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## IRON CROP OF 1902.

In Thirty-two Years Our Production Has Grown to 15,878,354 Tons. Our production of pig iron in 1902 was 17,821,307 tons of 2,240 pounds each. It was 1,942,953 tons more than in 1901, or an increase of nearly oneeighth. Mr. Swank says with pardonable pride that in 1901 we made more iron than Great Britain and Germany combined, and in 1902 we made more than these two countries with the make of Belgium added. In 1901 Belmake of Beigrum ander. In 1904 Be-gium produced 765,420 tons of pig iron. Looking back to 1870, when England was making more than half the world's supply of pig iron and just as a knowl-edge of our development under the Morrill tariff convinced Bismarck that protection was as advantageous for Germany as for us, we find the produc tion of the four countries under com-parison as follows:

	Ton
Great Britain	. 5,963,1
Germany	
Belgium	
Aggregate	. 7,684,:
United States	. 1,665,
For 1901 the figures are:	
	Ton
Great Britain	. 7.761.
Germany	
Belgium	
Beigrum	
	16,388,
United States	. 15,878,3

It will be noted that England and Belgium are free trade, while the Unit-ed States and Germany are protection-ist countries. If any of our readers knows a great economic authority of the free trade persuasion it would be of interest to get his views as to the probable price of iron in face of the present demand in case the production of this country and Germany had in-creased no faster than that of Great Britain and Belgium.

### GROVER CLEVELAND.

Democrats may as well go on voting for Cleveland as anybody. It is pathetic to think of what the party would do if Cleveland should die.—Trinesta (Pa.) Republican.

Colonel Bryan says there is not room enough in the Democratic party for both him and Mr. Cleveland. The Democratic party has been made so small that it hasn't room in it for anything but fights .- Philadelphia Press.

If the news should be published that Hon, Grover Cleveland is about to increase his weight, it might be concluded that he was in politics again .-Brooklyn Standard Union.

Free Traders at Work. At a dinner given in New York on Dec. 19 by the tariff committee of the Reform club the following resolution was adopted: "Resolved, That it is the sense of this meeting that at some time during the ensuing year the tariff com-mittee of the Reform club arrange for mittee of the Reform club arrange for a tariff conference in this city and that representatives of free trade men from various parts of the Union be invited to attend such conference." Josiah Quincy, formerly mayor of Boston, said, "The trust question and the tariff question are inseparably connected, and the prominence which President Roose-velt has helped to give to the former welt has helped to give to the former must lead the country to deal with the latter." Henry W. Lamb said that "as a matter of practical reform policy we are undoubtedly right in adopting some of the gradual steps proposed, even while confident that wider and better measures might be taken. These proposals include reciprocity, free materi als, no protection for trusts. Only the last affords a promise of popular support."-Iron and Steel Bulletin.

# The Difference. Between a low and high tariff there is gaunt want with the former; pros-

was a time in the nistory of America when labor was so greatly in demand or when the hours of toil were gener ly so short or the wages so high.-Philadelphia Item.

Professor Bryan's Harmony. Bryan is a great peacemaker. "No man wants harmony more than I do," he declares in discussing the Demo-cratic situation. Then he goes on to cratic situation. Then he goes on to say how harmony can be secured, which is only by the adoption of the tune he has composed and the per-formance of it upon the lute he has constructed .- South Bend (Ind.) Trib une.

Pledges Redeemed. The Republican congress honestly re-deemed its campaign pledges—with the exception of statehood—in all instances except where Democratic filibustering made it impossible .- Pueblo (Colo.) Opinion

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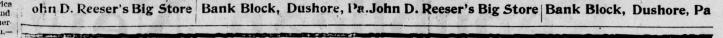
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