

CARPET WOOLS.

The Manchester Union, in speaking of this subject, says:

The Boston Commercial Bulletin makes some post-election observations on carpet wools and the duty thereon which would have been mighty interesting reading a few weeks before election. It figures out that if the carpet mills of this country ran full time they would require 171,000,000 pounds of raw material yearly. All of this wool, or all but four or five million pounds, representing the refuse of the American clip which can be used as filling and only as filling, must be imported, as wools of the carpet grade are not raised in the United States. Of course the mills have not run on full time, and a very considerable portion of the wool used is washed before importation. Still with such a capacity it must be evident that of the 85,000,000 pounds of carpet wool imported in the last fiscal year, but a very small proportion could be used for any other purpose than for carpets.

The Bulletin, after indulging in brief praise of the high protective tariff principle in general, proceeds to present the case of the carpet men in the following concise and intelligible manner: "The tariff revision of 1883 made some sharp cuts on carpets. The specific duty, which is supposed to affect the duty on the imported raw material, was cut from five to twenty-five cents a yard. It must be remembered that in this case, the commodity being wholly imported, the price of the manufacturer's raw material is enhanced to the full extent of the duty. By the same revision the ad valorem rate, (the actual protection,) was reduced to 30 per cent. It has been 35 per cent.

"The present Senate bill as amended and passed restores the five per cent but increases the rate on the raw material sixty per cent. Whether it be because the carpet trade has enjoyed a smaller ad valorem rate of duty than the other woolen industries or because manufacturers have been hampered by the duties on their raw material, or especially because there are too many carpet looms in the country, or from a combination of these causes, the fact remains that there has been more trouble and loss of money and employment than in almost any branch of manufacturing. Yet this industry is selected for attack by Senator Allison, who has secured the adoption of amendments raising the duty on carpet wools from two and one-half to four cents and from five to eight cents a pound, an increase of duty of sixty per cent on what we do not raise.

"The most attractive clause in the Mills bill to the carpet manufacturer, indeed to the cloth manufacturer, was the clause giving them a sufficient protection on their product and free raw material. The Mills bill took from the carpet manufacturer the specific duty, which barely covers the enhanced cost of raw material, but it increased the really protective duty, the ad valorem duty, to 40 per cent. Thus with free raw materials the carpet manufacturer under the Mills bill was protected ten per cent better than to-day. As far as the selfish interests of the carpet trade were concerned the Mills bill was the most favorable legislation that could have been asked."

Some of the carpet men, like A. T. Lyman of the Lowell carpet company, were frank enough to declare for free wool, but a majority opposed it, and now the Bulletin laments that "they now find themselves stabbed in the house of their friends." It even counts it "fortunate for the carpet industry that the Senate bill is likely to fail in the House." All which, although coming from a trade journal of acknowledged standing, sounds wonderfully like the sentiments of the "free trade," "pauper labor," "pro-British" newspapers which it heartily opposed throughout the late campaign.

That bill of Condon's for the support of the State University should not pass. Let members look into it. Do not tax the people of the whole state to educate a few young gentlemen in and around Eugene City. Fair dealing gentlemen, to the tax payers of the state who are not able to send their boys to the state University. There is no more justice in taxing the farmer in Linn county to pay the tuition of some young man of Lane county who attends the State University than to pay his tuition at the Willamette University.

The members of the legislature who vote for the pending bills in that body providing for the building of scores of local wagon roads at the expense of the state will have cause later on to regret their course. These bills are clearly unconstitutional.

Republican extravagance is coming to the front again. The shirts Mr. Harrison is to wear in March, his inaugural shirts, so to speak were billed to him at \$150 per dozen and no discount for cash. We will wager his grand father's shirts didn't cost that much.

On the 26th of April Odd Fellowship in the United States will be 70 years old. This anniversary will be more extensively celebrated than any other in the history of the order.

Nearly all the figures published as the totals of the presidential election have been incorrect. The following are given as the official vote compared with that of four years before:

| | 1884. | 1888. |
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| Democrats..... | 4,874,986 | 5,539,966 |
| Republicans..... | 4,851,981 | 5,449,406 |

Plurality..... 23,055 99,500
It will be seen that Mr. Cleveland lacked just 440 of an even 100,000 plurality. There were 248,171 Prohibitionists and 144,745 votes for the Labor ticket.

This legislature will appropriate at least \$150,000 more than any other legislature that ever convened in the state. The people are watching it. Even the Oregonian sounds a feeble, sickly warning.

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J. K. WEATHERFORD, D. P. MASON, Att'y for Adm'r. Administrator.

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