

as a lawyer estop me from challenging the heresy Mr. Bailey deals out as a statesman? I trow not. What I said of Bailey on the judicial power, and on the tariff as well, might have found precedent in Shakespeare:

"Respect to your great place and let the devil Be some time honor'd for his burning throne."

I care nothing for consistency when it conflicts with conviction, and I would write what I believe today, although it contradicted everything I believed and all I wrote yesterday; and I would not give a snap of my finger for a newspaper or a journalist that would not do as I do in that particular. I have no patience with those newspapers edited by the money downstairs rather than by the brains upstairs. Their preachments are flimsy, flatulent, vapid, insipid, colorless, contemptible, infamous, and their owners are sycophants and cowards, liars and slaves. What my mind forges and my conscience approves my pen will write, and it will write none else. Thank God there are brave newspapers in the land, and they illustrate all that Thomas Jefferson meant by a free press.

But this time I am innocent of inconsistency. I still say that Mr. Bailey's speech on the judicial power, whether it is sound or not, is a great effort, and I still believe and I now say that Mr. Bailey's stand on the tariff will make Texas a republican state if Texas follows him. As well eat the devil as to drink his broth.

And speaking of consistency, what is Mr. Bailey's record on that? William M. Springer, a democrat from Springfield, Ill., was chairman of the ways and means committee of the Fifty-second congress, of which body Joseph W. Bailey was a member. Mr. Springer assailed the tariff in detail. He brought in numerous bills that the republicans in derision called "popguns," and each of them put a raw material on the free list. The first was wool, and at that time Texas was a wool state. Did Mr. Bailey oppose it? No; he swallowed free wool, free lumber, free coal, and everything else free that Springer set before him. Nor is that all. In the next succeeding congress the Wilson bill was gorged with free raw materials as it passed the house of representatives, and Mr. Bailey supported it, though a score or so of half-baked democrats voted against it. So, if the Fort Worth Record would scalp a man for inconsistency, let it chase Mr. Bailey out of the woods.

Morrison and Carlisle, Mills and Wilson, all held that free raw material is the A B C of tariff reform. And mark you, West Virginia, whence hailed William L. Wilson, is an enormous producer of coal, lumber and wool. Kentucky grows more hemp than all the other states together; but democratic Kentucky voted free hemp, a pure raw material, because to tax it imposed an additional burden on the man growing cotton in Texas. And Texas ought to be honest enough and generous enough and proud enough to vote for free wool for the child sleeping under blankets in Kentucky.

It is true that hemp, a raw material, is taxed in the Payne-Aldrich montrosity, but it was done on motion of W. O. Bradley, a republican senator from Kentucky, who is in exact agreement with Bailey as to raw material. I don't blame Bradley. He believes in it because it is republican doctrine to tax the masses to enrich the classes. I don't remember how Bailey voted on the hemp proposition, but his constituency harked back to 1894 he voted for free hemp; but if he conformed to his present evangel he voted for

the tax and thus imposed additional hardship on the Texas cotton farmer, whom it is impossible to protect and who pays the tax on raw materials. How a cotton farmer, whether owner of the soil or renter, can follow Bailey is incomprehensible. I know cotton bagging is made of jute and perhaps more things other than hemp, but the higher the price of hemp the higher the price of all fibers that compete with it. And that is fundamental.

It cannot be too frequently repeated, and it should never be lost sight of, that as to raw material Mr. Bailey is in precise accord with Aldrich, Cannon and Dalzell—except they call it what it is, protection, and he calls it what it is not, revenue. The effect is the same, strictly the same. For example, the tax on lumber yields less than \$5,000,000 revenue and bestows on the lumber trust more than \$75,000,000 protection—unless the foreigner pays the tax, as Aldrich says and as Bailey dare not say. No wonder the lumber trust estimates Lorimer's vote in the senate as precious!

But just think of it! The Texas gorged with the glory of the Alamo and radiant with the glory of San Jacinto; the Texas made so illustrious by the deeds and the creeds of Sam Houston, Albert Sidney Johnston, Louis T. Wigfall, John H. Reagan, David B. Culberson, Roger Q. Mills and others—this Texas is now to be deformed into a miserable Lazarus and sit down at the gates of congress to get the miserable crumbs that fall from the tariff table, while the dogs of monopoly lick his sores! How do you like it, you cotton grower, the bone and sinew of the imperial commonwealth? You will pay this unnecessary and onerous tax.

And with what graces does Texas reproach Pennsylvania touching the tariff if Texas is to prey at the same dump of garbage? If it is virtue to protect the lumber of the lumber-trust, how can you make shame of the protection awarded to the steel of the steel trust? All the difference is that one is grown in Texas and the other forged in Pennsylvania. Get down your Bible and read St. Paul:

"Wherefore, come out from among men, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing, and I will receive you."

If this miscegenation between Texas and Pennsylvania has not been solemnized, in the name of political morals and in behalf of public decency I forbid the banns.

Now, I don't say that Mr. Bailey is conscious of the manifest fact that in his stand for taxed raw materials he is fetching and carrying for the republican party, but that is precisely the effect of his action, as witness a circumstance that occurred at a meeting of the Texas Cotton Growers' association, or something like that. A Mr. Hudspeth, a democratic state senator, announced that he was a protectionist, and incidentally he conveyed the secret that Senator Bailey is our greatest statesman. "These by the gods, oh, Israel!"

Don't you see the heaven working? Not even in Texas is there room for a protectionist, undisguised, in the democratic party. Now, it is not six inches from where Hudspeth stands to the republican camp. I hear this man is coming here to persuade Oscar Underwood, Ollie James, Claude Kitchen, Cordell Hull and the others to retain wool on the tax list. He will get a cold potato. The democratic house is going to send to the senate the same wool bill, in principle, that Mr. Bailey supported in 1894, and it puts wool on the free list.

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