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**TARIFF REDUCTION.**  
HAS ALWAYS RESULTED IN LOSS  
OF REVENUE.

The Downward Revision of Duty  
Rates Invariably Causes Excess of  
Expenditures Over Custom Re-  
ceipts, the Main Source of Revenue.

In considering the question of tariffs and revenues it does not require—indeed, it is not practical—to defend protection from the standpoint of needed revenues. The principles of protection are confirmed as sound regardless of the actual results in the matter of revenues derived. But even considered from the standpoint of revenues needed by the government, which is meeting the revisionists and tariff smashers on their own ground, it is possible to show from the results in past years just what would follow tariff tinkering in the interests of additional revenues, for it can be shown from the results obtained in the past that reductions of the tariff have produced losses instead of gains in revenues from customs duties. If that proposition can be sustained, what becomes of the theories of the tariff smashers that increased revenues would follow reductions in the tariff rates?

There was a revision of the United States tariff law in 1882. That was a Republican and protection revision. It was made for the purpose of meeting what exists now in the country—a popular clamor for reduction of duties. While the high customs duties incident to the civil war had been materially reduced at different times from 1865 down to 1880, there were still heard throughout the country strenuous demands that the customs duties be further reduced. It will be remembered that the tariff commission of that year favored a reduction of duties. Well, in 1872 the Republican congress revised the tariff to reduce duties. The schedules of the tariff were overhauled throughout, substantial reductions being made in many cases, and, as a natural result of a practical investigation of conditions, in some instances there were increases in customs rates. The sum total, however, was a net reduction amounting to an average in the customs rates on free and dutiable goods of about 3 per cent. Now, what was the influence of these tariff changes upon the customs revenues?

In 1881, a year before the tariff changes, the net receipts of the government from customs duties were \$193,153,000. Without considering the year of the change, but passing to a year later, when the new law had an opportunity to demonstrate its full efficiency untrammelled by the influences of the changes in importations, it is found that the revenues declined rather than increased. In the fiscal year ending June 30, 1884, the first full fiscal year after the tariff changes, the aggregate receipts from customs were \$175,047,000 or three millions less than before the changes and reductions in duties. In the next fiscal year there was a further decline in receipts from customs down to \$181,471,000.

Probably no change in the tariff laws would be a better type illustrative of the influences of reductions in customs rates than that of 1882, especially for a comparison with existing conditions today. But there are other striking illustrations.

In 1890 the Republican party again made changes in the tariff law for the avowed purpose of reducing revenues rather than reducing customs duties. That resulted in the McKinley tariff. The duties were increased rather than diminished on the average line of dutiable goods. But by the removal of the duties entirely from raw sugar and other changes the revenues from customs were reduced from \$223,832,000 in 1889, the year before the changes, to \$177,132,000 in 1892, the first full fiscal year after the changes.

Then came the season of Democratic tariff tinkering for the express purpose of reducing duties, not revenues. That was the period of disaster. The Democratic party reduced the duties of the McKinley tariff from an average rate on free and dutiable imports in 1893 of 23 per cent to an average of 20 per cent in 1896. Now, what was the effect upon the revenues of the government from customs duties? In 1893, under the McKinley tariff, we collected from customs \$203,355,000; in 1896, the first full fiscal year under the operations of the "tariff reform" act, we collected from customs duties \$160,000,000. And the tide of reduction in customs revenues which then set in was not stopped until the Dingley protective tariff act of 1897 had time to get

A debate between representatives of neighboring granges is often interesting.

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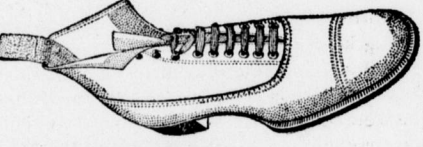
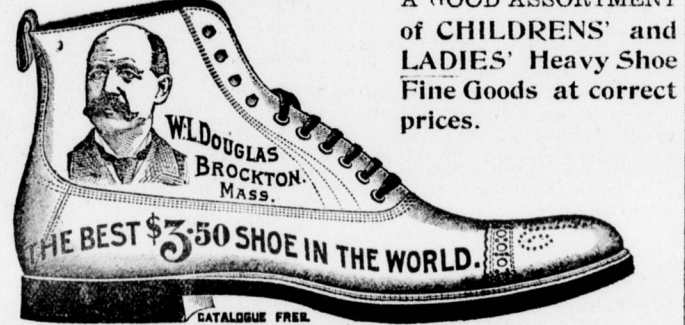
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10 30	1 05	4 35	5 40	10 37	8 06	Picture Rocks	6 45	7 50	10 25	12 30	4 25	5 30	10 15	10 30	1 10	4 40	5 45		
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