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DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

For President, GROVER CLEVELAND, Of New York. For Vice President, A. E. STEVENSON, Of Illinois.

WE are sorry for Mr. Carnegie. He was only making \$14 a ton on his steel, so of course he was compelled to reduce wages.

In the following sentence are all the letters of the alphabet: "Pack my box with five dozen liquor jugs." But don't take the sentence to heart.

THE Oregonian says "the tariff is not a tax on the country, because iron and steel are as cheap in America as elsewhere in the world."

If the Republican organs believe that protection makes high wages, will they please explain why free-trade England pays higher wages than protected Germany, France, Italy, or any other high-tariff country in Europe?

If, as the Oregonian insists, every man has the right to employ an armed force to defend his property, then representative civil government is at an end in this country, and anarchy prevails.

WE admire a frank, clear-cut Republican newspaper, and the harder it hits the better it suits us; but a hybrid newspaper, an "Egyptian mummy," a man or newspaper that has not grit nor grace enough to be a partisan, has not bravery nor honesty (political) enough to be a patriot.

WILSON may be insane; if so it is the kind of insanity that deserves death. He claims that he never saw his victim's face.

WE differ materially from the Democrat. We do not think from present indications that he "ought to have an opportunity to gaze upon the face of his victim in the next world."

THE administration organ says that in electing Harrison the American people "declared with all the emphasis at their command that they approved of protection with all their hearts."

This was President Garfield's idea of protection: I hold that a properly adjusted competition between home and foreign products is the best gauge by which to regulate international trade.

But the Republican leaders of more recent years, leagued with the monopolistic millionaires, have reversed this doctrine. They are retreating from "the basis of free trade." They are for a protection calculated to make a thousand millionaires and masters, and a million men more poor and weak.

THE HOMESTEAD STRIKE.

The Homestead strike is a very bad affair. In view of all the evidence thus far taken, we must say that Carnegie had no good reason to scale down the wages of the skilled workmen, since the net profit on every ton of steel produced is from \$14.00 to \$16.00.

That the men whose wages were scaled were men who would suffer for the necessities of life, is not true, but were men who received from \$1200 to \$1350 per annum net for their labor.

Strikers have a right to quit work, but they have no right to prevent others from working by force. The real bottom cause of this strike is a foreign corporation as soulless as a horse, came to Pennsylvania, and by protection from this government, which they ought never to have had one minute, and instead of employing Americans they imported foreign laborers by the thousands.

Mr. Frick was wrong when he refused to treat with the agent of the Amalgamated association and would only deal with the men in their individual capacity, refusing to recognize a union of workingmen in any sense.

With the man at the head of the Democratic ticket who is most popular with the masses; who best deserves popularity because he has dealt fairly and faithfully with the people throughout his whole career, the Democratic party enters the campaign full of confidence and enthusiasm against opponents who fail in enthusiasm because they have forfeited the confidence of the people.

In Mr. Cleveland the Democratic party has a leader whom all Democrats can trust; whom all Americans in all parties can trust, for whether they agree with him or not they know that he is a sincere, candid, manly American; a man of the people, full of sympathy for the masses, with a genuine aversion for classes; not rash in forming opinions; never given to jumping at conclusions, but tenacious of his purposes when convinced that he is right, and willing always to sacrifice his own fortunes to his ideas of what is right and honest, of what is true and manly, of what makes for the welfare of all Americans.

Let all Democrats prepare for a heated campaign in which every Democrat must do his duty. It will be a campaign of education, of issues, of principles.

Whoever approves of the employment of Pinkerton Hessians for such a purpose as that for which the Carnegie Company brought them to Homestead, is an enemy of our system of government and of the supremacy of the law.

The underlying and essential theory of civilized governments is that laws are made by the people's representatives and executed by the people's agents. If a legislator or an executive officer abuses his power, he is responsible to the people who clothe him with authority.

The Carnegie works, let it be admitted, were in possession of the locked out workmen. It is perfectly true that property may be defended, even to the point of killing the assailant, by the occupant and his servants, but no one has the right to gather within the precincts of his property an armed mob for the purpose of meeting a mob's assault.

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must be enforced by its ministers. A private citizen cannot take it into his own hands nor hire other private citizens to take it into theirs.

According to Mr. Frick's testimony the Carnegie company did not intend to rely on the officers of the law. They hired and armed Pinkertons at once. They intended to meet mob assault with mob resistance. This was an outrage on the law, an insult to the authority of the state of Pennsylvania.

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the slightest effect upon wages. This fact, and Frick's refusal to give the cost or profits, prove that there was no excuse for a reduction of wages.

Even Mr. Frick has helped to prove that protection is a fraud. We know little of the merits of the Cœur d'Alene trouble. No reliable reports were ever published regarding the controversy in that country. But we do not believe such affairs would be possible were it not for the laws that make it possible for a few moneyed men to monopolize natural opportunities.

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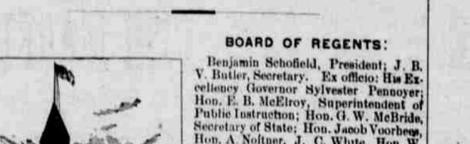
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