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## Letters from the People how? Does a tariff benefit the la-

William E. Rutledge, East St. Louis, Ill.-Information Wanted: I would be very glad if some statesman or gifted writer would write an article for The Commoner and explain how we can harmonize protective tariff or tariff for revenue with the golden rule, the brotherhood of God and the universal brotherhood of man. Tell us how any people can be safe who ignore these. The old law is, do unto others as you would have them do unto you. Can a man be a Christian and ignore this law? Some Bible student who is also a statesman might answer these questions.

P. H. Donahey, Bladensburg, O .-I have read Mr. Bailey's speech in your issue of October 1, purporting to be a reply to a speech of Mr. Bryan which I had the misfortune to miss. I am an old man. Have am heartily in accord with the voted the democratic ticket all my life, because I believed the doctrine voted against free raw material. I of that party would, if applied, think any other course would have benefit the masses more than those been against the democratic doctrine of the republican party. I have always been an admirer of Senator lieve you are defending the interests Bailey and had hoped that I might live to see the day when I could have the privilege of casting my vote to help make him chief magistrate of the nation. Even during his last senatorial campaign, my confidence in his integrity did not waver. Having been raised on a farm when work for the young was of the people. Therefore it will give plenty and facilities for education me great pleasure to render any asscant, I acknowledge my lack of the sistance to our democratic reprelatter, and that I have perhaps all these years been ignorant of or mistaken in the democratic position on the fathers on this question. In my the tariff question.

All these years I have thought the democratic party favored a tariff for revenue only, and favored free for the masses and against the raw material. Is not a tariff on free raw material the foundation of protection? Mr. Bailey says in his defense of a tariff on raw material that he is in favor of equalizing taxation but is that equalizing it? Where does the consumer come in? It seems to me that his very arguent for a duty on hides should be tions to let no one enter. A wellsufficient to repeal it. He says we realized a revenue from the "importation of hides of \$2,000,000 in 1907, and only \$30,000 on boots and shoes." Was not this because the manufacturer had his compensatory duty on the manufactured article, a duty to cover the supposed difference in cost of manufacture here and abroad and finally his protection allowing a small profit? All Subscribers' Advertising Dept. of which being added made the duty prohibitory, while as it is necessary to have the foreign hides. If the duty had been as much more the revenue to the government would have been doubled. I am not writing to learn. I am not egotistical enough to think I can teach. But I would like to ask Senator Bailey did I know his address, otherwise would like The Commoner to tell how many millions of dollars are paid by the wearers of boots and shoes that the government may get these \$2,000,000 revenue? Also could I do so would like to ask Mr. Bailey to tell me if the manufacturer would not have to dispense with this compensatory duty if the duty was taken off the hides? I would like also to know the proportion that are lenefited not only by the duty on hides but on all raw material, wool, lumber, ore, coal, etc. Are there more producers than consumers? Even if it were so, is it justice to tax one industry to benefit Bank Bldg., Chicago. another? Again, do the packers pay more for the animal because of

benefited by a tariff duty? If so, boring classes by giving them increased wages? Or is not the increase, from years ago, due to their greater intelligence, efficiency, labor unions, etc? It seems to me that in studying the tariff question all these and many more are of vital importance, because if the protective system is to be a permanent fixture of our government as it is sometimes proclaimed the people should be fully informed on every point, As for me, from the little that I have been able to gather I believe it to be a taxing of the masses for the benefit, of no longer a few, but of many that have been made rich by it and today almost if not quite, together with other large industries hold the government powerless to legislate for the best interests of the people.

W. E. Spell, Hillsboro, Texas.-I eighteen democratic senators who on the subject. Hence I do not beof the people in your demand for free raw material, but believe such a course is diametrically opposed to the interest of the people of this country. My individual opinion is that such a doctrine is diametrically opposed to the interest, not only of this section, but of the great masses sentatives in either the house or senate in maintaining the faith of judgment it is in the interest of the manufacturer solely and against the interest of the great masses. I am wealthy manufacturer, in this as well as every other contest.

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