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THE DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

The democratic convention in Pendleton Saturday was conducted in a democratic way. Free speech was encouraged, and there was a great deal of it, without limit. There was a multitude of voices and words, there was a little "war," but in the end the principle behind democracy prevailed—the majority ruled.

The county ticket put in the field by the convention is, in the main, an excellent one and will be given strong support. There is no division in the democratic ranks and very little among the populists, so it is to be expected there will be success at the polls.

The platform reads well, sounds well and will bear the weight of those upon it. The promise it contains can be only bettered by performance on the part of those who are upon it, when they reach office. The people are quick to appreciate sincerity. There is far too little of the genuine article in politics, and if the county democrats really mean what their platform declares, they deserve a victory. In proportion that they prove their sincerity in the campaign the voters will support them.

There was some "wire pulling" prior to and during the convention on the part of those who wanted office for what there was in it. And this seemed to some extent, to the weakening of the whole ticket and the abuse of democracy. But it would be remarkable if there were no "wire pulling" no seeking of "honors" at the hands of the people by combination of forces and influences, on the part of those who have the self-assurance to put themselves in positions where they can be the least serviceable to the public and for which they are the least fitted in both temperament and training.

No democrat should enter into a combination to force himself in nomination, for by such action he makes it plain that he seeks office for personal ends, not to serve the people, or for what there is in it, and thus drags down the banner of democracy and makes of public office a private snare.

All of the powers, influences and resources of the individual can be properly exerted for himself under a democracy, but when individuals combine to stand in and promote one another's interests at the expense of their fellows, they step beyond even the broad liberties of democracy, and become enemies of it rather than friends to it. Democracy is attacked and destroyed in just the proportion that the units composing it solidify to promote their selfish ends. The man who believes this is his privilege is not in good standing in a party whose cornerstone is equal rights.

THE DEMOCRATIC UNIT.

Under democracy the maximum of liberty with the minimum of restraint is guaranteed to every individual. Under this guarantee the individual can undertake and carry forward anything that advances his interests that does not attack the same right which the guarantee confers upon his fellows. Democracy cannot be fruitful of result if the individual is permitted and encouraged to sacrifice his individuality by combining his rights with those of another, or others, which is the first step towards forming clans and classes and bringing out a solidification of interests, until the individual finds himself without rights of any kind.

The solidifying of units—the making of men's interests one—has a tendency to make men alike, and so far as this is accomplished all that is best in life is destroyed and universal chaos comes. In nature the law of freedom

as a most serious departure from right principles.—Ex-President Harrison.

The attempt to make three-quarter citizens out of the Puerto Ricans is certainly original.—Ex-Speaker Reed.

But more remarkable than the absolute indifference of the small majority to the constitutional prohibition, to the pledges of the highest authorities in the United States and the plain dictates of duty and sound policy is its indifference to the unmistakable sentiment of the sovereign American people.

With one heart, one mind, one voice the people of the United States, as represented by the press, have protested against the outrage against Puerto Rico—the violation of American honor contained in this tariff bill. Their protests have been received with contempt and they have been told "you are ignorant, you do not understand."

True, they do not understand how the republicans maintain the effort to pass a bill which violates all American precedents against the will of a practically unanimous people.

Just as surely as this is government of the people, by the people for the people, the American people will not suffer the obsequy this bill casts on their honor and good faith to be perpetrated with impunity. If the republican majority permits it there will be a reckoning with the republican party by republicans next November.

TELLS SOME SECRETS.

The following, rather remarkable article for a republican paper, is from the Portland Oregonian:

Shall we tell the secret of the subsidy bill? Then it is this: Ship construction is booming. Let us hurry up and pass the subsidy bill; then we shall say to the people, Behold what the republican party has done for our merchant marine, with its subsidies! Vote for McKinley and all the rest of us republicans.

Shall we confess the motives behind the Puerto Rico subsidy? Let us pass this bill. Then we can go before the labor vote and say, Behold your forerunner and high water tower!

As to the subsidy bill, haste must be made or it will be too late, for almost every day the news comes of keels laid, contracts signed, trans-Atlantic and trans-Pacific lines organized, warships building in American yards for everywhere. To claim this present activity for a bill to go into effect next January will be a work of extreme hardihood.

