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A CRYING NEED.

The WEST SIDE is desirous of finding a democrat who is sufficiently posted in the history and principles of his party to give us an insight into those principles, by which we may be guided when tempted to impart information to our readers concerning the antecedents, and present policy of the party.

Grover Cleveland was nominated and elected upon a free coinage platform, while it was well known that his views were in antagonism to the free coinage of silver and a protective system.

Now what do we see today? The U. S. senate, with a democratic majority, wrangling over a tariff measure—the Wilson bill—and democrats from their different and respective localities clamoring for protection for the fruits of their industries in these different localities from which they hail.

Whilst democrats, in the Chicago platform of 1892 declared a protective tariff "unconstitutional", they must now be favoring "unconstitutional" legislation, when by vote and voice they insist upon protection for the industries of that section of country which they are presuming to represent in the United States senate.

We live in the best country on the earth. All the necessities and most of the luxuries of life we can produce in abundance. We can live independent of any or all foreign countries; we can supply our own wants in all that tends to render man contented and happy, then why should we not be protected, not only from the hordes of non-productive foreigners that flock to our shores, but also be protected from the ever-increasing flood of foreign manufactured goods, thus swelling our markets, and causing a decrease and a loss to the industries of our own country.

Thirty six thousand dollars a week is too vast a sum to expend in giving men opportunity to air their views in the senate, and wrangling over the passage of a tariff bill which is condemned both north, south, east and west.

Senators, better let the tariff alone, cease your strife, retire to your respective homes, let the country be at rest, and the good old times of prosperity will beam upon us.

Here is what Henry Waterson of the Louisville Courier Journal, a dyed-in-the-wool democrat, says of the Wilson bill: "Why, I shot my fowling piece at the Wilson bill the 8th of last January, and then took to the woods. Since then the Wilson bill seems to have done some wandering in the wilderness itself. To speak accurately, there is no such bill as the Wilson bill. There was a measure that went by that name when it came out of the ways-and-means committee. But, it

lost one of its eyes and had its nose broken. In the house, and since it has gone to the senate its disfigurement has continued to that degree that its author would not recognize it at midday in the rotunda of the capitol. No, sir; there is no such thing as the Wilson bill. There is a monstrosity undergoing the process of incubation, which is so base that if I had a half-educated democratic dog mean enough to wag his tail for it, I would have him taken out and shot." This being the opinion of one of the leading democrats of the country, what must our democratic friends think of a democratic senate expending time and money to juggle its passage such a medley of inconsistencies as the so-called Wilson bill.

The only safe and peaceful guardian of human rights and liberties is the ballot, and he who exercises that right solely for partisan purposes is doing violence to himself, as well as to the public. The marching of a rabble to Washington to demand legislation exclusively in their own interest, is inconsistent and antagonistic to the principles upon which our structure of government is based, and can only result in their own discomfiture. The right of petition for a redress of grievances will ever be held sacred by any administration that may in power at the time of petitioning, but an army composed of a heterogeneous mass of disgruntled men marching on to Washington demanding what they imagine to be their rights, and that, apparently by force of numbers, cannot but be viewed with alarm by all patriotic and law abiding citizens. Let the people at the ballot box so exercise their right of franchise that a restoration to that policy of government which has been put in jeopardy by a democratic ascendancy to power, shall be secured and all will be well.

A crisis in our national life is almost here. The people are in a fever heat and the contagion is spreading to the country. There must be a cause for this disorder, as it is impossible to think that 80,000,000 of our fellow citizens have become wantonly criminal in the space of a few months. The government must keep a sharp eye for the occurrence which is to create a conflict, and stop it before another shot is fired to be heard around the world. Our executive officials should be at their stations, not gallivanting around making political speeches and creating a greater unrest. The ship Oregon should be beaten to "quarters" and everyone should stand ready to aid humanity to a higher plane and to tear down oppression. There is a great plateau upon which labor and capital can stand without oppression, and this must be gained if popular government is to succeed, and this continual strife cease.

PROTECTION.

Protection is a significant term, and what does it signify when used in connection with the tariff as advocated by the republican party? It signifies protection to our American industries from the pauper labor of other countries, and thus promoting the welfare of our own people, without distinction of party or class. Our manufacturing industries must be protected from the inroads of foreign influences disastrous to our people, and this can only be done by a tax upon their imports, without which our markets would be flooded with foreign manufactured goods which would prove detrimental to the interests of our own manufacturers, as well as to the interests of the general welfare. The manufacturing, next to our agricultural interests are the basis of our commercial wealth and prosperity, and when those interests languish, all classes of our people suffer, as is evidenced by the closing of so many factories since the threatened destruction of our protective system by the party in power.

