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Advertising is to business what steam power is to machinery—the grand motive power.—Macaulay.

There is but one way of obtaining business—publicity; but one way of obtaining publicity—advertising.—Blackwood

THE BUSINESS DEPRESSION.

On all sides we hear our people complain of hard times. From the farm and from the city come tales of suffering and want, and all this under one year of democratic rule. You ask the WEST SIDE the reason, and it answers: Because of the policy of the democratic party. The people voted for a change and they now have it; a change from prosperity to adversity. Had the republican party remained in power with its protection ideas, these troubles would not be upon us. Men would have been at work; farmers making money, for wheat would have been double its present price. Our factories would have been in operation and our mines being worked. However, statements do not prove anything, therefore we present some arguments to prove our statements.

Wheat is one of our principal items of agricultural exports, and sugar is one of our principal imports. We sell wheat; we buy sugar. The policy of the republican party is to export less wheat and to import less sugar; the policy of the democratic party, as exemplified in the Wilson bill, is to export more wheat and import more sugar. The republican party placed a bounty on sugar; the democratic party proposes taking it off.

Let us see the effects of these opposite policies on our prosperity, and this particular feature of politics should interest the farmer, for both wheat and sugar are farm products.

In 1891 the United States sold 55,131,048 bushels of wheat to foreign countries. That was the product of about 2,000,000 acres of land. There are forty-four states and twelve territories in the Union, therefore, it would mean about 40,000 acres to each state and territory. There are 2655 counties in the forty-four states, or an average of sixty to each state. Thus, there would be exported from each county only about 700 bu. of wheat. If enough less wheat were raised so that we consumed it all at home, then the duty of 25 cents a bushel would protect our farmers and wheat would be worth say, 80 cents a bushel in Portland instead of 55 cents, as now.

How did the republican party propose reducing the production of wheat? By encouraging our farmers to plant their land in something else, and one of these items was sugar beets. The United States pays out millions of dollars every year for sugar, and every dollar might be kept at home.

It was estimated that to manufacture our sugar from beets would require 700 sugar beet factories, each costing nearly half a million dollars. Under the stimulus of a 2-cent-a-pound bounty, \$300,000,000 would have been spent for sugar factories. That would mean sixteen factories building in each state. Each factory requires about 2000 acres of beets, hence in the thirty-one counties in Oregon, each county would have 1000 acres in beets, instead of now 700 bushels of wheat for export. It would mean even more than that, for the labor to build the factories, the labor to operate the factories, and the labor to till the acres of beets would increase the consumption of bread, so that the United States would become an importer of wheat, instead of an exporter, and our farmers have the advantage of a protected home market, instead of sending their product abroad to compete with the cheap labor of India, (as they are to have their wool to compete with the cheap labor of Australia).

To those persons who seem to think that legislation has nothing

to do with our hard times, we present the above facts for their consideration. Under the policy of the republican party the farmer would have found it profitable to reduce his export of wheat, and encouraged in using his land for producing an article we pay Germany many million dollars to send us. The republican policy made the farmer independent of foreign markets. The democratic policy makes him still more dependent. Under which do you think you are likely to prosper the most? Under one we had prosperity; under the other we already see the signs of adversity. These facts stare us in the face. Are we going to continue supporting a party that advocates a policy so plainly against the farming interests?

Farmers, wherein are you benefited in having free trade in raw materials? If you are not benefited, then why should you vote for it?

We are now entering the new year of 1894. The WEST SIDE pledges itself to drop all sectional animosities and that it will work tooth and toe for the rights of the people, in all sections of the county, and of the state. To those that want to work with us, we ask your right hand of fellowship. Let us have peace, and return to prosperity.

THE political pot is beginning to boil in Polk County. You will hear men say that politics should not enter into local elections, but our country is menaced by a policy that means disaster to the West, means dull times for Oregon, and every patriotic citizen should vote his political sentiments. If "the change" suits you, vote with the party that has brought it; otherwise, vote against it and show your manhood.

