

The Farmers and the Editor

By James Pearson.

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consequently had to run on part time or shut down entirely. You know as well as I do that there was no real good market. Then with factory warehouses, wholesale and retail houses all stocked up, how in the name of common sense will tariff help us?

Editor:—"Tariff increases the price to a certain extent and the price being increased will give the manufacturer a better chance to make his goods profitable and consequently can pay more wages to his helpers and they can buy more eatables for their use and this strengthens the market of the farmers and when their markets are strengthened they can get more money and when they get more money they can spend more money and that will make trade better all around."

Editor:—"Well I have thought of that too but I am a republican and of course had to adhere to their principles."

Jones:—"Now let me try another way. Let the tariff be, a reasonable tariff is well enough, a heavy tariff is robbery. But suppose we adopt the true metallism and go to work to coin both gold and silver at the ratio of sixteen to one until we have plenty of money and do not need to issue bonds or national bank notes, but plenty of good legal tender money direct to the people. It will leave the government mints the same as all money does, and will get into use among the people. When, as it will soon become more plenty, and when it takes less to get a dollar. In other words it will get cheaper. As it is now it takes five bushels of corn to get \$1.00, while if money was more plenty three or four would get a dollar, and that dollar would pay debts as well as the one we have been giving five or six bushels for. Now here, give us money to handle the products of agricultural America as it should be handled, and you and your party will agree with me that the price of products will be considerable higher. Consequently if corn brings 30 cents instead of 20 cents it will bring one-half more money into the direct commerce. Give the farmers half as much again money for their products and you will see that they buy goods of your retail merchants, and they will buy of the wholesale houses, and then the orders will go to the factories and the great stocks of goods will be reduced and the manufacturer can start the wheels to rolling, hire help, and soon we will all be happy. In any event commerce at the farmers. They are the foundation of commerce and trade. Their products rule the markets over all

others. Your idea is like the fellow who built a house by commencing with the roof and building downward. Be honest with me, is it not true?"

Editor:—"Well yes, Jones, I know the farmers are the independent class and the foundation of livelihood. But suppose your farm prices do advance won't the prices of other things advance also?"

Jones:—"Yes, sir. All things will advance."

Editor:—"Well, suppose everything advances 50 per cent, what good will it do you to receive 30 cents for corn and pay \$15 for a \$10 suit of clothes, and \$30 for a \$20 seeder, etc.?"

Jones:—"Well, now I have 2,000 bushels of corn in the crib. It is now worth 20 cents, which if advanced 50 per cent would bring \$600 instead of \$400. I have 60 bushels of wheat worth 70 cents, or \$42; at \$1, \$60 in round numbers. There is 160 bushels of oats at 20 cents, amounting to \$32; at 30 cents, \$48; 20 hogs weighing about 230 pounds each, at \$3.30 per cwt. amounts to \$150 in even numbers; if advanced 50 per cent, \$225. There is \$12 worth of poultry if advanced 50 per cent, \$18. Now, Mr. Editor, these are the articles I have to sell, not counting my horses, implements, cows, etc. But one year with another I sell about that much off of my quarter section farm besides what we eat. Now, my expenses are about as follows: Groceries, \$40, besides what common produce we sell in trade. Dry goods, \$20; hardware, \$20; clothing, \$40; machinery, \$160; taxes, \$30; interest on \$1,200 at 7 per cent, \$84. Other expenses such as medicine, doctor bills, etc., about \$40. You see now I spend about \$434, or \$350 outside of interest. Every year I have to hire a man awhile, and there is also a threshing bill and a corn shelling bill which annually amounts to about \$60, and then I plant out a few trees or buy some grass seed, etc., and it takes more or less fencing lumber, paints, and such things to keep up the farm. Harness is to be repaired, and a dozen other things, till that last \$60 will reach over a hundred. Well, suppose I spend \$450 besides \$84 interest. You know the interest will not grow, as it is high anyway. I sell \$638 worth each year and pay out \$534, which leaves \$104 profit each year, that is considering it on an average. Now then, suppose everything advances the 50 per cent, what will the profit look like? I sell \$954 worth, and spend \$739, leaving a profit of \$215, besides you know the expenses would not be increased anywhere near the 50 per cent, because most articles bought are priced at their full value anyway. Hence you see the profits would reach nearly \$300 instead of \$104. I could soon pay the mortgage and be clear. Do you see that?"

(We all moved back from the dinner table and the well-filled editor took a chair close by the side of Mr. Jones.)

