## OUR POCKETKNIVES.

#### EXTRA DUTY HAS BEEN OBTAINED MISREPRESENTATION.

### Pride of Protectionists-Both the

Manufacturers and the Employees Are Foreigners—How the Trust Has Raised Prices and Robbed the Americans.

Perhaps there is no industry of much Perhaps there is no industry of much importance that shows the stimulating effects of McKinleyism more than the manufacture of pocket cutlery. And there is no industry to which the pro-tectionist can and does point with more pride. The act of 1890 increased the duty from 50 per cent. to from 70 to over 100 per cent. It is now the claim of protectionists, and it is being heralded far and wide, that this industry, which was dying under a 50 per cent. stimulus, has been so built up by McKinley that wages have been advanced 10 per cent, in three of the twenty-four factories in this country. Prices of knives also have been advanced; but this is a secondary matter with protectionists, the essential natter with protectionists, the essential

been advanced; but this is a secondary matter with protectionists, the essential idea being to start new industries here or to assist old ones by cutting off for-eign competition. If it ever pays our government to propagate artificially any industry this is probably such an indus-try, and yet let us analyze a little the cost to the nation of such an investment and see who are benefited by it. The pocket cutlery industry, like many other industries, was established in this country during the "free trade" period from 1840 to 1860. At that time more than half of the employees were Ameri-cass. Since it became highly protected and began to rely upon governmental aid rather than meritorious goods for suc-cess the industry has been unsteady, like a man who is in the habit of taking timelant to heave m high springer without the bules, like a man who is in the habit of taking cess the industry has been unsteady, and since about 1870 has had the blues, like a max who is in the habit of taking stimulants to keep up his spirits will have when he is unable to obtain the ever larger doses which his unnatural appetite craves. Wages have been re-duced often in this industry, and only four or five years ago reductions of about 20 per cent. were made in most of the shops. Partly because of the low wages, and partly because of the low wages, and partly because of the low wages, and partly because they were driven out by the English and German workmen who were imported to keep wages down, the skilled American work-men have left this business, until today, out of the 1,400 or 1,500 workers in the twenty-four establishments (mostly small ones) which make pocket cutlery, about 1,100 are English, 200 are Ger-mans, and 100 or 150 are Americans, the latter being mostly boys and girls not doing skilled work and earning only from 50 cents to \$1 per day. The Ameri-cans have but little prospect of better-ing their condition, for the foreigners now have a monopoly of this industry by means of their unions—Spring Knife Makers' union, subdivided into Forgers and Grinders and Finishers' unions. Their rules practically prohibit any but

Makers' union, subdivided into Forgers and Grinders and Finishers' unions. Their rules practically prohibit any but English and German from entering any except the unskilled departments. The foreigners are mostly from the Sheffield district in England and are undesirable as emigrants; most of them, it is said, can neither read nor write. As to the manufacturers, they are also largely English, who advocate plenty of protection and who have shown them-selves willing to pay for it. In conjunc-tion with the table cultery manufactur-ers they kept two men at Washington much of the time for three or four years previous to the passage of the McKinley tariff act. Their share of this expense was \$7,000. They now keep a man at the custom house to prevent undervaluations and fraud. Having secured all they ex-pected at Washington they immediately set to work to get back the money which they had invested there. Their associaset to work to get back the money which they had invested there. Their associa-tion held weekly meetings to arrange prices, and made their first general ad-vance in October, almost before the Mc-Kinley act had taken effect. They hal paid for their share of this tariff act and saw no reason for denying their propri-torship in it. Hence some of them hold-ly announced that because of the Mc-Kinley bill they had advanced prices-from 10 to 15 per cent. In January, 1891, a second general advance was made. This caused such a howl from dealers and the public that the manufacturers ceased to send out circulars advancing prices all along the line at once, and in-stead have held monthly meetings and made advances by private lists to indi-vidual dealers. These lists appear regn-larly, the last being on Aug. 6, 1892. One month they will inform a dealer that "they are compelled to make the following changes in prices." The next month a dozen other Tollowing changes in process of the process of the

