WAGES RISING.

The Incontrovertible Evidence Afforded by the Census Reports.

Every indication deserving the notice of intelligent men which has hitherto appeared has pointed unerringly to the fact that the people, especially the working people of this country, were never before so well off as now in the midst of the campaign of calamity waged by the Democratic party. Commissioner Peck's report and the senate report on prices and wages showed this and they were backed up by the statements of half a dozen other official reports from various states on industrial conditions.

Unfortunately the complete census returns of the progress made since 1880 are not yet available, but the partial reports which have appeared corroborate in every particular the reports from other sources. Most significant are the census figures given out from Washington. They relate to some of the principal industrial centers in the country and tell a story not at all comforting to the free trade Democracy.

It appears that in Chicago average annual wages per capita increased from $436 to $589, or 35.09 per cent., in the census period; in Buffalo average wages increased from $413 to $502, or 21.55 per cent.; in Rochester from $357 to $512 or $43.22 per cent.; in Denver from $535 to $793, or $48.22 per cent.; in Lynn from $470 to $609, or 29.57 per cent Two cities in the south—the stronghold of American Cobdenism—are considered. Both show a far greater increase than any of the others. Wages in Nashville increased from an average of $274 in 1880 to $449 in 1890, a gain of 63.87 per cent., while Atlanta shows an increase from $242 to $420, or $73.55 per cent., in the yearly earnings per capita of its working people.

A recent census report has shown that in the Democratic city of New York average wages per capita increased more during the census period than in any of the northern or western cities mentioned above. They were $427 in 1880 and $653 or 52.93 per cent. greater, in 1890.

The eminent free trader, Edward Atkinson, in The Forum of last May said:

"There has never been a period in the history of this or any other country when the general rate of wages was as high as it is today, nor a period when the workman, in the strict sense of the word, has so fully secured to his own use and enjoyment such a steadily and progressively increasing proportion of a constantly increasing product."

This statement is borne out by the official figures of the census office and the reports of the different state bureaus of labor statistics.

American workingmen have in the figures here given a fairly accurate gauge of the rate at which their condition has improved and is improving. There is little likelihood that they will stop the process of improvement by their votes on election day. They are not yet tired of progress and prosperity. No free trade! No pauper labor!—New York Press.

Reid's Development as a Speaker.

No American ever advanced more rapidly to the front as a graceful, forcible and effective public speaker than Hon. Whitelaw Reid, Republican candidate for vice president, has done. When nominated he was known only as an excellent writer and occasional after dinner orator. Since then he has delivered perhaps a dozen speeches, beginning with a good one and improving every time, until now no speeches are listened to or read with more pleasure than his. Mr. Reid has fully vindicated the wisdom of his nomination.—Indianapolis Journal.

The Story of Steel Rails.

The story of steel rails is the story of protection. Industrial history of the kind, however, has repeated itself in a score of other lines of production. In 1867 the average price of American steel rails was $166 per ton. In 1891 the average price had fallen to $30 a ton. In other words, $1 will now buy as much steel rail as $5.50 would twenty-five years ago. A Republican protection indeed works industrial miracles.—Norristown (Pa.) Times.

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Democracy Means Free Trade.

The fact remains that the Democratic party is fully committed to English free trade; that the great majority of its members have come to believe in it firmly, thanks to Mr. Cleveland's teachings, and that if he is elected and congress is Democratic a free trade bill will be passed by it and signed by him. Therefore no one should be deceived by the present "lightning changes" and metamorphoses of Democratic office seekers on the stump regarding the tariff.—Chicago Tribune.

Never-to-be-hatched Chickens.

The Democrats always carry the whole country and most of the rest of the universe during the months of July and August of a presidential year. They are now engaged in that pleasing task, and the majorities they are figuring out are scarcely limited by the population of the states they are counting on. It is a harmless pastime, this counting never-to-be-hatched chickens, and we wish our Democratic friends much joy.—Rochester (N. Y.) Democrat and Chronicle.

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