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### BAD TASTE AND BAD POLITICS.

We notice, with regret, that after a gushing introductory speech by Governor Gordon, of Georgia, Mr. Randall, of Pennsylvania, opened the Atlanta exhibition by the usual argument of men of his faith, in favor of the robber-doctrine of taxing one industry for the benefit of another. It is a matter of surprise to us that even the Pennsylvania statesman (?) should have overlooked the fact that common decency demanded no allusion whatever, on such an occasion, to political matters in which a large majority of his hearers entertained opinions different from his own. The opening of a State Fair or exhibit is not the proper time for the discussion of the tariff; and they at whose call Mr. Randall went to Atlanta would not have invited any one to take a prominent part in the inauguration ceremonies who would use the opportunity for thrusting his governmental views upon the audience which was present. If Mr. Randall spoke as his sponsors required, then they were guilty of an inexcusable wrong, approaching an outrage.

There is nothing new in what Mr. Randall said. His speech was an attempt to show that whatever of prosperity the country is having, and whatever advancement in material wealth it is enjoying, is due to the fact that Congress has taxed some industries for the benefit of others which are not equally taxed. No sophistry even has established any such doctrine. Like all others of his way of talking, he mistakes the "post hoc" for the "propter hoc," assuming that because prosperity follows the enactment of a particular law it owes its existence to the law. Every one of ordinary comprehension should know that such a statement is false. It has often happened in this country, as well as others, that there is an accretion of wealth even when the legislation has been glaringly stupid or intensely corrupt. It would puzzle any one to understand why the imposition of burdens on one class, for the benefit of another, could add to the individual advantage of those on whose shoulders the weight was laid. And yet that is just what Mr. Randall and his associates are obliged to maintain. They allege that, though the growers of wheat and cotton are forced to pay more for their clothing and other articles used by them in order that the manufacturer may conduct his business with profit, they have a corresponding return in the higher prices they realize by the withdrawal of so much capital and labor from agricultural pursuits. Any man ought to be able to see that if the manufacturer contributes to them an amount equal to what he draws from their pockets he gets no advantage at all. If he gets more, it is clear that the compensation alleged exists only in imagination.

Mr. Randall dwells largely on the fact that because of the protective tariff certain goods are lower to the consumer than they would have been but for its beneficent influence, and that provisions are cheaper whilst the wages of labor are higher. The purpose of this is too plain. It was done to deceive one class of his hearers. But we think that they who make the bread and meat and have it to sell can hardly see the advantage which comes to them. Doubtless certain wages are higher, but the cost of living has largely increased also. The gain is not, therefore, what this shrewd emissary of monopolists avers it to be.

Our readers will understand, we think, that whether there is a high tariff (or tax) or a low tariff there is always an increase of wealth in a country. Population has largely increased, and there has been a great advance in the productive capacity of mankind. All this should be considered by any one who desires to make a fair argument.

We have often said that no tax on imports can benefit the class for whose advantage it is designed unless it increases the prices which it can get for its products. This increased price must be paid by the consumer. If the tax does not increase the price there can be no protection at all. No one but a blockhead can deny the proposition and be sincere.

### NEWSPAPER CORRESPONDENTS.

We are fond of reading the communications which we find in many of our exchanges. Many of them contain valuable information, and nearly all of them are interesting. Now and then we find one which, from its peculiarities, is amusing. Locality has much to do with the tastes, habits of thought and modes of expression of those who write letters to the press. This must have been observed by all newspaper readers. If a writer lives in a city—alas! towns are now very scarce—which imagines itself to be the centre of the earth, his mind becomes saturated with the extraordinary ideas of the place, and to him the anti-hills become mountains, the small dwellings get to be palaces, and each inhabitant a concentration of greatness.

The above has been suggested, in part, by letters from Washington which we have recently seen in some of our exchanges. We are convinced that, as a whole, the correspondents from what was once the Federal capital have become saturated with the idea that all the learning of the country is to be found in that city, and that all the great men visit it and contribute to the immense stock already existing. A half dozen clerks in the Departments, and a few dead-beats who hang around, doing nothing, but managing to live by means unknown to the rest of mankind, conceive that either they or their masters know everything which is worth knowing, and that it is the duty of patriotism to ventilate their wisdom through the columns of the press. If a lawyer, of high or low standing, stops at one of the hotels in Washington, attracted thither either by professional or other causes, he is at once interviewed and his oracular communications are forthwith heralded as the opinions of a leading statesman well versed in everything pertaining to the State which he adorns by residing in it. He announces, with the confidence of a man whose thoughts are simply law, which one of a half dozen men in his State would make the best canvass for Governor or Congressman, and who is the universal favorite for the Presidency of the United States.

The people living in the neighborhood of such a learned man get their first information of his greatness from the newspaper correspondent. But they who do not know him are highly gratified to find that the State has at least one or more men of great ability in it who can be depended upon at all times to maintain its character and elevate its fortunes.

We venture to suggest to the few North Carolinians who live at Washington, that the people of this State will probably manage their own affairs without absolute stupidity, if they will content themselves by attending to the business which they are assumed to have in charge and be less suggestive of the duty of others. All persons who stop at Washington are not possessed of full knowledge, and the opinions of some which are quoted are esteemed, in this State, as having just no value at all. We have a few citizens who never see the Potomac who know quite as much as they whose wise utterances are so pompously set forth, and who do not think that, simply because a man can get to Washington on a free pass, or is even a member of Congress, he knows all things. We have quite as good people out of public life as those who are in it; and we do not relish the idea that we must be informed by newspaper correspondents who is, or who is not, worthy of confidence. We trust that our party, after a free conference, looking only to the general interest and ignoring the desires of the ambitious, will agree upon nominations of good and trustworthy and able men for all places. We want character without adroitness, honesty without pretension. We want men of honor in business matters—men who will pay the debts they contract, and not dead-beats. We have had too many of them already.

That was a startling and sad event that happened in the midst of the festivities of the President's reception at Memphis, Tenn., last Saturday. Judge Ellett, of the Chancery Court of that city, had made a patriotic speech extending the hospitalities of the people to the President and was listening to the Presi-

dent's reply. Just as the President uttered the last word of his address, the venerable Judge dropped to the floor of the platform, overcome by heat. Physicians ran to his assistance and began to apply remedies. The President and his party were whisked away from the scene to hold the usual reception at another point in the city, leaving the stricken man in the hands of friends. Five minutes afterwards it was announced that Judge Ellett was dead. A solemn illustration of the truth: "in the midst of life we are in death."

### Special Course at the University.

Editor of THE ROCKET: You will oblige me and many others by publishing, in your next issue, the inclosed circular of the University. It is to be hoped that many teachers will avail themselves of the advantages which are offered. The Professors who propose to impart special instruction make a voluntary offer of their services, not one of them expecting or desiring to make a dollar by the labors which they will undergo.

Very Respectfully,  
WALTER L. STEELE.

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