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**HARD TIMES ALWAYS FOLLOW REPEAL
 OF PROTECTIVE LAWS.**

**No Measure Enacted by Protection-
 ists Has Ever Failed to Bring Gen-
 eral Prosperity—Revision of the
 Work of Dingley Would Be Folly.**

The history of American industry and tariff legislation will show five things clearly:

First.—No successful tariff bill was ever framed or enacted except under the stress of dire industrial and commercial disaster.

Second.—There never was a repeal of a protective tariff that was not at once followed by hard times, low wages and high rates of interest.

Third.—No tariff law was ever enacted by protectionists that did not bring general prosperity.

Fourth.—No material amendment of a tariff law reducing duties that did not impair its usefulness and was not the beginning of its destruction.

Fifth.—No successful tariff law was ever first attacked in the open on principle. The assault has been made in the outset by a clamor for revision, against the sanctity of any law, changed conditions, joined in at once by antique free traders and manufacturers who demand protection for themselves and would deny it to wool, coal, etc., and aided by men whose ambitions in their own party have been disappointed.

A successful tariff is a huge combine and to the uninitiated economist artificial—unnatural. But it is a combine embracing the whole nation against Europe and for the benefit of all our people, especially of the farmers and wage earners.

To effect this combine the greatest difficulties must be encountered and overcome.

American industries are almost inconceivably interwoven and interdependent. Every one must buy raw material of many kinds. Wool is raw material to the cloth maker, steel to the cutler and so on through the whole gamut of the tens of thousands of industries. But wool is the finished product of the farmer, steel of the steel mill. Nova Scotia has great beds of bituminous coal, said to be owned in large part by a syndicate of Cleveland free traders. New England cutlers want free steel. The factory owners, uneducated in the higher, broader, more abstruse laws of trade, think the duty on coal, steel, etc., is paid by them. They do not stop to consider what the price would be should the competition of the United States supply be cut off by free trade in coal. The shoe and harness maker, hoping for cheaper leather, wants free hides.

So when a tariff bill is to be framed or revised these gentlemen swarm into Washington and with the frantic zeal of mere money getters vex the atmosphere with a clamor and clatter that would make bedlam seem like a haven of peace. To reconcile these conflicting interests and frame a wise and fair bill is a titanic task. No one who has not witnessed a work like this or watched it closely can form any just conception of its pitfalls and nerve racking difficulties. Poor Nelson Dingley, the noblest, ablest, purest of American statesmen, gave up his invaluable life to the task. In 1883 Kelley weakened in strength while the battle was on, and Haskins of Kansas sought to relieve him. Both soon went to their respective graves. Scarcely an item could get into the protective circle without prolonged conflict with some one—generally more—industry which was itself protected.

The election of Cleveland and a Democratic congress in 1892 brought such universal disaster upon the country that the contestants were more easily

persuaded to give and take. But even with this advantage, so sharp and prolonged was the conflict that Dingley's noble life was wasted. There was a strong, numerous and alert minority ready to spring upon the bill at the first division among the protectionists.

Before the bill could be passed all these conflicting interests must be persuaded and reconciled, for if lumber be left out Michigan, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Washington and Oregon would desert the protection ranks. If coal be omitted, West Virginia, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Iowa are mistreated. If wool be neglected, the middle, western and northwestern and Rocky mountain states will rightfully resist, and so on through the whole gamut. These and like industries hold the balance of power in the industrial states. For a certainty these do, with respect to the maintenance of protection, look very much like "bricks." Pull out a very few of them, perhaps even one or two, and the whole wall trembles. This is what the clamorers for revision (not Governor Cummins) hope and expect. This is the "wooden horse" filled with armed men that seeks entrance. This is the camel that only wants to get his nose into the tent, this the folly compared with which the action of the ancient fool who killed the goose that daily laid him a golden egg was wisdom supreme.

To touch the great work of Mr. Dingley and his associates, which has given to the American people a prosperity hitherto unknown, with hostile hands without the clearest, most undeniable, most imperative necessity merely because we "must touch it" would be the climax of folly. It would open a Pandora's box upon the people filled with evils unnumbered. — McGreggor (Pa.) News.

The Worst to Come.
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Delegates Should Be Representative.
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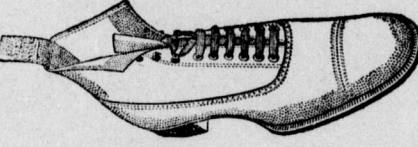
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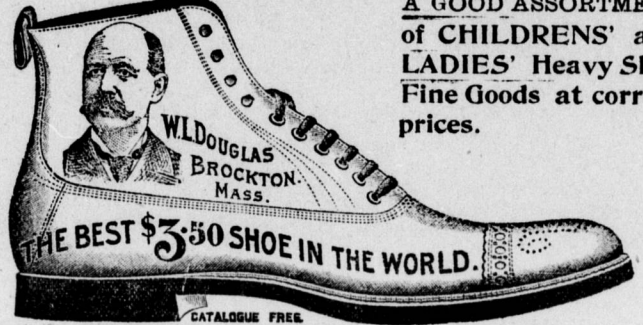
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1:05	4:45	5:40	10:34	8:01	Hughesville	9:55	12:00	3:45	4:50	9:42	
1:15	4:55	5:45	10:44	8:06	Picture Rocks	9:55	11:50	3:35	4:40	9:35	
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