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BEN BUTLER'S GREAT SPEECH.

convention. The brief synopsis tele-graped on Thursday failed to do justhe conclusion of the reading of his minority report, Butler spoke as fol-

I appear before you with diffi-dence, having to differ from the very able committee of which I was an associate. Many and most things platform I agree to. You have beard the various propositions read which I have submitted and which were not agreed to. I shall speak to you how, in the time permitted to me of but one, where there are the greatest and most radical differences because the first state of the content of the co est and most radical differences be-tween the two platforms, and it is all root out the corruption and wrong compromised in a single sentence. Everything else was agreed to. We agree that there is no constitutional By a plank, drawn by a capitalist, that power in the government to raise a commences in favor of honest money, dollar of taxes beyond the necessary Who is not in favor of honest money? beyond the necessary expenses of an economical and honest administration. [Applause.] We all any such man. No, it is a phrase of agree that revenue can be raised by texation from customs revenues, after the manner of our fathers. We agree that material used in arts and the ne

Where we differed was in this: I claim that in raising that revenue it congress where the change of 500 was the duty of the Government so to adjust the laws as to best promote American enterprise and foster and American enterprise and toser and cherish American labor. [Applause.] Think of it a moment. The Democratic party refusing, when they must raise taxes, to raise them in such a laughter.] They advocated the green-laughter.] They advocated the green-laughter. manner as best to sustain the labor-ing man. [Applause.] Will that do? [Cries of "No! No!"] Are you ready to go into the contest with our oppo-nent with such a platform? I came here as no mendicant, no beggar. I came here representing more than 1,500,000 laboring men. [Cheers.] I have brought their condition before this convention. I demand not that you should give them anything, but en you are taking from the people that you take it only where it will hurt them the least. Is that an unit so, but let us enjoy the paper cur-rency which has now become a fixed reasonable demand? Do you think you can get along without them? I do not, and therefore I brought them fact and let us stop all agitation. here as your allies, If you receive them I shall rejoice, and they will see me go away sorrowing if you will

about no boys' play. The success of this campaign, in my judgment, before God, depends upon this question, this night to be settled here, and now. If you would say to the working men of New York, New Jersey, Connecticut and New Hampshire that you mean protection to their interests, where you cannot say it could not have a set to said to be selected. Now what I want is men from the people, carnest men of capacity and intellect, to have the offices, and you cannot learn them by any schoolhouse examination.

AN ILLUSTRIOUS EXAMPLE.

Whose portrait is this above my head? George Washington; and he will discriminate in favor of the working men and women, who are the Democracy of the country.

A RED FLAG TO A BULL. My very good friend, Col. Morrison, will tell you that he does not believe in protecting labor, or fostering and cherishing labor. I do not use the word "protection," because I do not want to flaunt a red flag to a bull. For more than fifty years the Democratic party has told the workingmen of the country—ever since Andrew Jackson, in 1832, declared in favor of a judicious tariff—that a tariff did ford protection to them, and they believed it, and they have so taught their children and their children's children, and they are to vote, not you. You cannot unteach them that in a single campaign unless you get hairman of the sub-committee that drew the platform—the gentleman from New York—to go in every school district in this country and explain it. [Laughter.] I speak in the interest, therefore, of the Democracy. I speak for your success, and it is for you to say whether you will down to your hand. I do not intend to ask a vote upon any resolution but this tariff resolution, and I shall sub-mit this tariff resolution as an amendment instead of the resolution which you have heard read. It was pressed through your committee by the cry, Oh, we must appeal to the sub-com-nittee." I said: "I will appeal to the convention, for they got to sustain the Democracy of the country, and therefore I am here."

THE CURRENCY.

one or two other of the planks, which I will not submit to the convention, because I know you attention to myself. [Applause in the gallery, calls of "Time!" and considerable confusion.] cause I know you are anxious to your attention to is the difference of the planks about the currency. I af-firm to the doctrine of Andrew Jackson that the government alone can issue money, and I had rather be wrong with Jackson than be right with your committee. [Applause and laughter and cries of "Time!" from

those in the galleries.] The legal me say to you if you do that the tender currency, which fought your battles, saved the life of your nation, try prosper under their rule from CHICAGO, July 12.—No speech made in the Democratic convention attracted such general attention as did that of General Butler assalling the majority report of the platform committee, which was finally adopted by the convention. The brief synonsis teles of the convention of the platform convention of the platform committee, which was finally adopted by the convention. The brief synonsis teles of the convention of the platform convention of the platfor court in solid judgment, eight to one, not eight to seven [laughter], a currency of the people, good as gold and better than silver, that being so established by the highest tribunal in the land. I do not desire when wheat is only worth eighty cents a bushel in Chicago to disturb finance and business by getting up a currency discussion, and therefore I say let well enough alone. [Applause.] What is the answer?

