

THE TARIFF TINKERS.

The infamous band of conspirators masquerading as Tariff Reformers, but whose craft is nothing more nor less than a free trader, are driven to the most desperate straits to disguise their piratical designs, under perhaps the more respectable, but scarcely less dangerous shibboleth of Tariff for Revenue only. The most efficacious method of exposing their nefarious purpose is the publication of the so-called arguments of some of the leading organs of these nihilistic disturbers of the most perfect revenue system that was ever devised since the organization of a Provisional government in the Garden of Eden. In pursuance of this policy we first direct the attention of the intelligent readers of the APPEAL to the following revolutionary and treasonable outburst of the editor of the Empire City Battle Axe.

Listen to the miscreant:  
The leading manufacturing industries of the country are protected by high duties on foreign manufactures coming into competition with their own, or in the vernacular of the day, they are protected against the influx of the products of the "pauper labor of Europe;" and while enjoying this advantage, they import the European pauper laborers themselves, (on account of cheapness), to the exclusion of our own citizens, native and naturalized. Now the American laborer should be protected against this practice. For of what avail is it to tax the products of European "pauper labor", if the "paupers" themselves are allowed to be imported, and preference given to them on account of the cheapness of their labor as compared with that of our own citizens? The evils can be remedied in this way. Let the government impose a tax on manufacturing corporations who employ non-citizen laborers, equal in per cent. to the duties on their protected products. For instance; if the duty on the foreign product of "pauper labor" is 40 per cent., the corporation that employs foreign "pauper laborers" should be compelled to pay a tax to the government of 40 per cent. on the day wages paid by them to the "pauper laborer" himself. Such a tax would operate a real protection of American labor; whereas the protection at present is all for the benefit of the manufacturer, and none for the benefit of the citizen laborer, who is left exposed to a ruinous competition with "cheap pauper labor of Europe", and must if employed, at all, work at the same cheap rate.

The following is from the vulture quill of Editor Medill, the principal conspirator of the notorious and disreputable Chicago Tribune:

"Protection! When I hear the word I ask, whom does it protect and who pays for it? and I fail to see who is benefited by it beyond a few monopolists, not equal to ten per cent. of the population of the country. The tariff constitutes a great Chinese wall between the American producer and manufacturer and a profitable foreign trade. Only a small portion of our cotton crop, for instance is consumed at home. The great bulk of it is exported to Great Britain, and thence under the name of English goods is sold at a good profit all over the world. Why shouldn't we manufacture these goods at home and sell them to foreign countries? Simply because we levy such a high import tax upon every article which is a factor in their production that Great Britain easily undersells us and the home consumer has to pay the enhanced price beside."

Next in disorder comes the ravings of the maniac, whose hands are temporarily unmanacled to inflict the following blow upon American labor through the columns of the Tuscarora War Whoop:

Parading lists of the low rates of wages paid to laborers in Italy, in comparison with the rates paid in this country, and insisting that but for a protective tariff the laborer here would be as poorly paid as in Italy, is one of the weak and silly devices by which Protectionists seek to delude the people. Why don't they compare the rates of wages in China, Japan, and France, (all protection countries almost to the point of prohibition,) with rates paid to the same class of laborers in "Free-Trade" England? The comparison would be as good in the latter case as in the former—but in neither case is worth a farthing. This is an old trick pretty well played out. It isn't worthy the name of argument.

With a blush of shame as an American, we present the annexed hodge podge of idiotic driveling from a decision rendered by the

Supreme Court of the United States of America:

"Of all the powers conferred on the government, that of taxation is the most liable to abuse. Given a purpose or object for which taxation may be lawfully used, and the extent of its exercise is, in its very nature, unlimitable. \* \* \* This power can as readily be employed against one class of individuals and in favor of the other, so as to ruin the one class and give unlimited wealth and prosperity to the other, if there are no implied limitations of the use for which the power may be exercised." And further: "To lay with one hand the power of the government on the property of the citizen and, with the other, bestow it upon favored individuals to aid private fortunes, is no less robbery, because it is done under the form of law and is called taxation. This is not legislation. It is a decree under legislative forms. Nor is it taxation. Beyond a cavil, there can be no lawful taxation which is not laid for public purpose." And again: "No authority, or even dictum, can be found which asserts that there can be any legitimate taxation when the money to be raised does not go into the public treasury."

The welcome finale to our unsavory task, is the presentation to the scorn and derision of our readers, of a weakly incendiary paragraph from the Farewell address of that superannated old crank and Free Trader—Andrew Jackson:

The various interests which have combined together to impose a heavy tariff and to produce an overflowing Treasury are too strong and have too much at stake to surrender the contest. The corporations and wealthy individuals who are engaged in large manufacturing establishments desire a high tariff to increase their gains. Designing politicians will support it to conciliate their favor and to obtain the means of profuse expenditure for the purpose of purchasing influence in other quarters.

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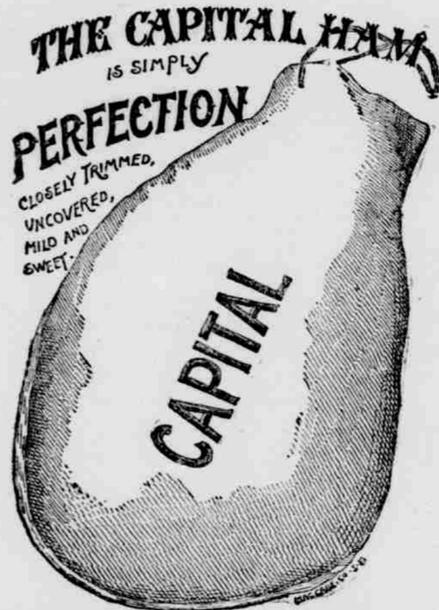
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