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OBJECT LESSONS FOR FREE-TRADE DEMOCRATS.

"There are none so blind as those who will not see." This old maxim was never better realized than in the frequent denunciations of the protective tariff, by Democratic leaders and newspapers. That policy, say they, is making the rich richer and the poor poorer. It is responsible for the poverty which prevails in the country today. It has prevented the United States from securing its share of the markets of the world, it has prevented the expansion of the resources and crippled the ingenuity and industry of working men, and so on ad libitum ad nauseum. These self constituted advocates of the laborers of America never indulge in the expensive luxury of dry statistics preferring to rely on their own vigorous imaginations and the supposed ignorance of the people. The New Mexican quotes from the remarkable letter of John P. Young of San Francisco:

"Within the past 30 years, while the free-traders of the United States and Great Britain have been proclaiming that manufacturing could never succeed in a country hampered by protective duties, there has been developed an industry in America, the volume of whose output exceeds that of Germany and Great Britain. In 1870 the value of the manufactured products of the United States was \$4,232,325,442; in 1900 the colossal total of \$13,039,279,566 was reached. Nor was this enormous production attained at the expense of agriculture. The free-trader assures us that any artificial stimulus applied to the development of manufactures would impede the profitable use of our soil, but we have seen concurrently with the growth of our factories such an enlargement of farming operations within our borders as was never witnessed before in any country on the globe. Had protection resulted in paralyzing agriculture in the United States as free-trade did, that industry in Great Britain, the American advocates of the promotion of production might have hesitated. But when they saw the predictions of the Cobdenites falsified by the event; when they saw American agriculture expanding, year after year, protectionists were profoundly convinced that whatever might result from the policy of diversifying resources, it could not possibly be an injury to agriculture. Here are a few proofs of the advance of both agriculture and manufacturing industries under protection tariffs.

"In 1870 the farms of the United States were valued at \$8,944,857,749; in 1900 at \$20,514,001,838, in the same years the annual value of farm products increased from \$1,958,038,927 to \$3,764,177,706. We now raise enough swine to provide the world with bacon and hams, the number increasing from 26,751,400 in 1870 to 56,982,142 in 1901. Our production of wool during the above period increased from 162,000,000 to 316,341,032 pounds, of wheat from 255,884,700 bushels to 670,063,008 bushels, and of cotton from 4,347,006 bales to 10,680,600 bales."

Certainly the farmers have no reason to complain although their Democratic friends are continually holding them up as objects of sympathy. It is said that the production and manufacture of iron is one of the surest tests of a nation's prosperity, and here is what has been done in about a third of a century in that line. The output of pig-iron in that time was from 1,665,179 tons to over 17,000,000 tons. Now how is this enormous quantity of goods disposed of? Here is the answer: "Four-fifths of the products of our farms are used to feed Americans or provide raw materials for manufacturing purposes; only six or seven millions of the 261,873,675 tons of coal mined in 1902 were shipped abroad, and these exports were offset in large measure by importations of mineral fuel from near by countries; we used sixteen-sevenths of our vast output of pig iron and the major part of the 268,000 tons of copper mined in 1902. Our mineral production in the last year was valued at \$1,086,529,521. Over a billion dollars worth of this enormous output stayed at home to contribute to American comfort and add to American wealth." But to give the Coup de Grace, to free-traders' misrepresentations how is this vast production distributed among the people? "In 1870 the per capita consumption of our products of raw cotton was fourteen and one-tenth pounds, in 1902 it was twenty-five and two-

thirds pounds. In 1870 we consumed four and seven-tenths bushels of wheat per capita. In 1902 we consumed six and one-half bushels per capita. In 1870 we used 36 pounds of sugar per capita; in 1902 it required 72 pounds to meet our wants," and so forth and so on.

Thus it is seen and hundreds of other examples could be given that instead of the poor becoming poorer the honest truth is that the poor are becoming richer every year as is clearly shown by the increased consumption of all kinds of products throughout the entire country and savings bank deposits. Idleness is absolutely unknown except to those who will not work. Of course there may be trifling exceptions to this statement but they are barely enough to prove the rule, while in free-trade England, starvation is the rule and plenty the exception.

THE REPUBLICAN CITY ADMINISTRATION SHOULD BE KEPT IN OFFICE.

The New Mexican will continue to impress upon the people of Santa Fe the grave importance of the approaching city election. There are many improvements which must be made in this city and therefore the personnel of the city tickets becomes a question of great moment and interest. The Republican city administration during the past three years has done very well indeed. The public funds have been judiciously expended and honestly accounted for. Many improvements have been made and more would have been made had not the lack of funds hampered the city council. The peace of the city was kept in a satisfactory degree. The Republican city administration therefore is entitled to just credit and should receive it. The New Mexican believes that the Republican city ticket will consist of the proper kind of men and of citizens anxious to work for the advancement and progress of the town. Therefore every voter having the good of the town at heart and believing in modern improvements should cast his vote for the Republican ticket at the election on the first Tuesday of next month. Under Democratic city administrations, since the incorporation of this town, misrule, corruption, and a disregard of the rights of citizens and of taxpayers have prevailed. Under the Republican city administrations, the reverse has been the result. It would be very poor policy to change at the coming election; in fact it would be suicidal and highly injurious.

In southern Colfax County they are acting upon the old saying that "the early bird catches the worm." The Springer Stockman has already commenced hammering away at the creation of a new county and in a recent issue said:

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Mr. Hearst's hunt for the Democratic presidential nomination may prove a wild goose chase and again it may not. Should it not, people may expect a very lively campaign. There are millions of money behind Mr. Hearst and there will be boodle galore. In politics as well as in business "money makes the mare go."

Even the home dinners of President Joseph S. Smith of the Mormon Church must be potent affairs, as they are attended by himself, five wives and 42 children. He must be getting quite a handsome salary as president of the church to properly sustain them.

Officials of the Japanese war department say that they are long on good soldiers, but short on good generals. In this respect, there is quite a difference between the United States and Japan. The supply of generals in this country is always plentiful.

Several Congressmen who have mentioned too much with the allowance division of the postoffice department according to Mr. Bristow's report, do not like the contents of that document. No one expected them to.

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