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#### ITS OLD TIME IDEAS

STRONG PROTECTION ARGUMENT OF FORTY-EIGHT YEARS AGO.

A Free Trade Advocate of Today Was In 1855 a Strenuous Exponent of the Policy of Legislating For Americans and Not For Foreigners. Editorial in the Springfield Daily Repub-lican of Jan. 12, 1855.]

We have no faith that the efforts at Washington to change the tariff will be Washington to change the tariff will be successful. They are not well grounded efforts. Principle does not animate them. Only a passing policy or a personal purse gives them vitality. An influential lobby may connect enough of these schemes of policy and plunder to aggregate a force sufficient to beg or buy through congress some changes in the present law. But the probability is stronger that the whole thing will go is stronger that the whole thing will go over to the next congress. There we shall hope to see it met and treated in a different spirit from that now animat-

a different spirit from that now animates ing the ruling powers at the capitol.

The argument of the administration and that only which has a general force is that the present tariff produces too much revenue; that it must be cut down in order to keep the treasury from overflowing, and that the govern-ment plan for accomplishing this is wise and proper, upon its principle that revenue is the only object of a tariff. But the great reduction in the imports of the country, consequent upon the re-action of overimportations and the general prostration of business, is remedying the evil of superfluous revenue. The customs receipts for December alone were two millions less than those of the same month a year ago, and the available surplus in the treasury is being rapidly reduced by its necessary payments and the redemption of the public debt. So long as many millions of that debt remain, and especially while the reduction in importations bids fair to bring the revenue down to a healthy point, it will be neither use-

ful nor wise to further reduce the ex

isting tariff rates.

The country is passing through a change of opinion on the subject of tar-iffs and the uses to which they should be put. The emancipation of the popular mind from old and ironbound par-tisanship will, we have great hope, produce beneficent results here as in other respects. The Whig party, as the champion of the protective policy, was a great obstacle to the success of that policy. The two were identified, and, though the protective policy was popu lar, the Whig party was not. The lat-ter carried down the former. But now times are changed. Protection to American industry can now be favored and secured without at the same time giving aid and comfort to the Whig party. The doctrines of the new American party, which is swallowing up all the old parties, lead directly to protection. Preference for American labor for American goods, for American men, over the labor, the goods and the men of other countries—this is the whole spirit of the American party, and it is the whole doctrine and princi ple of protection. The two are too thoroughly identified to be separated. and if the American party is to triumph American policy must triumph with it. It is this view of the inevitable results of the new and grand political movement that, more than any other, gives us such hope in the future and enables us to regard with a calm philosophy the sometimes unjust, the often awk-ward steps by which the movement

Here springs up our deadened hope of the return of the nation to the policy and practice of protecting American industry and developing American can resources through the operation of the tariff. We had well nigh given up. We were prepared to go the furthest extreme of the free trader. And now we say if we cannot have a protective tariff let us have none at all. Free trade is correct in theory and correct in practice if we are legislating for the benefit of the whole world. But if we are to legislate for America let us legis late for Americans by protecting their interests and their labor against the interests of the uneducated and impoverished labor of Europe.

goes forward.

Away with merely revenue tariffs! They are destroying American inde-pendence. They are transplanting our workshops to Europe. They are carrying off our gold as fast as it can be dug in California. They are obliging us to wear German and French broadcloths by forbidding the manufacture of American. They are shutting up factories, reducing the rates of labor.

impoverishing the country. Away with them! If free trade is the policy, let us have it. Abolish custom houses and their hordes of tide waiters, corrupting our elections, dictating the people's choice. If we are to legislate for the world's benefit—for England, France, Germany, Ireland and all the rest—do it manfully and generously. Throw open the ports of the land and let us have the credit of sacrificing ourselves for the benefit of the world. But if it is America that we are called upon to is America that we are called upon to protect, cherish and advance, let us do that earnestly, honestly and fully. It is a work not to be ashamed of nor to be done by indirection or deceit.

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If the new American party shall, bring back the government to its true policy on this subject, it will nobly have vindicated the uprising of the people, which has brought it into existence. It will deserve all that its most ardent friends ask for it. More than all, or all itself, it will vindicate and merit its name. It will be Ameri-

the Springfield Republican of Jan. 12, 1855, in the column adjoining the editorial on the tariff:

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The plain truth about Democratic chances in the future is simply this: The Democrats can't win until hard come, and hard times can't come until the Democrats win. They are in the same fix the weather was when it got so it couldn't frest till it rained and couldn't rain till it frested.—Moravian Falls (N. C.) Yellow Jacket.

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