Tariff
Note Book -

No. 1

Tribune - 1862

May 23 - Calculations of how money was to be raised - the present starting a [illegible] business

5/31 Flint-glass manufacturers held meeting in N.Y. to consider raising prices because of tax

June 6. Report of debate on Smith tax bill. Fessenden estimated debt July 1 '64 would be 1200,000,000 - Simmons at 900,000,000.

6/12 - Ed. page - comments on accusation of N.Y. Express

that - all Rep. papers -
including free trade Ev. Post
presenting war for sale Saddling
Public debt - High monopoly
...ity - etc on country -
declare that just gas
manufacturers were under
where they did not need
protection. Were compelled
a ~~debt~~ which will not
be paid for 40 yrs -

all the press endorse it
like Mme Roland - a crime in its name

Tribune refuses editorially
to discuss protection 2
per trade in their colums
no room in the unparalleled ed.
page of the Tribune - perhaps the
most wonderful page ever
made - zeal - pleading
Tay bill defying - big fighting
published at time of
the fighting on James
River -

tax on everything - cotton
umbrellas - beer - coal oil
grain - medicines - gas
wine - cattle
on Lincoln's vie* ed.
hides - harness -
Iron & zinc ——— -

July 1 – Full copy of tax bill
makes an alphabetical Recapitulation Lit – my comment
Among Taxes 3
Advertisements — 3 %
Specimen – 2c stamp on each sheet.
Bank dividends – 3 %
Bitters & medicines – 1 cent for every 25 cts of price.
Certificates – bonds – bills
Licenses for auctioneers
exhibitions – billiard rooms –
brokers – claim agents
eating houses – jugglers
Lawyers – dealers – &c

beneficent.
It. 6/24 Ed in tax bill
summary pretty good
1st – tax on persons & corporations – licenses
2d. on manufactured articles – paid by manufacturer or producer.
3. Incomes of persons
railroads – steamboat cos. public officers & others
4 Stamps on papers & medicines etc

H. June 30 - Says Ed. Sumner
was done in the vil-
"vile distinguished patriot"
as Thurlow Weed & 21/3 %
"Nigger" who is M. Gov.,
D. What is reference

H. July 1. Taxation &
Newspapers Ed -
annual income taxed 3 to 5%
Big ap messages local
paper
"tax on checks - Herald
alone paid 30,000 & cover,
Herald said particularly
many papers will be ~~killed~~ & [illegible]
that Tribune & Post will
die first. They have no
advertising patronage &
but very little circulation
& so by a just retribution
of Providence they will
be the first victims of the
tax action which they have
brought upon us by continuing
our civil war"
Herald alone will remain
firm

H. July 10 - W. letter -
charge against S. Card on
sheep - "only nothing be
done up." "No man in
Senate has higher reputation
for honesty & frankness".

H July 13. Scarcity of silver due to high premium & its purchase by brokers causes flow of shin-plasters

H. 7/24 Joy in ~~Am~~ H. because of rage in Eng. over tariff which Eng. press called declaration of war against Eng.

manufacture of present kind R.I. has advanced claims to similar [illegible]

Simmons was senator from R.I. a Mr Schubarth of Providence came to him with letter from prominent men of that city. S. had a patent breech loader. He wanted contract. Simmons introduced him to authorities who declared his gun unsatisfactory. Yet gave him order for 20,000 Springfield rifle muskets afterwards increased to 50,000. Mr Sch. promised M.S. commission on order which amounted to $50,000. Schubarth

of the
conditions that
day moved
the Ev. P. & the
of the
June

N. Y. Ev. Post 1862

June 17. Ed p. 2. speaks of seeing list of over 900 merchants who failed in N. Y. in 1861.

June 27 - p 2.
Ed headed "A Trading Senator" This is Senator Simmons who had to [illegible] in hand Post says he tried a schooner load of Yankee notions on way to Port Royal - it was stopped. "Known in Washington - in the way he has persistently urged trade legislation to benefit himself. Sentiment - the

said he understood it –
was customary to make
compensation for such
services – heard of many
cases – one case also of
private paid; had not –
considered the matter but –
have not concerned about
it personally;

Simmons acknowledged
a payment & evidently –
regarded it as strictly
legal

Commission said very
pertinently that – Senator
Simmons had no more
right to sell his influence
than his vote – both property
of country –

Robert Dale Owen was on
the commission – [illegible]
with Holt –

July 8. p. 1. The Shinplaster
Nuisance – checks
going especially unlimited
with "good for 25cts"
on them – compare
Japanese club-system
Many proprietors had them
printed in form of
bank-notes

Law passed before end
of Congress (July 17) forbid-
den issue & coining
great quantities of

Suggestive of White
"Lilly in Empire 2
N.Y."

