

THAT \$10 SUIT OF CLOTHES.

During the tariff debate in the house Friday, Mr. McKinley of Ohio, to the astonishment of all and the discomfort of Mr. Morse of Boston, who had been interrupting the speaker, dramatically unrolled and held up for inspection a \$10 suit of "all wool clothes" bought at the Boston clothing house of the third district congressman. Mr. McKinley then went on to shake this suit of "all wool" in the faces of the democrats in refutation of the oft-repeated assertion that the tariff on woolen goods enhanced the prices of those products manufactured in this country, and he asserted in his turn that the laborer paid no more for his clothing in this than in any other country. The New York Tribune now takes the \$10 suit and reasserts that "the clothes worn by workmen are as cheap here with protective duties as they would be if the same goods could be imported free of duty." Such claims have been made very frequently during the tariff agitation. Nor do we pretend to deny them.

But the war tariff advocates should be consistent. If these claims are true, then it follows: Either, that the efficiency of American labor employed in the woolen manufacturing industry is great enough to overcome any difference in wages here and abroad; or, American labor is paid no more in that industry than English labor. What, therefore? Why, the tariff is absolutely useless in either case as a protection against pauper labor. There is no escape from this dilemma. The war tariff men must either admit that the duties enhance the price not only of products imported, but of those of domestic manufacture; or they must admit that American labor needs no protection. More than all this, they must admit that, if duties of 80 and 100 per cent are needed on these same woolen clothes—which they so strenuously claim—to afford protection to labor, that is, make up the difference in the cost of labor here and abroad, then the amount of these duties must be added to the price of the product to save the manufacturer from loss.

Do they admit it? Not much. Then of what use is an 80 or 100 per cent tariff on woolen goods? On the other hand they say clothing can be made as cheap here as anywhere. Then labor must be as cheap here as anywhere, its efficiency making good any difference in the nominal rate here and in England. Consistency is a precious jewel and exceeding rare in this partisan rowl at the tariff.

John Dunlap, the millionaire tin-plate manufacturer, of Pittsburg, Pa., has published a letter indorsing President Cleveland's tariff ideas, and says Mr. Cleveland deserves the thanks of the country for the prosperous administration he has given the people. In politics Mr. Dunlap has been an independent, although his leanings were to the republican party. He did not vote for President Cleveland, but as he sat in his cosy office on Second avenue and reviewed the administration of the Chief Executive he concluded by saying: "I will vote for President Cleveland. He has given us the best administration of public affairs that we have ever had; and I wish to add also that I am most earnestly in favor of the Mills bill, and am convinced that it will be a blessing to this country."

"During my fifty years' experience as a business man," he added, "the questions of duties, tariffs, etc., have been a source of continual agitation. How many blatant, frothy demagogues have ridden this back into seats in Congress, and now assist in continuing the agitation in order to continue in their places! They have no desire to permanently settle the vexed question, no desire to extract the thorn that produced the inflammation, for if it were not for these yearly turnouts what would become of the aspiring politician? I am satisfied that in case the Mills bill is passed, with some changes in relation to certain kinds of glass and iron, all the fretting and yearly clamor about protection will be ended."

"The present tariff laws are unjust and unequal. Why should there be a duty of some 35 per cent. on tin plate. It is not made in our country, nor is it desirable to make it, but it affects many of our interests, from the cans that contain our oil and meats for exportation and home use down to tin cup found in both palace and hovel."

The Republicans in the senate appear to be hedging in their opposition to the confirmation of Melville W. Fuller to be chief justice. A man whom Robert T. Lincoln, Judge Gresham and Walker Blaine had recommended to the president is not the sort of man for Republicans to kick against effectively, although it is by no means clear why Walker Blaine should have felt called upon to tender his opinion on such a subject.

Congressman Springer's idea of placing those articles on the free list which are particularly liable to be controlled by trusts, is not exactly new, but it is a good one for all that.

Senator Gorman chats freely about New York and national democratic politics. Said he: "The united condition of the democracy in New York seems to give the republicans the idea that there is trouble underneath. They say that the democracy always does best when it quarrels most fiercely internally, and the observation is true enough, but I apprehend there will be quarrelling enough on local matters among the democratic leaders to make up for any lack of it on larger matters, and that the results will be eminently satisfactory to us. In our party there is really but one presidential candidate. There is no opposition to him, and his re-election may be safely predicted. Mr. Cleveland will be elected easily—I say easily advisedly. He has made an issue on the reduction of taxation without disturbance of the labor or industries of the country. On such issue no man has ever been defeated. I recognize Mr. Blaine as the strongest republican candidate, and believe he will be renominated, but he cannot defeat Mr. Cleveland. There will, of course, be a fight. The republican party is an enormous, great organization, full of vigor and vitality, and will not give up without a struggle, but it cannot win this time."

It is now the Republicans who are afraid of the tariff issue. They decline the proposition of the Democratic leaders in the House to take an immediate vote on the Mills Bill. For two months they have been denouncing this as a "Free-Trade" measure, sure to ruin the country. When the President raised the issue the Republican leaders cried: "Aha! we have them now!" But when brought to a test their confidence oozes away like Bob Acre's courage. They wish to obstruct and delay and dodge. The defense of surplus-creating war taxes does not promise as well as they imagined it would.

Taxes Democracy shouts for CLEVELAND, the Mills Bill, free trade with Mexico and down with the Surplus! A voice is also raised for Roger Q. Mills for Vice-President. The fact is, Texas is proud of its Mills.

County Canvass.

Waterloo, Thursday, May 31st, at one o'clock p. m.
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