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WHERE TARIFF IS A TAX.

In Free Trade Great Britain It Is Indeed a Burden.

The British tariff system differs from the American tariff system in one important particular. In Great Britain they impose duties "for revenue only" on articles not produced at home. In the United States we derive the greater part of our customs revenue from duties on articles the like of which are the products of domestic industries. The American system is called protection. The British system is called free trade.

This difference is brought into prominence by the new British budget, with its increase of twopenny in the tax on tea, bringing the total tax up to eightpence, or about 16 cents per pound. We take from the Boston Herald some British commercial statistics showing the effect upon consumers of this increased tax. Their annual consumption of tea per capita is over six pounds, while the American per capita consumption is less than one pound. Last year the British imports of tea amounted to the enormous total of 301,618,464 pounds, of which it is estimated that 255,396,000 pounds were consumed by the British people.

One significant fact of the situation described is that the English people cannot escape the tax by raising their own tea. They must import their favorite beverage or get along without it. In the United States, on the other hand, tariffs are levied upon articles which can be produced in our own country, with the result that they are produced so abundantly that the price is actually lowered in consequence of the duties placed upon them. Theoretically, the tariff is a tax; practically, it is a tax reducer. More than that, industrial opportunities are credited for the benefit of wage earners and to the immense enlargement of national and individual wealth.

Whatever may be the comparative merits of the two systems in England it is certainly well for the United States to refrain from taxing non-competitive articles like tea and to change other countries for the privilege of bringing their competitive articles into our markets. This is the Republican policy. It is not the Democratic policy.

THE LOW PRICE ERA.

An Example Was Furnished During Cleveland's Last Term.

We have only to go back to the last administration of President Cleveland for an example of the truth of Secretary Shaw's proposition. The tariff-smuggling bill knocked business skyward. Mills closed. Only a portion of the people found employment. Prices went down. Of course they did, for who was there to purchase?

Does not every one remember the free soup houses for the starving multitudes who could not get employment? What was the use of a butcher shop advertising meats at a reduced price when the laborer without work did not have the price? It was tantalizing for him to be told that he could purchase a loaf of bread for a cent or two less than in good times, for in good times he would have had 5 cents in his pocket to pay for a loaf, but now if bread was selling for a penny he could not procure it.

That is what Secretary Shaw wished the workmen of Wilmington to understand. If they are all at work at a fair wage they have the price of bread and meat in their pockets, and if the price is higher than in troublous times they should remember that it is the farmer who is prospering with them, and the farm and the mill are necessary to each other if there is to be general prosperity.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

THE EXPECTED HAPPENED.

Governor Cummins Broke Faith With Republicans of Iowa.

The Cedar Rapids Republican is right in the opinion that in going to the Chicago convention and "breaking loose with about the worst concoction of ideas that he has yet devised" Governor Cummins broke faith with the Republicans of Iowa.

That is precisely what happened, precisely what might have been expected. Although morally bound hard and fast by the vote of an overwhelming majority in the convention which selected him as one of the delegates at large, and although he pledged himself to stand with both feet right in the middle of the platform and not to

teetering on its edges, Cummins disregarded the instructions and broke his word by working with all his might and main for the incorporation of his tariff tinkering and wide open reciprocity heresies into the national Republican platform.

Iowa Republicans made a mistake when they permitted Cummins to misrepresent them at Chicago. He should have been kept at home. He probably will be next time.

Want Nothing Better.

The question of upholding the great American advance in the new departure of the last eight years will count with thoughtful minds. But it is practically embraced in the Roosevelt issue and need not be particularly differentiated. The two issues cover the fighting ground, and Republicans want nothing better.—Philadelphia Press.

Wise Modification.

There will come modification of the tariff just as rapidly as conditions suggest that modification is wisdom, but the task of defining changes will be left to the Republican party, under the operation of whose policy America has been so magnificently uplifted and transformed.—Baltimore American.

Some Figures by an Official of the Department of Agriculture—Increase of Farm Values From Building Good Roads.

"The American people have reason to appreciate the fact that the good roads question appears at last to be taking on a thoroughly practical aspect, with promise of great benefit to every person living in this country," said an official of the department of agriculture to a representative of the Washington Star recently.

"Every foreigner coming to this country is amazed on the one hand at our general progressiveness and enterprise and utterly disgusted on the other hand at our almost total lack of good roads and our almost utter want of appreciation of the advantages of properly improved highways. As a result of this our deplorable roads have attained a worldwide renown, which greatly detracts from our reputation of being an exceptionally enlightened and progressive people.

"The willing submission of the American people to the needless and burdensome condition of our country roads is a remarkable circumstance. Careful study of this matter seems to indicate that this is wholly due to lack of knowledge and appreciation of the comparative benefits of improved roadways over bad ones and the ease and low cost by which the best of roads may be secured.

"It is wholly inconsistent with the characteristic enterprise of Americans that they should willingly submit to the continuous and needless losses due to lack of good roads, especially when these losses are so great in a few years as to equal the cost of building the finest roads in the world throughout the entire country. This remarkable fact can only be accounted for as the result of our deplorable ignorance of the comparative economies, comforts and pleasures of good and bad roads.

"It is conservatively estimated by government officials that we are needlessly losing or wasting over \$600,000,000 each year because of our bad roads, making a mud tax of over \$2,000,000 for every working day in the year and an individual tax of nearly \$8 each year for every person in this country.

"This estimate is for the direct money loss and takes no account of the incidental disadvantages, discomforts and inconveniences of bad roads, which would probably exceed the direct money loss. Besides this, the increased values of farms reached by good roads would amount to an enormous sum. In New York and other states this increase in selling values has equaled from \$25 to \$100 an acre in many cases.

"An increase of only \$8 an acre on the estimate of 640,000,000 acres for the country would amount to something like \$5,000,000,000, or more than enough to build the best and finest main roads in the world—about 1,000,000 miles—throughout the entire country several times over, and by recently developed methods in road building the best roads can be built for a cost which should not exceed an average of \$2,000 a mile. The interest on this sum of \$5,000,000,000 at 4 per cent would build all the mainly traveled roads in the country in less than ten years at a cost of only 40 per cent of the increased farm value.

"From this it appears that we would receive benefits from improving our main roads in the increase of farm values alone equal to two and one-half fold, or 250 per cent of their cost.

"A direct saving of \$600,000,000 a year, figured at 4 per cent interest, would carry a cost of \$12,500,000,000. This is over six times, or 630 per cent, of the necessary costs of the main roads for the entire country.

"If the indirect comforts, benefits and savings will equal the direct saving we will have another item of \$600,000,000. This makes the total benefits from good main roads equal to something like \$30,000,000,000, or fifteen times their cost. The interest from this sum at 7 per cent would pay the cost of building the finest and best main roads in the world throughout the entire country each and every year.

"These benefits are so enormous that it is difficult to rightly comprehend them without making some comparisons. The benefits of \$30,000,000,000, for instance, are nearly a hundred times the amount of the cost of the Spanish war and certainly appear to make this the greatest economic question before this country at the present time."

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North Branch	7:15	12:45	7:15	12:45
Conowingo	7:30	1:00	7:30	1:00
Frederick	7:45	1:15	7:45	1:15
Hagerstown	8:00	1:30	8:00	1:30
Gettysburg	8:15	1:45	8:15	1:45
Carlisle	8:30	2:00	8:30	2:00
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