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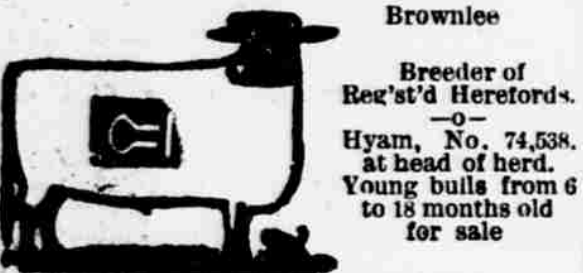
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Table with columns for West Bound and East Bound, listing train numbers, days, and times.

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MILL PRICES FOR FEED

Table listing prices for Bran, shorts bulk, screenings, Chop Feed, Corn, hop corn, and Oats.

ETTA BROWN SUPT. PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

Examination Third Saturday of each month and Friday preceding.

Advertisement for Christensen's Paint, Wall Paper, Calcimine, Brushes, Pure Linseed Oil, and Varnishes.

Advertisement for Sequah (3267) featuring a cow illustration and text describing its lineage and characteristics.

Advertisement for J. W. Stetter, Owner, with text about a cow and a reference to 'The Democrat'.

A TARIFF COMMISSION

It Is a Scheme to Delude Voters Until After 1904.

COULDN'T ACCOMPLISH ANYTHING

A Deadlocked Commission Would Just Suit the Republican Machine. Mr. Babcock is a Fair Sample of the Republican Tariff Reformer.

The protectionists themselves do not seem to be able to agree on the personnel of the tariff commission they are so anxious to see congress authorize.

One school thinks a nonpartisan commission would be most available another school will only approve of a bipartisan commission. It is difficult to see how any commission can be selected that would report a satisfactory bill or amendment to the present Dingley law unless it agrees politically with the majority of congress that has to finally approve the changes.

If such a commission consisted of five men, two protectionists and two tariff reformers, and the fifth member was selected as a nonpartisan—that is, neither a protectionist nor a tariff reformer—what would result?

Can you find a Republican who does not declare that the principle of protection must be preserved in any modification of the present tariff law? Those Republican congressmen who have been elected in the western states by constituencies which strongly favored abolishing the protection to trust productions have declared, while promising relief from the exactions of trusts, they still adhere to protection as the most fundamental doctrine of their party.

The fight for supremacy in the next congress will be settled by the election of a speaker, and the only candidate so far mentioned who has shown an sign of tariff reform sentiment is Chairman Babcock, and his reputation for it rests on the bills he introduced to amend the steel and iron schedule. As Mr. Babcock did not demand that these bills should be considered by the ways and means committee, his reputation as a tariff reformer rests on very slim foundation, and it was the common talk of political circles in Washington that he only introduced the bills to be on the record in the right direction, without any idea of taking any decided stand in behalf of such reform and in fact did not favor it.

His election by the ultra protection majority of his party to the important position of chairman of the congressional committee to manage the campaign and the fact that all the documents issued by the committee made a bold stand for extreme protection make it clear that tariff reform will fare badly in his hands.

All the other candidates mentioned for speaker are strong protectionists. It is impossible therefore to overcome the facts that point to the tariff commission as a means to gain time and postpone consideration of tariff reforms until after the presidential election.

Advertisement for 'Before and After' featuring an illustration of a man with a speech bubble and text about tariff reform.

WATCH THE REPUBLICANS!

The Fun Will Begin When They Attempt to Revise the Tariff.

At last the tariff is going to be reformed "by its friends"—not right away, but as soon as it really needs it. Some of the duties which protect the "bad" trusts must come off.

A beginning may be made with the duty on anthracite coal, which Secretary Moody says was "smuggled into the Dingley tariff bill in a sneaking and cowardly manner."

Undoubtedly the president in his message to congress will recommend that this smuggled duty be taken off, and, as the duty on soft coal protects the coal trust or trusts far more than the duty on anthracite, he must, to be consistent, recommend that all coal be put on the free list.

Then the fun will begin, as it always has begun when the Republicans have attempted to revise the tariff downward, and indeed by revising it upward. The trusts will send agents to Washington. These will appear before the ways and means committee or perhaps before a tariff commission which the president will recommend. They will loudly proclaim the direful results that will follow even the slightest lowering of the robber duties.

After a year spent in taking testimony from the protected manufacturers—the only ones who usually appear before such a committee—the commission will, unless the agitation for revision becomes very acute, calmly decide that the tariff protects labor more than the manufacturer and that it is not at all the mother of trusts, either good or bad.

In this way one or two years' time will be gained by the protected manufacturers, and perhaps by that time another war will be launched and will divert the people from the tariff question.

It is hard to beat the protected trusts.

Illustration of a man reading a newspaper with a speech bubble saying 'Preparing His Message.' The newspaper headline reads 'HOW TO MAKE THE TARIFF COMMISSION WORK FOR THE PEOPLE'.

Presidential Nominees. The Republican newspapers are quite busy bringing forward candidates for the Democratic nomination for president and finding fault with those that are considered active candidates.

The Republican candidate will have a good chance for election or the Republicans will not bother their heads about who he will be. Whoever the candidate is will be acceptable to at least two-thirds of the party, as it requires that majority in the national Democratic convention to nominate.

