

"REDUCTION" AND "REFORM."

The *Herald* says that during the late campaign the democrats accused the republicans of being opposed to tariff reform, and now cites the fact of the passage of the Senate substitute bill to show that republicans are not hostile to tariff reform. The *Herald* misstates the fact there was never any doubt in the minds of democrats that republicans were in favor of "tariff reform," but they did doubt that republicans were in favor of "tariff reduction," and they doubt it yet, and the passage of the Senate substitute bill confirms that doubt. There is a very wide difference between "tariff reform" and "tariff reduction." "Tariff reform" is a meaningless term. The man who favors raising the duty on any one or all the articles now on the dutiable list is a "tariff reformer." The man who favors "tariff reduction" is one who would make duties less instead of more. In the bill which the republican Senate has just passed the duty on wool, tin and nearly all kinds of woollen goods has been largely increased. This proves republicans to be in favor of "tariff reform," and at the same time proves that they are hostile to "tariff reduction." The *Herald* unwittingly admits this distinction when it says:

"To illustrate the difference between tariff reduction and revenue reform, the Finance committee of the Senate framed a substitute for the Mills bill which should tend to reduce the revenue and yet preserve the principle of protection to home industries."

Here is an open confession that the Senate bill is made solely to reduce the revenue but not the tariff. The democrats have contended and yet contend that the interests of the millions of consumers should be considered as well as the hundreds or thousands of manufacturers in this tariff legislation. To illustrate the difference between democratic "tariff reduction" and republican "tariff reform" we would refer to the action of both parties on the sugar question. The democrats in the Mills bill made an absolute reduction of about 25 per cent and gave to the consumer the full benefit of this reduction, while the republicans made a reduction of 50 per cent, and then in the way of a bonus or bounty gave back about 30 per cent to the makers of sugar and this duty is to be paid out of the people's money thus depriving the consumer of the greater part of the reduction made. This is one of the complicated contrivances resorted to to deceive the people. So far as the consumers as well as manufacturers of sugar are concerned, the Mills bill makes a greater reduction on sugar than the Senate bill.

For months past crows, to the number of from one million to three million, have swarmed in the eastern end of Douglass county, Illinois, feeding in the fields in day time and collecting at night. About dusk these birds gather in from the surrounding country in myriads, and the noise they make is deafening. Frequently they alight in such vast numbers on the trees that large limbs are broken under their weight. One day last week a black cloud of these birds was crossing the railroad track, when the smoke from the engine blinded them. They flew against the side of the swiftly moving cars, and persons who watched the strange sight counted nearly two hundred dead crows.

The feelings of the *Oregonian* is terribly worked up because as it says there are a dozen or so of Astoria pilots at Salem using the money they make out of high pilot charges to prevent the Legislature from reducing pilot charges. The *Oregonian* should not whine when it has to swallow its own medicine. This work of the pilots at Salem is exactly similar to the work performed by protected monopolies last fall to prevent a reduction of the tariff duties.

A Washington telegraph operator recently remarked: "You see wonderful spelling among the high officials frequently. I once sent a telegram from Gen. Grant in his own hand writing which began: "I regret that I shall not be able to serve as a paul bearer."

It is gratifying that the republicans in the Senate have decided to reduce the duty on pearls from 25 to 10 per cent ad valorem. If there is a similar lifting of the burden upon diamonds it will drop a corona of light and gladness about the huts of toil.

Bismarck wants \$500,000 to enable him to aid in suppressing the slave trade in Eastern Africa. In other words, he proposes to take a hand in circumventing England's encroachments in that quarter. Wily old man!

An Iowa editor has the singular and inhospitable notion that two hours is as long as a visitor who has no business should interview a busy editor. Queer notions in that state.

The remains of the Confederate ram Merrimac, that, for the prowess of the Monitor, might have changed the course of events in the struggle for supremacy between the North and the South, have just been sold for old iron. The Merrimac was run ashore and blown up to avoid her capture by the Yankee blue jackets, and when the war closed she became a war relic.

A sixteen-year-old boy in Kansas City attempted to steal and carry away a saw mill one day last week. He first stole a horse and wagon and was busily engaged in taking the mill to pieces preparatory to loading it upon the wagon, when the mill owner appeared on the scene and gathered him in.

The New American navy, when completed, will consist of 22 vessels, ranging from the armored cruiser Maine, carrying 444 men, down to a first-class torpedo boat, carrying 4 officers and 18 men. There will be 5,786 men on board the 22 vessels—500 officers and 5,286 sailors and marines.

The prospect of the near distribution of the spoils of victory has not brought out that spirit of harmony in the Republican party that we were assured with such emphasis existed in its ranks at the close of the campaign.

The Texan delegation in Congress are said to measure more from foot to crown and weigh more than any other thirteen men in Congress.

Administrator's Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned Administrator de bonis non with the will annexed of the estate of W. B. Gilson, deceased has filed his final account as such Administrator in the County Court of Linn county, Oregon, and said Court has appointed Monday, March 4th, 1890, at ten o'clock, a. m., as the time for hearing objections to said account and for the settlement thereof.

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