

# THE ONEROUS TARIFF.

### The Farmer Feels its Worst Effects--Great Evils and Their Remedies.

Atlanta Journal.

If the people of the south, especially southern farmers, would unite and persistently work for one great legislative reform till they secure it, and would adopt a few simple economic measures at home, it would require but a few years to secure for us the highest standard of good government, general home comfort and happiness enjoyed by any people in the world.

The greatest blessing is in store for us. It is within our grasp. We have but to put forth our energies and appropriate it. It will require a strong, earnest and united effort, but it is worth the effort and the labor to secure it, a thousand times over.

The people of the south are brave, self-reliant and virtuous in a high degree. They have less selfishness, more true sympathy for the suffering and more love for their neighbors and mankind than any other people in the world.

Our soil, our climate, our productions, vegetable, animal and mineral, are not equaled by those of any other country on earth.

We can produce in the greatest abundance and of best quality, almost everything that is useful or desirable. We raise far more than half the cotton of the whole world, and far better quality than any other country, and we raise sugar, rice, groundpeas, sweet potatoes, wheat, corn, rye, oats, hay, and many other useful products which cannot be raised in the northern States, while at the same time we make every valuable product that can be raised in the north, except maple sugar and syrup, and we do so at less cost, greater profit, in greater abundance and of better quality.

For more than ten years I have been raising three valuable and well matured crops each year on the same piece of land.

In September I sow it in rye for winter grazing. When the stalks shoot up the following spring, just as the heads are in the boot, I cut it for hay.

Then turn under the stubble and sow German millet. I sow it very thick, to make the stalks small, and I cut it before it blooms, while the stalks are tender, and thus make fine hay.

I then turn under the millet stubble and sow cow peas. In September the vines are ready to be out for hay and the roots turned under, or the vines and roots all turned under, as may be desired, and then sow rye again.

The southern States are now leading the world in iron products, selling them in all civilized countries, and fixing their prices in the world's markets.

And we have coal and timber and mineral phosphates in supply and quality that no other portion of the world can excel, if equal.

Such is a brief outline of our natural advantages and resources. If we wisely use these great resources we will be in much better condition than the people of any other country in the world.

The things that work to our hurt and prevent us from realizing the prosperity and the great blessings in store for us are:

- 1. The tariff.
- 2. Our misuse of opportunities.

The tariff is a hydra-headed monster of evil, working out and fastening upon us more injustice and wrong than anything else (possibly with one exception.)

It discriminates against the poor and in favor of the rich. It oppresses and heaps continually increasing burdens upon the poor and those who labor, and enables the rich, more and more, to increase their wealth at increasingly reduced cost to them.

It is causing the rich to become richer and fewer in number, and the poor to become poorer and increases in number, in inverse ratio, every day, and every hour.

It gives the man who has money an unnatural, undue, unjust and wrongful advantage over all others, no matter how soberly and uprightly they may try to live; no matter how industrious, economical and commendable may be their habits and deportment.

Many poor people under our present unnatural and unjust conditions are not able to "hold their own" with all that industry, economy and correct habits can secure; and very few can overcome the wrongfully imposed obstacles and make a "rise in the world." It is seldom that a poor man becomes wealthy without first securing the use of some unnatural and wrongful advantage that discriminates in his favor and against the natural rights of his fellowmen.

Now, understand me correctly. I am not a Socialist, Communist, or Anarchist. I am not trying to engender unkindly or hostile feelings between classes—to array the poor against the rich or the rich against the poor. No one could more seriously regret such deplorable conditions than I.

No people on earth are more free from class prejudice than we are in the south. There is no country or section where the poor and the rich dwell together in as harmonious relations as in the southern States.

Under existing circumstances I do not blame the rich because they are rich. I am not finding fault with them because they have these unnatural and wrongful advantages of the poor. In this section, the rich, as a class, did not make these advantages and are not any more responsible for their existence than the poor.

In no other country do the rich feel as kindly toward the poor and have as much genuine friendly intercourse with them as in the southern States. Neither do I blame the poor for being poor. As a general statement, we can truthfully say it is not their fault. They cannot help it.

If no one, by law, had any undue and unjust advantage of them; if every man had his natural rights, if every man had an equal chance at natural opportunities, there would be very few persons in want, very few would be crushed down under the iron heel of helpless poverty, and involuntary poverty would almost entirely disappear.

