

BARBAROUS AND INHUMAN.

Mr. Grosvenor is not making much progress with his bill to require the manufacturers of shoddy goods or of goods made of mixtures of wool, cotton, or other materials, to label them showing the proportion of the different materials in them. He insists that the object of his bill is to protect the wool growers of the country from the impositions practiced by the manufacturers of shoddy goods and of mixed goods, which may be so, but there is a better way than that to protect them, which would be to repeal the tariff duties that offer inducements to the manufacturer of shoddy goods and of mixed imitations of woollen goods. High duties always stimulate counterfeiting, and when the manufacturer cannot get what he wants at a price that will enable him to manufacture at a profit he will seek the cheaper substitutes and utilize them. That has been the result of the protective duties in this country which while they have failed to materially increase the wool-growing industry have given a mighty impetus to the shoddy and mixed goods industry. This is fully and conclusively shown in the following editorial which we clip from the Philadelphia Record:

"Some ineffectual attempts have been made to weaken the argument in favor of the Grosvenor bill to protect American consumers from fraudulent adulterations of their woollen clothing. In much of this adulteration, it should be said, there is no attempt to deceive. The manufacturer uses absolutely necessary to eke out the inadequate supply of pure wool with cotton, shoddy and other substitutes, or to close some of the milled wool into their goods to dealers they make no concealment as to the materials.

"According to the census returns there were in the United States in 1900 about 40,000,000 sheep, and the production of raw wool amounted to about 276,000,000 pounds. There was no increase of the wool product over that of 1899. As for the sheep to the breeding of which the Dingley tariff was to give so great a stimulus, the only increase of any consequence was in the Rocky Mountain States of Montana and Wyoming, where sheep are pastured on immense Government ranges for next to nothing an acre. The increase in the wool production of older States follows a natural law, the operation of which has been noted for a hundred years.

"If to the 276,000,000 pounds of domestic wool produced in 1900 be added the importations of that year (amounting to 123,000,000 pounds) we have a total of 401,000,000 pounds of raw wool. From this must be deducted 77,000,000 pounds of carpet wool, leaving 324,000,000 pounds of wool in the great raw wool market of American people. There is a small exportation of wool in 1900, which need not be taken into account. As the population of the United States in 1900 was 76,808,887, this makes 4.2 pounds of raw wool per head. This, reduced to yarn ready for manufacturing (estimating one pound of yarn for four pounds of raw wool) is a little over a pound of pure wool for the clothing of each inhabitant, to say nothing of the blanketing for his use.

"Contrast these figures with the official statistics of 1896, when wool was free of duty. In that year the domestic production amounted to 272,000,000 pounds, and the total imports to 303,000,000, making a grand total of 575,000,000 for consumption. From this must be deducted 98,000,000 pounds for carpet wool, which leaves 497,000,000 pounds of pure wool to clothe 66,000,000 American people. This is 7.5 pounds of wool for each inhabitant in 1896, or nearly seven pounds to each head of population. It should be observed that the wool production of 1896 was a formal one, responding to the demands of American manufacturers. Besides the imports of wool there was a large importation of woollen fabrics that year through the custom house under the moderate 40 per cent duty of the Wilson tariff. What the festive smuggler brings in now under duties averaging 10 to 15 per cent on woollens is a matter of conjecture.

"According to the census the shoddy and cotton used in manufacturing woollens (save the mark) amounted to 69,000,000 pounds in 1900. This is the material ready for manufacturing into clothing, and the estimate is that one pound of it is equivalent to 10 to 15 pounds of raw wool in the grease. Thus it is seen that the 'shoddy' employed in manufacturing clothing for the American people is 10 to 15 times as much as the domestic production of wool in that year.

"It is not manifest from the official returns that the supply of wool is wholly inadequate for the clothing of the people of the United States? In a climate like ours, ranging from arctic to tropical, the ill health and misery caused by a condition like this are incalculable. As the years advance the domestic supply of wool will be unable to keep pace with the increasing population, and with foreign wool subject to well-nigh prohibitory taxes the crisis an insufficient supply of woollen clothing to millions of Americans, men, women and children must become more and more aggravated. A tariff that causes such a condition is simply barbarous and inhuman, whatever the name said of the benevolent intentions of its authors."