H. W. Oct 18. p 659
Lincoln wills postage
stamps as currency

H W. Nov 15, 62 ed on
The Money Question"
Tax & tariff promising to
yield much more than
Expenses at present 275.000.000
Mr Chase has issued
about 275.000.000 of paper
money — has intrinsic value
from being convertible into
Funded stocks of U.S. bearing interest
at 6%

Herald 5/28. p 5.
representatives of various
industries in W. besieging
the tax committee –

cotton
H. 5/30 Lobby of N. E. Manufacturers
trying to prevent tax on cotton
5/31
Tax bill worrying
anxious
Each [illegible] that other shall
pay for war – all patriotic but

Tax on manufacturers still
being fought – 6/6

H. June 17. Ed. page Taking
criticism of new currency to
task & comparing it
to Law's scheme & to the

assignats of France &
to old Continental issue
of paper – H. shows
difference between old
& cur schemes.

H. 6/23 Big Ed on new
Tariff bill – Let it pass, It
will shut Europe out of
U.S. will do our own
manufacturing – a new
era – there will be an
outcry & retaliation &
Europe lack of sympathy.
We can supplied to any
extent – [illegible] [illegible]

Period [illegible] [illegible]
to get under [illegible] – still [illegible]
of [illegible] [illegible] the people [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] moved [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

McKinley Tariff bill.
Ev. Post 1891.
2/11 "Abominable tax bill"
under head of How it will
operate – begins to show
raise in price.
Blankets for carriages &
horses paid 91 cents
(cost at point of export
1.70) clothing of coarse
kind raised 41 to 84%
cloth for overcoats
raised 50 – 60 – 80%

Bad point was that
tax on books – heavy on
readers & particularly
on scholars for at that
time technical works were
printed here –
Ed. Ev Post – 2/14 on
the proposed box tax
Tax on magazine etc
one bad feature

Ed 2/14 Post. "Against
Knowledge"
Bohn's Library then a
great favorite with our
reading public – paid
under old tariff 4 cents
a vol. under new 8½
times. on one case old
tariff = 40.50; new = 188.60
3½
20 25
121 50
141 75

July 4. '64. Ev Post
[illegible] new tariff bill
signed —

Ev. Post Aug 18 '64 Ed.

Manhattan G. Co. notifies
customers they must pay
tax —
Brooklyn Gaslight Co raises
price from 2.50 to 3.25 —
per thousand
Metropolitan from 2.50 to 3.00
Manhattan stock selling
at 190 (50 par); N. Y. Gas
Light (" ") sold at
285 1/4

Aug 19. '64.
[illegible] prices due
to speculation butter
at 50 & 45 cents

Post Sept 6.
Co-operative companies
greatly talked of
Co of Coal Co. for
Phila proposed coal.
[illegible] 10.50 a ton which
cost to deliver 6.00

Evening Post 1894
7/1 – "demand that
Congress more taxation
& higher tariff" –

In May & June Post
clear affirmed nothing
on tariff or tax – talks
[illegible] for parallel
expansion of currency
had resulted in very
high prices for gold
& Post is advocating
loans in place of more
currency

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Sep 15 – Other corporations
trying to shirk their share
of taxes – N.Y. N.H. &
Hartford R.R. raised
price of tickets – so did
Brooklyn horse car lines.
Sept 16 – Post's opinion is strong
that H. says Brooklyn car
having 2 yrs are scared
out of intention

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ly 31. Russell Sturgis' views
f in contracting for roads

H.

Sept 9. E.R. Gas companies
charging war tax to con-
sumers — gas $2.50 per
1000 ft = Queen's building
Herald advises catering
charter from them &
[illegible] — furnishing its own
gas — a new Thrill
turned loose on N.Y. —
a kind of winter
robbery —

H. July 27. Ed. on Contract
lie.

Thomas A. Scott employed
to superintend R.R. transportation
fixed charges on his
road at ~~40%~~ least 1/3
higher to Govt. than
to private individuals
Look up the report

July 27. Suspension may
[illegible] pressure of contr
before Aug 1. Charges
neglect of duty in conse-
quence

12/3 '61 Post – A Revised Tariff

The great object we have in view during the continuance of the war of financial regulations is to raise, in the easiest & least burdensome manner, the largest possible amt of revenue. To further this object, free-trade can readily work with protection. The war is an exceptional state of things and an extraordinary case. For this reason we are prepared to support a scale of duties at present which we would oppose if the nation were at peace.

such tobacco – brandy etc –

Post argument that in the situation best thing was to "patch up" Morrill bill

Chase proposed to reduce duty on iron.

7/17 W. correspondence – Thaddeus Stevens chmn of House Ways & Means Committee opposed to lowering duty on iron & steel.

