

FOOLING THE FARMER.

It is one of the pretensions of the McKinley act that it was passed in aid of the farmer. It probably occurred to the lucid minds that have been enriching the manufacturer at the expense of the agriculturist that the latter had not yet been fooled to the top of his bent. They thought that they might convince the man who exported 14,000,000 bushels of corn in a single month and burned other bushels because he could not buy coal that he needed protection against a flood of 130 bushels of foreign corn.

Therefore the duty on breadstuffs was raised by the McKinley act and the farmer was not only promised a home market but told that he would not be obliged any longer to compete with foreign products, while his export trade would continue to flourish.

What was the result during the five months from the 1st of November to the 1st of April?

The duty on barley was raised 200 per cent. The importations fell off from 7,305,560 to 706,041 bushels. Thus far the promise was fulfilled. But the farmer's exports also fell off from 587,800 bushels to 189,796, while the average price of the imported article advanced from about 46 to 56 cents. In other words, the barley-grower has no larger home market, for the falling off of importations was due to decreased consumption owing to increased price. The only man who suffers from the condition of the barley market is the consumer, and the McKinley act has had very little to do with it.

Last March a flood of twenty-three bushels of foreign corn inundated the markets of the United States. The year before the flood was a freshet—128 bushels. In the same month, 1891, a stream of 2,787,561 bushels of American corn went abroad; the year before a brooklet of 13,877,489 bushels went out of the country. The McKinley act, in order to protect the exporters of millions against the competition of tens, raised the duty on corn 50 per cent. The result apparently was to shut out five months thirty seven bushels of corn, or seven and two-fifths bushels per month, which is McKinley's contribution to the prosperity of the corn-grower.

It should be explained that for the five months of this year from November to April the corn imports were 98 bushels, and for the same months of last year 1,018. At the same time exports fell from 47,019,235 bushels to 8,467,567, while the American farmer who wanted corn from his neighbor over the border was forced to pay 83 cents a bushel instead of 55.

With wheat the case is different. The McKinley act helped the wheat-grower by an increased rate of duty equal to 25 per cent. Nevertheless, the protection theory to the contrary notwithstanding, the wicked foreign wheat refused to stay at home. The flood increased so that in the five months mentioned the American farmer had to succumb to an importation of 391,688 bushels instead of 29,858, while he exported only 21,472,521 instead of 23,766,889 bushels.

Does the American farmer need more evidence that the tariff law has nothing to do with him beyond deceiving and impoverishing him? Does he still think that the tariff has made a home market for him when he sends abroad in a single month, as he did last March, 5,000,000 bushels of wheat and 2,787,000 of corn? Does he continue to believe that increasing the duty on foreign agricultural products will make his own sales larger, when after such increase the importations of corn have fallen off 37 bushels in five months, while during the same period the importations of wheat have increased 362,000 bushels?

The voting at the west last year indicated that the American farmer is not a fool.—New York World.

Col Benjamin Terrell, of Texas, a prominent alliance lecturer, who is now looking after the interests of that organization in South Dakota is openly opposed to the alliance entering into politics. He says that its proper object is to educate, not to establish a party. At the same time he declares that a third party will be organized if Cleveland is nominated by the democrats and either Harrison or Blaine by the republicans. He is strongly opposed to Mr Cleveland, and advises the democratic party to rid itself of him. Nevertheless, he thinks that Mr Cleveland has made himself too solid with Wall Street by his silver attitude to fall of nomination next year.

Gov Northen, of Georgia says that farmers would not be deserting the rural districts for the cities if there were more good roads and good schools in the country. This is a hint the alliance should take. The road and the schoolhouse questions are vastly more important than that of the sub-treasury. The sooner that chimera is repudiated the better.

According to the census bulletin on truck farming, the season at which a given vegetable reaches a marketable size advances northward along the Atlantic coast at the rate of about thirteen miles a day.

The roe deer is the smallest and most nearly domesticated of the three species which inhabit Germany. It is likewise the most beautiful, and its flesh is the delectable venison known to the epicure.

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From the truck patch and the potato field comes the last wail of that terrible example, John J Ingalls: "The republicanism of the future must readjust itself to the changed conditions of American life, or it will perish," wrote he to the republican editors of Kansas. Three months in a thirty-acre truck patch has evidently done him more good than ninety days in jail. He makes a positive statement, based on existing conditions, foretelling the downfall of the protective tariff.

It has not yet transpired who paid the expenses of President Harrison's recent trans-continental picnic. They are estimated at something like \$40,000. George M Fulmah denies that he footed the bills or any part of them. It is very certain that President Harrison did not defray the expenses. The question is, "who paid the freight?" Was it Stanford and his Pacific Railroad Company, which owes the government so many millions? Or was it the Pennsylvania Company? It strikes us that this is a matter upon which the country should be enlightened.

Democrats have been accused occasionally by republicans of saying hard things of Blaine and Harrison but the hardest and most cutting thing ever said about these two republican leaders was said the other day by M S Quay, chairman of the national republican committee. This gentleman declared publicly that he was on good terms with both Blaine and Harrison.

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