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### The Farmer and the Tariff

The great weakness of the republican campaign is that it offers nothing for the workingman or the farmer.

No good citizen objects to his fair share of the cost of government, but the western farmer knows he is paying more than his share, paying it unnecessarily, and paying it to the robber tariff barons, because of unjust protection.

His farm implements made right at his door cost him more than the same implements cost the farmer in Russia or Sweden. His barbed wire made in Pittsburg costs him more than the tariff baron sells it for in Yorkshire. The boots on his feet and the clothes on his back cost him 30 per cent more than they should, and he pays unnecessarily high prices for whatever provisions he can not raise on his farm.

His lamps burn oil that costs too much, because it is protected more than 100 per cent. against oil brought from Russia or Mexico. His piano, his books, his bicycle, his gun, the very watch in his pockets, and the axle grease on his wagon are taxed, and taxed unnecessarily to put fat profits into the coffers of the tariff barons.

On the other hand, the products of his farm do not bring him one added cent by high tariff. Monopolies created by high tariff force him to take what they offer or let his crops rot on the ground.

The farmer wants relief from this extortion, but what hope of it does he find in the election of Taft? In 1884 Roosevelt signed the New York Free Trade club's resolutions demanding tariff reductions. Yet during seven years in the White House Mr. Roosevelt has not reduced by a fraction of 1 per cent. the tariff that oppresses the farmer. Before his nomination Judge Taft was a tariff revisionist. When he accepted the nomination he declared that on some things the tariff should be increased.

What is it that the farmer doesn't pay enough for? His plow, his wire, his boots, his clothes, his coal oil or the axle grease on his wagons? He is paying more than enough for these things today. And his unnecessary expense is the profit of the tariff barons.

Sixty-six per cent. of the total exports from the United States every year consists of farm products. The hundreds of millions of dollars imported to pay him make up what the republican party considers the favorable balance of trade. Yet the Taft platform proposes nothing for his benefit, and no word of Judge Taft himself indicates any intention of justice to the farmer.—Chicago Journal.

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It may be assumed that there is not a patriotic voter who will cast a ballot this fall, and who is sufficiently well-informed to vote intelligently, but is convinced that laws are necessary to prohibit and prevent corruption and fraud at the polls. Now, there is a simple and direct way to secure the enactment of such legislation. Vote for no legislator, either state or national, who is not known to be heartily in favor of such laws, and pledged actively to promote their passage, and it will take but a single year to effect the reform. If pledges have not been publicly made, question the candidate yourself. Insist upon a promise of active support of such enactments, as the condition of your support at the polls.

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The Philadelphia Record, noting that where the liquor question is at the front, there is interest in the campaign, but that otherwise everything is remarkably quiet, says:

Well, a great many men are going to vote who are saying nothing about the ticket they will support, and even the failure to vote is an expression of political opinion; the democratic failure to vote four years ago elected Mr. Roosevelt. The plainest way to read a composition of his to Dumas, who went to sleep. The author responded, "Sleep is an opinion I compiled Dumas sentimentally. The New York Times remarks that this is the dullest campaign in a quarter of a century—it might as well have said the Republicans are the worse hit. And that is fatal to them. They won in 1904 only because the Democrats were more apathetic than they; now most of the apathy is on their side.

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The New York Herald quotes The News' editorial that the salaried man will prove to be a large influence at the coming election. The effort to stretch an old-style salary over the new-style cost of living, giving him a large amount of very earnest thought. On this the Herald says:

There is the "silent voter" of whom politicians of both parties are afraid. He does not care much about bank deposit guarantees or presidential heirships; he is scouting about for the party that will give him quickest relief from overtaxation by tariff. And the question of the hour is, which party will pick him?

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Cyrus Cline, democratic candidate for congress, was here last Monday night and addressed as many people as could get into the democratic assembly room. He made a splendid speech, pleasing all of his democratic friends and in no way embittering opposition. He discussed the banking proposition from the standpoint of a banker, who believes in the democratic idea of guarantees of bank deposits. He showed what it could do for the people and what it will do to help the financial interests of the country. Mr. Cline told the people that he would vote against subsidies, would vote to break the hold of Joe Cannon and other "stand pat" from the throats of the people and would stand all the time for a safe, sane and economical administration of public affairs. He declared in favor of a sensible and careful revision of the tariff and the belief that the trusts that are sapping the life out of the voters would be best reached by such tariff laws as will take away their power to control the home markets.

