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PRICES FOR PIG IRON

THEY WILL ADJUST THEMSELVES
 NATURALLY.

No Need to Fly to Congress For
 Tariff Revision Every Time There
 Is an Unusual Advance in the Price
 of Some Commodity.

At the time last year when the Iowa "shelter for monopoly" idea was receiving the greatest amount of attention because of the persistency of Governor Cummins and his followers, who believed that they had discovered "some new thing," one of the favorite arguments of the tariff reformers was based on pig iron prices. At one time No. 1 foundry northern was quoted at \$27, and those who were compelled to buy pig iron or shut down their works were forced to pay that price. For months the price of this commodity ranged from \$23 to \$25, the second quality being quoted at \$22 to \$23. The tariff reformers argued that these prices were arbitrarily fixed by the manufacturers, who were sheltered by the import duty on iron, and that the only way to reduce the cost of pig iron to the manufacturers, whose raw material it is, was to lower the tariff charges or place pig iron on the free list.

The advice of the reformers was not followed, but pig iron today is selling at \$18, and large contracts have been made at a lower figure. It is conceded even by the tariff reformers who are opposed to furnishing a "shelter for monopoly" that at current prices of iron ore, coke and labor pig iron cannot be sold for less than from \$17 to \$18 and return a fair profit to the manufacturer. This being the case, it probably will be acknowledged that the price at which the product of the furnaces is now being sold is a normal one, not an extortionate figure arbitrarily demanded by monopolists who are sheltered by a protective tariff.

The high prices last year were due to several causes, not the least of which were the coke famine and the coal strike. Labor was high and the demand for pig iron was unprecedented. Consumers of the product of the furnaces were bidding against each other and against themselves at times, as the available stocks and prospective output were both exhausted by the foundry men and machine manufacturers. Some of the factors that operated to bring about the condition mentioned have changed. In many cases the consumers of pig iron temporarily postponed contemplated enlargements of output, thus keeping the demand well within the limit of production and enabling the furnace men to keep pace with their orders and overtake the demand. The result has been a downward tendency of price which has now reached a figure that is approximately normal.

In other words, the matter which the tariff reformers insisted on adjusting by law has adjusted itself through the operation of natural business forces or the laws of trade.

That the slump in the stock market had nothing to do with the decline in the price of pig iron is conclusively shown by the fact that foundry men and machine manufacturers are buying liberally at current prices and making preparations for an active year. There is no thought of a panic in industrial circles. On the contrary, manufacturers of farm machinery are making preparations to meet and supply an increased demand for their products, their estimates being predicated on the prosperity the farmers are enjoying.

The lesson to be learned from the facts recited is plain enough. The foolish notion that it is necessary to fly to congress every time there is an unusual advance in the price of some commodity and ask that body to let in foreign competition with a view to adjusting the market is altogether too common. But it is without warrant in reason nevertheless. The only way in which the American standard of living, which rests upon the American standard of wages as a basis, can be maintained is to insure the American home market to the American producer—and all Americans are producers first—and in that way they secure that which enables them to become consumers. Having established that standard of living, protection must be continued in order that the standard may be maintained. The natural adjustment of the price of pig iron illustrates the operation of the laws of trade, which may be relied upon to work more equitably and to accomplish better results than would a violent assault upon the principle of protection by believers in the "shelter for monopoly" heresy.—Milwaukee Sentinel.

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"Coming Man" Slow to Start.
 The "coming man" of the Democratic party is keeping closely hidden in the bush. At least the party leaders have not been able to find him. Should he chance to come to the edge of the brush he sees the stalwart form of Theodore Roosevelt passing up and down the race track and at once hastens back to his hiding place. The "coming man" who is to lead the Democratic hosts to defeat in 1904 has not yet mustered up enough courage to accept a place on the race course.—Medford (O. T.) Patriot.

Facts to Ponder.
 In all the history of progressive labor never has this class been so favorably situated, both as to employment, remuneration and accumulated surpluses, as at the present day, the only cases of idleness being the result of strikes from an over eagerness to obtain greater remuneration than conditions justify. In fact, this is the only cloud that darkens the most prosperous day labor has ever known.

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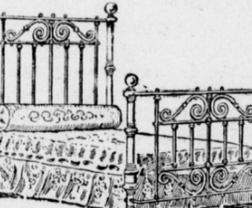
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10 45	1 20	4 50	5 50	10 52	8 21	10 15	4 30
10 50	1 25	4 55	5 55	10 57	8 26	10 20	4 35
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