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By Telegraph to the News.

TIN PLATE.

The Explanations Offered by Hon. William Springer.

MATTOON, Ill., Sept. 20.—Hon. William M. Springer addressed a large audience here today. His speech principally was a reply to that delivered by McKinley at Elwood last week. He said:

During the interval of close upon two years before starting the Democratic campaign in the McKinley bill, there was an enormous increase in the production of plates to get them into the country at the old rates and with the old rates of duty. The McKinley bill had taken effect on the date immediately on its passage as it could have done the government could have received over ten millions more in revenue than it did for these importations. The people were entitled to buy at a supposed increased rate, however, and this ten million dollars was not a profit to tin plate importers and jobbers.

After working to their utmost capacity for the time to meet the enormous demand from the United States, the Welsh mills, after June, 1891, were called to shut down for a time in order that consumption could catch up with production. The Republicans immediately set up the claim that the McKinley bill caused the Welsh mills to shut down and the industry to be considered to this country. Thus history and facts were perverted to the ends our people.

The manufacture of tin plate in this country was conceded by all to be impossible and an industry which must exist without a government bounty or a high protective tariff, and after the government of the manufacturer of the plates must pay $10,000,000 every year more than otherwise required in order to have our annual supply of tin plates made here. In spite of the government agent for the four years ended June last shows the output of tin and terne plates of this country for that time to be 1,240,839 pounds. This is less than 3 percent of the amount consumed in the same period. We were told that the McKinley bill was passing that the McKinley bill was passing that the McKinley bill was passing