

REVISE THE TARIFF

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That Only Comes From Revision on Democratic Lines—Solid Phalanx of Interested Republican Senators Blocks the Way.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, April 4.—Representative Babcock, chairman of the Republican Congressional Committee, does not agree with Secretary Root on the subject of tariff. He says: "I regard the 56th Congress as pledged to revision of the tariff."

He thinks that the apprehension that business disaster would follow a Republican revision of tariff schedules wholly unwarranted, as the tariff would be revised on protection principles. He also asserts that a Republican tariff revision has never disturbed business in our history, and it is only when the Democratic free-trade idea is predominant that such is the result. He declares that tariff revision should have been carried out at the last session, and goes further, saying: "This was the earnest desire of President Roosevelt. But it was blocked by the solid opposition of the Republican Senators, who declared positively that nothing should be done. These Senators are still holding their seats."

"The Republican party should lay the foundation for its future perpetuation while the country is prosperous. It should abide strictly by its fundamental principle of protection. This means that, if it costs \$1 to manufacture an article abroad, and \$1.5 to manufacture that same article in the United States, the tariff on that article should be 25 cents. The minute the tariff exceeds the difference in cost of manufacture between the two countries, that minute it fosters monopoly."

He mentions the iron and steel and glass industries and a few others on which the tariff could be changed without any detriment to the interests of protection. In closing his interview, he says: "Our great trouble is that we have men in Congress who represent special interests. They view the situation from the standpoint of the good of the industries, and, when there is a large profit being made in those lines, through the operation of any particular tariff schedule which changing conditions may have made possible, they stand squarely in the way of changing those schedules, even though the good of the whole country demands it."

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