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#### CHANGED CONDITIONS NEED NEW LAWS.

That this page is not out of harmony with the progressive republican thought of the day in the stand it has taken in favor of a re-adjustment of the tariff and the abolition of the protective duties on many of the American products that have passed the infant stage and are now controlled by the trusts is quite apparent. Many of the leading republican newspapers of the country are advocating a reduction of tariff duties on trust-made goods and the prediction is freely made that the day is not far distant when this important matter will receive the support of the republicans as a whole. In a recent issue of the St. Paul Pioneer Press, a staunch republican newspaper, it is well stated that there are several good reasons for abolishing the duties on a number of trust-made American products which have outgrown the need of protection, but they are not the reasons which are usually urged by free traders for abolishing not only these but all protective duties. It is not true, for example, that the prices of protected products have risen under the protective tariff; nor is it true that the prices of the trust-made articles have advanced since their production was taken over by the trust organizations.

The Pioneer press then goes on to show that while the constant tendency of the tariff has been to reduce prices, the fluctuations to higher levels were due wholly to the law of supply and demand. As a matter of fact, the prices of steel rails have been reduced in this country under protection more than twice as fast as in England under free trade, although our wages have been from 50 to 80 percent higher, and meanwhile we have built up an enormous industry in this country which supports many thousands of workmen and which has brought in its train the development of many interdependent and affiliated industries with their multitudes of wage-earners. What has been said of steel rails applies to all other or nearly all other steel and iron products, as well as to many other staples of our protected industries.

Nor is it true as a rule that since the organization of the trusts prices have been advanced. On the contrary, they have generally been reduced. But there are some outrageous exceptions to the rule. One of these is the case of the glass trust, which within a year has advanced prices on window glass more than 100 percent, or to a point only 10 percent below the tariff limit. It is such instances of the abuse of the protective tariff by trusts which give emphasis to the widespread popular demand for the abolition or reduction of duties on trust-made articles. Granting that most of the trusts have not taken and perhaps are not likely to take advantage of their complete or partial monopoly of the market to arbitrarily raise prices beyond their legitimate level, the fact remains that some do and all may. In fact, it is obvious

that all would unless strong motives of self-interest restrained the natural inclination of the seller to get all he can for his merchandise out of the buyer. The demand that the tariff shall be so modified as to trust-made articles that it shall not be used as a shield for monopoly abuses is prompted by the plainest necessities of self-defense on the part of the consuming public.

But even if these reasons did not exist, a sufficient ground for abolishing protective duties on articles which no longer need protection, and which yield no revenue because the foreign article is not imported, even though no advantage is taken of the protective duties to raise prices, is that their retention furnishes the free-trade agitators with their chief ammunition against the protective policy. It would put an end to strictures largely made up of misrepresentations which put the republican party on its defense and make necessary all these explanations. It would be good politics to abolish this class of duties and to reduce the duties on window glass and other trust-made articles the prices of which have been arbitrarily raised under the shelter of protective duties far beyond any limit warranted by the conditions of the market.

#### LOTS OF ROOM AT THE TOP.

The Butte Inter Mountain is right in asserting that those newspapers which are constantly seeking to stir up trouble between capital and labor, and which contend that under the present order of things there is no chance for the young man to advance, only expose their ignorance of the real situation. There is always a chance for a young man if he is industrious and capable and if he will fit himself at school for future responsibilities. It is the lazy youth, who prefers gambling to studying, who would rather loaf than work and who chooses politics instead of business for a livelihood—he is the youth who falls and who readily agrees with the anarchist newspapers that seek to poison the public mind by falsely claiming that protection breeds trusts, that trusts prevent individual effort, and that as a result we are becoming a nation of dependents. The truth is, there was never a period in the history of this country when there was such a demand for bright young men to conduct great enterprises.

There are too many young men growing up without a trade, while most of the others are preparing for the professions in the belief that they are lucrative and do not soil the hands or prevent the wearing of dress suits. This country is full of starving lawyers and doctors who in the mechanical arts and great industrial enterprises under way might have constant employment at big salaries. There is always a demand for brains. Mr. Schwab, who was once a poor boy, realized that long ago, so he applied himself to study and hard work, and today is a shining example for the youth of the country to emulate.

The absence of planks in democratic platforms, pointing with pride to Aguinaldo as the real George Washington of the century, may be considered as certain. Neither will Colonel Bryan be emboldened in whereas as the saviour of the democratic party. The party, as it cannot "point with pride" to anything at all in the past 100 years, will have to "view with alarm" the prospects of being trusted with power in the coming 100 years.

#### POLITICAL RETRIBUTION.

It would be an immense joke if the disfranchisement of the negro by democratic legislatures and state governments should actually be the wedge that would shatter the solid south.

