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The Meat Trust.

The Attorney General of the United States has instructed Assistant Sage to file never whether or not the great butcher-ing firms of this country have entered into a combination to put the price of beef and other meat up to figures considered to be above their normal market value, and the matter has attracted such general interest that Congress has begun to discuss the question of removing the tariff from live stock as well as from meat prepared for market. That such a question is taken up so promptly is not to be wondered at, for the price of meat cannot directly listen to be raised three times a day; but the remedy is a thing that the people will be divided upon. There is no room for controversy when the question of dealing with the great meat trusts is considered, but the question of whether the trusts should be restricted in their unlawful combinations, or the trust abolished, where no wise permissible for the unjust advantage, shall be settled, is a matter for immediate consideration.

As most Congressmen are at the week and the first idea is to let the whole matter drop until the next session.

While we have not been exposed to any protective tariff, and are yet to a certain extent, their extent when directly expressed in the Democratic doctrine of a tariff for revenue, levied so as to give incidental protection to such industries as are most in need of it, and that is also able to see how the removal of tariff would benefit the consumer without injuring the farmer, we are not unwilling