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TARIFF TOUGH ONES.

A Few Nuts for High Tariff Advocates to Crack.

The following pertinent questions have been asked by those who believe in a revision of the tariff. We give it space in the DEMOCRAT the more readily as the questions were originally propounded in Pennsylvania, the home of protection. We ask the farmers of Barton county to consider the matter in a spirit of fairness, and not of prejudice.

Why a million men have been out of work under it?

Why Pennsylvania miners lost 128 days work in 1884 and 111 days work in 1885? [Report of Pennsylvania Bureau of Industrial Statistics.]

Why they get only \$20 a month, and pay out of that \$2.50 for tools, sharpening, powder and oil? [Petition of Clearfield county miners to Governor Pattison, April, 1886.]

Why some Pennsylvania laborers work for 50 cents a day?

Why he talks about child labor in England when slate pickers 7 to 10 years old are working under the rod in Pennsylvania? [Henry George in North American Review, October, 1886.]

Why Pennsylvania operatives pay \$5 a month for company houses when English operatives get a cottage for \$30 a year?

How protection protects workingmen when Italians and Hungarians come in duty free?

Why cotton operatives in Massachusetts work 60 hours, and in New England states 66 and 69 hours a week, while English operatives work only 56? [Secretary Blaine's Report on Foreign Labor, 1881.]

Why the poorer American spinners get \$7.07 and the poorer English spinners \$7.20 a week, though the American makes 2 1/2 yards of cloth to English 2 1/2 yards? [Secretary Blaine's Reports on Foreign Labor, 1881.]

Why wages under the high protective tariffs of Italy and Germany are about half what they are in "free trade" England?

Why the "condition of the miner has for some years been growing worse in Pennsylvania and better in Great Britain?" [Henry George in North American Review, October, 1886.]

Why the workingmen earn higher day wages in unprotected than protected industries?

Why the importation of woolen and worsted cloths is increasing at a fearful rate while our own weavers are thrown out of employment? [Memorial to Congress of 40,000 Pennsylvania woolen operatives, 1886.]

What good is a tariff to workingmen when American factories pay only \$7.50 wages for a piece of ingrain carpet on which the duty would be \$21? [Memorial to congress of 40,000 Pennsylvania woolen operatives, in 1886.]

What is the use of tariff when Lyon shoe factories, paying nearly double day wages, can produce for 53 cents labor a pair of shoes costing 50 cents to make in England?

Why wool averaged 28 cents in high tariff times and 32 cents in low tariff years, though blankets were much higher under the tariff?

Why we sold \$776,000 of woolen goods to countries where England sold \$115,000,000 in 1885?

Why, with navigation laws and protective tariffs, only 17 instead of 90 per cent, (as old) of our commerce is carried by American ships?

Why blankets are taxed 77 per cent, and thread lace only 30? Why necessities bear heavy duties and luxuries light?

Why saving bank deposits increased 14 per cent a year, 1845-60, under low tariff, and only 8 per cent a year, 1880-85, under high tariff?

Why, when the republican tariff commission recommended at least 20 per cent reduction, the "Conference bill" raised the average of duties, so that they were 46 instead of 43 per cent, in 1885?

"Tell the truth," Mr. Blaine, "It is better to be right than to be president!"

Said Ralph Beaumont in a Knights of Labor meeting: "For twenty-five years we've had this 'protection' Mr. Blaine offers us, and we have made more millionaires and more paupers under that system than were ever made in a civilized country on the earth in the same time before."

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