

FAVORS TO THE RICH.

A Comparison of the Condition of Manufacturing and Agricultural Interests. From the Missouri Republican.

The "Industrial States," as Mr. Blaine calls them, are the six New England States, together with New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania—nine in all. They are called industrial States because they are engaged chiefly in manufacturing, and to distinguish them from the other twenty-nine States, which are engaged chiefly in farming.

It is held that the manufacturing interest cannot thrive without the special favor of the government—and the policy of the government has been founded upon this theory for twenty-five years. The manufacturing interest has been favored at the cost of the agricultural. The nine industrial States have been granted special privileges of enormous value at the expense of the twenty-nine farming States.

And yet these industrial States, which, on the plea of being unable to help themselves, are assisted by the government, are the richest in the Union. They are the capital States. They are the money-lending States. They are the creditor States. They are the abodes of wealth and opulence. They are the centres of the money power. They are the homes of thousands of millionaires, of hundreds whose fortunes are \$5,000,000 to \$10,000,000 each, and of not a few whose fortunes are \$25,000,000 to \$50,000,000 each.

The per capita wealth in the industrial States is twice as great as in the farming States. It is \$1,259 in Pennsylvania; \$1,267 in New Jersey; \$1,364 in Connecticut; \$1,499 in New York; \$1,519 in Rhode Island, and \$1,563 in Massachusetts—the largest per capita being in that State where manufacturing is the larger interest.

The whole farming interest of the country, that is of all the thirty-eight States and six Territories, with \$12,000,000,000 capital and 7,670,000 workers, made a total farm product in 1880 of \$2,215,402,000, while the nine industrial States, with less than one-seventh as much capital (\$1,720,000,000) and less than one-fourth as many workers (1,778,000), made a net product of manufactures (exclusive of the cost of materials used) of \$1,211,142,000, or more than one-half as great as the value of all the farm produce in the entire country.

The net profits on manufacturing in the industrial States in 1880 amounted to \$434,000,000, or 25 per cent, on the total capital invested (\$1,720,000,000). The United States agricultural report for 1886 estimates that the net profits on the farming industry of the whole country are 3 1/2 per cent, on the capital invested.

The average value of the labor of the 7,670,000 persons engaged in agriculture in the country in 1880 was \$288—and the average value of the labor of the 1,778,000 persons engaged in manufacturing pursuits in the industrial States was \$709. This means that a person can make for himself and employer two and a half times as much in the industrial States as he can in agriculture in the farming States, or that 1,000 persons can earn as much in cotton mills in Rhode Island as 2,500 persons can earn on farms in Kansas.

In 1886, according to the official report of the bureau of statistics at Washington, the nine industrial States had 2,941,730 depositors, with \$1,033,282,000 deposits in savings banks—besides the amount (probably \$200,000,000) which was on deposit in other banks. All the other States together had only 217,120 depositors with \$108,347,000 deposits. The smallest of the industrial States, Rhode Island, had more savings deposits (\$51,818,000) than all the twenty-nine agricultural States, except California, put together, and the single State of Massachusetts had more than twice as much (\$274,998,000) as all the twenty-nine agricultural States, California included.

In 1880, of \$645,000,000 United States registered bonds in the country, the industrial States held more than four-fifths (\$529,000,000), and all the other States less than one-fifth (\$115,000,000).

These figures show clearly, not only where the wealth of the country is centered, but where the greatest prosperity and the largest profits in business are to be found, and they prove, too, that under the iniquitable policy of protecting and favoring the special interests of one small section of the country at the expense of those of all other sections, there has been for twenty-five years past a steady and pitiless drain of assistance from the agricultural to the industrial States.

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