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Take The Tariff Out Of Politics

The uselessness of the tariff as an issue in the presidential campaign was acknowledged last summer by the mere leaving of it out of the platforms of both parties. The congressional lineup on tariff questions is not now determined by party affiliation. Obviously the tariff is not a political question, a fact that should be recognized in the treatment that it is to receive in the present administration. Never will a better chance arise for rescuing this question of economic importance from the demoralizing effect of being a party issue.

Nobody who stands in the ranks of the producers wishes for the adoption of a policy of free trade by America. Nobody wishes to see the element of competition with the cheap labor of the old world brought in to complicate still more that already difficult situation in our industrial life. Nobody wishes to see the life of the working people of the United States reduced to the level of that of the working people of Europe, and nobody thinks for a minute that American industry could keep going under the wage scale of America and the price scale of the old world. We must have a protective tariff, and only a disinterested, unprejudiced, honest, non-partisan consideration of American industrial conditions will enable the law makers in Washington to find just where it shall be applied, where it shall be lifted, what the rates shall be, and how to make the tariff serve the whole people of the United States, instead of a few powerful interests.

This is the time to take the tariff question out of politics, the time for the two great political parties to discover some other issue upon which to submit their fortunes to the people in another election.

There are plenty of questions which are open to honest differences of opinions, plenty of policies that might be made the basis of the appeal for votes. There are few questions that are as easily made to stir the selfish enthusiasm of certain groups of people as the tariff, few that are so indifferently understood, few that are therefore so safe for the purposes of the political campaign use, few that can be made to be so long lived as that of the protective tariff and the tariff for revenue only. But there are many better issues, that should be kept before the public mind, many questions upon which it is important that there should be an intelligent public opinion developed. It would be a telling evidence of the desire of President Harding to exercise his power of statesmanship, rather than to serve the particular interests of his party, should he seek to put the question of the readjustment of the tariff on a plane above politics and recommend it to the serious consideration of Congress with a view to settlement instead of with the intention of keeping it alive to serve in the future as a political issue.

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ANNOUNCE CHARITY BRIDGE FOR PARK RIDGE SCHOOL

School for Girls to Benefit by Affair To Be Given at Winnetka Woman's Club, Tuesday, April 5

A Charity Bridge for the benefit of the Park Ridge School for Girls will be given at the Winnetka Woman's club on Tuesday afternoon, April 5, at 2 o'clock.

In the early days this school was situated in Evanston and was known as the Industrial School for Girls. In 1904, through the efforts of Mrs. E. L. Woodward, much interest was aroused in the school and Mrs. Mancel Talcott gave the money to purchase the property at Park Ridge. In 1907 a corporation was formed to plan for the reorganization and control of the Industrial School for Girls. The school takes care of dependent girls, not delinquents, and is the only Protestant home for girls going through the juvenile court. The state at first provided \$10 a month for the support of each girl, now it provides \$15. The actual expense is \$38, and this deficit must be made up by contributions. When the school was moved to Park Ridge, it was built on the cottage plan, in order that the girls might have the real home environment. The cottages were the gifts of individuals and Woman's clubs, and it is to take care of the necessary repair for one of these cottages that this Bridge has been planned. For those who do not play cards, a reader, Mrs. Frederick Dickinson of Winnetka, will furnish entertainment.

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