Representation Society, which was now embarking on a campaign for the recovery of those lost ideals on the realization of which the greatness and the prosperity of our country and of the Empire depend.

Beyond

By Gerald J. Lively

Beyond the fields we plough are others waiting.
The fallows of the ages all unknown.
Beyond the little harvests we are reaping.
Are wider, grander, harvests to be grown.

Beyond the cleanest seed which we are sowing.
Is brighter, cleaner, seed still to be sown;
Beyond the finest specimens we're showing.
Are specimens still finer to be shown.

Beyond our wildest dreams of golden yieldings.
Are larger, heavier, yields of purer gold;
Beyond the petty stories we are heeding.
Are bolder, braver stories to be told.

Beyond the little tasks in which we've failed.
The little tasks that failed e'er well begun,
Are greater, grander tasks that wait our doing.
Are fairer, finer prizes to be won.

Beyond the shallow pools which we are sounding.
Are tarns with depths which are unfathomed still;
Across the little mounds which we are climbing.
There falls the shadow from one mystic hill.

And yet perchance the little fields we're ploughing
Will teach us what to do with larger fields.
Perchance the little harvests we are reaping.
Will show us how to measure larger yields.

Perchance the little needs we are supplying
Will help us to supply the greater needs;
Perchance the little tasks in which we've failed
Will help us to succeed in greater deeds.

TARIFF REVISION WOULD SAVE US \$743,000,000

Washington, Nov. 20.—Members of the Ways and Means committee declare that the extra session of Congress promised by President-elect Wilson will take up tariff bills in the following order: Wool, cotton, metals, chemicals, sugar and rubber. With the sugar bill may be coupled the excise measure offered at the last session of the present congress.

The Democratic program, if enacted into law, would save the consumers \$743,000,000 annually, with a

probable net revenue loss of about \$6,000,000.

There will be a free list bill, which will carry agricultural implements, fence wire, bagging and ties for baling cotton, lumber, laths and shingles, sewing machines, meats, leather, shoes and salt.

The wool bill will reduce the average rate of duty on wool manufactures from 90 per cent. to about 43 per cent. as based upon the imports of this year. A reduction of that proportion would mean a saving of more than \$50,000,000 to the consumers.

The cotton bill will reduce the ad-

valorem rate on cotton manufactures 48 per cent. to 27 per cent., making a saving of \$88,000,000 annually.

A revision of the chemical schedule to a tariff for revenue basis, Democrats claim, would bring about a saving of \$17,000,000 and at the same time increase the revenue to the government \$4,000,000.

A very thorough revision of the metal schedule will be made and the rate of ad valorem duty reduced from 34 per cent. to 22 per cent. This would mean a saving of \$80,000,000.

The house may not be able to get a sugar bill providing for free sugar through the senate, as the Democratic margin will be so close that sugar state senators will be able to prevent its passage. The present duty on sugar amounts to about 1 1/2 cents a pound. The ways and means committee would like to do away with this duty, which enters into the price of sugar to the consumer, and levy an excise tax instead. It is estimated that free sugar would save the American people about \$113,000,000 a year.

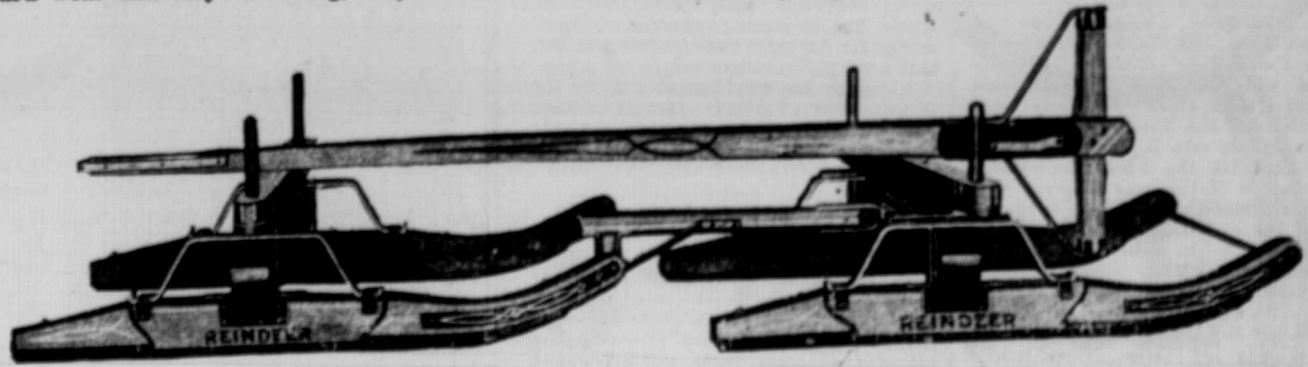
Senator Gore today expressed the opinion that the entire tariff revision should be concluded before next July, permitting the inauguration of the new schedules with the beginning of the fiscal year July 1. To secure perfect co-operation between house and senate, Senator Gore said he probably would suggest a point steering committee of members of the two houses to act together during the approaching short session in the formulation of a tariff measure for the extra session.

No one keeps more closely in touch with the world than King George. He has a staff of telegraphists and telephonists always near him, even when he goes to a country house, and the place, wherever it is, becomes a palace for the time being, and is guarded by Metropolitan police. The telegraph forms employed are of a special shape, such as those to be found in the Foreign Office, and the War Office. They are taken without cash payment at telegraph counters, the post office sending in its charges at intervals.

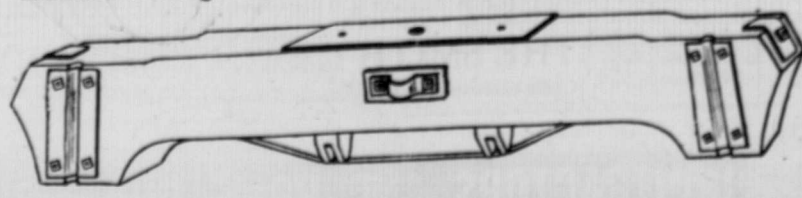
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