Admit That High Duties and Consequent High Prices Will Restrict the Use of

Some of the severest criticisms not only of special duties and clauses, but tem, come from the protected manufac- charged. turers themselves in their struggle with opposing interests. Mr. S. N. D. North, secretary of the Woolen Manufacturers' association, is now and always has been a stanch protectionist. As such he believes that the 70,000,000 consumers of plunder and that the manufacturers of block 21 in Windsor add, ordered, are the proper persons to enjoy the protection plunder.

The free wool experiment which we have been trying for three years, besides being an object lesson in the way of cheap woolens, has taught the woolen manufacturers that they can make as much or more profit with free wool and moderate protection, which permits people of moderate means to wear real woolen goods, than with high duties on both wool and woolens, which restricts the use of woolens to people in good circumstances. The manufacturers therefore display more than their usual modesty and patriotism in the advice which they are giving to congress. Mr. North is in Washington to voice the manufacturers' patriotism. Here is part of his advice as taken from the Washington correspondence of The Dry Goods Econ-

omist:

I am free to say the bill is far from satisfactory to the woolen manufacturers. The chief fault is to be found with the raw wool duties, which are so high that our manufacturers will find themselves sorely embarrassed. It is true the committee has provided compensatory duties which are probably sufficient to offset the duties on raw wool, but the difficulty will be, in my opinion, that the very considerable increase in price which must be made to cover the additional cost of raw material will have the effect of cutting down consumption to an extent that will be disastrous to the manufacturers. I do not contend that the rates on turers. I do not contend that the rates on woolen manufactures in the bill are not suffi-cient to protect us against too severe foreign competition, but the limit of the consumer's nurchasing powers was sent to be a sufficient to the consumer's purchasing power must control him in buying woolen manufactures, and I fear the rates of the new bill will very materially restrict con-

This is practically saying to Dingley, Aldrich and the other servants of the protected manufacturers at Washington:

"Go slow with your high duties and don't try to protect too many. If you let everybody into the protection ring, there will be nobody outside to prey upon and we will have to prey upon each other. Don't make the mistake of taxing raw materials too high. We wouldn't mind it if we could sell our goods and charge the tax over to the consumer. But when the tax is so high that we have to make our prices almost out of sight we have found that we cannot sell so many goods, because the people can't afford to wear clothes-that is, woolen clothes, which are the only ones worth considering because they are the only ones which we manufacture. Our solicitude for the dear American consumer is such that we do not wish to compel him to clothe himself in the



skins of beasts, which are neither fashionable nor healthful. Let us not tax him to death. Let us be reasonable and encourage him to live and to wear clothes. By so doing we can keep our mills running and give employment to American workingmen at American wages, which, after all, is the chief object aimed at by us protected manufacturers."—Byron W. Holt.

The Protectionist Performance. The following is a part of ex-Congressman John De Witt Warner's criticism of the Dingley bill:

"As it stands the most brilliant part of the pending performance consists in eating the words of the same actors in the Fifty-first congress. The McKinley bill of that date was virtually entitled 'a bill to redue revenues.' The Dingley bill is specially commended as a revenue getter. The McKinley bill pointed with pride to the poor man's free creakfast table. The Dingley bill puts the armer

-a single item of the breakfast toone-third of the total amount of the tariff tax proposed. The items of len are supposed to help the farm rare gana examples of so setting your trap water 'cotch 'em a-cumin and a-gy inc. instance, we have reciprocity in creter to give the farmers a market abread for what it is assumed they cannot produce causes fully half the slekness in the world. It * to give the farmers a market abroad for highly protected, as is done by another and produces bihousness, torpid liver, indifor home consumption unless they are

change of commodities is an advance in gestion, bad taste, coated civilization. Every obstruction to a free tonesse, stek headache, inexchange is born of the same narrow, despetic spirit which planted eastles upon the Rhine to plunder peaceful commerce. Every obstruction to commerce ity to a free exchange cheapens commodities, increases trade and population and premotes civilization.—John Sher- To CONSUMPTIVES man in 1868.

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CIRCUIT COURT.

An adjourned session of the circuit court convened on Tuesday and following business transacted:

All jurors except W. W. Aldridge; J. W. Boatman, Isaac Farr, Geo. C. Kinney, of the whole accursed protective sys- Henry Cooke and L. Blanchard dis-

> Pier Bros. vs John P. Cole, receiver; given until June 11th to file motion for new trial.

W. A. Hedges vs E. and Sarah O. Parker; judgment for \$123.80, costs and this country are legitimate subjects for \$40 attorney fee and sale of lots 7 and 8

L. Toedtemeier vs Clackamas Co; change of venue to Washington Co. E. Boeckman vs Clackamas Co; change of venue to Washington Co.

NEW CASES. Following actions were filed in circuit

court during past 10 days: S. S. McFadden vs Josie B. McFadden. Mary Young vs John and W. H.

M. K. Parris vs A. L. Blanchard. Jacob Spangler vs F. L. Mack and W

T. Whitlock. David Turney vs H. M. Jackson et als. H. McElsander vs B. E. Hawley et als WmBlount vs W. T. and A. A. Whit-

Sarah E. Paquet vs W. A. Avery et al. Thos Charman & Son vs D. H. Worsham.

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