keeping down wages are concerned. Many of the larger manufacturers, how-ever, have been in favor of a much stronger organization, capable of regu-lating production and of sustaining high prices and profits. A few months ago four of the largest firms agreed to com-bine under the name of the United States Cutlery company, with a capital of \$1,600,000. Their prospectus said: "The business of these companies (man-facturing 65 per cent. of all the pocket cutlery made here; has steadily increased year by year, and the net profits of these companies for a period of over three years are largely in excess of the sum necessary to have paid 8 per cent. divi-dends upon \$800,000 preferred stock." It is also claimed that the new company could pay dividends of 8 per cent. on \$800,000 and 15 per cent. on the other \$800,000.

\$200,000 and 15 per cent. on the other \$300,000. According to the testimony given in 1890 before the ways and means com-mittee the combined investment of these four companies was only \$400,000. The manufacturers then put on long faces and tried to make the committee believe that the necket cuttery industry means manufacturers then put on long faces and tried to make the committee believe that the pocket cutlery industry was about to expire nuder a 50 per cent. duty. It now appears that they were then making 'largely in excess' of 16 per cent. upon their actual capital (\$400,000), and that they are now in sigape to make 46 per cent. on this same amount. They add in their prospectus that 'prices upon cutlery have never yet reached those which could have been asked by the increased rate of tariff.'' That their claims are not extravagant is evident trom the announcement in The House Furnishing Goods Weekly of Ang. 4, 1892, that "the Southington, Conn., has declared a quarterly dividend of 8 per cent.'' It is clear that the increased duty was obtained under false pre-tenses, if not by actual fraud. And these are the class of men who reag the benefits of McKinleyism.

these are the class of men who reap the benefits of McKinleyism. Notice now how these spoils are di-vided between the manufacturers and their employees. The Republican press points with pride to three companies— the Canastota Knife company, the New York Knife company, and the Thomaston Knife company, employing altogether about 400 hands—that have advanced wares about 10 per cent. It is true that The company, employing alongenies about 400 hands—that have advanced wages about 10 per cent. It is true that since 1890 about three-fourths of the employees in these factories have ob-tained advances that will average be-tween 7 and 10 per cent. These advances have been secured only because the em-ployees were organized and struck or threatened to strike for higher wages. Strikes are now on in three other fac-tories. But suppose that all of these 400 employees have had their wages ad-vanced 10 per cent. and that they earn an average of \$4000 each a year (the ac-tual average is much less). Their total benefit from the new tariff (admitting that it made the advance possible) would thus be less than \$24,000. The yearly product of all the factories is worth from \$1,500 000 the \$000 0000. The S0 are cent product of all the factories is worth from \$1,500,000 to \$2,000,000. The 30 per cent. advance in prices then increases the profits of the manufacturers about \$500,-000. That is, the manufacturers have That is, the manufacturers have retained 95 per cent. of the spoils and grudgingly yielded up 5 per cent. to the

wage earners. The American user of pocketknives has taken \$500,000 out of one pocket and made it a present to these foreigners for the privilege of carrying an "American knife" in another pocket, and this in addition to a similar amount bestowed upon the same foreigners under the 50 per cent. duty prior to 1890. If this be the best that McKinley can do for us it is time we were finding it out. It will be money in our pockets some day.

