

EFFECT OF FREE COMPETITION.

From "PROTECTION AND PROSPERITY" we extract the following. Mr. Curtis, the author, has given much space to this subject and his treatment is convincing and conclusive:

The ruin which must befall our country while passing through the transformation from our vast industrial system to the conditions imposed by an application of free trade principles, is most appalling to contemplate. In order to hold our home market, we must at once be reduced to the level of Europe as a producing country, and thus sacrifice billions of dollars in wages and submit to an incalculable shrinkage in values. But while this is taking place, our industries could not be kept intact. Our system of doing business on credit is so universal that shrinkage in values would ruin every manufacturing establishment and in turn wreck every bank, and in its destructive influence would reach every depositor and every home in the land. We should be left with a bankrupt people attempting, without capital or credit, to resuscitate and readjust our industries to a condition under which, if they were continued, they would yield meagre returns to labor and capital. This process has actually begun. The calamities of the last three years are but a shadow of what inevitably follow if the warfare is continued and the designs of free traders are put fully into practice.

The Gorman-Wilson bill directed its attack against the woolen industry by reducing duties to an average ad valorem rate of less than 50 per cent., which by a system of undervaluation that is made possible, reduces the protective duty still lower. The busy woolen mills of England and the idle woolen mills of the United States, with the increased imports of woolen goods, show that the death-dealing process is doing its work.

SOME FACTS FOR FARMERS.

In 1877 the average value of the hay crop in the United States was \$8.60 per ton. The following year it dropped to \$7.30, and in 1879, the year next ensuing, it jumped up to \$9.32 per ton. Again, in 1891, when this country was firmly on a gold basis, the average value of the hay crop was \$8.40 per ton. In 1892 it fell to \$6.73 per ton, and in 1893 it rose to \$8.68 per ton. Last year the average value was \$8.56 per ton.

Assuming that the fall in prices is due to the "crime of 1873," how are these fluctuations to be accounted for? Will some Bryanite explain also why it is that the average value of the hay crop per ton was greater in 1895, when we were on a gold basis, than it was in 1878, when gold was at a premium?

Hay has undoubtedly declined in price since 1873, but why should it not have done so? Apart from cheaper methods of production and cheaper rates of transportation, the annual hay crop increased from 25,085,100 tons in 1873 to 65,766,155 tons in 1895. Last year it amounted to about 47,000,000.

At the same time the number of horses in the United States increased only from 9,222,470 in 1873 to 15,803,318 in 1895. It is estimated that there are nearly 1,100,000 fewer horses in this country today than there were three years ago.

These plain facts and figures should not be hard to comprehend. Let the farmer study them before he allows himself to be hoodwinked by free silver demagogism.

Oregon-Grown Peaches.

A large quantity of Muri peaches are being shipped to market from E. K. Anderson's orchards near Talent. The peach crop has almost been a failure in all parts of Southern Oregon this season, on account of the late frosts, but there is an occasional orchard that has a partial crop. Mr. Anderson expects to market 1000 boxes from his orchard. The crop shortage has, of course, raised the price considerably for home consumption, local prices having run from 2 1/2 cents to 3 cents, where they are usually about 1 cent per pound. The peach trees will have a good rest this year, and will be prepared to do good work next year.

Sheehan's Resignation.

New York, Sept. 17.—William F. Sheehan today sent the following letter to James K. Jones, chairman of the democratic national committee at Chicago:

"Dear Sir: I respectfully tender my resignation as representative of the state of New York upon the democratic national committee. Yours truly, WILLIAM F. SHEEHAN."

BUFFALO, Sept. 17.—The state democratic committee selected Elliott Danforth chairman of the state committee to succeed James W. Hinckley, and Frank Campbell to succeed W. F. Sheehan, as national committeeman.

The Parrot.

Aunt Polly on the front porch sat With walnuts in a sack, With teeth so old and rotted that Not one nut could she crack.

She faltered as her teeth she pressed, Her grit would scarcely back her, When the parrot from his wire nest Says, "Polly wants a cracker."

Country schoolmarm—Does corn make anything besides bread and whiskey? Little Jim—Papa's corn makes something else.

Schoolmarm—What is it Jim? Jim—Blister on my hands.

Mr. Wooing, (to his sweetheart), What is sweeter than your smiling face?

Little Johnny (from behind the door), That sack of taffy in your coat pocket.

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