

**Daily Democrat.**

"SHAM" RECIPROCIITY.

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Editors Democrat:

Although a republican, I have been a constant reader of the DEMOCRAT for a number of years, and while I have regarded it as a pronounced partisan paper, I have also regarded it as a fair antagonist in statements of facts upon which to base arguments. But on a number of occasions I have seen "reciprocity," as provided for in the McKinley bill, denounced in its columns as a "sham." On several occasions its editor has said, "reciprocity is all right if we can get enough of it." Now while I am a republican in a degree, I am a student in a much greater degree and hence I would esteem it a favor if you would set out at length the reasons why you denounce reciprocity as a "sham."

YOUNG STUDENT.

It is a pleasure, rather than a task, to comply with the request of "Young Student," whom we know to be a young man of candor and integrity. One, who, like the editor of the DEMOCRAT, feels that it is far more important to interpolate correct principles and policies into administration than to secure success for any political party. For this reason we shall speak of the question merely as a citizen seeking the highest good for the greatest number of people of the country. We first call attention to Section 3 of the McKinley act which provides for reciprocity treaties. It reads:

"That with a view to secure reciprocal trade with countries producing the following articles, and for this purpose, on and after the first day of January 1892, whenever, and so often as the president shall be satisfied that the government of any country producing and exporting sugars, molasses, coffee, tea and hides, raw and un-cured, or any of such articles, imposes duties or other exactions upon the agricultural or other products of the United States, who ever takes it, \$2 per year, \$1 six months, 20 cents a single number. Address, D. H. STEARNS, Portland, Oregon."

What we want to particularly impress upon the mind of "Young Student" is the fact that the president, or his secretary, when negotiating a reciprocal treaty under the McKinley act has no authority to remove or modify the duty on any article that is now being, or hereafter may be, imported into this country, except that he may under the contingencies named impose the above duties on sugar, tea, coffee, molasses and hides. He can neither lower nor remove duties. He can only impose duties when none now exist. The great "sham" in this whole scheme of reciprocity is in the fact that it is designed for the benefit of the few while totally ignoring the great class of consumers of our own country. Take the treaty made with Spain as an example: Many articles of American manufacture admitted free of duty, or at less rates of duty than formerly, into Cuba and Porto Rico all of which will be for the benefit of the great mass of the people of these islands for the reason that these articles will be sold to them cheaper than formerly but the American consumer will receive no benefit from it for every thing he has to buy will rule as high as though no treaty had been made. Let us illustrate: Mr Blaine says to the Brazilians, "we want to take coal oil into your country free of duty because we are admitting your coffee into our country free." The contract is made. Who will be benefited? The great mass of the people of Brazil because they will buy coal oil cheaper and the Standard Oil Company, the great monopolistic Octopus of our land, will be benefited because its market will be enlarged. But where is the benefit for the great masses of our country? There is none. Like the whole scheme of "protectionism" it is designed for the benefit of the few at the expense of the many. The DEMOCRAT has said before, and now repeats, that reciprocity is good if we can get enough of it. Under the scheme foreign nations are expected to reduce duties and place on the free list many articles which we export to those countries. This will largely benefit the consumers of these foreign countries, but our own consumers receive no benefit because there is no corresponding reduction and placing on the free list articles imported from those foreign countries into our own. The practical workings of this scheme is to benefit the great mass of consumers of foreign countries and a few manufacturers of our own. For this reason the scheme is a "sham."

Parisian doctor has succeeded in conveying by electric currents to diseased internal organs of the human body the constituents of medicines suitable for cure.

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The origin of "windfall," in the sense of "good luck," dates from the time of William the Conqueror. It was then a criminal offense to cut timber in the forest. Only such could be gathered as the wind had blown down; hence a heavy windstorm was hailed by the peasants as so much good luck, and from this comes the modern application of the expression.

The Times of India gives figures in support of its startling statement that of the Indian pilgrims leaving Bombay for Mecca and Medina more than one third never return. It appears that out of 64,000 pilgrims who left Bombay between 1884-90, 22,000 have never been accounted for. The awful mortality is ascribed to overcrowding on shipboard, cholera, murder and hardships of all descriptions.

It is known that wasps' nests often take fire supposed to be caused by the chemical action of the wax upon the paper material of the nest itself. May this not account for many mysterious fires in barns and outbuildings?

Australia, it would appear, has some gigantic caterpillars. Mr A S Orloff of Sidney mentions one moth larva, abundant during the summer season, which is from 7 to 12 inches long. Species are numerous that vary from 6 to 8 inches in length.

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