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PASSING THE TARIFF.

Democratic senators in caucus have decided to offer no opposition to immediate consideration by the senate of the tariff bill, and have issued a statement in which they recognize that the business interests of the country require as speedy a disposition of the question as is consistent with an intelligent consideration of the measure.

It is a wise conclusion. Uncertainty as to pending tariff legislation obstructs business and interferes with industry. The pending tariff question is responsible in part for the present gold drain to Europe. Anxious to evade the provisions of the new tariff, importers are rushing foreign merchandise into the country. A recent treasury statement shows that imports of merchandise for April reached the unparalleled total of \$101,305,131. Although exports were \$8,000,000 larger than during the same month last year, the net result is an excess of imports over exports of \$23,570,431, as against an excess of exports in April last year of \$12,500,000.

The conviction that tariff agitation hurts business and industry is shared by all parties. The Republican national platform of 1896 recognized this truth when it declared that the country wanted a speedy, business-like, American solution of the tariff, and then it wanted rest. The Democracy admits that it dare not accept the responsibility for filibustering or tedious opposition to the Dingley bill.

It is apparent that the Republican party will be permitted to write its policies into legislation with slight obstruction and little delay. It seems willing to face the responsibility, and the opposition in congress is just as willing to give it free rein. This is what the country wants. The Republican party has promised a line of legislation which, it guarantees, will restore prosperity. In four years the soundness or the unsoundness of these policies can be made plain to the country. The Republican party has declared that the trouble lies with the tariff, and that when it has revised the tariff, the country will be prosperous on the single gold standard. The country wants prosperity, and it wants the test proposed by the Republicans, and, as conceded by the Democratic senatorial caucus, the sooner the test can be applied, consistent with decent regard for the rights of open discussion on the floor of congress, the better will it be.

SOME FEET.

The Ladies Home Journal is usually artistic, but its June number combines poetry with art on its cover. The female figure ornamenting the cover page is poetical only in that it has such metrical feet. The falling drapery fortunately conceals the larger portion of those pedestals, but still there is enough exposed to show that the model was born in Chicago. The posing of the figure is phenomenally ungraceful, the position reminding one of the would-be-senator, Corbett, for the left leg is a dactyl and the right a pterodactyl, being several inches the longer, while the waist line runs diagonally around the slouchy figure from the articulation of the left hip to that of the right shoulder. Bad as the balance of the figure is, the feet are so execrably and infernally ugly that it is only by an effort that the gaze may be diverted from them to the balance of the figure.


Bulwer Lytton, in "A Strange Story," describes the incantations of

Margrave and the circle of lamps that had to be kept burning, and he puts the climax to the realistic and horrid scene by making an immense foot advance ever between the lamps. That foot wasn't an inch by the side of the Chicago tootsies the artist has placed under that female figure on the front page of the Home Journal. They look as though they belonged to the Goddess of Liberty on Bledsoe island.

A successful French writer undertakes to show his countrymen the harm that has come to them through international exhibitions. He gives the foremost place among these ills to American progress. He alleges, and doubtless believes, that Americans have attended previous exhibitions merely to learn, and that they did learn. Then they went home and applied their information. Even the comprehensive branch of industry and trade, embracing what are known as articles de Paris, has been trenched upon. Americans, he says, are producing in the same field, and their imports from France have greatly fallen off. In addition to these considerations he has artistic objections to the arrangements for the exhibition of 1900, and he combines his griefs in depreciation of that project.

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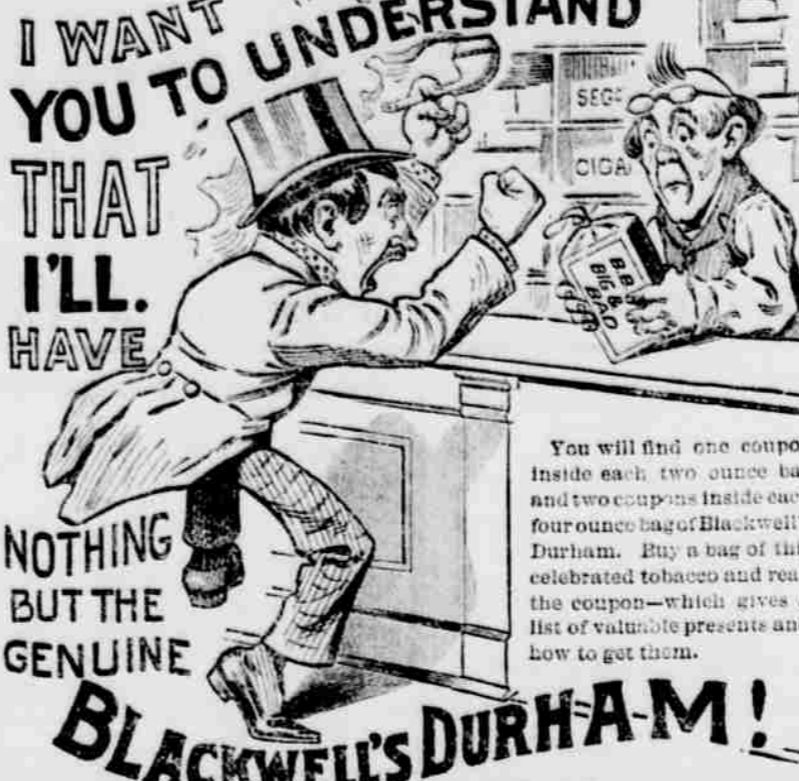
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