Grinnell. Iowa Nov 3 1894

Albion W. Tourgee
Mayville. N. Y

Sir: In your article of Nov 2 in the Inter-Ocean after enumerating such articles as sugar. coffee, tea, you say "Aside from these necessaries the amount the laboring could save by absolute free trade would 'hardly' compensate for a difference of a cent a day in his wages"

My object in writing you is to ascertain if possible what you mean by the statement and as the election will have been over before you can reply you will have no difficulty

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Do you mean to be
understood ~~that~~ as teaching or
believing that the reduction on
manufactured woolens from
2 38 down and averaging 98 %
to an average of 58 % will
not amount to $3.13 annually
or that free salt and free
lumber will not result in
lower cost to the consumer!
I have before me a book
entitled "Customs law of 1894
compared with the customs law
of 1890" printed by the Government
printer which gives a list of
hundreds of articles on the Tariff
~~tax~~ which has been reduced 100 per cent
This list includes chemicals,
Earthen and Glassware
Manufactures of wood. Flax. Hemp
Jute, and the

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besides very many things which enter into the daily life and economy of ninety nine of every 100 laboring men in the United States

Do you seriously and in cold blood. and in good faith believe that a laboring or any other man is not benefitted to the extent of $ 2.13 pr annum

Dont answer that he can better afford to pay tribute to the protected mill owner than to be without work. for that is a platitude with no foundation other than the necessities of a campaign.

Mr Teague you know what the men you write for do not evidently. that whatever

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protection is levied is
paid by the consumer
of as your school of political
economists assert "the foreigner
pays the tax" when he ships a
consignment of yarn valued at
not more than 30 cents per pound
he gives away not only the goods but
178 per cent duty beside for
the privilege of giving his yarn
away as the duty under Mr Kinley
was 278 per cent
With these facts in existence how
do you arrive at the conclusion
reached in the article mentioned

Very respectfully
Chas Porter

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