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The Indianapolis News offers the following comment on coercing voters into supporting the republican ticket this year:

"We do not believe that the efforts of the employers to coerce their workmen in this election is going to have much effect. Workmen are thinking for themselves. The duty of an American citizen in this election as in all elections, is to make up his own mind honestly after a fair consideration of the candidates and the issues, and then to vote in the light of his own judgment. Certainly he should be in no way influenced by the calamity howl that is being raised. As far as prosperity is concerned, let it not be forgotten that we have had a panic that has lasted more than a year, and under a republican administration, and after twelve years of republican rule. Further than this, everyone knows that the return of prosperity has been delayed by the business policy of many of the trusts—some of which seem now to be greatly disturbed—in refusing to reduce prices. The people ought not to tolerate coercion or any suggestion of it."

**Gompers on Watson**  
In his Fort Wayne speech, Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, had the following to say about James E. Watson, republican candidate for governor of Indiana:

"You are confronted in your state with a condition that should receive your attention and mine. A gentleman named Watson aspired to be your governor. Indiana has many men whose names stand in the memories of patriots as men of exalted character and rank. Pray God to save Indiana from enrolling upon its banners the name Watson for governor."

"I was asked by labor to furnish Mr. Watson's record in congress, and I did it without comment," said the speaker, "and Watson turned on me and made a personal attack upon me. My character above such attacks I have lived an open life. Watson said I was an alien, not an American citizen, and he said I had always been a Democrat. Neither statement is true. I became a citizen of this country in the court in New York on October 4, 1872. I have never been a Democrat. I used to be a Republican, but I am not guilty this year. The Republicans of my home nominated me once for state senator. The Republicans of my district wanted me to run for congress, but I refused. President McKinley offered me a position on the industrial commission; as a Republican I refused it. Now I have had these things published in the papers of Indianapolis and other cities in your state, and in spite of that fact Mr. Watson keeps on repeating that I have always been a Democrat and that I am an alien. Now, a man who will falsify and be untrue in one thing will be unbelievable and undependable in all things."

**Open the Canal Records**  
Charles P. Taft denies that he had at any time any connection with the Panama canal deal, but the accusation keeps bobbing up every day in cable dispatches from Paris. Even the suspicion that the Panama deal was a source of profit to a syndicate of American financiers must injure the chances of Judge Taft, and this matter ought to be cleared up at once.

A well known London lawyer, thoroughly conversant with French practice, was employed to investigate in Paris. He details how the old DeLesseps Canal company was purchased by the new company in 1894. The capitalization of the new company was equivalent to \$18,000,000. Of this \$12,000,000 was paid up in cash and the other million in stock went to the government of Colombia. If the entire \$12,000,000 went to the universe.—New York Post.

**Risky Gun Play**

Three young farmers living near Ligonier, in driving from Goshen late Saturday night, found a florber rifle that relative had left in the buggy, and in reckless sport fired twice at a farmer's dog. The farmer, aroused from sleep, fired his revolver several times.

"By gum, I heard that bullet strike the robe," said one. "By crickets, it hit my leg," exclaimed another.

The trio turned back and had a Goshen doctor remove the ball, which had flattened against the bone, and dress the wound. The victim's greatest concern was how to "explain" it to his parents. He was due to husk corn on Monday.—Elkhart Review.

**Hunt Heads K. of P. Insurance**

Union B. Hunt of Winchester, Indiana, chairman of the Indiana railroad commission, has been elected president of the insurance department of the Knights of Pythias. C. F. S. Neal, who has been president for the past four years, was unanimously re-elected by the board of control, now in quarterly session, but declined because of ill health. Under the new rules of the department the president of the insurance department of the Knights of Pythias. C. F. S. Neal, who has been president for the past four years, was unanimously re-elected by the board of control, now in quarterly session, but declined because of ill health. Under the new rules of the department the president of the insurance department of the Knights of Pythias. C. F. S. Neal, who has been president for the past four years, was unanimously re-elected by the board of control, now in quarterly session, but declined because of ill health. 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