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REAL CHEAPNESS.

**Not the Kind That Has Reduced Millions to Hunger.**

In the second section of his interesting talk to first voters Mr. John P. Young takes up the subject of the "Cheap Loaf," which the British workingman was promised as the result of free trade. This promise of half a century ago reads strangely today in the light of the grim fact that nearly one-third of the population of Great Britain is suffering for want of food. No longer ago than June 5, 1903, Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, a staunch free trader and a bitter opponent of Mr. Chamberlain's preferential plan of treating the colonies, said in a speech at Perth:

"In this country we know, thanks to the investigations of Mr. Seebold, Rowntree and Mr. Charles Booth, that there is about 30 per cent of our population underfed and on the verge of hunger. Thirty per cent of 41,000,000 comes to something over 12,000,000."

Facing such conditions as these, it is small wonder that a month or two later Mr. Chamberlain should have declared that the main question is not the cost of bread, but the ability to buy bread. The cheap loaf has proved nothing but cheap to those who are without money to buy it at any price. Free trade holds up cheapness as the prime consideration: Cheap food first, cheap wages as a resultant and cheap products as a means of underselling the rest of the world. Twelve million out of 41,000,000 Britons are on the verge of starvation. That is how free trade and the cheap loaf have worked. Contrast this with the conditions in a country where to secure cheapness is not the chief end and aim. On this point Mr. Young's pungent comment is as follows:

"British free traders say that the United States is a dear country. So it is, and it is so because the standard of living of the masses is high. And the standard is high because higher wages are demanded in this country. But the American worker attains real cheapness; he gets things. That is the touchstone."

A Striking Business Fact.

The treasury statistics for the fiscal year 1903 show a large increase during that period in the imports of manufacturers' materials—in other words, that more raw materials were bought abroad than ever before. The value of these imports was nearly \$500,000,000, the value of the crude products being \$375,000,000, the increase for the year being about \$50,000,000. The value of partially manufactured raw material was \$114,000,000, the increase being \$23,000,000.

Of the crude materials the increase of \$50,000,000 in value was divided among raw silk, India rubber, wool, chemicals, fibers, tin and copper. In partially manufactured materials the largest increase was in iron and steel, being \$24,000,000. Pig iron increased \$13,000,000, scrap iron over \$1,000,000 and steel about \$7,000,000.

One thing certain is that this heavy increase in imports of manufacturers' materials did not result in curtailing industrial operations in this country in the production of raw materials, nor did it check the production of finished products in any way. In 1902, for instance, the United States produced 40 per cent of the world's supply of pig iron, as it did also of steel products.

The importation of raw materials and those partially manufactured, it seems, was stimulated last year by the unusual and unprecedented demand upon the industrial establishments of this country. In other words, American manufacturers were unable to supply the demand for their products without going to foreign countries for materials which could not be supplied here.

Could there be more striking evidence of the wonderful industrial development that has taken place in the United States within the past six or seven years?—New York Commercial.

Always Left Out.

The reduction in rates of duty herein provided for shall apply only to articles transported in ships of the country of origin.

A claim embodying a proviso of this kind should be added to the Cuban treaty. It should be a feature of every reciprocity treaty. What time congress is occupied in tinkering our tariff system to the detriment of American producers of sugar, tobacco, fruits, vegetables, etc., it might to some extent repair the mischief by doing something toward the upbuilding of American shipping. It seems queer that in all the schemes and projects for "reciprocity" the American ship should always be left out. Has it no friends in Congress?

The Mercer county (N. J.) Pomona grange held a monster clambake and picnic in August, at which fully 2,000 patrons were present. The grange had headquarters on the Trenton fair grounds Sept. 28 to Oct. 2.

Michigan has organized 122 new granges since Dec. 1, 1902. The prize desk plan brought in 1,700 new members.

West Virginia has over eighty-five subordinate granges and three Pomona. Very odd for a southern state.

Truths.

Here are the truths under which we conquer: Protection to American capital and labor through the American economic system, arrest of all combinations whose aim or enterprise is to defeat the beneficent purpose either of the tariff law or of the Sherman law.—Boston Journal.

Difficult.

Senator Gorman qualifies his remarks by adding that he is in favor of "conservative tariff reform." He will find it difficult to steer between protection and free trade in a way that will win the confidence of the advocates of either policy.—Rochester Democrat and Chronicle.

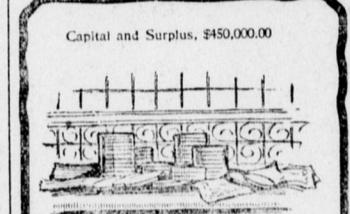
Cleveland's Boom.

The Grover Cleveland presidential boom has caught its third or fourth wind and is once more frisking and scampering before the public. Its kittenish antics would really indicate the possession of the traditional nine lives.—Terre Haute Tribune.

The grange has done much for the women of the farm, but the grange would lose more than half its efficiency without the women.

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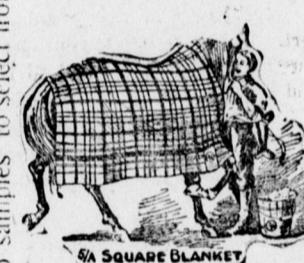
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