

SOPHISTRY GONE TO SEED.

If you want to see a display of sophistry and bad logic, combine two things and you will get it every time. First select a sound, persistent protection paper, and second, call out its reasons for the faith that is in it as to the general benefit of the tariff to the whole people. Take the New York Press as an illustration. Speaking of the proposed policy which democrats are likely to pursue in this congress—that of not going into general tariff legislation, but the introduction of a number of bills reducing the duty on, or putting on the free list such articles as salt, iron ore, coal, lumber, wool, binding twine, woolen goods etc, it says: "The abolition of the duty on wool would strike the sheep grower disastrously." Indeed! The predictions of protection propagandists are to be taken with an enlarged degree of allowance. The logic of the Press is, that to remove the duty on wool will permit such heavy importations of foreign wool that the price of the home product must fall below living prices. Well, if this logic be good the converse must be equally good, that an increase of the duty on wool will result in diminishing the amount of foreign wools. If the woolen goods tariff were arranged on a plane with wool, then the Press's logic would be good but what has been the actual result of the increase in the duty on wool as provided for in the McKinley bill? From the "Summary Statement of Imports and Exports" published by the treasury department we find that the amount of wool imported into this country under the old law for the nine months ending September 30, 1890 was 76,728,867 pounds while the amount imported under the McKinley law for the nine months ending September 30th 1891 was 104,822,778, being an increase of 28,093,911 pounds. These figures are taken from the records of the treasury department and can not be questioned by any protectionist. So instead of the wool growers being made more secure in the home market by the passage of the McKinley law there has been this large increase in wool importations with which our wool growers have had to compete and this competition has resulted in compelling them to sell their wool at from 1 to 5 cents less under the McKinley law than under the old law. Philosophize and theorize as protectionists may, this rugged fact comes home to all wool growers with great force and at last they begin to see that the amount of benefit they derive from protection might be put in a fine scale without moving the beam.

Now, compare the fact of this increase of wool importations under the McKinley law and the decrease in the price of American wool with what Thomas Dolan, a leading wool manufacturer of Philadelphia, said in a published letter under date of Aug. 12th last and wool growers may begin to see how they are hoodwinked. He said:

"It is an interesting fact, deserving much emphasis of statement, that the prices of wool are lower now than they were one year ago. This decline was distinctly promised by protectionists during the discussion which accompanied the framing of the McKinley tariff."

Now, couple these with the further fact that for the nine months ending September 30th, 1890, the total value of woolen goods imported was \$45,603,848 while the total amount imported under the McKinley law for the nine months ending September 30th, 1891, was \$27,307,114 being a falling off in nine months of over \$18,000,000. All these facts intelligently compared will show who receives all the benefit accruing from the tariff on wool and woolens. When McKinley raised the duty on wool from 31 to 40 per cent he increased the duty on woolen goods from 67 to 91 per cent, thus giving the manufacturer all the benefit. The Press says "putting salt on the free list would close up our salt works and leave us dependent on other nations for an article absolutely essential to life; cotton ties are cheaper in this country than before the McKinley bill went into effect and if put on the free list would soon go to high prices." A man who looks at matters rationally will be quick to ask why putting salt on the free list will make it so cheap that our own works would close up while putting cotton ties on the free list would send the price up. It is just such sophistry and such barefaced statements that protectionists find necessary to resort to in order to maintain their grounds in favor of a tariff that robs the many and gives the ill gotten gains to the few. If the Press sees so much danger involved in putting wool and salt on the free list, why did it not raise its voice when McKinley put sugar on the free list? The danger was just as great. The answer is obvious; sugar is a product of the south. The protectionists are perfectly willing that any article produced in a democratic state shall be placed on the free list. Protection is wholly selfish and immoral.

Three hundred women in the United States own establishments for the raising of flowers and plants. So remunerative is this healthful, interesting and feminine industry that the wonder is more women do not engage in it.

The railway mail service of the United States employs 5514 clerks, who last fiscal year distributed 9,000,000,000 pieces of mail over 159,518 miles of railroad.

The Press-Times of Seattle declares it has a larger circulation in Seattle than any paper in the world. The Salem Journal wears the Gear harness. The Portland Dispatch smiles "child like and bland" as it mentions the name of Senator Palmer for president. The Statesman wants the people of Salem to patronize the people of Salem. The Capital Journal is very much worried about the attitude of the farmers alliance on the railroad commission question. The Okeoch Review thinks it peculiar that a democratic town like Prineville should elect all republicans to city offices as that town did last Monday. The Woodburn Independent says Governor Penneyer has elicited the political support of the independent voters of the state by recommending Joe Simon for judge.

Platinum and silver may each be drawn into wire many times finer than human hair. The former has been drawn into wires so fine that ten of them could be twisted together into a hollow of a hair.

The song "Nellie Gray" was written in 1855 by Benjamin Hanby, who was at that time a student in a university at Westerville Ohio.

INSTALLATION.—The members of Safety Lodge will hold an installation of officers at G. A. R. Hall Monday evening Jan. 4, 1892. It will be public to the members and their families and lunch will be served in the W. C. T. U. Hall. All members and their families are requested to attend. COMMITTEE.

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