The southern people have not thought earnestly—have not fully investigated or considered the terribly harmful effects which the tariff works out and fastens upon us. The rich people did not invent it and impose it upon us; far less did they do so with the intention of thereby securing for themselves the wrongful advantages it gives them over the poor.

The tariff is a villainous cruel Spanish or Moorish invention; a system of forcible robbery adopted by them to extort money from others unjustly. It is one of the many inhuman methods resorted to by them to rob innocent victims without giving anything in return.

Another method adopted by them was extensively practiced by those representative Spaniards, Cortez and Pizarro, in their murderous career in South America and elsewhere.

This wicked Spanish invention—a system or measure of oppression and robbery, put in operation with wicked intent—ought never to have been adopted by civilized free Americans; and we ought without delay to hurl it from us as a vile thing despised!

The tariff is the cause of, and is responsible for all the organized monopolies, trusts and plundering combines in the United States. But for the wrong advantages which it gives, these robber organizations could not be formed, could not exist!

Trade should be free, absolutely, without any conditions whatever, the world over. This is natural; it is right.

If I am a freeman and a good citizen; if I am industrious; if I go to work and do something useful, which I do not need and am willing to sell, and some person is willing to buy, I ought to be permitted, if I so choose, to go anywhere on earth to sell that article, to any person willing to buy it for whatever price we agree upon; and no person, no community or government has any just right to charge me one cent for the privilege of selling it; and whoever imposes such a burden or fine upon me—a fine upon industry—is as much of a robber as Cortez and Pizarro, or John A. Murrell, or Jesse James.

And if any person wishes to go anywhere in the world to buy anything, he ought to have the same privilege that I am entitled to in selling. This fully illustrates natural rights, which no man or set of men, anywhere, has any right to deny, abridge, interfere with or try to regulate, at any cost to buyer or seller. This principle is right! Anything else is wrong!

The collection of revenues by a tariff is a mean, sneaking, thieving, unmanly, dishonest and cowardly method of obtaining money! It filches the money from our pockets and we do not know when or how much!

A just, honest, open, plain, straightforward, common-sense business method should be adopted; one that would be as easily and fully comprehended by the most uneducated as any common business transaction, between man and man; and that method is:

The tax collector should show us what we owe, and let us pay it and take a receipt for it. To illustrate, the State and county tax collector in each county could have three items on his tax bills:

1. County tax.
2. State tax.
3. United States tax.

With our tax thus set out, we could, before we pay it, verify its correctness, just as every man who wishes to do so can now verify the correctness of his State and county tax bills.

We are as much entitled to know, or be able easily to know, that the tax which the general government calls on

us to pay is correctly levied upon us, and is what we justly owe, and no more, as we have to know that our store bills and blacksmith's accounts are correct before we pay them.

If we could all know just how much we pay the government, it would very nearly, if not entirely, put an end to corrupt political jobbery. Congress would cease to appropriate money for anything whatever, not absolutely necessary. It would take away from the president the authority to appoint consuls with big salaries attached, to a great number of dirty little towns in Europe and elsewhere. They are useless expensive nuisances, and the salaries of these sinecure consuls and many other appointments, is a corruption found, used for partisan political purposes, and not to promote the good of the country or the people!

And hundreds of other needless expenses would be stopped, if the people could know how much tax they owe, and how much they pay! An era of honesty and economy in government expenditures would be inaugurated. We are justly entitled to this knowledge. Let us have it.

Now, I would like to see the southern people and especially southern farmers, join in a holy crusade to abolish the tariff! Let us all, with united voice and determined, resolute action call upon Congress to wipe it out!

This would give untold relief! It would put an end to monopolies, trusts and combines, organized to regulate prices. The country would enter upon an era of prosperity and happiness for all; not for a few, at the expense of the many! No one would have an undue and unjust advantage over another in buying and selling. It would give every man his natural rights—an equal chance at natural opportunities.

The second feature of our disadvantages consists in our misuse or failure to properly use some opportunities not yet entirely taken away from us, which we can still wield to our advantage.