For years, in fact ever since the war, the great bugaboo in the south has been negro ascendancy. The republican party, which freed the negro, has always been his friend, though it may be admitted now that it was an act of mistaken friendship to give him the ballot before he had learned to use it with safety to himself and the white man. There was a supposed danger, and in some congressional districts and even in some states an imminent danger, that the negro, with 250 years of abject slavery and dense, dark ignorance and his only equipment for the responsibilities thrust upon him, would out vote the white man and thus have absolute power placed in his hand.

Recognizing the situation, the white voters took measures to prevent such a catastrophe. They curtailed the right of suffrage and even intimidated the suffragists sufficiently to be able to purchase, frighten, coax and cajole sufficient numbers of the colored voters to allow the white race to retain supremacy. At every election democrats would raise the scare-crow of negro supremacy, and thus consolidated for their own purposes the white vote.

Now, should the negro be disfranchised, the principal bugaboo of the democratic party of the south would be destroyed and the white voters who have heretofore been held in bonds of steel by the fear of the negro dominance would no longer be forced to vote solidly for the democratic ticket. Questions of great interest and value to the south have been held in abeyance or solved the wrong way and the material progress of the states and the section has been permitted to hold a secondary position while the efforts of the people were concentrated on the warding off of the more or less impending evil. The white voters with "Black Peril" out of the way, would split and new ties and new questions would arise.

Otherwise a benefit might be obtained by negro disfranchisement if it should be properly handled. If an educational qualification should be required for reinstatement of the negro into the right of suffrage, and should the ignorant white vote be disfranchised and reinstated in like manner, it would be a long step toward proper growth and real self-government for the south.

However this may be, it looks highly probable that the movement to disfranchise the negro, which was intended by its originators to be solely in the interest and for the benefit of the democratic party and which was devised to strengthen the hold of that party in the governing power, may, if successfully conducted, prove a great lever to force that power from its vicious and incompetent hands.

The suggestion of a southern democratic candidate for president in 1904 is a good one. But the difficulty is that every southern statesman who is worthy of that exalted position is more or less openly in favor of the republican doctrines of protection and expansion and is opposed to the narrow absurdities of the present democratic faith.

"Why should the newspaper publisher not get cash for what he does and pay for what he gets?"

asks an exchange. It strikes us that there is no good and sufficient reason. If a man goes to a hotel he pays for what he gets and so does the person who trades at a store. People don't ask the butcher to give them meat for nothing, neither do they expect the hotel man to feed them for fun. It is time the country publisher learned a lesson from the counting rooms of the big dailies and began to do business on business principles.

The new issue now before the country is foreign markets. We have them in greater measure than we ever had them before and in greater prospect than any nation of the world ever anticipated. The democratic party, which always heretofore clamored for foreign markets through free trade, has suddenly lost all interest in the subject and may be depended on to antagonize the idea as an outgrowth of imperialism. The poor old party will again assume the contented meander of a led mule.

The eccentric editor of the Yellowstone Leader at Big Timber has lost his temper again and expresses the hope that the editor of The Picket will soon cease to live. That is very unkind and we trust that Bro. Hannah won't undertake the work of hastening our departure by shooting us full of holes with his double-barreled mouth. We should hate to be knocked into the great beyond by an explosion of mush.

The wheat crop of the country this year is estimated at over 700,000,000 bushels. This is much the largest crop ever harvested and means large exports and a great deal of extra money for the farmer. Notwithstanding the enormous production the price will hold up, as there is an enormous demand in foreign countries for grain.

The allegation that the late heated term is due to remarks dropped by the democratic newspapers over the latest from Colonel Bryan and the Commoner, Colonel Bryan says he would rather be right than be president and the democratic newspapers under the sting of continued defeat are saying he will never be either.

The cash balance in the national treasury at the end of the fiscal year, June 30, was \$175,000,000, a much greater balance than was ever dreamed of and greater than ever before. The surplus, or excess of receipts over expenditures, was \$75,000,000 in round numbers. The republican party is a mascot.

Among the blessings to Cuba from American ascendancy in that island is one that will reach everybody. Formerly it cost a couple from \$25 to \$40 to get married, fees to that amount being extorted from them. Governor General Wood has issued an order making the legal fee \$1.

The militarism which gives the democratic party the worst nightmare is that which replaces the army of soldiers now coming home from the Philippines with an army of school teachers now on the way to our distant possessions.

Kansas is not so much interested in "What shall the harvest be" as she is in where shall harvesters be found. It is noticed that the "Weary Willies" have taken to the woods.

In about fifty years the democratic party will wake up to the fact that "imperialism" is a good thing, and claim the credit.

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