As to the labor vote, it is doubtless sufficiently informed how large a part of the tariff goes into its wages, and how much it achieves through its trade organizations. Then if we direct the labor vote that will go for Debs as a socialist, and that that will go for Bryan or McKinley anyhow

Under the head, "The Senate Trampers on Justice and Honor," the Chicago Times-Herald, heretofore a strong supporter of the McKinley administration and the republican party, says of the passage of the Puerto Rico tariff bill by the senate:

By a vote of 40 to 31 the United States senate has passed the Puerto Rico tariff bill, which begins by denying Puerto Ricans allegiance to or free trade with the United States, and ends by taxing them without citizenship and without representation. Six republicans—Davis and Nelson of Minnesota, Mason of Illinois, Proctor of Vermont, Simon of Oregon and Wellington of Maryland—were present and voted against this iniquitous measure. Senators Hoar and Pettigrew were paired in favor of the Davis amendment. As for Senators Cullem, Elkins and McCumber they surrendered their expressed convictions to the false decision of party harmony.

Thus has been consummated, so far as one house of congress can, the most remarkable departure from unvarying American precedents, the most unaccountable violation of American good faith, the most insolent affront to all most universal American sentiment.

Let us recapitulate some of the incontrovertible sound American principles or promises which the senate vote has overridden or broken:

All duties, imports and excises shall be uniform throughout the United States.

No tax or duty shall be laid on articles exported from any state.—Constitution of the United States.

We have not come to make war upon the people of a country that for centuries had been oppressed, but, on the contrary, to bring you protection, not only to yourselves, but to your property, to promote your prosperity and bestow upon you the immunities and blessings of the liberal institutions of our government.—General Miles' proclamation to the inhabitants of Puerto Rico, in the cause of liberty, justice and humanity, "Ponce, July 25, 1898.

The highest considerations of justice and good faith demand that we shall not disappoint the confident expectations of sharing in our prosperity, with which the people of Puerto Rico so gladly transferred their allegiance to the United States. We should treat the interests of this people as our own. I wish most strongly to urge that the customs duties between Puerto Rico and the United States be removed.

Secretary Root in his Annual Report, Nov. 29, 1899.

The markets of the United States should be opened up to her products. Our plain duty is to abolish all customs tariffs between the United States and Puerto Rico and give her products access to our markets.—President McKinley's Message, Dec. 4, 1899.

That on and after the passage of this act all merchandise coming into the United States from the island of Puerto Rico and all merchandise going from the United States into the island of Puerto Rico shall be admitted into the respective ports of entry free of all tariffs, customs and duties, all laws and parts of laws to the contrary notwithstanding.—Section 8 of Senate Bill 2, 244, reported by Chairman Foraker Jan. 9, 1900.

A free admission of her products to the United States (which is now accorded to every other state and territory and to Alaska, not organized into a territory) would give her relief. It will not hurt us, but, on the contrary, will give us a market for \$10,000,000 annually, largely of the products of our farms, which will increase as Puerto Rican prosperity comes to Puerto Rico. I am heartily in favor of extending this relief to Puerto Rico, while I do not in any way commit myself to extend the same privileges to either the Philippine Islands or to Cuba.—Chairman Payne of the house ways and means committee explaining the original bill extending free trade to Puerto Rico, January 26, 1900.

I believe the Puerto Rico tariff bill is unconstitutional and violates all our agreements with and pledges to the Puerto Ricans.—Ex-Senator Edmunds.

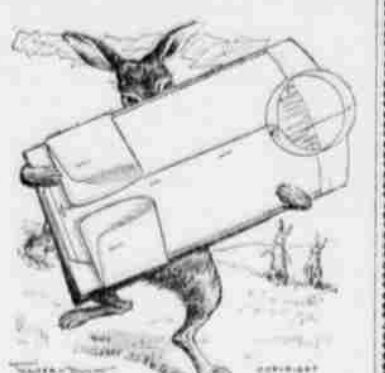
I regard the Puerto Rican tariff bill

through partisan predilection, the game to be had through the Puerto Rico trap is not very promising.

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