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PROSPERITY FOR WAGE-EARNERS.

The advance of wages announced in the current issue of the American Economist is a natural development of the conditions of returning prosperity which set in directly upon the inauguration of President McKinley two years ago. Following the enactment of the Dingley Tariff came a marked revival of business activity, which at the close of 1898 had in many ways passed the high water mark of 1892, the year in which the benefits of the McKinley Tariff were at their zenith. The first quarter of 1899 has witnessed a continuation and increase of "good times," Dingley Tariff times—and a new set of exceptional prosperity have been established.

Now comes the wage-earner's period of prosperity. He has not been without some share in the bettered condition of things, for even though his wages were not largely increased, he was the gainer by increased and certain employment. So long ago as March 1898, as shown by the industrial census of the American Protective Tariff League, a vast increase had taken place in the gross sum of money disbursed among work people, as compared with the month of March, 1895, when the disastrous Tariff tinkering of a Free-Trade administration had begun its deadly work upon American labor and industry. It will be recalled that this census, reporting comparative conditions in nearly 2500 laboring establishments, showed for March, 1898, eight months after the passage of the Dingley law, a gain of 21.65 per cent. in the number of hands employed, a gain of 44.05 per cent. in the gross sum of wages paid, and a gain of 11.56 per cent. in the average wage rate per capita.

These gains, important and significant though they were, had not at that time reached the more populous centers of employment, the large average being helped by exceptional increases in regions of smaller population. For example, phenomenal gains were shown in the States of the Pacific Coast, the Far West, the Middle West and the Northwest. Longer time was needed to bring about a general advance in the heavy producing districts of the Middle and Eastern States. Enormous overstocks of foreign goods brought in just prior to the higher duties of the Dingley Tariff had depressed home production in many important lines, and until these stocks had been absorbed by consumption the "lean" period must perforce continue.

The advent of the "fat" period so confidently anticipated as the natural outcome of the policy of Protection is obviously at hand. The reports printed in the current issue of the American Economist show a general advance in earnings of cotton mill operatives of about 10 per cent. of iron and steel workers generally 10 per cent. in tin plate and sheet workers from 5 to 10 per cent., and in several other departments of labor fully 10 per cent. The report thus far indicates that nearly 250,000 workers have been affected by the advance in wages. Other establishments which were forced to reduce wages in times of Free-Trade Tariff depression and which are now experiencing the benefits of revived activity are certain to join in the increase of wages.

There is in the situation, as it exists to-day, and as it promises to develop from this time, a guarantee of good business for the entire country. As is well remarked by "Dun's Review" of March 11:

Traders and manufacturers can only sell when wage-earners can buy, and in proportion to their buying power.

Those who fail to comprehend what such a change may mean have only to consider that a tenth increase in the wages of all labor would put into the market a new buying demand, in amount about the three-quarters of the entire value of exports to all countries.

Protection is keeping its word with the American workman. The Dingley Tariff is carrying out its contract to revive business and increase wages. The "advance agent of prosperity" proves to have been acting with knowledge and authority. The fulfillment is in a fair way to make good the forecast, and more, too.

PANICS AND PANICS.

Trade reports from all over the country continue to tell of remarkable business activity with prices strong and steady, collections good and an increasing demand in all lines of trade. One correspondent to a trade paper sized up the situation as a "buyers' panic." That is the kind of a "panic" that a Protective Tariff always brings about. In 1893, under the Free-Trade administration of Mr. Cleveland, with its Tariff Reform Wilson-Gorman law we had another kind of a panic, the kind that has always followed upon experiment made with Free Trade or any approach to it by this country; a panic when banks failed, factories closed, business men went to the wall and idle workmen walked the streets. It is safe to say that the people of the country prefer the "buyers' panic" of 1899 under Protection to the sort of panic we had in 1893 under partial Free Trade.



Will the Cat Come Back?

REVENUE RECEIPTS.

To those who have so persistently, and with such a large force, been reproaching the revenue-producing capacities of the Dingley law it will be unwelcome news that the customs receipts of the Government, exclusive of those from tea, are now running at a rate of \$560,000 per day, or considerably more than one-half the average daily expenditures during the five years prior to the beginning of the extraordinary expenditures due to the war with Spain.

The Bureau of Statistics of the Treasury Department has just compiled some figures on the customs receipts of the Government since the beginning of the fiscal year 1893, thus including the operations of three Tariff laws. These figures show that the total receipts from customs during the fiscal years 1893, 1894, 1895, 1896 and 1897 were \$823,908,044, or an average of \$451,456 per diem during that five years' period, three of the years in question having been under the Wilson-Gorman Tariff act of August 27, 1894, and two years under the act of October 1, 1890, the McKinley law. The fiscal year 1898 is not included in these estimates, since its customs receipts were far below the normal because of the small importations immediately following the enactment of the Dingley Tariff law of July 24, 1897, while its expenditures, by reason of the war, were far above the normal.

