

HENRY GEORGE ON PRESENT POLITICS.

From the Standard. The Democratic clubs and politicians are wheeling into line splendidly, and it is now certain that protectionists like Messrs. Charles A. Dana and Samuel J. Randall will ere long have to "eat crow" or go over formally to the Republican party.

Mr. Cleveland, it is now certain, will be nominated at St. Louis by acclamation. Who shall be nominated for Vice-President is not determined. But it is time that a Southern man was placed on the Presidential ticket, and the Southern man whom the Democracy would do best to put there is Roger Q. Mills, of Texas.

The empire State of the North, and the empire State of the South! Grover Cleveland of New York and Roger Q. Mills of Texas! It is a ticket that would make the protectionists howl. And that is the reason of its strength. The stronger the opposition the stronger the support.

And here is something that would make the best kind of a Democratic platform. It is from the report made to the House of Representatives on May 10, 1888—just thirty years ago—by the special committee that in the earlier part of the session had been appointed to consider the whole subject of federal expenditure and revenue—the House of Representatives being at that time Democratic.

Resolved, That the vast and increasing expenditure of the Federal government indicates the necessity of a change in our fiscal system, whereby the protective policy shall be entirely abandoned, and a resort had at as early a period as may be practicable exclusively to direct taxation.

That the highest development of the industrial resources of the country is to be attained by the greatest freedom of exchanges, which can only be thoroughly accomplished by the entire abolition of duties on imports, and a resort after exclusively to direct taxation.

That the system of direct taxation presenting the most advantages is for each State to collect and pay over its quota, to be ascertained by the constitutional rule of apportionment, thus ensuring perfect equality, and dispensing with multitudes of Federal officers.

This report was signed by W. W. Boyce of South Carolina, Richard Mott of Ohio, John A. Quitman of Mississippi, Jacob R. Wortendyke of New Jersey, and F. E. Spinner of New York.

Boyce, Wortendyke and Quitman were Democrats; Mott and Spinner were Republicans. But it is the true Democratic doctrine on the tariff question, and now that the slavery question and the issues that followed it, have passed away, men who have called themselves Republicans, and men who have called themselves Democrats, will be found uniting again on the Jeffersonian platform of equality and freedom.

Perhaps it is too much of human nature to hope that such a convention as will assemble at St. Louis will adopt such a platform as this would be. But it really makes very little difference what sort of a platform they adopt. It is in this direction that the Democratic party must inevitably go under the stimulus of the campaign. The real issue that will be discussed will be, not high tariff, but protection or no tariff at all.

The Great Republic.

From the New York Herald. We gather from the specials which come over commercial cables from Berlin that Mr. Schurz is having a good time with Prince Bismarck. Mr. Schurz is simply a private gentleman, but he represents in a brilliant degree the possibilities open to the alien in the United States. Leaving Germany as a political refugee under ban of the law, Mr. Schurz cast his fortunes in the Republic, and arose through many avenues of distinction to the highest dignity the alien could attain. He goes back an ex-Minister to the land from which he fled as an outcast forty years ago.

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