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TARIFF A LOCAL ISSUE.

**South Carolina's Plea For Protection
 For Home Grown Tea.**

That the tariff is a local issue was a Democratic enunciation by authority, General Hancock having so declared it. Of course that was in the days of long ago, when the Democratic party, as it is today, was in search of an issue and took up the brilliant and gallant soldier only to go to fearful defeat, and when Hancock made his famous announcement the cusses were deep on one side and the snickers were loud on the other. But now comes that stalwart Democratic at all times organ, the Charleston News and Courier, and inferentially plants itself on the Hancock platform in its demand for a tariff tax on tea, and all because South Carolina has gone into tea raising and the industry is in its infant stage. The News and Courier makes its inferential insistence that the tariff is a local issue plainer by pointing out that Connecticut is coining money because of the tariff on Sumatra tobacco, and it wants to know wherein Connecticut is any better than South Carolina in the following quotation from its editorial: "Take a practical case: Suppose a ship should come into the port of Boston bringing as part of its cargo a lot of tobacco grown in Sumatra and a lot of tea grown on the near mainland of China. Why should the tea be admitted free, to the injury of the Carolina tea growers, and a tax of \$1.50 a pound be collected from the tobacco for the protection of the Connecticut tobacco growers? If these conditions were reversed and the government should impose a protective duty on tea and admit Sumatra tobacco free, is it not altogether probable that our Yankee cousins would resent the discrimination against them and leave the whole lot of the favored product into the waters of Boston harbor in their righteous indignation?"

Just so—why should it? And why shouldn't South Carolina, wanting a tariff on tea grown in South Carolina, believe in tariffs on iron and on steel and on the thousand and one other articles grown in the United States, mined in the United States or produced in the United States by American workmen in the employ of American miners, manufacturers, farmers and other producers? But the heaven is working. The only difference between the Republican and the Democratic parties on the tariff is that the latter regards it as a local issue and wants protection to local industries—when it thinks nobody is looking—while the former regards the interests of the entire country and, believing the tariff to be a question of general application, proceeds to apply its benefits wherever there is an American interest or an American workman.

But the News and Courier is reminded that taxes on tea have been provocative of troubles between nations, though nothing now appears to be disturbing the relations between the United States and South Carolina, but just how Mr. Bryan will regard the demand of the Palmetto State is another story.—Cincinnati Tribune.

Mr. Cleveland Re-enters.

It was a year ago transparently obvious to those familiar with Mr. Cleveland's methods that a hen was on. The organization of a club to supply him a pretext and an arena, his appearance under the same roof with his hated enemy, Hill; his dallying with Tammany Hall, his sudden interest in reviving Democracy, the footlights of Princeton burning low and the Mugwump orchestra all along the line below the stage playing soft Lydian airs, "He won't be a candidate, he may be a candidate, but don't give it away!"—these things could not be mistaken. A little prematurely perhaps the New York World strikes the gong, and, behold, the stage is a flood of light, and in the center,

draped in flowing vestments and garlanded with flowers, the smug, sleek visage and ample bust of him the defunct Dana dared to call the stuffed prophet, of him the living Mugwump delights to call the heaven sent—Henry Watterson in Louisville Courier-Journal.

Never Has Been, Never Will Be.

There is still talk of "a broad national policy" as regards the tariff, which would mean disregarding everything and everything and the making of a tariff to suit those who produce nothing. Tariffs have always been made heretofore to suit American manufacturers and producers. Now it is announced that policy must be changed and the doctrine of protection must be made to mean "a broad national policy," disregarding every selfish thing and acting only from humanitarian and patriotic motives. Such a tariff has never been enacted and never will be. The men who talk about such policies are idle dreamers.—Des Moines (Ia.) Capital.

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10 15	12 50	5 20	4 20	10 22	7 51	Halls	6 20	9 50	7 35	11 25	4 00	4 50	10 00				
10 20	12 55	5 25	4 23	10 25	7 53	Pennsdales	6 15	9 45	7 20	11 30	3 55	4 45	9 55				
10 30	1 05	5 35	4 32	10 34	8 02	Hughesville	6 00	9 35	7 20	11 20	3 45	4 35	9 44				
	1 12	5 43	4 39	10 42	8 09	Picture Rocks		9 25		11 10	3 36	4 26	9 33				
	1 17					Lyons Mills				11 04	3 31	4 21	9 28				
	1 19					Chamouni				11 01	3 28	4 18	9 25				
	1 26					Glen Mawr				10 54	3 22	4 12	9 22				
	1 34					Strawbridge				10 47	3 18	4 08	9 18				
	1 40					Beech Glen				10 43	3 09	3 59	9 14				
	1 43					Muncy Valley				10 40	3 07	3 57	9 11				
	1 50					Sonestown				10 32	3 00	3 50	9 03				
						Nordmont				10 12			8 52				
						Mokoma				9 56			8 34				
						Laporte				9 42			8 20				
						Riptide				9 35			8 01				
						Bernice Road				9 35			7 50				
						Satterfield				9 32			7 45				
A. M.	P. M.	P. M.	A. M.	A. M.	A. M.	Dushore	10 12			8 45			6 25				
						Towanda	11 10			7 45			5 15				
						Sonestown				2 40							
						Geyelin Park				2 20							
						Eagles Mere				1 50							

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