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SOME TARIFF FIGURES

AN article in the July number of Watson's Magazine gives some interesting facts regarding the tariff in its relation to trust products with a comparison of prices exacted by the implement trust for farming machinery as against the prices charged in foreign countries for the same American-produced article. The article shows pretty conclusively that, as a protective proposition for the trust magnate, the tariff is still a howling success, but as a beneficial scheme for the farmer it has long since outlived its usefulness.

Believing that the subject is one of interest to the farmers of southern Oregon, a portion of the article referred to is herewith reproduced:

"One of our correspondents, writing to us upon this subject, is kind enough to furnish a table of prices prevailing in Buenos Ayres. The Advance plow, which sells in this country for \$18, is sold in Buenos Ayres for \$9. Thus our farmers pay twice as much for the Advance plow as the South American farmer pays. American farmers are tariff-taxed to "protect" the American manufacturer from foreign competition, and yet it is the foreigner who gets the benefit. You are made to pay \$18 for your improved plow, in order that the South American farmer may have the same plow at \$9!

"Can you figure out any advantage to yourself in such an arrangement? The hay tedder, which costs you \$45, is sold at Buenos Ayres at \$30. The mower costs you \$65; it costs the South American farmer \$40. You and I pay \$25 for a horse-rake; if we were foreigners we would only pay \$17.

"The feed cutter, No. 3, for which we pay \$90, goes to the poor, downtrodden foreigner at \$60.

"The Ann Arbor cutter demands \$40 of us; it is satisfied with \$28 in Buenos Ayres.

"The cultivator which is priced to you at \$30, is sold to the South American farmer for \$22.

"The list could be lengthened to an almost indefinite extent.

"The general result, the ruinous fact, is that the tariff has become a colossal trap in which the trust holds the American consumer, while it imports cheap foreign labor, uses it to combat American labor, and thus, compelling the American consumer to pay two prices, is enabled to go abroad and undersell the European manufacturer in his own market.

"The history of mankind has never presented such a frightful scene of capitalistic exploitation."

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underground water literature published in the United States in 1905 has been prepared by Messrs. M. L. Fuller, F. G. Clapp and B. L. Johnson of the United States geological survey. It is published as water-supply and Irrigation Paper No. 163, and is intended for general distribution.

Two distinct classes of readers were kept in mind in preparing the index, the first including those who are interested in the underground-water resources of special regions and the second those who are interested in some particular type of ground water or in one or more of the many problems of ground water occurrence. For the benefit of the first class, comprehensive entries are given under states and other political or natural divisions, while the numerous subject entries will appeal to readers of the second class.

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