The total expenditures of the five years, 1893-97, were \$1,825,152,139, making the average annual expenditure during that time \$365,030,428, or an average of \$1,000,000 per day for all of the general expenditures of the Government. This, of course, includes none of the expenditures of the Post-Office Department except the annual deficit, the custom of the Treasury Department in considering its expenditures being to omit from its calculations the total receipts and expenditures of the Post Office Department, which is practically self-sustaining, and to include only the deficit of each year in the Treasury expenditures.

The statement of the Bureau of Statistics further shows that the receipts of the calendar year 1898 from the Dingley law of July 24, 1897, coupled with the internal revenue and miscellaneous receipts under the then existing laws, have more than equalled the ordinary daily expenditures prior to the beginning of extraordinary expenditures due to the war. The total receipts from customs in the year 1898 were \$182,879,361, of which \$2,079,787 was from tea. The total receipts from internal revenue during the year were \$222,922,318, of which \$55,286,831 was from war revenue taxes. The total miscellaneous receipts of the year were \$36,829,580, of which \$14,841,401 was from sales of Pacific Railroad, making the total extraordinary receipts of the year \$72,208,019, which, if deducted from the grand total receipts of the year, \$442,631,251, would leave \$370,423,232 as the ordinary receipts from Pacific Railroad, or in round figures \$5,392,804 in excess of the average annual expenditures during the five years—1893-97—prior to the beginning of the war expenditures.

The following tables show (1) the total receipts from customs, internal revenue and miscellaneous during the calendar year 1898; (2) the extraordinary receipts of the year in each of these divisions, and (3) the net ordinary receipts after deducting the extraordinary receipts of the year from the war revenue act and from Pacific Railroad sales. The only increase made to the customs receipts by the war revenue act were by way of the duty on tea, which produced during the year \$2,079,787. The internal revenue receipts of the year from the war revenue act were \$55,286,831; those from Pacific Railroad, \$14,841,401.

Total receipts, calendar year 1898:
Customs \$182,879,361
Internal revenue 222,922,318
Miscellaneous 36,829,580

Total \$442,631,251
Total extraordinary receipts from war revenue and miscellaneous, calendar year 1898:
Customs (tea duty) \$2,079,787
Internal revenue (war revenue act) 55,286,831
Pacific Railroad 14,841,401

Total \$72,208,019
Ordinary receipts (omitting war revenue and Pacific Railroad), calendar year 1898:
Total receipts of year \$442,631,251
War revenue and Pacific Railroad 72,208,019

Total ordinary \$370,423,232
Ordinary receipts of 1898, compared with ordinary expenditures of 1893-'97:
Average daily (ordinary) receipts, calendar year 1898 \$1,014,860
Average daily expenditures, 1893-'97 1,000,083

It is about time to stop lying about the Dingley Tariff law. As a revenue measure it fully answers the confident expectation of its framers. As an economic measure it has proved productive beyond all expectations and beyond all human experience.

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- Corn, Oats and Barley Chop 90c.
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- Fine middlings 200 pounds \$1.60.
- Flour per sack \$1.00.
- Winter Roller per sack \$1.00.
- Good Flour 90c.
- Rye Flour 25 pounds, 50c.
- Graham Flour 123 pounds 30c.
- Common Fine Salt per barrel \$1.20.

Williamsport & North Branch R.R. TIME TABLE.

In Effect Tuesday Sept. 13, 1898.

Northward.		Southward.	
p.m.	a.m.	a.m.	p.m.
5:25	10:25	Halls	9:45
5:30	10:28	Pennsdale	9:41
5:40	10:40	Hughesville	9:32
5:48	10:48	Picture Rocks	9:25
5:51	10:52	Lyon Mills	9:22
5:54	10:55	Chamouni	9:20
6:02	11:04	Glen Mawr	9:14
6:12	11:14	Strawbridge	9:05
6:16	11:17	Beech Glen	9:01
6:20	11:21	Muncy Valley	8:58
6:28	11:30	Sonestown	8:52
6:35	11:49	Korndont	8:38
7:01	12:08	LaPorte	8:21
7:04	12:11	LaPorte Tannery	8:19
7:20	12:29	Ringdale	8:05
7:35	12:45	Satterfield	7:50

Connections with the Philadelphia Reading, at Halls, for all points north and south, and the Fall Brook and Beech Creek railroads. At Satterfield for all points on the Lehigh Valley railroad. At Sonestown with Eagles Mere railroad. * Daily except Sunday. † Bag stations. * Do not stop. B. HARVEY WELCH, President, Hughesville, Pa. S. D. TOWNSEND, Gen. Mgr., Hughesville, Pa.

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