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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 be-
 lieved that they had discovered "some
 new thing," one of the favorite argu-
 ments 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 can-
 not 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 arbi-
 trarily 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 de-
 mand for pig iron was unprecedented.
 Consumers of the product of the fur-
 naces 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 con-
 templated 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 fig-
 ure that is approximately normal.

In other words, the matter which the tar-
 riff 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 buy-
 ing 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 sup-
 ply an increased demand for their
 products, their estimates being predi-
 cated on the prosperity the farmers are
 enjoying.

The lesson to be learned from the
 facts recited is plain enough. The fool-
 ish notion that it is necessary to fly to
 congress every time there is an unusual
 advance in the price of some commod-
 ity 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 Amer-
 icans are producers first—and in that
 way they secure that which enables
 them to become consumers. Having
 established that standard of living, pro-
 tection 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 up-
 on to work more equitably and to ac-
 complish better results than would a
 violent assault upon the principle of
 protection by believers in the "shelter
 for monopoly" heresy.—Milwaukee Sen-
 tinel.

Willing to Help Him.
 "You have wounded me," he sadly
 said as he arose from his knees,
 "wounded me so deeply that I shall
 never!"
 "Wait," she said, picking a book off
 the library table, "let me see what
 'First Aid to the Injured' says to do in
 such a case as yours."—Chicago Rec-
 ord-Herald.

"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 Dem-
 ocratic hosts to defeat in 1904 has not
 yet mustered up enough courage to ac-
 cept a place on the race course.—Med-
 ford (O. T.) Patriot.

Facts to Ponder.
 In all the history of progressive labor
 never has this class been so favor-
 ably situated, both as to employment,
 remuneration and accumulated sur-
 pluses, as at the present day, the only
 cases of idleness being the result of
 strikes from an overeagerness 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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 try's exports, both agricultural and
 manufactured, so diversified as it is
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 reached as many markets as now. The
 markets of the orient and those of our
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 so promising and growing a future.
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10 20	12 35	4 25	5 25	10 27	7 56	9 50	4 05
10 25	1 00	4 30	5 30	10 32	8 01	10 00	4 10
10 30	1 05	4 35	5 35	10 37	8 06	10 05	4 15
10 35	1 10	4 40	5 40	10 42	8 11	10 10	4 20
10 40	1 15	4 45	5 45	10 47	8 16	10 15	4 25
10 45	1 20	4 50	5 50	10 52	8 21	10 20	4 30
10 50	1 25	4 55	5 55	10 57	8 26	10 25	4 35
10 55	1 30	5 00	6 00	11 02	8 31	10 30	4 40
11 00	1 35	5 05	6 05	11 07	8 36	10 35	4 45
11 05	1 40	5 10	6 10	11 12	8 41	10 40	4 50
11 10	1 45	5 15	6 15	11 17	8 46	10 45	4 55
11 15	1 50	5 20	6 20	11 22	8 51	10 50	5 00
11 20	1 55	5 25	6 25	11 27	8 56	10 55	5 05
11 25	2 00	5 30	6 30	11 32	9 01	11 00	5 10
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