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A bulletin issued by the census bureau shows that the assessed valuation of all property in the United States exclusive of railroads increased nearly fifty eight thousand millions or about 46 per cent. in ten years from 1880 to 1890. Should the same relations be found to exist between the assessed valuation in 1892 and the valuation as it existed in 1890, the absolute wealth of the United States may be estimated at \$64,648,000,000, or more than \$1,000 per capita, against \$544 in 1860, \$780 in 1870, and \$870 in 1880. The history of the world furnishes no parallel to this, and it must be remembered that this immense stride in material advancement was made while tariff reformers and evangelists of despair were muttering their bootless forebodings of imminent calamity and disaster. The United States is the greatest, richest, best country God ever made. To borrow from Burns, the creator tries his "prentice hand" on Babylon, Egypt, Greece, Rome, Great Britain, and then he made the United States.

Tacoma, a short time ago had a spasm of reform and "antiboodle." The republican rascals were turned out and an entire new set of democratic rascals were turned in. The new mayor turned his pious eyes heavenward—when he was hunting votes—and swore by all the gods in the anti-boodle pantheon that gambling and boodling would cease if the dear people would place his head in the public crib. The game succeeded delightfully, and the "reformers" were elected. Now at the end of only a few weeks the Tacoma papers charge that the knights of the green cloth are playing high jinks all over the city and that gambling is openly engaged in by any body that wants to.

A dealer in New York advertises for sale a cargo of American pig tin from California at the regular price of the imported product. Now ye sons of calamity and woe, and ye disciples of Ananias in the special department of tin plate flying and all ye down trodden and tax-oppressed worshippers of Cobden who groan beneath the weight of 7-12 of a cent tax per annum on your yearly purchases of tin ware, now is the opportunity of a century. Lay in a supply of good, honest, patriotic, American manufactured and California produced tin plate, sufficient to last you till the dying wail of the last tin plate liar shall have faded softly into eternal night.

Jim Hill, of the Great Northern railroad, was granted a franchise through Spokane, on the understood condition that shippers at that place were to have terminal rates. Spokane was delighted and Jim got what he wanted. Now that Hill has possession of the franchise he tells the Spokane people that they are not justly entitled to terminal rates and must be satisfied with "relative" rates. For the meaning of this new term in railroading, Jim refers the people to Webster's dictionary. We suspect, in Hill's own vocabulary "relative" is "all-the-traffic-will-bear" writ small.

We learn from the Washington Independent that Garfield county, Washington, has bonded its small debt of \$30,000 and sold the bonds, bearing six per cent. interest for \$300, premium. This transaction will effect a saving of \$1,200 per annum to the taxpayers as they have been paying 10 per cent. interest on their debt. There is a good chance for some of our newly elected Solons to signalize themselves by effecting the passage of a law in this state that will enable counties to bond their debts and thereby save many a dollar to the taxpayers in the form of reduced interest.

The Chicago Herald, (dem.) has discovered one instance where, beyond the possibility of a doubt the tariff was a tax. It was that of a Chicago man who, arriving in New York from Europe, was found to have a silk dress pattern concealed under the lining of his over coat. A custom house officer arrested the gentleman for smuggling and at his own earnest entreaty he was let off with the payment of \$30 tax on a dress that had cost him \$60.

The most popular fad in the political world is the cry of "reform." The simon pure demagogue and successful vote catcher these days is a "reformer" and anti-boodler," either that or he is worked by the potency of the demijohn and beer keg. These paths leads to office, political glory and ultimately—to the devil.

Umatilla county, which is strongly democratic, gave Ellis 51 majority. The Pendleton democratic paper says the democrats made no effort to secure votes for Slater, "believing it was effort wasted as he could not possibly be elected."

THE REPUBLICAN PLATFORM.

The platform adopted at the Minneapolis convention congratulates the people on the majestic march of the nation under the banner inscribed with the principles of the republican platform of 1888. It reaffirms the doctrine of protection, calls attention to its growth abroad and maintains that the prosperous condition of the country is largely due to the wise revenue legislation of a republican congress. It reaffirms the belief that all the articles which cannot be produced in the United States, except luxuries, should be admitted free of duty, and that on all imports coming into competition with the products of American labor there should be levied duties equal to the difference between wages abroad and at home. It asserts that the prices of articles of general consumption have been reduced under the operation of the tariff act of 1890 and denounces the efforts of the democratic majority in the house of representatives to destroy our tariff laws by piece-meal as is manifested by the attacks upon wool and lead ores, the chief products of a number of states, and points to the success of the republican policy of reciprocity, under which our export trade has vastly increased and new enlarged markets have been opened for the products of our farms and workshops.