The wool tariff is a sort of double-back-action contrivance. It taxes raw wool to protect the wool-grower from the foreign wool-grower and indemnifies the manufacturer by taxing woollen goods to protect him. In doing this it taxes the American consumer for the benefit of both, so that the American who wears woollen garments pays his part of the bonus given to the wool-grower and the manufacturer of woollen goods.

But when they taxed raw wool they not only struck the American consumer but also the American wool-grower, because it reduced the quantity of wool that would otherwise be used and invited the substitution of cheaper stuffs. This is what has built up the shoddy industry and filled the market with so many imitations of woollen goods

PLAYING THE PLATT AMENDMENT ON THE PHILIPPINES.

The Democratic Senators and Representatives in Congress have adopted a scheme of "reconstruction" for the Philippines that is both logical and consistent. It has also the merit of being frank in stating to the people of this country, the Philippines and of the world what this country proposes to do, and differs very materially from the negative, non-committal, no-plan of the Republicans. There is no "pulling down the flag" nor "scuttling" in that, but a candid declaration as to what this Government proposes to do after peace, law and order are restored—Philippine government established, and such demands complied with as under the circumstances may be deemed necessary by this Government. It is practically a reaffirmation of the policy pursued towards Cuba, and an application in substance of the Platt amendment, which gives this country virtual control over Cuba, while Cuba poses as "a free and independent" State.

The only material difference between this and the position of the Republicans is that it frankly declares that perpetual sovereignty is not contemplated. The late President McKinley had virtually declared the same thing and so has President Roosevelt, both of whom have said in their state papers and in other public utterances that our mission in the Philippines is to lead those people into the ways of civilization and self-rule until they are able to successfully manage their own affairs. No representative Republican, with the authority to speak, has ever declared that it is our purpose to assert permanent sovereignty over those islands.

The Republicans in Congress will, no doubt, oppose this Democratic declaration simply because it is Democratic, but they can't consistently do so, for it is to all intents and purposes, substantially the plan adopted in the case of Cuba, applied to the Philippines, and it has the merit of providing for all we need in that Archipelago, while at the same time maintaining our consistency and good faith, without any surrender of self-respect or national honor or prestige.

The school boys in the Philippines do not seem to have a very high opinion of George Washington's inventive capacity. When the American teacher in one of the schools told them the story of the hatchet and cherry tree, and asked them what they thought of it, the response came that George must have been a stupid urchin when he could not invent a lie in such an emergency as that.

The pension attorneys have succeeded in persuading Commissioner of Pensions Evans to "resign." And the anti-tariff reduction fellows have persuaded Mr. Babcock that his health is not robust enough to continue as chairman of the Republican Congressional Committee, which place he has held for several years.

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SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

High Point Enterprise: Parties were here last week talking of establishing a Rural Express and freight line between High Point and Greensboro claiming that they could do better, quicker and cheaper service than is offered by freight and express. The line will be well equipped and make daily trips and several times a week as business requires. It is a novel enterprise and one which no doubt would pay under the present crowded condition of things.

Smithfield Herald: A white man named Eason was brought here Tuesday charged with passing counterfeit money. He was tried before United States Commissioner J. D. Parker, to bound him in the Federal Court in a \$500 bond. While the papers for commitment were being made out he gave the officer the slip by which he was bound and escaped by the back and escaping. Bloodhounds were sent for but they were unable to track him.

Winston Sentinel: It was discovered Saturday morning that Wm. Crater, a mail carrier on the free rural delivery route No. 1 had either chickenpox or smallpox in a mild form. He had been complaining of feeling unwell several days. He was sent to his home near Crater's, in the western part of the county. Dr. F. P. Fobler, who was called to see to the patient, found the eruption on his face and neck. Dr. B. B. B. diagnosed the disease as smallpox.

