No Question, Whatever, About Tariffs Causing Higher Prices for Consumers
In a recon the Dayton (Ohio) News. master General Bartlett put the gist of the tariff question very he produces so as to get good prices for it, and at the same time free trade on everything he buys, so that he may
possibly buys cheaper, it is plain to see that he would like that brand of free trade." Mr. Baryett thought that attitude was "selfish, narroviv
and sectional," as perhaps it is. Yet it is the universal attitude of peopie who know where their interests lie. It would
be ealled, we suppose, the businesslike attitude. For instance, the protectionists of New England are lined up solidy in conwest which New England buys and naturally wants to buy as cheaply as possible. There wasn't a single New England vote last winter for the MeNary-Haugen bill for giving farmers protective level of prices for their products.
The western farmers
had their eyes opened, are beginning to demand free as have had their eyes opened, are beginning to demand free trade il
the New England goods which they must buy. Meanwhite they would like to have a protected priee level for their own commodities. They are following the course condemned by Mr.
Bartlett; but it is the course taken by the protected manufac Bartlett; but it is the course taken by the protected manufac-
turers everywhere. Isn't buying in a cheap market and selling in a dear one the foundation of all profitable business? tariff question. It is, after all, a very simple matter. Tariffs money out of the pocket of one man and put it in the pocket of another. When President Cooliige inereased the pigirion
duty last year he took an extra 50 cents a ton out of the pockets of the iron consumers and put it in the pockets of the iron producers. If congress, by passing the MeNary-Haugen bill,
were to make the agricultural tariffs effective, that would take money out of the pockets of the food consumss and put it into
the pockets of the farmer producers. Senator Walsh pointed the pookets of the farmer producers. Senator Walsh pointed out
the other day that her recent increase in the aluminum tariff was a plain gift by congress to Mr. Mellon's aluminum comAmerican consumer.

It is as simple as matching pennies.
If the American public could get this perfeetly true and
simplo idea of tariffs the simplo idea of tariffs through their heads the subect would get a fair and rational treatment in politics. Publicity, knowl-
edge of the fact, is the great eleanser. If eongress has made deetary Mellon's aluminum company a gift of, say $\%$. $\$ 000$ 000 a year of the public's money, how mueh ought Mr. Mellon, in all fairness, to contribute quadrennially to the campaign fund of the poilitieal party which served him this treat? Publie diseussion of such matters is needed, and would greatly elarify
the national political atmosphere, Secretary Mello true Mr. Bartlett's formula, favors free trade for farmers. He advised the eresident to veto the MeNary-Haugen bill. He wanted A simple local issue, the tariff. Mr. Bartlett has demon strated the faet very ably.

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