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RESTRICTED IMMIGRATION.

There will never be so good a time as the present for a reform in the immigration laws of this country, about which there is beginning to be much talk in eastern newspapers. The rate at which immigration has fallen off during the past year is one of the inevitable and most easily comprehended results of the business stagnation due to the fears of tariff legislation that may still further paralyze the industries of the country.

This falling off in immigration was very great last year, but steamship agents at New York and other leading ports of entry estimate that this year it will not exceed 50 per cent of what it was in 1893. The foreigner disposed to come to this country is kept back by the fear that he will be unable to obtain employment, and very sensibly prefers occupation of some character at home than enforced idleness in this country, where he has neither friends nor money.

A remarkable feature of this decrease of immigration in the past year or two is that the falling off has been of the most undesirable class of foreigners, and it is a noteworthy and satisfactory fact that the immigrants who are still coming are mainly of a very superior kind and bid fair to make most desirable citizens, though undesirable immigrants continue to come to a certain extent.

Another important fact is that the tide has turned in the other direction, and the number of objectionable foreigners who are returning to the old countries is truly astonishing. The closing of the mills and factories, while being of the greatest possible harm to the country, has not been without this indirect benefit of driving so many of the worst class of foreigners back to their old homes.

It would seem the part of wisdom if congress would take advantage of this era of distrust on the part of the foreigners who are inclined to come to this country only for the sake of the increased wages to be obtained, and who are so loosely attached that in periods of depression they go home and await the resumption of prosperity here to return again to resume their competition with the legitimate wage-earners of America, and so amend the immigration laws that for a period of at least ten years it shall be impossible for the pauper labor of Europe to enter the portals of the United States. There could be no easier time than the present to inaugurate such a reform, and inasmuch as it is conceded that restriction must come sooner or later, why not take advantage of the existing favorable conditions and make the changes now?

In the speeches of the southern congressmen and senators manufacturers are made the target of all sorts of abuse. They are denounced as extortioners, robber barons and protected plunderers, and held up for the execration of mankind. Yet what class of men is more warmly welcomed in a community? For whom will a city offer greater inducements than manufacturers? Is there any other class that contributes more potentially to the prosperity of cities or gives more employment to labor? When a new factory is established in a town everybody rejoices. Yet, according to Mills, Vest, Harris, Wilson, Breckenridge and other southern statesmen, they are bloated monopolists and robbers who deserve to be crippled. To cripple them would also cripple their hundreds of thousands employees, but what care Mills, Harris, et

al.? They are envious of the north, and having failed to humble it by armed force, they resort to hostile legislation. There can be no doubt in the mind of any student of the country's history that the three ex-confederates who framed the tariff bill were actuated by no other motive. Is there any wonder that some of the northern Democrats rebel at this rebel raid on their industrial bulwarks?

There is good reason to believe that the result of the election marks a new era in the political history of Oregon. There can be no doubt that many Democrats all over the state voted the Republican ticket straight, and that, too, as much on the tariff issue as out of the fear of Populist control in the legislature. No state in the union stands to lose more in the long run under free trade than this, and it is no exaggeration to say no state will be benefited more in the next decade by a continuation of the policy of protection. Democrats are now beginning to realize this since the Cleveland election, and try as hard as the party leaders may, the business men of that party can no longer be kept in line with its free trade domination. So far as the Populists are concerned, they have cut their last figure as an organization in the state. Their disintegration is absolutely certain before the next general election, and they will be no longer counted as a factor in the political situation. The feeling of relief to be witnessed on all sides since the result has become known is truly remarkable, and business men are now relieved of a strain that has hampered their energies for many months past and contributed in no small degree to the general prostration of business.

The good humor and fortitude with which John Fox bears the treachery and perfidy of the men who slaughtered him on Monday appeals to the admiration of even his political enemies. He shows by his bearing under the circumstances that he has the right stuff in him, and if he needs any consolation he ought to find it in the reflection that he has demonstrated his possession of the kind of manhood Americans are proud of.

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