

MEXICAN AND MCKINLEY TARIFFS.

Comparative Duties on Live Animals in Mexico and the United States.

In the so called "farmers' tariff" in the McKinley law a duty of \$30 a head is levied on horses.

On the New Mexican frontier, however, the people have learned a new way to evade the McKinley duty and get their prices.

We boast of our civilization, and are inclined to look down upon the Mexican people as far below us in the scale of progress.

The difference between the Mexican and the McKinley ideas of tariffs may be seen from the following figures of duties on live animals:

Table with 2 columns: Mexican Duty, McKinley Duty. Rows include Sheep, Lambs, Hogs, Cattle, Mules, Horses.

McKinley doubtless thought he was doing ourselves a great deal of good and the Mexicans much harm by putting a duty on silver lead ores.

These ores, too, were made dutiable under the pretense of helping our own people; but where is the gain to us?

The Level of Wages.

The fifth annual report of Carroll D. Wright, United States commissioner of labor, is devoted entirely to railroad labor.

AVERAGE DAILY RATE OF WAGES. Table with columns for New England, New York, Georgia, Ohio, Texas, Northwest States, Pacific States, Average.

These figures are very important in their bearing upon the tariff question. The protectionists assert, in season and out of season, that if it were not for the tariff wages with us would at once sink to the European level.

The firemen on railroads, for example, do precisely the same kind of work in all parts of the country, yet they earn \$2.04 in Texas and only \$1.29 in Georgia.

The same differences and cross differences run through the whole table. Why do not wages sink to the same level here in our own country?

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SPRINGER ON REFORM.

THE ISSUE WILL REMAIN TARIFF REFORM.

The Illinois Congressman Gives His Views of the Tariff Reform Outlook—The New Congress Will Keep the Question Open.

Hon. William M. Springer, of Illinois, while in New York not long ago talked with a member of the Reform club on the prospects of tariff reform.

In this they will be as much disappointed as they were overwhelmed by the result of the recent election. The people of the country have pronounced against taxation of the many for the benefit of the few.

On the tariff question the republicans can neither go forward nor backward with any prospect of bettering their condition. To stand still is conceded defeat; to move in the other direction offers scarcely less advantage.

Competition has already done its perfect work in this country in the matter of reducing prices. So perfectly has competition been carried on that combination for the purpose of arresting competition has been resorted to all along the line.

In other cases a milder type of combination has been resorted to. In some cases the combination has been secured by means of correspondence between the various interests and a tacit agreement reached as to output and prices year after year.

Those, therefore, who look to competition for a reduction of prices will be deceived. Prices of manufactured articles can only be reduced, while the McKinley bill is in force, by the reduction of wages or by the adoption of improved processes.

If, however, the leaders of the party should determine to reverse their position, overturn the leadership of Harrison, McKinley and Reed, and put Mr. Blaine forward with the implied promise of the repeal of the McKinley bill.

President Harrison in his message to congress "pointed with pride" to the fact that there had been recently an increase in the prices of agricultural products.

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his message—he would have found that in Kansas the average yield of corn per acre was only eleven bushels, whereas it ought to have been thirty.

The failure or shortness of the corn crop of the great corn belt of the country caused scarcity of this product, and scarcity resulted in higher prices for corn.

A failure of crops in this country is regarded by the farmers as the greatest calamity that can befall them, but such failure inevitably results in higher prices of farm products.

They are political economists who believe, who realize, in fact, that abundance is wealth and that scarcity can never tend in that direction.

The Republican leaders cannot hope to divert the attention of the country from the tariff question whatever they may do, whether they go forward or go backward.

The late election was only the expression of popular desire; that popular desire has not been accomplished. It may not be fully realized until after the next presidential election.

A Shipment of Glassware. The "quality" of McKinleyism may be seen from a case recently reported by a Boston paper.

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McKinley Free Trade. The protectionists cannot avoid showing that they do not believe their own words when they tell us that "the tariff is not a tax."

This was intended to encourage the new beet root sugar industry, but if the tariff is not a tax how can this exemption from the duty help the sugar industry?

A melancholy case was brought to light over in Brooklyn the other day when a man was taken to court on the charge of neglecting to provide for his family.

That the growth of the work which New York firemen are called on to do demands the best apparatus which can be made, and that every valuable improvement must be adopted will be apparent from even a casual inspection of the statistics of fires and consequent losses.

No Need of Being Old Before Seventy. Some old persons are apparently as capable as ever, but this is only in certain lines where they have the advantage of earlier habits and all previous accumulations.

Helping Labor. The high McKinley duties were professedly imposed to help labor. Few cases, if any, have been made public where wages have been raised since Oct. 6.

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