Barbed wire, being the production of the steel trust and selling in Europe for two-thirds less than the trust sells it to the American farmer, would seem to fit the status of the steel trust as a bad trust. If the Republicans are sincere in their expressed determination to remove protection from bad trusts, the steel trust productions would be a good place to begin by lopping off the 40 per cent protection the tariff law now gives them.

Civil Service Up to Date. Mr. Addicks, the gas man, has been invested by the administration with the boss-ship of Delaware, and the federal offices will be parcelled out to his political strikers.

STEEL BILLET CASES

Duties Assessed Not on Actual Prices Paid.

CUSTOMS OFFICIALS' DECISION.

Steel and Other Trusts Greatly Benefited Thereby—Revelations in Our Customs House as to Home and Export Prices in Germany Lead to Investigating Committee There.

Our tariff laws are made in fulfillment of two Scriptural texts, "The Lord helps those who help themselves," and "To him that hath it shall be given and from him that hath not it shall be taken away, even that which he hath."

These laws take from the poor and give to the rich. They tax millions of poor consumers and turn the proceeds over to thousands of corrupt trusts. These trusts go to Washington and make tariff laws. If they do not own enough congressmen or senators, through contributions to campaign funds, they buy a few more in the open market at Washington. Prices are not unreasonably high.

The Iron Age says that "the board was unanimously of the opinion that the steel billets in question were honestly invoiced at the prices actually paid therefor, but inasmuch as the German makers fixed the value for export less than for home consumption it was compelled to appraise it at the higher price paid by the purchasers in Germany."

Thus the Republican officials have found that the protected manufacturers of Germany are selling goods for export far below the prices charged at home, but they are still denying that our own protected manufacturers are engaged in the same mean and underhanded business.

Such being the facts the Republican officials easily discovered that there were two prices for German billets. They cannot make the same discovery about our protected manufacturers because they are interested in keeping the facts dark. It makes all the difference in the world whose ox is being gored.

Some interesting results will follow in the wake of our investigations of German export and home prices. A two column article from Berlin appears in the New York Journal of Commerce and Commercial Bulletin of Nov. 14, entitled "German Steel Exports and American Tariff." The writer tells us that the revelations made by our customs officials have profoundly interested the Germans, and that an investigation of the German kartels or trusts and their methods has been ordered, and that it began on Nov. 14.

The writer tells us that "within the last six months there have been material reductions in prices authorized by the syndicates for home markets, although the difference is still very large." As an example of this difference he says that "export steel is sold for 65 marks (\$16 per ton, while the domestic price is 95 marks (\$23)."

All of this reads very much like our own home news, or rather it reads like the statements in the Democratic campaign book, which were stoutly denied by the Republicans during the last campaign. The Berlin correspondent also says: "The export price lists for steel and iron products are not published. The methods of the Westphalian Pig Iron syndicate, the Siegen, Lorraine, Luxembourg and Silesian steel and iron syndicates, the Hallezeug verband, the drawn wire kartel and auxiliary bodies are kept secret so far as export trade is concerned."

This also sounds familiar to us. We remember that the Democrats found it so difficult to obtain export prices on our goods that they offered a reward of \$100 for an export discount sheet of a single firm.

Putting all of these facts together any fair minded man must conclude that the results of high protection are very much the same in one country as in another. One of the results is certainly a multiplicity of trusts, and another is lower prices for export than for domestic trade.

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Two fresh cows for sale. 44-1f M. P. BROSIUS, Valentine Nebr.

Penbrook Ups.

All's up side down with care. Corn huskers 4 cents a bushel. F. Grooms went to town Friday. J. S. Grooms went to town Saturday. Mr. Owns is fattening a carload of cattle. Gean Hutchison went to town Friday. BORN—To J. S. Grooms and wife a baby girl. Mr. Brown has 30 head of fine shoats fattening. Again the bums have struck the community. Miss Randall visited Sunday with Miss Hutchison. Mr. Haley and family spent Sunday at Dave Hamars. Miss Jennie Conger came down from town Saturday. Charlie Billings is husking corn for John Grooms Sr. Good sound corn in this community 30 cents a bushel. Roy Kuskie enjoys a north-east breeze now days. Mr. Brown went to Valentine Saturday on business. Mr. Little lost 7 head of stock from the corn stock disease. As this is our first we hope this will not find the waste basket. Mr. Rosa and Miss Maggie Conger were in Sparks Saturday. Mr. McCrea of Valentine came down to Mr. Brown's Saturday. Uncle Sam's uniform seems to have struck the east end of the country. Mr. Rubberneck and Mr. Gmcracker were in these parts looking for cattle. Mr. Ryder from down on the river was upon the table Sunday enjoying a breeze. Mrs. Whetstone who has been on the sick list for some time we are glad to learn is improving. Highland Literary Society will reorganize Friday night Dec. 5. Come one and all and enjoy a good time. WANTED—In the neighborhood of Penbrook, a dentist, to work on the teeth of the wind and the jaws of death. WISBEERS. Report of school district No. 47 for the month ending Nov. 21. Number of days taught, 19; number of pupils enrolled, 36; daily attendance, 25; cases of tardiness 12; time lost by same, 4 hours and 26 minutes. Roll of Honor—Albert Stasch, Katie and Joe Boltz, Geo. and Julia Nollette, Marie, Clara, Audie and Valentine Stasch, Frances Satterlee, Rosa Korlawski, Gertrude Schafer, Ava Howe, Dora Morgan and John Krawjanski. CYNTHIA RUTHER, Teacher.

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