These Are Good Times.

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"Industry is almost every line is more active than at any time in the last eight years," is the sentiment with which a trade authority closes its last weekly report on the situation. And it becomes all the more significant when it is remembered that eight years will include the phenomenal year of 1892.

It would be impossible within the limits of a newspaper article to look for, without exposure, all of the causes which have contributed to bring about this happy condition, but it may be observed, without fear of contradiction, that the protection policy, which followed the election of President McKinley to the chief office in the land, has been prime to all the others. Its immediate effect was to reassure to the business world the continuance of the home market for the enormous manufactures of iron and steel which had been taken away, the reorganization of railroads and other great industrial enterprises was hastened, and the turning wheels of all these took a prominent part in bring business back to prosperity.

And the men of the country in all greater prosperity in the previous years of trade in our history, for the first time, have been able to share in the benefits of a protective tariff. Labor in Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Ohio, Michigan, Wisconsin, Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado, Utah, Oregon, California, and other states, has been fully employed, and the wages received have been spent in the purchase of the products of the farm, the mine, the factory, the loom and the spindle, and the result has been that the farmer has found a market for his products at home, and the manufacturer has found a market for his goods at home