It cannot be said exactly how much our country has suffered from the simple fact of taking the business interests of the country out of the hands of the party which believes in the protection of American labor, and the preserving of American markets for our own business men, and the placing of those business interests in the hands of a party which considers such protection "robbery," and believes in placing our markets open to the free competition of the world, and yet it may be said it has suffered beyond computation. The people of the United States have learned a lesson. The decision made in 1892 under a mistaken view of the protective system is being reversed wherever the people have a chance to cast a vote.

Any system which throws men out of employment, or which leads to a reduction in the wages of the laboring man, must surely end in a lack of consumption, which very soon results in

the destruction of our domestic markets. Once cut down the power of consumption of 70,000,000 people and the markets are instantly glutted and the people at once begin to cry out. In 1890 when McKinley is elevated to the Presidency an era of prosperity will again ensue.

Much has been said about lawyers being nominated for office on the republican state ticket. Being a lawyer does not disqualify a man from holding official position. Lawyers, physicians, merchants and farmers are a component part of society, and the only question to consider in nominating and electing a man to office should be, is he honest, is he qualified and is he trustworthy and in sympathy with the masses of the people. This question being answered affirmatively to the mind of the voter, should be an inducement to support a man irrespective of his pursuit or profession in life.

Where are those vociferous democratic statesmen who only two years ago were shouting such epithets as "usurper," "boss," "usurper," "dictator" and "bulldozer" at the devoted head of Speaker Reed—where are they? Why, they are right there at the same old stand in congress, but their wild barbaric shriek is swallowed up in the everlasting silence. A new czar has risen; a later boss is running things; another tyrant of the same general sort (but of smaller mental caliber) wielding the scepter; a new dictator of the amateur class is running the concern, and his name is Crisp of Georgia.

We have just received a copy of the People's Party Post, just issued from Portland. It declares for Jeffersonian democracy, Jacksonian democracy and the Omaha platform. The only party in which to find the true principles of Jeffersonian democracy and Jacksonian democracy is the republican. Jefferson was a friend of the people and advocated the protection of their interests from foreign influences. Jackson was an advocate of honest money and favored "home rule" and protection of American interests as now advocated by the republican party.

Ina S. Smith, republican nominee for representative, is a life-long resident of Polk. He has served our county as sheriff, successfully and to the satisfaction of the people, and is a man of sterling integrity, of more than ordinary intelligence, and will serve the people faithfully and well in our next legislature. Let every republican stand by his colors and give Mr. Smith an overwhelming majority over his opponent. Republican ascendancy is the basis of our prosperity.

Labor employs capital, not capital labor. The capitalist who has more capital than his own labor can employ must get other labor to employ the rest or it will produce him nothing and waste away. While men are begging, as a boon, permission to work, this is easy; but when natural opportunities are freed and all can work who wish to, men will have to persuade others to work for them, and it will be evident that the favor is conferred by the laborer, not the capitalist.

In 1896 the only doubtful states in the country will be in what has been called the solid South. The rest of the country, including New Jersey, will go republican, and three or four of the ex-slave states are extremely likely to declare for the republicans also.—St. Louis Republic.

This strong democratic paper is generally correct in making predictions.

The saw mill is to be rebuilt here, the bonus necessary to secure its rebuilding having been secured from our citizens. Does it not look inconsistent for a democrat to have his name on such a paper in order to assist a manufacturer and then vote the ticket of a party that in its platform declares protection unconstitutional and protection a fraud and demands that it be stricken down.

C. H. Dalrymple, the populist orator who addressed a small audience here last week, made a very creditable presentation of populist arguments and facts but his statement that the republican papers are bribed, he is certainly too intelligent to believe, though there may be fools in his party to believe it. So much the worse for the party.

Coxey's industrial army is the outcome of democratic hard times; hard times are an outcome of democratic ascendancy, and the remedy lies in putting in power the republican party and return to prosperity.

The Wilson tariff bill seems to be in precarious condition in the senate. Times have changed in Elsinore since good king Hamlet died.

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