

A Washington telegram says that the Senate Finance committee will give a hearing to the manufacturers of guns and cutlery before passing finally upon that clause of the tariff which relates to their interests. Upon the surface of things it would appear that these people had had too much hearing already, for the Senate bill increases the duties on their products to an extent quite unparalleled in the present tariff schedules. The duty on the cheapest breech-loading guns, now 35 per cent., is increased by the Senate bill to 291 per cent; on the next grade to 182 per cent; on the next to 150 per cent; but on the highest grade, those used by rich people, the duty remains unchanged or is slightly reduced. On cheap cutlery the bill is equally audacious, as the following table will show:

	Present duty.	Proposed duty.
Table knives—	35	155
Costing 16 cents per dozen	35	100
Costing 30 cents per dozen	35	100
Pocket knives—	30	203
Costing 18 cents per dozen	30	350
Costing 31 cents per dozen	30	350
Costing 45 cents per dozen	30	130
Costing 80 cents per dozen	30	150
Costing 100 cents per dozen	30	175

Here again the discrimination is against the poor. Table knives costing \$8 per dozen are now taxed 35 per cent. The bill raises the duty only to 37½ per cent. The same discrimination is made in respect of pocket knives; the duty on four-blade knives, costing \$7.20 per dozen, which is now 50 per cent., is raised only to 53 per cent. It is to be hoped that the proposed rehearing before the committee will be public.

A dispatch from Raleigh, North Carolina, says: "Several negroes were before the United States Circuit Court here on charges of intimidating men of their own race who wanted to vote the democratic ticket. Joseph Lassler was discharged, as he did not commit the offense until after the man he approached had voted. Major Herndon was convicted of having intimidated Reuben Gregory, and of having threatened to kill him. Judge Seymour to-day sentenced him to a term of imprisonment. It is specially worthy of note that while the republicans have made many accusations, both before and after election, as to the intimidation of republican voters by democrats, the only cases of intimidation which have come before the courts have been those from Oxford in which republican negroes threatened persons of their race who voted the democratic ticket. It is notorious that in some places negroes who dared so to vote were practically prescribed by both men and women of their race." These reports of intimidation of democratic negroes by republican negroes come from all parts of the South. Would it not be about the right thing to curtail the representation of Ohio or some other republican state for permitting this thing?

It is not very pleasant news for the canning industry that the Senate propose to increase more than 100 per cent the tax on tin-plate. California is directly interested in free jute and free tin, and any tariff on her fresh fruits, as an offset to a tax on those two articles, is a delusion and a snare. It is true that this state seems to have voted against free tin and jute, and it largely increased the majority of Mr. McKenna, who especially advocated a tax on both, but for all that the fact remains that a tax on those articles is a tax on our farmers, fruit growers and canners, and it should be removed, rather than increased.

The manufacturing districts of the East, in which the tariff scare was most strenuously worked, have not been affected by it. It is not easy to tell the consequences of what never happened, but two things are as well established as anything of the kind can be—one that the protected monopolists' money bought the election and the other that they would have spent just as much and just as corruptly if Mr. Cleveland had never mentioned the tariff in his message.

In ordinary table cutlery the knives, forks and spoons used by the poorest people and by the millions, now pay, thirty-five per cent. The Senate bill increases the duty to fifty and sixty per cent. Ordinary pocket cutlery and razors now pay fifty per cent. The Senate bill raises them to from sixty to one hundred and fifty per cent., and lays the highest duty in every case on the cheapest goods.

Johnny. "Tommy, let's put our pennies together and buy ma a nice Christmas present."

Tommy. "All right."  
"What shall it be?"  
"I guess we had better get a padded slipper."

The Republicans are going to triple the tax on cotton ties for the benefit of Pennsylvania. This will give one or two millionaires another million or so in ten cent pieces extorted from the hard working negroes of the cotton belt.

A man who would feel sensitive about baldness if it came to him naturally, often cuts all the hair off his face with an idea that it improves his looks. Men are weak creatures.

We all know that for a clean economical administration of affairs it is better to have the revenue a spur to economy, through being a little short, than an encouragement for wastefulness by reason of its excess.

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