8/3 The Post under this date accepts resignedly the new revenue bill – applauds direct tax – approves income tax – "a new feature of taxation in our country"

Many cases of this - cause
which will arise - un-
till a fashion

The new tariff will ungenerously
initiated England &
France - takes cotton cloth
the duties on cheap cotton
of which most use
important now enormous
from 71 to 108 %
see table in Post. Ed. 5/23
hard on American prov
imitating ̄ Eng & France

Post viewed in its criticism
of all - combination of

the free states will prevent
an act which brings needless
discredit on the intrinsic
merits of their cause."

Post 3/9 '61 - Senator Wigfall
The harlequin senator from
~~Sen~~ Texas - the blatant
buffoon - whose antics & gagaries
~~hath begun the~~ - simpering &
mortifications of the country
when he was created senator
the city was robbed of a
marvelously clever clown."

N/ Cry for low duties &
direct tax - we are rich in
company - as it were men -
created - cause of isolation
in wealth & hope in revolt
They will ignore the importations
to the Southern states with their
moderate scale of duties

[illegible] at the cost of her [illegible]
M. Avoid infinitely - prefer
to dealing with a single ex-
perienced government to main-
taining 2 embassies & sim-
[illegible] the risk of misunder-
standings with 2 highly sensi-
tive democracies. But the
conditions of trade are inex-
orable & our manufactures will
infallibly find their way
to the best market with the
regularity of a mechanical
law ... It may be the Southern
population will become
our best customers ...

Malmesbury Granted that a
permanent secession can be
effected by a "peaceful appeal
to a ballot-box" & that the moral
& economical evils of slavery
do not [illegible] to be [illegible]
raised on it, [illegible] prosperity
will not fail to follow un-
restricted intercourse &

Specific & ad valorem duties

about Morrill Tariff. Tribu
alone of all N.Y. supporting
it - gives following
extract via N.Y. Courier &
Enquirer predicting [illegible]
speaker of Sunday
enacting a tariff in
the expedient of supplying
civil war - & immediate
extra session to repeal
M. bill.

In 3/27 p 3. quot. from London
Times: - It will not be our
fault if the inopportune
legislations of the North combined
with the reciprocity of wants be-
tween ourselves & the South
should bring about considerable
modification in our relations
with America. We are, after the
recent debate in the slave trade
convinced that England is still
in earnest on this point & will
never buy commercial advan-

specific & ad valorem duties
[illegible] mixed country, bushel-
weighing, square yard
calculating sliding valua-
tions.
a cry for free trade &
direct taxation.

8/30 Post shows historically
how the smuggler is a
corollary of high tariff
significant organized smuggling
against which millions
would not act
3/ Post _ Ed called
/20 The Blunder of the
Age - bill winning for us
the contempt & dislike of every
European statesman - called it
prohibition not protection

post measure of Rep - a
stupidity - Morrill bill
calamity [illegible] con-
fort to the Seceders. they
arranged a moderate
schedule in revenue only
& at once won European
sympathy - By a Morrill
bill [illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible] the Confederacy
on a tariff policy

a high tariff in N.Y. & a
[illegible] in New Orleans
[illegible] merchants [illegible]
[illegible] were [illegible]
the effect most unfortunate measure ever harassed the business under Senate white
[illegible] had But the
8/27 "[illegible] Left" Post ~~[illegible]~~
[illegible] was country fails

about Morrill tariff. [illegible]

full chance to get
what each wanted

3/1. Ed Post calls bill a
complete revolution in our
commercial system —
aiming [illegible] production &
consumption of everything
within our country — the [illegible]
sum of prosperity, curtail-
ment of commerce with rest
of world.

3/12. Post speaks of the
"Wood-Screw Simmons"
of R.I. senator who
caused a prohibitory duty
to be placed on wood screws
after sale of a single
screw mill.) (lived by
duty in this) There are

many cases of this — causing
establishment abroad — [illegible]
falling production

[illegible] of [illegible]
[illegible] expand &
[illegible]
[illegible] or [illegible]
[illegible] must [illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible] 10 8/9
See letter in Post. Ed. 3/23
Read in American peri-
odicals Eng & France

Post [illegible] in the [illegible]
of oil — [illegible] of

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the free states will prevent
[illegible] which [illegible] needed

2/23 -- Post pleads to Cable
some times on tariff -
Many blunders - incomplete
schedules - certain articles
of intermediary value
(as in mohair yarns -
cotton etc) not provided
for - seems like foreordained
inequalities & opportunity
for dishonesty - impossible
to cheat & the govt to
be defrauded -
Conditions of country ~~and~~
~~under~~ kept - instead of
public men take 2
the manufacturers tale

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salt - glass - crockery etc -

"Birth of a Bill" - Post 2/19.
a birth of a bill. Bryant
called it a conspiracy

Many articles on free list -
formerly protected - because
the manufacturers wanted
it. 20 made many often cents out of
govt by protecting duty

Caustic soda - formerly 5%
now 20% - Operated - one
small establishment Kings
~~formerly than the~~ paper
makers - oil refineries etc
used much of the caustic
soda ash on free list by
the fault of this same
one little factory -