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a tax on raw material, when at one time it was considered a cardinal principle of democracy that raw material should be admitted free, I hope that the conditions of the country, its necessities and the liberality, generally, which is prevailing among all classes of the people may dictate to the democrats that they will abandon all the absurd theories of free trade and low tariff and come with the great body of the people, and vote for a liberal protection to all manufacturing interests of the country, to make them independent as the fathers of the republic declared of all foreign countries,' and

"Whereas, our congressman from this district has also seen fit to abandon the platform and people that have elected and honored him and offended his friends and constituency by a declaration in favor of protection, viz: 'That the south is fast changing its views on the subject of tariff, and especially is this true of Louisiana, which has many interests that derive great benefit from protective features of the tariff, that most Louisianians lean somewhere toward that policy,' and further quotes from the father of protection relative to steel rails that leads many of his friends to conclude that he has fallen completely into the mailed and dollar-branded bosom of the great American steel trusts. Therefore,

"Be It Resolved, That we, a mass meeting of democratic voters of Claiborne parish, assembled, protest, condemn and repudiate with all the vehemence at our command, the undemocratic and faithless actions of our senators and congressmen; that we deny and denounce as untrue that any change of sentiment has come over the democratic voters of this district, as regards the tariff question; that we do not believe the repeal of the two dollar tariff on lumber would cost the state of Louisiana \$59,000, or any other amount per annum.

"Be It Further Resolved, That as cotton growers who have to sell our product in a free trade market nevertheless we do not ask or desire that others should be taxed for our benefit; what we ask is that our representatives protect us as far as possible, by keeping other people's hands out of our pockets and not join republican protectionists, helping them to tax us for the benefit of saw mills and other protected concerns. That we do not believe the statement as asserted by our senator that a low tariff on sugar would stop all the plows, or any number of plows, within twelve months or in the least curtail the production of sugar beet raising.

"That our senators and congressmen no longer represent the party and political opinions of the people who elected them to the high station they now misrepresent. And that if they find these resolutions to be correct after investigation they should forthwith tender their resignations. That the parish papers be requested to publish these resolutions and mail a copy each to our senators and representatives in congress."

### THE TARIFF AND HIGH MEATS

To the Editor of the World: Practical cattlemen know well that the area for grazing purposes is and has been steadily diminishing for over a quarter of a century.

Texas, the greatest cattle-ranching state, is now being rapidly put under cotton, fine fruits and vegetables. The acreage necessary to pasture one head of livestock is too valuable for that purpose, grain being now so high that farmers and land-owners will much rather cultivate.

No arid lands are being reclaimed through irrigation for pasturage pur-

poses. Climatic conditions supplementing cultivation render the bad lands of Arizona, New Mexico and other semi-tropical regions of the United States invaluable for fine fruits and vegetables.

It must also be understood that most of the pasture in the United States, with the exception of the blue grass region of Kentucky and some portions of the Indian Territory or Oklahoma, consists of "bunch" or "buffalo" grass, and it takes many acres of such pasture to feed one animal, the quality being very limited in nutrition.

Formerly the butcher shop and granary of the world, the United States can no longer lay claim to that title. Already and for some time past the country has been importing wheat from Canada for manufacturing export flour and oats for horse feed and human breakfast cereals. Barley also for malting purposes is constantly being imported from River Platte countries. A limited quantity of mutton comes from Canada, this never having been much of a sheep-raising country, such flocks as existed being very light and poor in quality.

A city man, tired out with strenuousness of municipal life, platitudinous mental entertainment and wearied nerves hungers naturally for quiet and rest, but this enjoyment and physical benefit are only obtainable as a summer boarder and not as a practical farmer.

The professional agriculturist grins in contemplation of the amateur efforts of the city man who "takes" a farm. A real estate agent of this city said: "Many a city man to whom I have sold a farm has come to me within a year, requesting it to be sold, as 'eggs even cost me \$5 a dozen to produce,' and frequently for that reason cheap farms are obtainable."

Young people in America, country raised especially, detest farm life, with its hard work, drudgery, mud and comparative solitude.

Immigrants in large numbers come here to make the fabulous fortunes of which they are told, not to toil and work for a moderate competency.

Manufacturing facilities and social opportunities of the city life appeal too strongly to the young citizen or immigrant to induce employment in agricultural pursuits.

Experience shows that out of ninety-seven pupils in a business college in St. Joseph, Mo., 100 per cent were sons and daughters of farmers, eager to leave farm life and become bookkeepers, stenographers and typewriters, only to find after graduation and large expenditure of money that the markets for such employment had long been glutted.

The department of agriculture stated a great truth when it said that production had not been keeping up with domestic demand of rapidly increasing population. Secretary Wilson, from a lifetime's practical experience, knows the facts, and his racial origin is sufficient warranty of his statements.

The absurdity and iniquity of protecting an impotent industry was never more apparent than in meat products, where tariff is the obverse of "greatest good to greatest number."

CATTLEMAN.

New York, June 13.

### RURAL PHILOSOPHY.

"Ezry," said Farmer Hay, "I see that since ye have come back from college ye wear yer hair spliced right down the middle. Now, hyur's all I have to say: If ye expect ter feed out o' my trough, ye got to let your mane fall on one side."—Puck.