### WHO PAYS THE TARIFF?

### A Convincing Letter from a Washington

them down on saturday, July 30, for an in-definite period," closing down due to the "That" depression existing in the pig iron The Keystone Horseshole company, of Phila-delphia, has started upon three-fourths ca-pacity after a shutdown of three weeks, dur-ing which time the workmen concluded to make the required "concessions" necessary to resume work. Recent advances amounting to §3 and §4 per tonave been made in structural steel. The Keysta vances amounting to §3 and §4 per tonave been made in structural steel. With a some of the manufacturers have withdrawn their quotations." "It is estimated that about 15,000 men are now idle, causing some eighty buildings in course of construction to be tide up" in New York city. "It is intimated that during the present moteed" for explicit increase in prices will be to be the structural steel. The Iron Age attempts editorially to explain the grave necessity which exists for "the leveling of wages" in the iron industry. It says both prices and wages have been on an artificial basis, and that values an artificial standard of wages is propped up by a tariff—unsteady and fluctuating prices and production, com-binations of capital to restrict produc-tion, raise prices and reduce wages, la-strikes, boycotts and labor riots—all paid for in the end by the consumer who rotes to sustain this unnatural and unhealthy system of providing for our wants. A Convincing Letter from a Washington Street Car Driver. There is a street car driver in Washing-ton correspondent of the St. Louis Re-public. He is a native of Ireland and has been in this country about six years. He is a pretty bright fellow, is a close reader of the newspapers and a careful observer of everything that is going on. During the past year Mike has been paying a good deal of attention to the tariff ques-tion, and has been led away by the theo-ries of the Republicans that protection was a good thing for the poor man. An incident occurred within the past week or ten days that has made Mike somewhat skeptical. He had been told, by the Republicans of course, and by McKinley in particular, that the foreign-ers paid our taxes. McKinley said so in bis Minneapolis speech and Mike be-lieved him at the time. About ten days ago a cousin of Mike's arrived in this country. He brought a present from Mike's mother to her son, consisting of twelve pairs of woolen socks which she unhealthy system of providing for our

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KEEP M'KINLEY TALKING.

Mike's mother to her son, consisting of twelve pairs of woolen socks which she herself knitted for him. It is safe to say that the value of the socks was about twenty cents a pair, but when Mike's cousin arrived at the custom house he was assessed twenty-five cents a pair tariff duty on socks. When he came to Mike he showed him his receipt from the custom house officers for the dozen socks, and Mike of course had to refund the money to him. This set Mike thinking, and on suggestion of a friend with whom he conferred he ad-dressed the following letter to Governor

# RECORD OF ONE WEEK

NOT A PLEASANT CONTEMPLATION FOR THE M'KINLEY IDOLATERS. sts Formed, Mills Closed, Prices Raise and Wages Reduced in Artificially Stim-ulated Industries-A Very Startling

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ulated Industries—A Very Startling Condition. It is the claim of protectionists—as ridiculous as it is general—that protec-tion tariffs tend to destroy monopolies and trusts, to increase production, to lower prices and to raise wages. Tariff reformers take a different view on all these points and base their opinions less upon theory and more upon facts. They have recently called the attention of the country to a list of 100 tariff trusts, to a list of 500 wage reductions in protected industries since October, 1890, to hum-dreds of articles on which both the duty and the price have been increased, to hundreds of mills and factories closed by these tariff trusts to restrict produc-tion, and to numerous other similar facts. Readers of trade papers come across a multitude of facts on the tariff reform side of this question. Here *ike* a few taken from The Weekly Iron Age of that the greatest of all protected indus-tries is that of iron and steel manufac-ture:

that the greatest of all protected indus-tries is that of iron and steel manufac-ture: It publishes a list of eight big iron and steel combines and of several smaller ones of recent date. These embrace the manufacture of steel table. These embrace the manufacture of steel table. These embrace the manufacture of steel table, steel billes, wire rods, with open hearth, boller and tank plates, armor plates, cut nails, labs, pig iron, bar iron, etc. It discusses "the tactles of the coal com-bine," which has advanced prices of anthracite coal several times during the last few months, and which has advanced prices of anthracite progression with the apparent if not openly avowed tesign of reaching a certain maximum "minous coal, which competes with anthracits, makes it casier for the coal companies to reach "a certain definite maximum." It says, "The latest combine in the mercantile world is a fur pool with §1000,000 capital, in which nearly all the firms in the trade have become intersteid," This is the George W. Treatwell trust, which has a monopoly of the dyeing of furs, and which can adplate jot of the dyeing of trus, and which can adplate jot of the sound true of the limits of adury. It announces firmer and upward prices for wire and cut anils and a reduction of 8 to 10 per ent, in the scale of warges for wire drawing for 1892 and 1893; also that a large number of wire and cut anil mils are shutdown. It franknown, near Pittsburg, has closed down for an indefinite period" because "the firm idi open market at the recent advap pring in the own for an indefinite period" because it has banked down for an indefinite period" because "the firm idi open market at the recent advap pring in the own market, the lasbella furnace a day hay on in the tom own one stat and will probably bank another during the present week." "Addyston Pipe works, the largest in the country, has posted a notice of a shutdown or an indefinite period." "Addyston Pipe works, the largest in the country, has posted a notice of a shutdown oran antice

A large gang of men are busily engag-ed constructing a locie track to old No. 3. This old slope was among the first that was sunk and on account of numer-ous faults in the vein was abandoned. It is now proposed to work it in connec-tion with No. 8, if possible, and draw the coal by locie to No. 2 breaker.

JEDDO NEWS.

Cal Waldron is doing some very suc-cessful hunting this season. So far he has killed over fifty pheasants and a large number of rabbits, and is now only getting his hand in trim. BIRD.

DRIFTON ITEMS.

Mrs. Eckley B. Coxe is lying seriously ill at her Philadelphia residence. Her condition necessitates the constant pres-ence of the ex-senator, her husband. The people of Drifton deeply sympathize with her, and hope for her speedy recovery.

# DEATHS.

McLauguLin.—At Freeland, November 6, John son of Bernard and Mary McLaughlin, aged 8 months. Funeral tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock. In-termentatSt. Ann's cemtery. Brislin. SuotLin.—At Dritton, November 6, An-nie, wife of Peter Shovlin, aged 30 years. Funeral to-morrow afternoon at 2.30 o'clock. Interment at St. Ann's cemetery. Brislin.

## Ready for the Election.

Preparations for the election in this county have been conducted by the com-missioners in a smooth and satisfactory manner. The booths and ballot boxes have all been distributed and the com-missioners were quite happy when the heavy lugging and long tramping this part of the work involved was finally completed. He Satisfies the Republicans and Helps the Democrats.

The say tagging and long riamping this part of the work involved was finally completed. The guard rails are made of three-quarter inch gas pipe, with caps by which the uprights can be screwed to the floors of the polling rooms and the cross bars to the walls. The chains for the entrance and exit through the rails are also here. The official ballots must, under the law, be sent in two separate packages, one of which reached the judges of elec-tion on Sturday and the other will ar-rive to-day. The two packages are ex-actly alike for each district and are sealed. The seal of one will be broken publicly on the opening of the polls, but the other, if both arrive, will remain intact until the the hallots in the first one are exhausted and the additional ballots are needed. the Democrata. By all means keep McKinley on the stump explaining his slick scheme for taxing the foreigner and sponging our government revenues out of other and por countries. There are yet left not a few theoretical reasoners who think the thing can't be done and some super-critical moralizers who think that if it could he done it would be unjust. They

thing can't be done and some super-critical moralizers who think that it could be done it would be unjust. They should all be put to flight, and McKin-ley is the boy that can shoo them with respective to the state of the state of the state of the state come high this year, but if the Repub-licans can't afford to keep him in the field the Democrats ought to give satist-and always leaves them intensely inter-ested in protection, so much so that there is a great demand for tariff reform genetars wherever he has presented the details of his process of bleeding the foreigner. He made the students at Ann Arbor, Mich., so "tired" that they could only get relief by listening to amount of work and worry this prepara-ino and distribution involves can be had, except from actual contact with it, and since it is all new work and there is poech from Congressman Bryan, and now the farmers and voters around Beatrice and Lincoln, Neb, where McKinley

