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MCKINLEY PRICES STILL

THE "DEMOCRATIC CONSPIRACY" NOT YET DECLARED OFF.

Prices Rising and Still Higher in Sight: Some Points About Wool and Carpets. Domestic Manufacturers Joining the "Conspiracy."

When the Democratic papers printed during the recent campaign the facts about the rise in prices of many articles, the protectionist papers denounced such publication of the news as a "Democratic conspiracy," and the national Republican committee spoke of "all talk about rising prices" as a "Democratic falsehood."

But the rise in prices has gone on during the same since the election as during the campaign, and it is certain that in some lines at least, high water mark has not yet been touched. The trade papers supply abundant evidence of this. The New York Commercial Bulletin printed on Tuesday, Nov. 25, the following in its review of the foreign dry goods trade in New York: "The week opens with prices firm and unchanged all along the line. New tariff standards have not been reached as yet, but the market is firm, and fall prices will be firmly established so soon as the cold weather develops any important necessity for additional supplies. At present buyers have few imperative necessities, and as a matter of course are stoutly resisting the gradual advance of prices."

The Dry Goods Chronicle makes the same report. It says: "As to prices, there is a steady tendency toward full new tariff standards, and while all lines have not as yet reached the top figure the evening up process is gradually but surely going on, and will ere long reach a point where imports to importers at least, if not to buyers."

Another authority to the same effect is The Dry Goods Economist, which says: "Spring prices will be much nearer to the new tariff standard than fall figures have been. Spring orders have been of satisfactory volume and fabrics will be marketed at full new rates."

In regard to linen handkerchiefs The Economist says: "No article of such general use has been so greatly affected by the McKinley tariff as have linen handkerchiefs of every description."

Another article which has been touched on is "McKinley prices" is horse blankets. The Commercial Bulletin explains why:

"Horse blankets are stiffening somewhat in price. East India wool, which enters largely into the manufacture of these goods, has advanced considerably as a combined result of enhanced rates of foreign exchange on silver and the Chinese says:

"With the upward tendency of wool under limited supplies and restrictive tariff clauses, mill owners will find it no easy task to supply their consumptive wants unless at enhanced values, which as a matter of course must enter in some way into the cost of the manufactured article."

One of the lines of goods most affected by the McKinley wool duties is carpets. In order to meet the increased cost of carpet with the manufacturers of carpet have been compelled to increase the price of carpets of all kinds."

Thus the McKinley law was passed there was an advance of carpet prices by some dealers; but as the old stock of wool were not exhausted some manufacturers could continue to supply carpets at old prices.

A letter from one such establishment was printed in the protectionist journals during the campaign to prove that there had been no advance in price.

This was from S. Sanford & Sons, carpet manufacturers of Amsterdam, N. Y.

One member of this firm, Hon. John Sanford, being at that time a Republican candidate for congress, was anxious to alight the excitement about McKinley's tariff, and thus "save his skin" on election day. Accordingly the firm sent out the following letter about the middle of October:

DEAR SIRS—It is being industriously circulated that prices of carpets have gone up 25 per cent. since the passage of the McKinley bill. We desire to say that this statement is untrue. The consumer purchases today the various kinds of carpets manufactured by us at the prices prevailing previous to the passage of the McKinley bill."

Hon. John Sanford has been re-elected to congress, and now the firm of S. Sanford & Sons has joined the "Democratic conspiracy to raise prices."

The following table will show what has been done:

EX-PROTECTOR'S CHART OF CARPET PRICES.

JOHN SANFORD & SONS, CARPET MANUFACTURERS, NEW YORK.

Carpet, per square yard, 18 months ago, \$1.50; now, \$1.75.

Carpet, per square yard, 18 months ago, \$1.25; now, \$1.50.

Carpet, per square yard, 18 months ago, \$1.00; now, \$1.25.

Carpet, per square yard, 18 months ago, \$0.75; now, \$1.00.

Carpet, per square yard, 18 months ago, \$0.50; now, \$0.75.

Carpet, per square yard, 18 months ago, \$0.30; now, \$0.45.

Carpet, per square yard, 18 months ago, \$0.20; now, \$0.30.

Carpet, per square yard, 18 months ago, \$0.15; now, \$0.20.

Carpet, per square yard, 18 months ago, \$0.10; now, \$0.15.

Carpet, per square yard, 18 months ago, \$0.08; now, \$0.12.

Carpet, per square yard, 18 months ago, \$0.06; now, \$0.10.

Carpet, per square yard, 18 months ago, \$0.04; now, \$0.06.

Carpet, per square yard, 18 months ago, \$0.03; now, \$0.04.

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Carpet, per square yard, 18 months ago, \$0.01; now, \$0.02.

Carpet, per square yard, 18 months ago, \$0.005; now, \$0.01.

Carpet, per square yard, 18 months ago, \$0.002; now, \$0.003.

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