LOTS of democratic or other papers on this coast will fatten if the Wilson bill passes. When the legs of about all the coast industries are paralyzed and scarcely one industry is able to toe the mark of credit, advertisements of sheriff's sales in all the papers will be thicker than huckleberries in a bear pasture.—Klamath Star.

PENDERGRAST, the murderer of Mayor Carter Harrison, has been found guilty by a Chicago jury, and will hang. This is a warning to dangerous cranks, who will find no voice of sympathy from the American people.

ONE thing badly needed in Independence is less individual differences and a general unity of action for the upbuilding of our material interests.

THE Midwinter fair at San Francisco formally opens next Wednesday.

THE WEST SIDE is now the official paper of Polk county, made so through no favoritism, but because it has agreed to do the advertising of Polk county cheaper than any other paper. The bids for county printing were opened last Wednesday, and the contract awarded to West Side Publishing Co.

AN UNEMPLOYED WORKMAN WRITES AN OPEN LETTER.

Mr. Cleveland's Attention Called to Industries Ruined and Labor Pauperized—Dire Results Must Follow the Adoption of the Un-American Tariff Bill.

To His Excellency Grover Cleveland, President of the United States:

Sir—As your excellency is an American president, invested with the powerful influence of your high office and wielding that influence to force legislation antagonistic to the interests of your country, if it is not too late, it is certainly not out of place to ask your excellency whether you are drifting; if the varied interests of that portion of the world's inhabitants living within the territorial limits of the United States and owing allegiance thereto are not large enough for your stewardship; whether you are moving within the lines of national Democracy and for the interests of the nation that placed you at its head, or if you have switched off to the line of universal Democracy and taken the nations of the world under your consideration to the neglect and material injury of your own?

Whatever may be the object of your ambition, the one fact is established that your policy is destructive to the interests of your own country.

Within the first six months of your administration what is the condition of business under it? The money that maintained business has been withdrawn and is stowed away in the banks. The industries that prospered before you came have withered at your approach. The labor that was happy and contented is becoming demoralized from starvation, and yet while your policy has been condemned by six of the leading industrial states and the people of every section which it is designed to affect have protested against

it, while the voice of starving labor has swelled the ominous sound of discontent, you seem indifferent to a condition that is increasing in danger; that is a menace to public tranquility and may lead to a necessity for measures that would be abhorrent to civilization. You yet pursue the course that Great Britain has laid down as the chart of American politics. You have found the tools in the Wilson committee to shape your bill of destruction and seem impatient for its completion to affix your signature thereto.

Your seal for this foreign measure would be a mystery but for the fact that you have the indorsement and approval of foreign countries. What we will lose in productive values they will gain. The business which your tariff reform policy will strip out of the country will be transferred to your foreign allies—England, France and Germany favored, if they did not materially aid in your election. They are now increasing their plants and oiling their spindles in anticipation of a share in the prospective wreck of American industries. Your minister (Bayard) at the Sheffield dinner could look with an ungrudging eye on the growing prosperity of Sheffield artisans, while he could strike with a traitor's hand at the law which assured the prosperity of American workmen. This in itself is a trivial incident and unworthy of notice, but in keeping with the foreign interest of your administration.

This picture is not overdrawn. It is a facsimile from an American point of view, and from this point I again ask your excellency whether you are drifting? You are pursuing a destructive and dangerous course.

In view of the condition resulting from your policy, the increasing distrust and disturbing circumstances that are sure to follow and the emphatic condemnation by those same people who one year ago were misled to support it, you can no longer hide your purpose under the Chicago platform. If judged on the basis of intelligence, that platform was never tenable. You are well aware of the fact that a large proportion of your votes were cast by men who were reckless of consequences, indifferent to the public welfare and incapable of distinguishing in many cases between the tariff and internal revenue. They certainly did not represent an intelligence on which to base a justification for the enactment of a ruinous and, to them, destructive law, although they represent more than your majority multiplied by 10, and they did yell for Cleveland and a cheap shirt. Yet it would ill behoove the honor, the justice and the humanity of an enlightened and Christian government to take advantage of their ignorance.

To err is human. I acknowledge it is noble, but to pursue a destructive course where honorable retreat is open is worse than criminal.