Cotton growers can improve their condition by:

1. Raising on the farm in ample quantity, all needed supplies which the farm will produce.

2. By making their cotton crop, no matter how small or how large, a clean cut, actual surplus!

One bushel of grain, one pound of meat or forage, or one domestic animal raised on the farm, is worth two that has to be bought with cotton.

If the cotton crop is a clear, real surplus there is money in it at any price.

Recent experiments of careful, intelligent farmers have demonstrated that setting land in permanent pasture and raising cattle, either for beef, or for dairy products; or the raising of hogs with hog crops—artichokes, chufas, pinders and potatoes, to be gathered and eaten by the hogs in the fields; and raising but little corn and no cotton, pays much better than crops of corn and cotton alone.

But if southern farmers would raise at home all the supplies their farms will produce and make cotton a clear surplus, we would have "a land of plenty." Very few, if any, in the country, would lack the necessities of life, and hunger and want of shelter, clothing and fuel would be confined to the poor in the cities and in the manufacturing and mining centers.

This policy would not bring us to the full extent, the great blessings which free trade would insure to all, but it would make our condition much better than it now is. It would bring much of the relief we so greatly desire and so sorely need. Will not our farmers adopt it?

Let us labor to wipe out the tariff! AN ENEMY OF THE TARIFF. Fulton County (near Atlanta), Ga., April 15, 1899.

I have been a sufferer from chronic diarrhoea ever since the war and have used all kinds of medicines for it. At last I found one remedy that has been a success as a cure, and that is Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy.—P. E. GRISHAM, Gaars Mills, La. For sale by Hill-Ort Drug Co.

—Singleton—"My congratulations, old man; no more sewing on buttons now, eh?" Wederly—"No, indeed! I wear a belt, now. It keeps me so busy supporting a wife that I haven't time to sew on buttons."

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"Dorothy, how on earth did you get a proposal out of that crusty old bachelor?" "Well, I pretended to like the things to eat that he likes."

#### The Parrot Talked too Much.

A parrot that had grown old and gray and wicked was the property of a man who was delighted by the bird's uncanny speeches, and yet was often annoyed by their rudeness. One day the rector of the parish came to call on the owner, and the bird happened to be in the room. The pastor was a short, fat man, with a smooth face, a clerical coat and a white tie.

For a time the bird was quiet, but suddenly, after some personal experience related by the clergyman, the wretched creature squawked out: "Oh, what a lie!"

Of course Polly was punished, and severely, too, and for a time seemed to mend her wicked ways.

One day a friend of the family from out of town came to make a visit. As soon as he caught sight of Polly he at once tried to make friends with her. He was a short, fat man, with a smooth face, and Polly looked at him with her head cocked on one side in a decidedly wicked fashion.

But she didn't say a word. Finally he turned away, and then that naughty parrot shrieked after him: "You can't catch me, you old fool! Where's your white necktie?"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

#### Whooping Cough.

I had a little boy who was nearly dead from an attack of whooping cough. My neighbors recommended Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. I did not think that any medicine would help him, but after giving him a few doses of that remedy I noticed an improvement, and one bottle cured him entirely. It is the best cough medicine I ever had in the house.—J. L. MOORE, South Bergetstown, Pa. For sale by Hill-Ort Drug Co.

An old and curious key and lock is attached to the door of Temple Church in Fleet street, London. The key weighs seven pounds, is 18 inches long, and, unlike other keys, was not made for the lock. On the contrary the lock was made for it. Both key and lock have been in use since the crusades, the church itself having been built by the Knights Templar in 1485.

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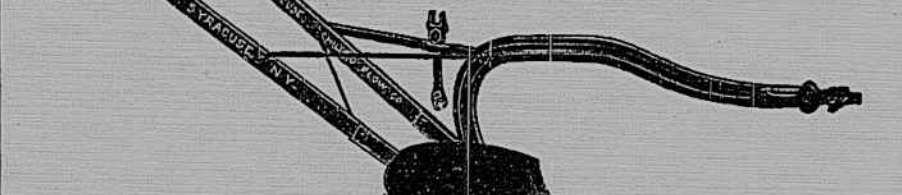
—Miss Pruyn—"Have you become accustomed to hearing Mr. Younglove speak of you as 'my wife' yet?" Mrs. Younglove (with decision)—"I should hope not! Why, if he should call me anything but 'Birdie' I should cry my eyes out!"

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