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they have always been. Again on the same principle the senate committee has increased the rates on spirits and wines 15 per cent throughout, which, it is estimated, will yield an additional revenue of \$3,000,000, most of which will come from the increased duty on champagne.

In the cotton schedule there has been an extension of the specific rates to cover a class of fancy goods and novelties which are covered in the existing law by ad valorem rates. The resulting ad valorem rates have not been increased.

The average rates in the cotton schedule, other than the rates on fancies and novelties, remain the same. There is one exception to this statement and that is the reduction from the house bill on fashioned hosiery, where the committee has recommended the restoration of the rates of the existing law. The committee contemplates a still further substitution of specific for ad valorem rates in other paragraphs of the bill.

Raw flax has been restored by the senate committee to the dutiable list, otherwise the schedule remains substantially as it comes from the house.

The senate committee has restored the rates in the wool schedule to the rates of the present law.

In silks the senate committee has adopted a new schedule, replacing ad valorem with specific rates in all cases where it was possible to do so, showing a slight average reduction from the equivalent ad valorem.

The senate committee has not yet decided what rates it will recommend in regard to the wood pulp and the articles dependent upon it. It has also left open for further action the question of the duties on coal and hides.

It would be impossible in a brief statement to review all the articles under the heading of sundries. The changes from the house bill in the main are of minor importance. The senate committee has made reductions of 15 per cent on an average in the specific duties on hats and bonnets, which the house had raised in some instances above the Dingley rates. The senate committee has also struck out the house paragraph in regard to gloves and has restored the rates in the existing law.

The senate committee has also added to the sundries of the dutiable list foreign built yachts owned by American citizens, which seemed to the committee a luxury which might fairly pay a duty of 35 per cent.

The free list, as reported by the senate committee, in the main remains as it is in the existing law. There is one change, however, in the free list which is of great general interest, and that is the provision in regard to the free art. The house wisely made paintings and sculptures more than twenty years old free, and the senate committee has added to these works of art generally including artistic antiquities more than 100 years old.

The senate committee has taken no action as yet upon the maximum provisions or the administrative sections of the bill. It proposes to report its amendments to these most important features of the act at a later date. It has adopted this course because it has seemed to the senate committee of the highest importance to secure immediate action upon the tariff and it felt confident that time could be saved by reporting the section imposing duties first, and the maximum and minimum and administrative features later.

JAMES G. BLAINE'S ADVICE
 Washington, April 10, 1890.—
 Dear Mr. McKinley: It is a great mistake to take hides from the free list,

where they have been for so many years. It is a slap in the face of the South Americans, with whom we are trying to enlarge our trade. It will benefit the farmer by adding five to eight per cent to the price of his children's shoes.

It will yield a profit to the butcher (beef trust) only, the last man that needs it. The movement is injudicious from beginning to end—in every form and phase.

Please stop it before it sees light. Such movements as this for protection will protect the republican party only into speedy retirement.

Very hastily,
JAMES G. BLAINE.

"BY THEIR FRUITS"

The Philadelphia Record prints the following letter from Ryerson W. Jennings:

"The Record does well to call attention to the circular of Marshall Field & Co., protesting against the advance of duties on hosiery and gloves. The increases on these two lines are outrageous and shameful, and are in full accord with the wool schedules. But what did Marshall Field & Co. expect? They advocated and worked for Mr. Taft's election. They knew, judging from past performances of the republican party, that it has never kept faith with its pre-election promises. The democratic party stood pledged for an instant revision of the tariff downward, and it had a candidate who had never gone back on his written or spoken word. If he had been elected with a working majority in congress, Marshall Field & Co. or any one else outside of a few "infant" industries would not have had any cause for complaint. A tariff bill would have been before the house not filled with secrets, or dodgers, that even its author can not or will not explain."

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