Fayetteville Observer: Clyde Smith, a negro, was arrested on the 26th of the last month at Crater's, with valuable contents, from the Atlantic Coast Line depot. It was the property of a guest of "Pine View," a boarding place near Crater's, named Friday. Officer Benton, as soon as notified, took charge of the case, and covered the property and arrested the man. The property was returned to the owner, who declined to prosecute and Smith was discharged.

Lincoln Journal: The village of High Shoals was the scene of a very unusual murder Tuesday afternoon, which was committed by the name of John Smith was shot and instantly killed by a white man, R. L. Davis. From all reports it seems that Smith, the negro, was in the village of High Shoals, working when he was approached by Davis with a gun in his hand. Several weeks previous Davis had been discharged from his position as a school teacher, and Davis claiming that Smith had given information against him, accused the negro of having caused his discharge. In the quarrel which followed, Smith was shot and killed. Thereupon Davis raised the gun, standing only a short distance away, and fired at the negro's head. The top of Smith's head was blown off, so that death followed immediately. Davis, after committing the deed, took to the woods and has not been seen since. He is in pursuit, but so far no arrest has been reported.

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A gentlemanly chap riding in an elevated car permitted the sight of a man's foot in the middle of the aisle to exasperate him to a most unreasonable degree. Women tripped over it. Men stepped over it. A few folk purposely dragged their feet against it as a hindrance to the man. Finally, "I beg your pardon, my friend," said the gentlemanly chap, leaning down, his face set and chin clinched, "but don't you think you are taking up more room than you are entitled to? Your foot has been in everybody's way for half an hour. I protest, sir!"

The man folded his paper, remarking without the least show of anger: "Ah, you had not noticed it!" With thank you, I had not noticed it!" With that he reached down, picked up his foot, gave it a violent twist and pushed it partly under the seat. To accomplish this he had to move his body to the edge of the seat.

The oldest tree on earth, at least as far as any one knows, is the tree in the sacred city of Amarapura, Burma. It was planted, the record says, in the year 288 B. C. Its great age is proved according to the fact that it has been growing for 2,288 years. It is said to be a fig tree, and its leaves are carried away by pilgrims as relics; but as it is too sacred to be touched with a knife, these leaves can only be gathered after they have fallen.

A Boston Rake. Bertha—Toll me, Harry, do you think George is disappointed? I smelt a cloud on his breath last evening, and I am afraid he drinks. Harry—No, Bertha; he isn't disappointed. He's only just an ass; nothing more. His outfit clothes to make people think he drinks liquor. He wants to be regarded as a duce of a fellow, you know.—Boston Transcript.

He Didn't Die. Laura—White Jack was here the other evening he made the statement that he would kiss me or die in the attempt. Belle—Yes? (After a pause.) Well, did he kiss you? Laura—Yes; haven't read any account of Jack's death in the papers, have you?

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COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET. (Quoted officially at the closing by the Produce Exchange.) STAR OFFICE, March 31. SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Sales 4 P. M. at 45c per gallon for machine made casks and 44c per gallon for country casks.

ROBIN—Market firm at \$1.10 per barrel for strained and \$1.20 per barrel for good strained. TAR—Market firm at \$1.20 per barrel of 280 pounds. CRUDE SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Market quoted at \$1.35 per barrel for hard, \$2.50 for dip, and — for virgin. Quotations same day last year: Spirits turpentine steady at \$4.00; 32 casks spirits turpentine, 34c; 32 casks rosin, 33c; barrels tar, 85c; barrels crude turpentine, \$2.10.

MARKET FIRM ON A BASIS OF 8 1/2c PER POUND FOR MIDDLING. Quotations: Ordinary 5 1/2c; Good ordinary 5 1/2c; Middling 5 1/2c; Good middling 5 1/2c. Same day last year, market steady at 7 1/2c for middling. Receipts—32 bales; same day last year, 52.

