

A FARMER ON THE TARIFF.

All sorts of subjects are discussed at the gatherings of the Chautauqua assembly, and there is a great variety of views as well as of topics. Last week the McKinley tariff in its relation to farmers was the theme of a discussion by a Pennsylvania farmer, Hon. Gerard C. Brown, lecturer of the Pennsylvania state grange of the Patrons of Husbandry.

Mr Brown said the "home market" for farm products, which was the bait that caught the farmers' vote for protection, has not materialized, everything which these farms produce now selling for a lower price than before the establishment of the manufacturing enterprises which the farmers have so taxed themselves to support. As a remedy for the agricultural depression which exists under alleged "protection" of the farmers' interests by high tariffs, the McKinley bill proposes more protection by still higher tariff—probably on the principle of "a hair of the dog that bit you." This is the farmers' part in the McKinley bill as summarized by Mr Brown:

First—An increase of 50 per cent. duty on live animals imported.

Second—An increase of 50 to 100 per cent. on apples, barley, beans, cabbages, eggs, fruit, hay, lides, honey, hops, onions, potatoes, seeds, straw and tobacco; a double duty on lard, ham, mutton and mow; of all kinds, on milk, butter, cheese and dairy products, with a higher rate on wool, accompanied by a still higher tax on all manufacturers of wool.

Third—Raw sugar, free list; rates on refined retained, rice reduced.

Fourth—More than 100 per cent. increase on tinplate, on sulphuric acid and phosphatic fertilizers, and a general increase of tax on the whole line of manufacturers.

Mr Brown wonders now any such a scheme of raising the tariff on farm products, of which we produce a great surplus, as an offset to the enhanced cost of production under a tariff which raises the price of all other commodities, can impose on any intelligent farmer or any man outside of the asylum. Examining the most prominent items briefly he says:

As to animals, on which the duty is to be more than doubled with the avowed object of shutting them out of the country, the result would be that we would simply have to pay more for breeding animals, which constitute the most important part of the importation.

As to oats and barley, the effect, if any, would be merely in the counties bordering on Canada. We did buy these 22,324 bushels of oats, but we sold 624,266 bushels and raised 65,000 times as many bushels as we bought. The barley we must have, as our brewers agree, in order to brew the best of beer, and so far as beer is necessary at all, so far we must have the barley grown north of the lakes, as none can compete with it in quality.

The duty on hides asked for by the committee will not be put on, owing to a whole some dread of the New England vote, but if it were, would mainly benefit the "Big Four" of Chicago, while making dearer to every person on the farm or elsewhere shoes, gloves, harness, belting, leather, etc. The farmer who kills his own beef might gain 25 cents, which would not pay the increased price of a pair of boots.

As to the higher tariff on wool which will undoubtedly be clapped on for a similar reason than that on hides will be rejected (there are supposed to be about a million voting shepherds in the country) it will make dearer hats, clothes, blankets and carpets for everybody. The rich will not feel this as much as the poor, as the rates on the fine wools— which they can afford are but two-thirds of those on the lower grade goods commonly worn; besides, they can troop over to Europe every season, more than paying their traveling expenses by purchasing their wearing apparel there.

It may benefit the great sheep ranches of the southwest and the breeders of blooded rams, but the utmost possible benefit to the farmer of the east, with his little flock of twenty or thirty sheep, will be more than offset by the certainly increased cost of the first suit of clothes or bedroom carpet that he buys.

It will probably wind up most of the surviving woolen factories, sixty-eight of them having failed in Pennsylvania alone in thirteen months; in which case it cannot but lower the price of wool by decreasing the number of buyers.

As the home market cannot begin to use up what the farmer produces Mr Brown points out the absurdity of the argument that it needs a tariff to choke off foreign competition. Evidently the farmers have been doing a heap of thinking and some of them are getting ready to act.—Cleveland Plaindealer.

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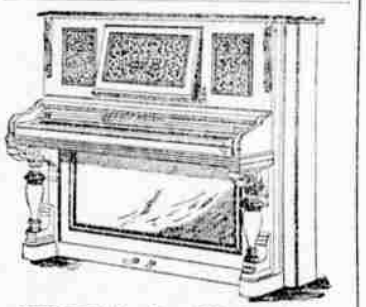
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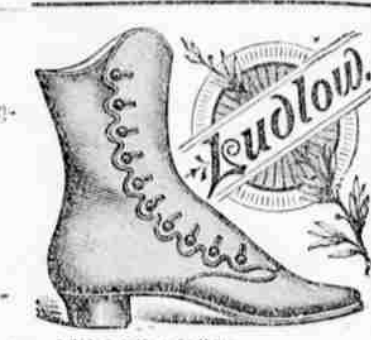
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