

SOUND REASONING.

FOUNDERS NOW IN THE LIGHT OF PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE.

What Abram S. Hewitt Thought Thirty-two Years Ago as to the Value of the Protective Policy and the Futility of Reciprocity Projects.

The subjoined letter by the Hon. Abram S. Hewitt was written, as its date shows, thirty-two years ago under the following circumstances:

Steel rails at the first development of that manufacture had been admitted into the United States on an ad valorem rate of 45 per cent "as manufactures of steel not otherwise provided for." This duty was thought by ninety-five presidents and managers of our railroads not to be high enough to properly encourage the manufacture of bessemer steel rails in this country, and they united in a memorial to the finance committee of the senate of the United States and the committee of ways and means of the house of representatives, which says:

"We, as users of steel rails and transporters of the food and material for American manufacturers and their numerous employees and skilled laborers, do not desire to be dependent exclusively upon the foreign supply and therefore join in asking that instead of the present ad valorem duty a specific duty of 2 cents per pound be placed upon this article.

As soon as this action was taken the English manufacturers prepared a memorial protesting against the proposed increased duty on steel rails. Mr. Jay Gould, then president of the Erie road, who was one of the signers of the memorial to the committee mentioned above, being requested to sign also the memorial of the English manufacturers, wrote to Abram S. Hewitt, Esq., Jan. 20, 1870, saying, after referring to the last mentioned memorial:

"It seems to me that our policy should be to foster and encourage home products rather than open our markets to such a formidable competition as would inevitably result from the reduction of duty so strongly urged in the memorial," adding that by protecting the manufacture of steel rails in this country we would "be largely the gainers in the long run, for the capital invested would all be kept in the country, our operatives would find constant and lucrative employment and the general effect upon our business could not fail to be beneficial. I am at a loss to perceive why we should contribute so large an amount annually to build up the trade and manufactures of foreign countries while our own interests are sacrificed by just so much."

Mr. Hewitt replied:

New York, Jan. 27, 1870.

Jay Gould, Esq., President Erie Railway Company.

Dear Sir—I beg leave to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of 26th inst. and to state that I not only fully concur with the views which you express in regard to the duties on steel and iron rails, but am at a loss to add anything which will make them more forcible. I venture to suggest that you will allow me to send a copy of your letter to the committee of ways and means.

The fact is that steel and iron rails can be made in suitable localities in this country—and notably on the line of the Erie railway—with as little labor as in any part of the world, and the only reason why we pay more for American rails is because we pay a higher rate for the labor which is required for their manufacture, but for no greater quantity of labor. Free trade will simply reduce the wages of labor to the foreign standard, which will enable us to sell our rails in competition with foreign rails; but, as a matter of course, the ability of the laborer to consume will be reduced and a serious loss be inflicted on commerce, general industry and the business of the railways especially. The only reason why a tariff is necessary is to supply the laborer with such wages as will enable him to travel and consume not merely the necessities, but some of the luxuries, of modern civilization.

Besides, if we have free trade we cannot expect to procure our supplies from abroad by increased shipments of grain, for already the European markets take from us all that they require, and no amount of purchase of goods from them will induce them to buy more food than they need and which they now take as a matter of necessity. Faithfully yours, ABRAM S. HEWITT.

We do not know of any document that a protectionist can paste in his hat to better advantage than this letter of Hon. Abram S. Hewitt, as it answers so fully the claims of free traders and those who are advocating reciprocity.

All our readers know that Mr. Hewitt is now advocating that free trade, by which "we cannot expect to procure our supplies abroad by increased shipments of grain," and the story that Mr. Hewitt was changed from a protectionist to a free trader through the arguments of Sir Isaac Lowthian Bell, who showed him that a reduction of \$2 per ton on the duty on pig iron had enabled him to raise the price of that commodity from \$35 to \$53 a ton, is entirely foreign to the admirable and convincing arguments for protection advanced by Mr. Hewitt in 1870.

Three Reasons.

Wire nails, axle grease and alarm clocks are three things which the Democrats say they have discovered that are sold in European markets by American manufacturers at prices lower than the manufacturers will sell them in this country. Here, then, are three reasons that Democrats have put up why their party should be restored to power that they may repeal the tariff. But, then, let's see. Here are three reasons why we don't want the Democrats to try it. They are the Coxey army, the idle factories and the free soup-houses. Mr. Democrat, you may prefer to live on cheap axle grease and free soup, but we don't need the combination in our business.—Moravian Falls (N. C.) Yellow Jacket.

Would Be a Bad Way.

The way to "smash" the trusts is to elect a Democratic president on a free trade platform. Then you will have a return of Grover Cleveland's soup-houses—no work for workmen and no trusts—no combinations of capital to move the hands of toll.—Buffalo News.

No Longer.

Prosperity will last as long as protection lasts, and no longer.—Moravian Falls (N. C.) Patriot.

Importing Iron.

Foreign iron and steel are coming into this country in shiploads. American mills are working to the limit of their capacity, and every mill band in condition to work is fully employed at higher wages than are paid in any other country in the world. Yet the American mills cannot supply the demands of the home market for their products.

The foreign mills are working their hands longer hours and at less wages than our own, so that they are able to carry the goods across the ocean and pay the duties levied on such importations and yet find a profit in the business.

This is one of the industries assailed by opponents of the tariff and concerning which the cry is raised that the "infant industry" ought to be made to shift for itself by removing the tariff which shields it. If foreign mills can now enter the American market, the stimulus afforded them by an easier entrance would be such as to speedily ruin the American market for our own workmen.