You are the elected trustee and chief custodian of the people of the United States. You have accepted the stewardship over the interests of industry and the millions of people whom that industry maintain. Yet if the industries that have been wrecked, the homes that have been pauperized by your foreign policy, and within the first six months of your administration could be seen at one view, the nation would be appalled. The walls of the White House will not shield you for the execution of a duped and plundered people.

A WORKINGMAN.

TOO HIGH A PRICE TO PAY.

The "Object Lesson" Proposed Would Entail Too Much Misery.

The free trade members of the ways and means committee have now completed their work. There is a feeling and disposition on the part of some manufacturers who favor protection, and who have become so disgusted with the efforts of the present free trade party to overthrow and revolutionize the industrial and commercial progress of the United States—not to oppose whatever changes in the McKinley tariff may now be offered by the party in power. The idea of these gentlemen is to let the free traders have full swing, that the people of the United States may learn to its full extent how disastrous the free trade policy would be to the country, and that the "object lesson" might be the greater. This, they think, would so effectually kill all advocacy of the free trade theory that the industrial progress of the United States would then become permanently established under a protective policy.

Such reasoning is wrong. The men who advocate it do not stop to consider what the effect would be. The American Economist has shown that the mere fear of free trade has cost a loss of \$5,000,000,000 to business and labor since the present administration assumed office. What, then, would be the result of its permanent establishment and enforcement? The importation of hundreds of millions of dollars' worth of foreign goods annually to take the place of goods that have recently, under protection, been manufactured in American mills by American workmen will involve such an enormous loss in money circulation, such a terrible waste of American labor, such a vast amount of distress among the poor classes of our country, that its effect is too terribly astounding to contemplate. A policy of passive submission to the present administration's free trade recommendation would be far too high a price for the American people and the American nation to pay.—American Economist.

The American Protective Tariff League.

The American Protective Tariff League assembled in special session and resolved "to continue the work aggressively." Why, certainly! We need not speak words of encouragement to the league—the skies have been raining encouragement upon it. Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York, Massachusetts, Iowa, New Jersey, have encouraged it. Deep has been calling on deep in thunderous sounds of encouragement. The American Protective Tariff League cannot but feel as "a giant refreshed with wine." Its patient and intelligent work has been crowned by success.

The peculiar virtue of the league is that it works incessantly. Other organizations are beneficially active in campaign times, but the league educates the people while their judgment is in repose. Its documents reach the farmer, and the mechanic, and the teacher, and the tradesman at times when they are not predisposed to regard every appeal to their intelligence as influenced by partisan ambition. It is in perpetual session for the education of the people in political economy as taught by the chiefs of the American school. It would be a calamity were the league to cease

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Main Street, Independence.

\$15.00 DINNER SET

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Give us a Call, Examine Our Dinner Sets, Get Our Prices. All Goods Sold at Bedrock Prices at McEachern & Sandercock's Independence.

McEachern & Sandercock will give, in thirty days, a Handsome Dinner Set, worth \$15.00. As cash is in great demand, and earns Big Discounts, and buys Genuine Bargains, for each ONE-DOLLAR cash purchase, the purchaser will be given ONE GUESS at the number of Coffee Grains in the bottle and the person coming the nearest the number will be entitled to the Present.

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One of the Simplest, Lightest and Strongest Grubbing Machines made. For terms and prices call on L. DAMON,

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We have also put in a New Improved Cleaner and will do a General Warehouse Business on the most favorable terms.

The highest market price paid for wheat at all times.

Satisfaction Guaranteed.

Independence Stables.

Stylish Turnouts Always in Readiness.

Having lately purchased the entire interest in the stables of J. N. Jones, we are now better prepared than ever to meet the demands of the public as we are now making and are preparing to make many substantial improvements. Teams boarded by the day or month. Traveling men a specialty.

SALEM STAGE—We operate a daily stage line between Salem and Falls City. Stage leaves Falls City for Independence at 4 a. m.; leaves Independence for Salem at 9 a. m. From Salem for Independence, stage at 1 p. m.; leaves Independence for Falls City at 4 p. m.

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