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TARIFF AND HIGH WAGES AIDING U. S. PROTECTION NECESSARY

Good Times Will Last, Says English Writer in Discussing Conditions, If Present Plan Maintained

Some time ago Hamilton Fyffe had an interesting article in the London Spectator in which he related some of his experiences studying American business conditions and asked the question: "Can America prosperity last?" Among other things Mr. Fyffe declared, speaking of us, that "no country with a vast population has ever shown prosperity, or let us call it purchasing power, widely diffused among all classes, in any degree comparable; no vast population has ever been able to spend money on anything like the same scale."

High Wages
Mr. Fyffe also marvels at the high wages paid our working people and declares this is done without grumbling because "the connection between spending power and prosperity has been firmly fixed in the American mind." He tells how Henry Ford announced how "he was paying high wages in order to increase the spending power of the nation and to stimulate production by enlarging demand for products."

There is much that is true in what Mr. Fyffe has to say. But he errs when he calls this a new doctrine. It is not new because it has been the doctrine on which the American protective principle has grown up. American protectionists have always believed in high wages and they have known that high wages to American workers could only be perpetuated by keeping the great home market for American goods. They have always maintained that protection aids prosperity by increasing the purchasing power of the worker and so enlarging the great home market which is, after all, the greatest market in the world, absorbing as it does eighty-five per cent of all America's manufactured products.

Protection is Reason
It has been the protective tariff which, by giving a job at high wages to the American worker has brought about the prosperity which is so widely diffused among all classes. In so doing it has for all time disproved the free trade claim that under protection "the rich grow richer and the poor, poorer."

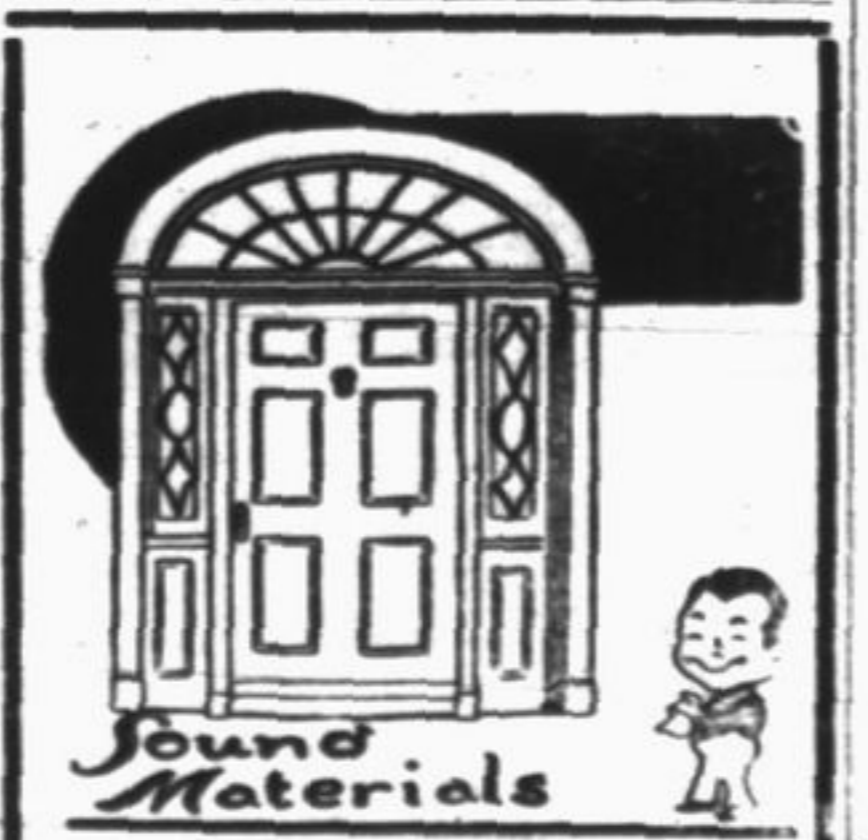
Mr. Fyffe wisely states that so long as our high wage system is maintained our prosperity will "pull through" and he declares that this high wage system must be maintained at all costs if we are to remain permanently prosperous. With this every good American will agree. And the best way to maintain our high wage scale is to protect the home market and not subject it to the competition of lowly paid European and Asiatic workers.

ELECTRIFYING FARMS NEEDS CO-OPERATION

Both Power Companies and Farmers Must Look on Farm as a Factory

R. F. Pack, President of the National Electric Light Association, emphasized the fact that in order to bring about rural electrification on any appreciable scale, both the power companies and the farmer will have to look on the farm as a factory, and apply electricity in a multiplicity of ways to increase output and cut labor costs the same as it has been done in the city factories, says the Manufacturer.

He pointed out that it is an economic impossibility to deliver small amounts of electric energy to scattered farms at a reasonable price, and that failure of most rural lines in the past has been due to farmers



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limiting use of electricity to lighting. "It is up to agricultural colleges, manufacturers of both electrical equipment and farm implements, and last, but most important of all, the farmers themselves, to co-operate with the power companies in bringing about rural electrification," he said.

"Experimental lines in 20 states built by power companies have shown that there are more than a hundred practical ways for use of electricity on the farm."

"Nine-tenths of the cost of bringing electricity to the farm is in distribution, and farmers should not be fooled by those who talk about developing water power as an aid to bringing electricity to the farm. If electricity could be produced for nothing it would have little effect on the cost of service to the farmer, for the costs of distribution greatly outweigh those incurred by generation of electric energy."

The women can copy men's clothes and wear their hair cut the masculine way, but they're going to be up against it if whiskers ever come back into style.

Now that there is a government radio commission we are expecting a visit pretty soon from a couple of federal static inspectors.

The expert puzzle solvers of the United States are having a convention in New Jersey. We would like to see them tackle the present Chinese political situation.

ADJUDICATION NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the Subscriber Executrix of the estate of Mary E. Brand, deceased, will attend the Probate Court of Lake County, at a term thereof to be holden at the Court House in Waukegan, in said County, on the first Monday of June next, 1927, when and where all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested to present the same to said Court for adjudication.

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