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#### DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

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CREDULOUS MR. PECK

RIDICULOUS REPORT OF THE NEW
YORK LABOR COMMISSIONER.

Protected Manufacturers Concost Their
Own Statisties and Peck Uses Them
Fallacious Reasoning, Hiogical Conciusions and Grave Misconceptions.

What is this report of Labor Commissioner Charles F. Peck, of New York, which President Harrison is quoting and about which the Republicans are making as much fuss as if it were the only really valuable piece of campaign material that they have got hold of this year?

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First—Mr. Peck attempte to show whether a "protective tariff" or a "tariff for revenue only" is to be preferred.

Second—He evidently assumed and thought that increased production and manufacturers and treated The Economist to a collection of falsehoods. Senator Aldrich is. another over credulers wished to annihilate Hon. John De Wite Warner's list of "100 tarift trusts." We sent out blanks to protected manufacturers, asking them to state whether streamously denied that they were in a trust—in many cases, where they were to deging from one state to another, under aliases to escape prosecution, or whether they were in a trust—in many cases, where they were they were to deging from one state to another, under aliases to escape prosecution, or whether they were in a trust—in many cases, where they were they were they were they were to state whether a late of the trust—in many cases, where they were in a trust—in many cases, where they were they were to state whether a facturers, asking them to state whether the wished to annihilate Hon. John De Wite Warner's lake the wished to annihilate Hon. John De Wite Warner's lake the wished to annihilate Hon. John De Wite Warner's lake the wished to annihilate Hon. John De Wite Warne

pretty scheme Mr. Peck refuses to make public the letters on which he bases his assertions."

Fourth—Mr. Peck's figures show a net increase of production of \$31,315,130, and of wages of \$4,377,925 in 1891 over 1890—\$23.11 to each of the 285,000 employees, or \$43.96 to each employee in the fifty-one trades showing increased wages—there being \$6,717 instances of individual increases.

Fifth—Supposing that these statistics are correct they show that from some cause or causes—perhaps good crops or it may be increased prices for manufactured goods—the value of manufactured products has increased \$31,000,000, about one-fifth of which has gone to labor—probably for work dome—and four-fifths of which rest snugly in the pockets of protected manufacturers. That Mr. Peck should jump to the conclusion that this increase in earnings meant increased rates of wages and that these were due to a tariff law, is unbecoming to him as a statistician and inconsistent with his past records. In 1888, 1889 and 1890 he attributed wage increases to labor organizations, strikes and national prosperity.

These statistics also contradict those of the senate committee—obtained with considerable care—which show that wages have advanced somewhat in fitteen unprotected industries, but have fallen slightly in fifteen highly protected industries. In many industries the statistics ap-

teon unprotected industries, but have fallen slightly in fifteen highly protected industries.

In many industries the statistics appear to be entirely inconsistent with previous and with contemporaneous statistics and to depend largely upon the elasticity of the consciences of the makers. Thus the average yearly wages in the agricultural implements industry for 1890 is \$554.30 in New York and \$419.10 in Massachusetts—a difference greater than usually exists between wages in this and in European countries—and yet these two states have the same tariff law. In the second industry mentioned (arms and ammunition) the average yearly wages in 1890 were \$501.45 in Massachusetts and \$492.42 in New York. The third (artificial teeth) shows yearly wages of \$554.45 in Massachusetts and \$492.45 in Massachusetts and \$492.45 in Massachusetts and \$492.45 in Massachusetts of \$192 in New York—but notwithstanding this tremendous difference the high priced labor of Massachusetts competes with the pauper labor of New York. But by 1891 wages in this industry had increased to \$254.45—that is from about sixty-five to eighty cents per day. Analysis of other industries shows dustry had increased to \$254.45—that is from about sixty-five to eighty cents per day. Analysis of other industries shows the same glaring inconsistencies and demonstrates the entire worthlessness of such statistics, except for Republican campaign purposes. But there are, as Mr. J. Schoenhof has shown important and significant

But there are, as Mr. J. Schoenhof has shown, important and significant omissions in Peck's list of protective industries. Three of these are the highly protected and exceeding important industries of cotton goods, hats, caps, etc., and iron and steel products. In these, both the number of employees and their annual earnings had declined heavily from 1870 to 1880. Here are the

census tables (in th	ousand	s):	
187	No. of	18	No. of
Wages. Cotton goods. \$2,628	Hands. 9,144	Wages. \$2,218	Hands.
Hats, caps. etc. 2,630 Iron and steel	5,870	2,155	5,213
products 9,900	18,684	4,991	13,567
Totals 15,150	83,689	9,364	28,680

The average per hand employed is as follows:

vote getter for the Republicans.

Shooting Both Ways.

Next to the report on production and wages in New York, which is compiled from the replies of protected manufacturers to Peck's implied question, "How are you and your employees getting on under McKinleyism?" President Harrison's letter of acceptance is just now attracting more attention from Republicans than any other document. With such ammunition as this the double barreled "protection and reciprocity" guns—loaded to shoot in opposite directions—will have no trouble in dispersing any "free trade" mob that can collect on protected American soil.

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A Giant, and Still Growing.
A young man came to the city this evening from Monterey en route northward and soon had crowds following him everywhere he went. His name is Arthur Johnson, and he is a native of Santa Cruz. He is only eighteen years of age, but 6 feet 9½ inches in his stockings and weighs about 180 pounds. He measures 36 inches about the waist and 38 about the chest. He is still growing.—Sacramento Cor. San Francisco Chronicle.

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