#### The New Postal Card

A miley spoke recently, are said to be in the same uneasy condition. McKinley is probably the only man who can, with the same speech, satisfy both of the leading parties. Let both parties then contribute to the expense of keeping im in the field. A man of such ex-traordinary ability is wasting his time sitting in the governor's chair of Ohio. Those we postal Card the only man who can, with the same speech, satisfy both of the leading parties. Let both parties the both parties the both parties the postal card. The new postal card, a situde the situde state should be the set of the

SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT. Of the Knights of the Golden Eagle Pennsylvannia.

The newly organized literary institute held its first exercises on Thursday evening. If what is to come can be judged by the first there is a bright future ahead for some of its members. The next exercises will be held on the 13th inst.

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### "Underground" To-night

tion with No. 8, if possible, and draw the coal by locie to No. 2 breaker. John Sweeney is about again after suffering for nearly two weeks with a sore leg. A son of Geo. McGee is confined to his bed with sickness. Ernest Drawheim, of Silver Brook, is visiting his mother here. Fred Lesser, of Silver Brook, made a tour of the hunting grounds here last week. Miss Hannah Ferry is visiting friends in Harwood this week. Miss Hannah Ferry is visiting friends in Harwood this week. All preparations for the election to morrow have been completed at this place. Boores, rais and everything ne-essary are here. S. S. Hoover made a business trip the umber on the sick list. Cal Waldron is doing some very suo: Miss Gertrude Kemmerer is among the number on the sick list. Cal Waldron is doing some very suo: to subt of the first size and the moon-ling and the song and the moon-ling the seens and the singing of the Vendome quartette admirable. The company carries and the singing of the Vendome quartette admirable. The company car-ry their own calciums, and the moon-ling the runder work here as the diagram is being the number on the sick list. Cal Waldron is doing some very suo:

Secure your seats immediately at Christy's store, as the diagram is being rapidly filled.

### Stable Burned at Highland

Stable Burned at Highland, The stable of John Smith, of Highland, was destroyed by fire at 1.30 o'clock yes-terday morning. The fire, which issue posed to be the work of incendiaries had made considerable headway before it was discovered, and as there is no apar-atus there to fight the flames, the stable, two bales of hay, seventeen chickens and a cow went up in smoke.

Miss Annie Lockman, of Hazleton, was here visiting yesterday. Patrick Brislin, of Silver Brook, was here yesterday on a visit.

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NOTICE.-Night school will be opened at the Freeland school building on Monday evening, November 14. The attendance must not be less than 15. By order of Freeland school board. John Smith, secretary.

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ESTATE of Richard R. Griffith, late of Up-Letters of administration upon the above named estate having been granted to the un-dersigned, all persons indebted to said estate and bouested to make immediate payment, the same duly authenticated, without delay to Chas. Orion Stroh, administrator. G. L. Halsey, Esq., attorney.

A UDITOR'S NOTICE.-No. 330, June ses-sions, Luzerne county. In re annexation to the borough of Freeland of adjacent terri-tory.

The undersigned, an auditor appointed by the Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace of Larzerne county to ascertain and adjust the in-larzerne county to ascertain and adjust the in-fraster and the school districts therein, and make report to the said court according to the provisions of the Act of General Assembly of Pennsylvania, approved line; Any of Action and to the duties of his appointment at the office of John D. Hayes, Eest, atformer g at law, No. 28 Centre attreet, Freeland, Pa., on Thursday, No. Diace all particle inforested may appear if heory see proper. Edward A. Lynch, auditor.

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A large assortment, comprising all the newest shades, of extra fine 54-inch all wool habit cloths at 60 cents per yard; sold elsewhere at 90 cents

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