COUNTRY PRODUCE. PEANUTS—North Carolina, firm. Prime, 70c; extra prime, 76c; family, 80c; Virginia—Prime, 60c; extra prime, 65c; family, 70c. Spanish, 75c. COYNE—Firm, 75c per bushel for No. 1. N. C. BACON—Steady; hams 11c on 15c per pound; shoulders, 10c 1/2c; sides, 10c 1/2c. EGGS—Steady at 12 1/2c per dozen. CHICKENS—Firm. Grower, 20c; Turkey—Dressed, firm at 12c 1/2c. BEESWAX—Firm at 26c. TALLOW—Firm at 5 1/2c per pound. SWEET POTATOES—Firm at 70c per bushel.

FINANCIAL MARKETS. By Telegram to the Morning Star. NEW YORK, March 31.—Money on call steady at 3 1/2c per cent. Closing gold market, 109 1/2c. Prime mercantile paper, quoted at 4 1/2c per cent. Sterling exchange strong, with actual business in bankers' bills at 107 1/2c for demand and at 108 1/2c for 30 days. Commercial bills 48c and 48 1/2c. Mexican dollars 43c. Government bonds inactive. Railroad bonds were firm. U. S. refunding 2 1/2c, registered, 109 1/2c; U. S. refunding 3 1/2c, coupon, 109 1/2c; U. S. refunding 4 1/2c, coupon, 109 1/2c; U. S. refunding 5 1/2c, coupon, 109 1/2c; U. S. refunding 6 1/2c, coupon, 109 1/2c; U. S. refunding 7 1/2c, coupon, 109 1/2c; U. S. refunding 8 1/2c, coupon, 109 1/2c; U. S. refunding 9 1/2c, coupon, 109 1/2c; U. S. refunding 10 1/2c, coupon, 109 1/2c; U. S. refunding 11 1/2c, coupon, 109 1/2c; U. S. refunding 12 1/2c, coupon, 109 1/2c; U. S. refunding 13 1/2c, coupon, 109 1/2c; U. S. refunding 14 1/2c, coupon, 109 1/2c; U. S. refunding 15 1/2c, coupon, 109 1/2c; U. S. refunding 16 1/2c, coupon, 109 1/2c; U. S. refunding 17 1/2c, coupon, 109 1/2c; U. S. refunding 18 1/2c, coupon, 109 1/2c; U. S. refunding 19 1/2c, coupon, 109 1/2c; U. S. refunding 20 1/2c, coupon, 109 1/2c; U. S. refunding 21 1/2c, coupon, 109 1/2c; U. S. refunding 22 1/2c, coupon, 109 1/2c; U. S. refunding 23 1/2c, coupon, 109 1/2c; U. S. refunding 24 1/2c, coupon, 109 1/2c; U. S. refunding 25 1/2c, coupon, 109 1/2c; U. S. refunding 26 1/2c, coupon, 109 1/2c; U. S. refunding 27 1/2c, coupon, 109 1/2c; U. S. refunding 28 1/2c, coupon, 109 1/2c; U. S. refunding 29 1/2c, coupon, 109 1/2c; U. S. refunding 30 1/2c, coupon, 109 1/2c; U. S. refunding 31 1/2c, coupon, 109 1/2c; U. S. refunding 32 1/2c, coupon, 109 1/2c; U. S. refunding 33 1/2c, coupon, 109 1/2c; U. S. refunding 34 1/2c, coupon, 109 1/2c; U. S. refunding 35 1/2c, coupon, 109 1/2c; U. S. refunding 36 1/2c, coupon, 109 1/2c; U. S. refunding 37 1/2c, coupon, 109 1/2c; U. S. refunding 38 1/2c, coupon, 109 1/2c; U. S. refunding 39 1/2c, coupon, 109 1/2c; U. S. refunding 40 1/2c, coupon, 109 1/2c; U. S. refunding 41 1/2c, coupon, 109 1/2c; U. S. refunding 42 1/2c, coupon, 109 1/2c; U. S. refunding 43 1/2c, coupon, 109 1/