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Free Trade and the Farmer

We have come to the time when home consumption of farm products has practically overtaken production.

We are making large importations of farm products, grown on the cheap land and by the very cheap labor of foreign countries.

During the past year we imported many millions of bushels of corn from the Argentine. This corn was offered at from ten to forty cents per bushel less than the price prevailing for our own corn, and, of course, the price of our corn dropped rapidly. This Argentine corn competition will become more severe right along. In good years Argentina produces hundreds of millions of bushels of corn for export. It is grown on cheap land and by the cheapest of cheap farm labor. The freight rates from the Argentine to our eastern coast are lower than the freight rates from the central west to our eastern coast. We cannot compete with the Argentine corn farmer and maintain our American standard of living on the farm.

We must be protected

Our live stock industry is confronted with the same peril. Argentina and other South American countries are large meat producers. Our big packing companies have built big packing houses down there. A government officer under the present Democratic administration indicated that the government is fixing up refrigerator ships to bring in chilled beef from the Argentine and thus "reduce the cost of living." And this at a time when the beef producers of the United States have been losing as much as \$75 per head on the steers they have fattened!

Our importations of vegetable oils have

increased alarmingly. During the past year we imported coconut oil, copra, and soy bean oil in an amount equal to more than one-third of our annual lard production. These oils are used as substitutes for lard and butter. What will happen to our hog industry and our dairy industry if this sort of thing is permitted to go on?

During the past year we imported more than twice the normal amount of wool. You know what happened to the price. In July, 1920, wool was 43 per cent lower in price than in July, 1919, while clothing was 12.4 per cent higher. Because of this foreign competition, wool is selling now—when it can be sold at all—for far less than the cost of production, and our wool growers have been obliged to form a pool and borrow money at high interest rates to hold the wool in the hope that they may be able to avoid ruin.

The people lose millions

Heavy importations of frozen New Zealand mutton and of foreign meats and hides during the past six months have caused American meat producers the loss of millions of dollars.

The fruit industry of California is suffering severely. It is almost ruined.

Our great dairy industry is threatened.

What are we going to do?

The Democratic party says NOTHING. The Democratic national platform reaffirms its traditional policy of a tariff for revenue only. That means that the American market will continue wide open to the farmers of foreign countries who live on cheap land, under pioneer conditions, who employ the cheapest labor, and who, since

shipping has been resumed, are in position to compete with our farmers.

The Democratic attitude

The Democrats don't care what happens to the farmers of the United States. They never have cared. They think it is the duty of the American farmer to produce to the limit and not "bother his head about the cost of production," as a prominent Democrat official said during the war.

The American farmer was urged to produce grains and meats to the limit. He was assured that he would get a fair price for everything he could grow. But after all their promises to the farmers the Democrats have systematically encouraged these foreign importations of grains and meats and vegetable oils and wool for the express purpose of beating down prices of our home-grown products.

After all their promises the Democrats have conducted repeated price drives to beat down prices of American farm products. And meanwhile the prices of food-stuffs to the consumer were permitted to advance unchecked.

And now the Democrats propose to continue their betrayal of the American farmer by throwing our home market open to the farmers of foreign countries who have much cheaper land and cheaper labor and a far lower standard of living.

The Republican way

The Republicans have a different answer for this problem. They promised in their national platform: "Revision of the tariff as necessary for the preservation of a home market for American labor, AGRICULTURE, and industries."

And Warren G. Harding, the Republican candidate for president, in his great speech on agriculture, said:

"The farmer must be protected from unfair competition, from those countries where agriculture is still being exploited and where the standards of living on the farm are lower than here. We have asked for higher American standards. Let us maintain them. * * * So long as America can produce the food we need, I am in favor of buying from America first."

A business proposition

We have come to the most critical period in the history of American agriculture. A mistake now cannot be repaired. You cannot afford to make that mistake. You cannot afford it on your own account. You can not afford it for the sake of those fine boys and girls who soon must take your places on the farm.

A vote for the Republican ticket this year is a vote in favor of a sound national agricultural policy, that will protect our farmers against unfair foreign competition. That will insure them, as Warren G. Harding said recently: "A fair return on invested capital, a fair wage for the labor which goes into the crops, and enough in addition to enable the farmer to maintain the fertility of his soil and insure against natural hazards. * * * Prices which will insure to the farmer and his family both financial rewards and educational, social and religious living conditions fairly comparable with those offered by the cities.

It doesn't matter whether you have been a Democrat or a Republican in times past. Every man and woman interested in the farm will vote the Republican ticket this year.

PARTY PRINCIPLES ARE BIGGER THAN ANY MAN

Vote for a *Republican Senator* to back up a *Republican President*

Republican Senate Imperative

A REPUBLICAN SENATE IS NECESSARY IN ORDER TO MAKE PRESIDENT HARDING'S ADMINISTRATION A SUCCESS. IF THE DEMOCRATS WIN CONTROL SENATOR McNARY WILL LOSE THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE OF IRRIGATION AND ARID LANDS, SO VITAL TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF OREGON. REPUBLICANS WILL LOSE CONTROL OF ALL SENATE COMMITTEES.

Stanfield's Platform In Brief

- Preserve American ideals and constitutional government.
- Maintain law and order; protect our industries and institutions.
- Preserve the peace of the world by an international association based upon international justice and law.
- Give labor and capital equality of treatment. Let them work together for a mutual profit and common purpose. Foster harmonious relations between employer and employee.
- Abolish tolls on American coastwise shipping through the Panama canal.
- Unqualifiedly favor the Soldiers' and Sailors' Bonus Bill as passed the House of Representatives and believe it should be passed by the Senate as soon as convened.

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