The argument for tariff revision is hardly sounder in most other directions than in this one.—Buffalo News.

Delusive.

Free trade as a remedy for trusts is delusive, as is proved by the experience of Britain, which is "plastered all over with trusts," as Mr. Blaine said a dozen years ago—and his words are even truer now. Free trade as a remedy for trusts is delusive, moreover, because some of the largest and richest American "combinations" already have free trade in their product. And, finally, free trade as a remedy for the trust evil is delusive because, in the guise of encouraging competition, it would really destroy that competition—which is most important and desirable—that is the competition of relatively young but ambitious independent American producers.

It is a pity that the Idaho Republicans had not thought a little more on this trust question before their foolish platform was adopted. But Idaho and the other far western states generally are susceptible to enlightenment. They have been won over to sound views on the question of the currency. They can be won over to sound views of the tariff and the trust problem also. They only need to be set to thinking.—Boston Journal.

Protection Sentiment Gaining.

Time was when our free trade philosophers of the east cherished the idea that the west would break away from New England, New York and Pennsylvania on this issue. They tried their best to convince the western farmers that they had no interest whatever in the protective system. But this hope has proved delusive. Michigan and Nebraska are as stalwart in their protectionism as Massachusetts. And even the south, long the free trade stronghold in America, now show signs of returning to the economic faith of Washington and Jefferson.—Boston Journal.

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The auditors will meet at the office of the secretary, on January 2d to settle the accounts of the company.

Forksville, Dec. 1st, 1902.

M. R. BLACK, President.

R. D. LANCASTER, Sec'y.

CONDENSED REPORT of the condition of the FIRST NATIONAL BANK of Dushore, Pa., At close of business, Nov. 25 1902.

RESOURCES:	
Loans and Discounts	\$224,386 36
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	5,000 00
Premium on U. S. Bonds	3,400 00
Stock Securities	15,000 00
Furniture	1,875 00
Due from Banks Approved reserve Agt	42,619 67
Specie and Legal Tender Notes	17,228 53
Redemption fund U. S. Treasury	25,000 00
	\$386,516 58

LIABILITIES.

Capital	\$50,000 00
Surplus and Undivided Profits	23,576 03
Circulation	49,500 00
Deposits	253,439 55
Dividends unpaid	400
	\$386,516 58

State of Pennsylvania, County of Sullivan ss: I, M. D. Swarts, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

M. D. SWARTS, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1st day of Dec. 1902.

ALBERT F. HEISS Notary Public.

Correct—Attest: A. WALSH, J. D. REESER, F. G. SYLVANIA, } Directors.

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We are at our best several times a year, at our very best at Christmas time. This year the store is better than at any former time for we have made large preparation for the large trade that we have every reason to expect. We name below a few of the many attractions here.

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|------------------|--------------|---------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------|---------------------------------|
| Celluloid goods, | Drums, | Printing Presses, | Horses, | Music rolls, | Card cases, | Match safes, |
| Books, | Horns, | Stationery engines, | Bisque Figures | Handkerchief boxes, | Clocks, | Candles, Vases, |
| Bibles, | Blocks, | Merry-go-rounds, | Medallion pictures, | Glove boxes, | Shaving sets, | Traies, Lamps, Fancy dishes, |
| Prayer books | Milk wagons, | Iron Tongs, | tures, | Collar and cuff boxes, | | Cups and saucers, Handkerchiefs |
| Albums, | Ice wagons, | Mechanical Toys, | Mirrors, | Smokers sets, Manicure set, | | Salad dishes, Military brushes, |
| Games, | Coal wagons, | Doll furniture, | Banks, | Jewelry cases, Toilet sets, | | Gloves. |
| Christmas Cards. | Dray wagons, | Purses, | Sterling silver novelties, | Ink wells, Christmas tree orna- | | |

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8.50 A good black wilton overcoat	5.98	3.50 2.98
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Williamsport & North Branch Railroad TIME TABLE.
In effect Monday, Nov. 17, 1902.

Read down				Flag stations where time is marked "f"				Read up				
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	1 13	5 43	4 43	10 42	7 29	Picture Rocks		9 25	10 45	11 10	3 36	4 26
	1 17	5 47	4 47	10 47	7 33	Lyons Mills		9 20	10 40	11 04	3 31	4 21
	1 19	5 49	4 49	10 49	7 35	Hamouli		9 18	10 38	11 01	3 28	4 18
	1 26	5 56	4 56	10 56	7 42	Glen Mawr		9 12	10 32	10 54	3 22	4 12
	1 34	6 04	4 64	10 64	7 50	Strawbridge		9 04	10 24	10 46	3 14	4 04
	1 40	6 10	4 70	10 70	7 55	Beech Glen		8 58	10 18	10 40	3 08	3 98
	1 48	6 18	4 78	10 78	8 03	Muncy Valley		8 50	10 10	10 32	3 00	3 90
	1 50	6 20	4 80	10 80	8 05	Nordmont		8 48	10 08	10 30	2 58	3 88
		6 25	4 85	10 85	8 10	Sokoma		8 43	10 03	10 25	2 53	3 83
		6 30	4 90	10 90	8 15	Laporte		8 38	9 58	10 20	2 48	3 78
		6 35	4 95	10 95	8 20	Ligdale		8 33	9 53	10 15	2 43	3 73
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