Editor:—"Yes, I see that. I never figured it out before. It is surprising, I must admit. But what good will it do the laborers?"

Jones:—"The more machinery, clothing, etc., us farmers buy the more will have to be made, and thus give them employment at better prices. What more do you want?"

Editor:—"That is all right. You farmers, corn raisers, are looking out for

yourselves. How about the wool growers and lumbermen who produce the articles you need?"

Jones:—"They will be blessed also with better prices and more trade."

Editor:—"Then, according to your plan you are going to benefit everybody, are you?"

Jones:—"No, there is just one class we will not benefit, and that is the Wall street money sharks. They have been living fat at our expense long enough. They are the ones that worked this government into this single standard business and they made a pull while we were pulled."

Editor:—"How did it come that wheat advanced in price this last year and we had gold standard in force?"

Jones:—"Because of the extreme shortage in India and other foreign fields. If that shortage had occurred before the demonetization of silver in '93 we would have received \$1.25 for our wheat easily."

Editor:—"You men are Demo-Pops, how does it come that you blame the Democrat President (Cleveland) for hard times. I would suppose you had got enough of such Democrat administration?"

Jones:—"We have got all we want of it, and don't you think for a moment that we are Cleveland gold bugs. We are Democrats favoring William Jennings Bryan first, last, and all the time. You know the Republican party at the St. Louis convention adopted a financial platform in meaning just like the policy that was put in force in '93, to down us, and we are down. You call that policy Republican now, and when Cleveland was president it was Democratic, but in any event it was single gold standard, public robbery and financial devilishness."

Editor:—"How does it come that prices are some higher now than when the last campaign was in order?"

Jones:—"Because course of events and political settlement for four years always has its temporary effect as a stimulant for commerce. Did you ever know a time when things improved so slow, and especially so when they had so much chance for improvement as they did after this last presidential election?"

Editor:—"No, to tell the truth I never did, but I can't tell just why either. But gentlemen I must go, it is now near three o'clock. I have enjoyed the visit very much. (Puts on his hat and starts for the door). Good bye Mr. Jones and Mr. So and So and also Mrs. So and So. Would be glad to have you all come and see us."

Jones:—"Good bye, Editor. Come and visit me some day."

I went out with the editor and helped him with his horses, and saw him off while Jones sat in the house, but that was the last I ever saw of the editor. Respectfully dedicated fabulistically.

JAMES PEARSON, Author.

SEWARD Co., Neb., April 15, 1898.

The recent advance of wheat has not changed the prices of flour and groceries at the Farmers' Exchange, 231 No 10th street, but are liable to any day. It is a good time to buy while getting first class goods at lowest prices. Mr. Hartley, manager, is always at his post to greet his many friends.

Herpolsheimer Co.

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Next Week's Special Values, Cloak and Suit Dept.

A new line of Crash Suits, blazer jackets, etc., all sizes, 32 to 44, at.....	\$2.97	White Pique Skirts at.....	\$2.97	Lawn Wrappers.....	49c
Crash Skirts at 75c, 97c, and 8 different styles of Crash Skirts, \$2.00 values, at.....	\$1.25	White Linen Shirt Waists, tucked front.....	97c	Turkey red and navy blue Wrappers, 3 1/2 yds wide, worth \$1, at.....	75c
White Pique Skirts at 97c, \$1.25, and upward to.....	\$2.75	Other styles and qualities upward from \$1.47 to.....	\$2.75	25 different styles in Wrappers, all colors, percale and lawn, \$1.25 values, each.....	97c
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Ladies' low neck, sleeveless gauze vests, each.....	5c
Ladies' low neck, sleeveless vests, taped neck and arms, white and cream, each 9c, or 3 for.....	25c
Ladies' fine ribbed Gauze Vests, lace trimmed neck and arms, each 19c, or 3 for.....	50c
Ladies' ribbed Balbriggan Union Suits, taped neck and arms, closed front, each.....	25c
Ladies' high neck, long sleeve, ribbed Gauze Vests, each.....	17c
Children's ribbed Gauze Union Suits, ribbed arms, closed fronts, white and ecru, sizes 2 to 8 years, each.....	25c

Hosiery.

