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THE STATEMENT PAISE.

A Mill Owner Thinks the Passage of the Mills Bill Would Increase his Business.

Congressman Gear, of Iowa, made a speech the other day in Congress, saying that in case the Mills bill became a law a certain factory in his district in Iowa would be compelled to "shut down" and a large number of workmen would be thrown out of employment thereby. This statement the owner of the mill pointedly states is not true, which the following manly and straight forward letter to a friend will show

Office of Isaiah Meek, Bonaparte, Iowa-May 21st, 1888 .- Dear Sir: In reply to yours of the 19th inst., I would say :

1. That our factory commenced opera tions in 1854, and was in full blast in 1856 and we have been running continuously since that time except from July, 1863, to March, 1864, which time having been burn ed out, we were rebuilding our factory. We have run continuously since then, except short stops in the winter for repairs.

2. The volume of our business is larger than before the war, because we have a great deal more machinery and facilities for manufacturing. Taking, however, the amount of machinery we had before the war and our facilities for conducting the business, we had proportionately as large if not a larger amount of business then, and I know with more profit to us.

3. Our business was much more profitable before the war than now.

4. If the Mills bill passes, with its provisions for the reduction of the wool tariff, it is my opinion it would not reduce the velume of our business, but have a tendency to increase it. It would, if passed,increase our profits, and consequently our ability to increase wages of operatives. In our experience, however, the question of wages is regulated by the law of supply and demand wholly, and not affected by the tariff.

5. In my opinion, the number of sheep has largely decreased in Van Buren county since 1860. I am a sheep breeder, and while the sheep industry, taken for a succession of years, is always a profitable business, the profit before the tariff was put on wool was as great and some years greater than now.

6. With reference to wages paid before the war and now, I have forgotten, and am unable to answer. I find on reference to my books, that we paid our boss carder in 1865 the same wages we pay now.

Truly yours, ISAIAH MEEK.

The democrats in 1888 are only attempting to do in this matter of tariff revision exactly the same thing as the republicans declared to be just and right a few years ago. The House of Representatives con. sidered the clause in the Mills bill which proposes to remove the duty on salt, as advised by a democratic committee of Ways and Means appointed by a democratic Speaker. The republicans opposed the proposition on the ground that it meant "free trade." Yet it is only a few years since Mr. Blaine, as Speaker of a republican House, appointed a republican committee of Ways and Means which urged a thor ough revision of the tariff; and since Mr. Blaine's right-hand man, Mr. Eugene Hale, introduced a bill to repeal the duty on salt, which was passed by a republican House, 147 to 47, among the affirmative votes being those of Hale and Frye of Maine, Dawes and Hoar of Massachusetts, and Garfield of Ohlo, while Mr. Hale justified the action of the Republican majority in these words:

The duty upon salt is now 18 cents per oppounds in bulk and 24 cents in sacks The best Turk's Island salt can be purchased at the place where it is produced for from 9 to 10 cents per bushel. Any gen-tleman here can compute for himself the tleman here can compute for himself the percentage of duty resting upon this article. I believe there is no one question about which the reflection of millions of people day by day is so decided as it is in declaring that there should be no tax upon this article of salt. I have been asked to can down the duty so per cent. I do not consent to that. I believe this article should no upon the free list: that the moreonely go upon the free list; that the monopoly which has obtained heretofore for the Onondaga salt works—as great and complete as any monopoly ever granted by the Tudors in England's most despotic times—ought to cease.

The man who supposes that a party can stultify itself as the republican party now proposes to do, by charging that the tariff policy adopted by republicans a few years ago becomes "free trade" when endorsed by democrats in 1888, and can carry the country on that issue after a five months' discussion, indeed "insults the intelligence" of the American people.

Wool men are now beginning to inquire why the price of wool does not go up since Oregon has gone republican.

The Republican plan of campaign for the pending contest is openly confessed to be what is known in political parlance as "working the free-trade racket." To every argument in favor of the Democratic ticket and platform, the one answer is to be loud cry of Free trade!" There are two difficulties in the way of carrying out this polley. The first is that it "insults the intelligence" of the people, as Mr. Depew when running on the Democrotic ticket in this State a few years ago, said of the companion dodge, which used to be known as "working the rebeldebt racket," when Mr. Blaine was exploiting it on Republican stump. In other words, the Republican programme in 1888 is based upon the assumption that the American people are a pack of fools.

The republican party in 1884 put the following plank in their platform

"The democratic party has failed com-pletely to relieve the people of the burden of unnecessary taxation by a wise reduc-tion of the surplus. The republican party pledges itself to correct the inequalities of the tariff and to reduce the surplus."

The democrats put the following plank in their platform :

"That change is necessary is proved by an existing surplus of more than \$100,020, 000, which has yearly been collected from a suffering people. Unnecessary taxation is unjust taxation. The democratic party is pledged to revise the tariff in a spirit of fairness to all interests."

Read them both carefully and decide for yourselves as to which party is living up to its pledges.

An American proposes to carry a German flag a distance of 200 miles over the most prominent highway of France, to demostrate that the anti-German sentiment is not bitter among the people. The only encourageing feature connected with the undertaking is the brobability that the crank will get killed so dead that he will not recover.

Dispatches to-day say the republicans in Chicago will put a plank in their platform favoring the repeal of the internal revenue tax on tobacco. Well, why do this? There is a provision in the Mili's bill repealing the tax. To adopt such a plank would raise no

FOURTH OF JULY.-Crawford will give an other one of those popular parties at the Lowson dancing academy on the evening of July 4, 1888. Musicians from Portland will be added to his justly celebrated orchestra, an elegant supper will be served and no pains will be spared to make this the most social event of the season.

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