

# The St. Tammany Farmer.

"The Blessings of Government, Like the Dew from Heaven, Should Descend Alike Upon the Rich and the Poor."

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#### DINGLEY TARIFF BILL

It Has Brought 238 Trusts Into Existence.

Washington, Sept. 18. — The Democratic campaign book, advance sheets of which are being issued, vigorously assails the Dingley tariff bill, and shows that this measure has brought into existence 238 trusts. It says:

"To claim that a protective tariff does not raise prices is as absurd as to say that ice is hot or fire is cold, or that a ball is square. A tariff that does not raise prices is not 'protective.' The very object of so-called 'protection' is to enable certain manufacturers to demand and to receive higher prices for their products than they could do were their customers free to buy in the cheapest market.

"The Dingley tariff act, which became a law on July 24, 1897, raised duties to the highest point ever reached in this, if not in any other country. Not only are the Dingley duties as high as in the opinion of Republican leaders is necessary to protect manufacturing industries, but those duties were purposely made higher on certain classes of articles so as to leave a trading margin; that is to say, so that there would be ample protection left after this margin had been bartered away in the reciprocity agreements which were to be negotiated under sections 3 and 4 of the Dingley act. But the trusts concluded that they might as well keep all of their protection, and consequently they saw to it that the ten or twelve treaties which were negotiated between the United States and certain foreign countries in 1898 and 1900, and which would have reduced many of our duties by 20 per cent. or more, were never ratified. Through the influence of the trusts these treaties were smothered in Senate pigeon holes and never permitted to come to a vote. How fostering is the care given the trusts by the Dingley bill is pointed out by Mr. John Moody in his book, "The Truth About Trusts." Of 318 active industrial trusts mentioned in Mr. Moody's table, only eighty were in existence prior to the Dingley bill becoming a law. Two hundred and thirty-eight trusts have been formed since the enactment of the Dingley bill, and these 238 trusts represent five sixths of the local capitalization of all the trusts in America.

#### CAUSE OF LOCKJAW.

Lockjaw, or tetanus, is caused by a bacillus or germ which exists plentifully in street dirt. It is inactive so long as exposed to the air, but when carried beneath the skin as in the wounds caused by percussion caps or by rusty nails, and when the air is excluded the germ is roused to activity and produces the most virulent poison known. These germs may be destroyed and all danger of lockjaw avoided by applying Chamberlain's Pain Balm freely as soon as the injury is received. Pain Balm is an antiseptic and causes such injuries to heal without maturation and in one third the time required by the usual treatment. It is for sale by Jos. S. Claverie, druggist.

#### Too Many School Text Books.

The Nashville American, in endorsing the Commercial-Appal's editorial in favor of fewer school books says:

"We give space to the above not as an endorsement of our contemporary's strictures on the school book law nor of its conclusions but because it so well voices our own sentiments regarding the cramming system of book learning in our public schools. As our contemporary says, there are too many school books used, too many tablets, too many fads. There is too little attention to the essentials; necessarily too much to the non-essentials. Forty years ago there were fewer fads, fewer school books in the pupils' satchel; but the pupil knew what was in the few books he or she had. Today there is a little of this and a little of that, and a little of 'other, with not enough of anything that is of value.

"How many good spellers come out of our public schools to day? How many children, after rushing through six or eight grades, can write a letter without having it full of misspelled words, and absolutely devoid of punctuation? It is the same in reading, in arithmetic, and in other essentials of education.

"What is needed is not more school books in the hands of the children, but more of what is in the books in their heads. Popular education is one of the bulwarks of our system of government, but there are holes in it that need to be patched."

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