Children's 1x1 rib black Cotton Hose, double knee, apliced heel and toe, 2 pairs for.....	25c
Misses' fine imported Cotton Hose, 1x1 rib, Hornsdorff dye, apliced heel, double sole and toe, double knee, per pair.....	25c
Ladies' Imported Cotton Hose, Hornsdorff dye, high apliced heel, double sole and toe, 3 pairs for.....	50c
Mens' black and tan Cotton Socks, seamless, double heel and toe, 2 pairs for.....	25c

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GROCERY DEPARTMENT.

Pail Syrup, full weight.....	37c	Golden Rio coffee lb.....	15c
Pail Jelly, full weight.....	37c	Mocha and Java coffee, lb.....	29c
Brick Cod Fish, per lb.....	7c	Granulated sugar, 19 lbs.....	\$1.00
1 gal jug Mustard.....	50c	NOTICE—Prices on sugar subject to change without notice.	
1 gal jug Catsup.....	65c	Mention this paper when ordering.	

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Indigo Blue Prints, mill lengths, a yd.....	4c
Good Summer Chiviot, light colors, a yd.....	8 1-3
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60 26-inch cotton Serge, fast black, wood stick crook handles, assorted, reg. price 50c, each.....	43c
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20 pieces Simpson's Percale, 32 in wide, good patterns, a bargain 7c, this week only, yd.....	5 1-2
A small lot Percales, reg. 10c and 12 1/2c, to close out this week, per yard.....	8 1-3

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100 dozen heavy seamless Socks, cheap at 5c, this week 6 pr. for 25c, or per pair.....	4 1-2
100 dozen heavy 4-thread socks, reg. 8 1/2c, this week 4 pair for 25c, per pair.....	6 1-4
30 dozen misses' Hose, to close at per pair.....	5c
60 dozen Misses' seamless Hose, double knee, 5-b, cheap at 10c; this week, per pair.....	8 1-3
60 dozen Boys' seamless, rib, extra heavy, cheap at 15c, this week, per pair.....	12 1-2c

Straw Hats.

A large variety of Children's Misses' Boys' and Men's at reasonable prices.

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A large variety of muslin and embroidery Caps, mull and silk Hats, at the lowest prices.

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Men's low Shoes, black kid plain toe, regular \$1.75, this week.....	\$1.59
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Men's Shoes, different styles, regular \$1.50.....	\$1.35
Men's Shoes, different styles, regular \$2.....	\$1.79
Men's calf Shoes, chocolate and black, regular \$2.50, this week.....	\$2.20
Men's vici kid and colt skin, a comfortable Shoe, regular \$3, this week.....	\$2.69
Men's kangaroo and calf, tan and black, regular \$3.50, this week.....	\$3.20
Extra fine quality calf tan shoes, cheap at \$4, this week.....	\$3.65

A large variety of Children's Misses' and Ladies Oxfords and Slippers in up-to-date styles, at 60c, 80c, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75 and \$2.

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Hard Wheat—No. 1, \$1.24; No. 2, \$1.24; No. 3, \$1.21; No. 4, \$1.00; No. 5, \$1.00; No. 6, \$1.00; No. 7, \$1.00; No. 8, \$1.00; No. 9, \$1.00; No. 10, \$1.00; No. 11, \$1.00; No. 12, \$1.00; No. 13, \$1.00; No. 14, \$1.00; No. 15, \$1.00; No. 16, \$1.00; No. 17, \$1.00; No. 18, \$1.00; No. 19, \$1.00; No. 20, \$1.00; No. 21, \$1.00; No. 22, \$1.00; No. 23, \$1.00; No. 24, \$1.00; No. 25, \$1.00; No. 26, \$1.00; No. 27, \$1.00; No. 28, \$1.00; No. 29, \$1.00; No. 30, \$1.00; No. 31, \$1.00; No. 32, \$1.00; No. 33, \$1.00; No. 34, \$1.00; No. 35, \$1.00; No. 36, \$1.00; No. 37, \$1.00; No. 38, \$1.00; No. 39, \$1.00; No. 40, \$1.00; No. 41, \$1.00; No. 42, \$1.00; No. 43, \$1.00; No. 44, \$1.00; No. 45, \$1.00; No. 46, \$1.00; No. 47, \$1.00; No. 48, \$1.00; No. 49, \$1.00; No. 50, \$1.00; No. 51, \$1.00; No. 52, \$1.00; No. 53, \$1.00; No. 54, \$1.00; No. 55, \$1.00; No. 56, \$1.00; No. 57, \$1.00; No. 58, \$1.00; No. 59, \$1.00; No. 60, \$1.00; No. 61, \$1.00; No. 62, \$1.00; No. 63, \$1.00; 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