It demands the use of both gold and silver as standard money, under such provisions as will secure the maintenance of a parity of the values of the two metals, so that the purchasing and debt-paying power of the dollar, whether silver, gold or paper, shall be equal. It commends the action of the government in its effort to secure an international conference to adopt such measures as will insure a parity of value between gold and silver for use as money throughout the world.

It demands that every citizen of the United States, be he rich or poor, native or foreign, black or white, be allowed to cast one free and unrestricted ballot in all public elections and that such ballot shall be counted and returned as cast.

It favors the extension of our foreign commerce, the restoration of our merchant marine by home-built ships and the creation of a navy for the protection of our national interests, and the honor of our flag; reaffirms approval of the Monroe doctrine and favors stringent laws for the restriction of criminal, pauper and contract immigration. It declares sympathy with the cause of home rule in Ireland, and protests against the persecution of Jews in Russia. It declares anew devotion to liberty of thought and conscience, of speech and press, and approves all agencies which contribute to the education of the children of the land.

It declares opposition to combinations of capital, organized in trusts, indorses the action already taken upon this subject and asks for such further legislation as may be required to render existing laws more complete and effective.

It approves free postal service for towns, villages and rural communities pledges a reduction of letter postage to 1 cent at the earliest moment consistent with the interests of the postal service.

It approves the construction of the Nicaragua canal as a measure of the highest importance to the American people but insists that it should be controlled by the United States government.

It favors the admission of the remaining territories at the earliest practicable date and affirms that all federal appointments for the territories should be made from bona fide residents thereof.

It favors the cession, subject to home-stead, of arid publiclands, to the states and territories in which they lie.

The Columbian exposition is declared to be a great national undertaking and congress should foster and support it so that results might be attained commensurate with the dignity of the nation.

Sympathy is expressed with all fair and legitimate legislation tending to lessen and prevent the evils of intemperance and promote morality.

It pledges anew to the veteran soldiers of the republic, watchful care and recognition of their just claims upon a grateful people and finally, commends the able, patriotic, and thoroughly American administration of President Harrison under which the country has enjoyed remarkable prosperity, and the dignity and honor of the nation at home and abroad have been faithfully maintained, and offers the record of pledges kept as a guarantee of faithful performance in the future.

The finger of destiny points with steady aim towards Governor Penneyer as the standard bearer of the people's party in the coming national campaign. One by one the obstacles that have stood in the way of his advancement to this proud position have been removed. The last obstacle, the existence of the confederate brigadier, L. L. Polk, who only a few days ago became a convert to the principles of the people's party, but whose three years' service as president of the farmers' alliance would have assuredly given him the nomination, has been removed by the hand of death. The way is now clear for Penneyer.

The Walla Walla Union, referring to the nomination says: "Whitelaw Reid is the first newspaper man ever nominated for an office as great as that of vice President." Has Schuyler Colfax and his South Bend Register, been so far forgotten?

All special agents of the general land-office have been granted a furlough without pay, from June 13 to 30 inclusive. This is the polite way of putting it. The plain, unvarnished English of it is, congress has not signaled itself by any supreme act of economic reform since it effected a saving of \$50 on West Point soap, so Brother Holman, in a fit of despondency, has cut down the appropriations below the actual sum required to fulfill existing obligations. Great economist is Holman!

Referring to the recently published interview in the New York Mail and Express, between the governor and Col. Shepard the governor says he did not expect his remarks would be published and adds by way of a left handed apology:

I did not favor the abolition of tariff taxation further than from all the necessities of life, neither did I assert that Cleveland was the biggest fraud in politics, but that he was the next biggest, the post of honor having been accorded to George William Curtis.

Rode on His Own Road. Boise Statesman: Jim Hill rode into Spokane the other day on his own railroad. The city is to be congratulated on the event. If the Great Northern does half as much for the place as it has opportunity for, the city will go forward more rapidly in the future than it has in the past.

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