**Priming the Pump, 1914**

This political cartoon was created by Clifford Berryman, a well-known political cartoonist out of Washington D.C., who eventually won a Pulitzer Prize for his work. The cartoon was originally printed on June 26, 1914 but in what source could not be found. The cartoon portrays President Woodrow Wilson manning a pump, labeled ‘Business Prosperity Pump.’ Empty buckets surround him labeled ‘Tariff Legislation’ and ‘Current Legislation,’ creating the impression that he has poured all the differing legislations together into this pump and is seen now getting ready to pour Anti-Trust Legislation into it and saying ‘Watch her come,’ as he waits for the Business Prosperity to start flowing. The cartoon was published just a few months before the President signed the FTC Act into Legislation and so seems be aimed at the origin of it, among other things. [[1]](#footnote-1) The cartoon seems to say that once this next batch of legislation was passed, business would pick up and begin to flow. It is a cartoon poking fun of all the legislation continuously going into this one problem without any prosperity being produced as a result.

1. National Archives, " Berryman Political Cartoon Collection, 1896 - 1949: Scope and Content." Accessed September 5, 2012. http://research.archives.gov/description/306080. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)