

"The good doctrine, which is sound democracy."—Hon. Joseph E. Washington.

"If the Republicans don't like it, it is because it hurts."—Hon. Tom L. Johnson.

"It would take untold volumes to reply to it."—Hon. Jerry Simpson.

# PROTECTION OR FREE TRADE?

BY

HENRY GEORGE.

*In the House of Representatives March 11, March 31, April 6 and April 8, 1892.*

Speech of HON. TOM L. JOHNSON, of Ohio.

Speech of HON. WILLIAM J. STONE, of Kentucky.

Speech of HON. JOSEPH E. WASHINGTON, of Tennessee.

Speech of HON. GEORGE W. FITHIAN, of Illinois.

Speech of HON. THOMAS BOWMAN, of Iowa.

Speech of HON. JERRY SIMPSON, of Kansas.

Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio said:

Mr. Chairman—I desire to have printed with my remarks the following, being an extract from Henry George's book, "Protection or Free Trade." This book, written by a man who views the matter from the standpoint of the interests of the great laboring masses, and who is acknowledged through the civilized world as the foremost of political economists, is the clearest and most thorough exposition of the whole subject ever yet made.

Mr. STONE of Kentucky said:

Mr. Chairman—As going to the very root of the tariff discussion, and setting forth in the clearest of language, I desire to make a contribution to this debate from the pen of a world-famous writer on political economy, Henry George. I quote the following from his celebrated book, "Protection or Free Trade."

Mr. WASHINGTON said:

Mr. Chairman—I wish to contribute as my part to the discussion of the general subject of the tariff the following interesting thoughts from the pen of one of the ablest thinkers and writers on economic subjects of the day.

I will print a few pages from a work by Mr. Henry George.

Mr. FITHIAN said:

Mr. Chairman—I desire to have printed as my own remarks the following from the pen of Henry George on the tariff question.

Mr. BOWMAN said:

Mr. Chairman—I desire to have printed, as expressing very ably my views on the subject of this bill, the following, being an extract from Henry George's writings. It is the ablest paper that I know of in opposition to the theory of protection.

Mr. SIMPSON said:

Mr. Chairman—There is no better way of getting at an understanding of the justice of the bill before the committee than by examining the first principles of trade and of taxation, and to that end I offer as my part in this debate the following from the pages of a work quoted in every land where the English tongue is spoken, namely, "Protection or Free Trade," by Henry George.

*Congressional Record, April 15, 1892.*

Mr. BURROWS. Mr. Speaker . . . I desire to call attention of the Chair to the *Record* of this morning. On page 356, there is a speech of Henry George, not a member of this House, supplemented by five lines of the gentleman from Kentucky [Mr. Stone]. If the Chair will examine the matter he will see that chapters from 21 to 25 inclusive are attached to these four lines. . . . I desire also to call attention to the fact, that while the gentleman from Kentucky embraces chapters from 21 to 25, another gentleman [Mr. Bowman], embraces from 16 to 20, and the gentleman from Tennessee [Mr. Washington] published chapters from 11 to 15; the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. Fithian] publishes chapters 6 to 16, and Mr. Johnson of Ohio, publishes chapters 1 to 5. . . . The title of this book is, "Protection or Free Trade." . . . It is simply a question whether under leave granted to members of the House to extend their remarks on the tariff debate, it is in order to embody, without making any remarks of your own whatever under that order, except sufficient to constitute a peg to hang it on, to publish a printed volume in the *Record* for distribution. . . . They have got chapters now, from 1 to 25, and the next *Record*, I suppose, to-morrow will complete the volume. I wish to know whether that is in order, and if it is in order, of course we have several volumes on the other side that we propose to have published. [Laughter on the Republican side.]

THE SPEAKER. . . . How extensive the extracts which a member prints shall be is not a matter for the Chair to determine. The House itself has always, as the Chair understands, determined the question whether or not there has been any violation or breach of the privilege granted, and therefore the Chair thinks there should be some resolution or motion on the subject.

Mr. BURROWS. . . . I move to strike out, on page 356 of the *Record*, from what is printed as the speech of Mr. Stone of Kentucky, all that Henry George says.

Mr. RICHARDSON. I suppose the gentleman will include also the letter of Mr. Horr, printed on the same page, inserted by the gentleman from Iowa [Mr. Dolliver]. There are about two columns of that matter. I move to amend the motion of the gentleman from Michigan by including the letter of Mr. Horr, and I also move to strike out the poem on page 358 inserted by the gentleman from Michigan [Mr. Belknap]. [Laughter.]

Mr. STONE of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, the motion is to strike out matter inserted in the *Record* by myself. Now, I want to plead guilty to the charge of the gentleman from Michigan that I did insert that matter in the *Record*, and did so for the reason that I had the right to do so under the leave given by the House. I inserted it for the express purpose of having it go to the voters of this country upon the question of tariff reform. I inserted it for that express purpose and no other. I want to say to the House and to the gentleman from Michigan that there are a number of members upon this floor who, at various times during the discussion of the tariff question, have tried in vain to get an opportunity to address the House in regard to it—really to address the country, because we do not listen to tariff speeches here; they are made to go to the country.

I myself, during the discussion that has gone on up to this time, have been so unfortunate as not to be recognized for the purpose of addressing the House, or my constituents, through the funnel of this House, but upon the day mentioned I did secure recognition for the purpose of extending in the *Record* some remarks upon the tariff, and I inserted the matter in question, and, Mr. Speaker