CLAIMS OF THE GREENBACKERS. so he can't get a patent for it, but it is cribbed from the taunts of my old constituently must be untaxed.

A POINT OF DIFFERENCE.

Where we differed was in this: I a moment. There are 100 districts in men one way or the other will change the incumbent of the seat, and there are more than three quarters of a back when everybody-all the lawyers were crying out it was not con-stitutional. Now the highest court has decided that they were rightthat Thurman was right, that the Greenbackers were right. We, the farming Greenbackers, were better lawyers than the kid-gloved members of the bar. The man from Ohio (Mr. Thurman) knew, and he knows every shibboleth of the Democracy. If any man says he wants gold and silver, be

There is one other plank in your platform to which I do not agree. There are many times, I believe some thing like twenty times fifteen will b I object to the tariff plank of your platform adopted by your committee.
The tariff plank of the platform should be so that he who runs may read.
[Loud applause.] Read that tariff plank, and then see if you can find out exactly what it does mean. (Loud the second of the platform should be so that he who runs may read. (Loud applause.) Read that tariff plank, and then see if you can find out exactly what it does mean. (Loud the platform should be so that he who runs may read that is made for the protection of capital. You say you are for an honest civil service reform. Now I will be sentently times fifteen will be enough, that you repeat in your platform how much you love labor, but you have not made any specific proposition, but one, in their favor, and that is made for the protection of capital. You say you are for an honest civil service reform. Now I will be sentently the service reform the plank of the platform should be so that he who runs may read that tariff plank of the platform should be so that he who runs may read that tariff plank of the platform should be so that he who runs may read that tariff plank of the platform should be so that he who runs may read that tariff plank of the platform should be so that he who runs may read that tariff plank of the platform should be so that he who runs may read that tariff plank of the platform should be so that he who runs may read that tariff plank of the platform should be so that he who runs may read that tariff plank of the platform should be so that he who runs may read that tariff plank of the platform should be so that he who runs may read that tariff plank of the plank out exactly what it does mean [Loud this convention that is in favor of laughter and applause,] It does not civil service reform unless he is a mean protection, and yet it is twisted so that it is supposed that it might the audience]. One of the first states mean protection. Democrats in the men of Ohio, one who would have a convention, you passed a tariff plank right to have been brought here by in 1876—a tariff for revenue only [Apin 1876—a tariff for revenue only [Applause]—only for revenue, and you had a statesman on if who could carry a very poor platform upon his back and yet win. In 1880 you had a tariff for revenue only, and it broke the back of the most gallant soldier in the country [Applause], and you lost, and now you have got a tariff for public purposes exclusively. tor public purposes exclusively give the man the preference who shall what is the difference? "Exclusive- appear to have the most learning. He ly" means "only" and "only" means signs a paper containing questions, signs a paper containing questions, and if he answer the questions he is plause.] Think it over. I am here

ANOTHER OBJECTION.

interests, where you cannot say it for certain, God help you, for I cannot [Applause.] You should say now here, in your platform, that you Let me repeat, George Washing-ton could not have passed a civil service examination in the capital for a \$1,200 clerkship. His early educa-tion was neglected and in his will, written by his own hand, he spells clothes "cloathes." Therefore I have said that the offices belong to the people and there ought to be frequent changes of office in order to look over the books and see who are defaulters, and they want to be all turned out, or else when they try to punish them they will protect one another, as they did in the star route trial. Again, I want frequent changes in office in order to counteract the great tendency of those times to an aristocracy of life offices. If an office is a good thing, then I want all the people to have a chance at it. [Laughter.] If it a bad thing, it is too hard to put on a poor fellow for life. [Laughter.]

A PLEA FOR THE WORKINGMEN. Bring your minds once more back to this tariff platform. Tell them this to-night -the working men and women of this country—whether we will or will not protect them. No, not protect, but cherish and foster alike, as mother and child, the laboring men and women of this country.
Tell them that and you will sweep the country. Refuse to tell them that, and they—sorrowful that the Democratic party has deserted them—they will go their way straight to the workshop and there they will remain on election day. Now, my friends, I shall ask a call of the states upon the substitution of my tariff plank for the tariff plank of the platform. There are objections. There are free trade notions against protection. Theoretically I am a free trader

because I know you are anxious to get through with your duties and go home. The first one I want to call Butler resumed as follows:

But, practically, while you have \$200,000,000 a year by duties, there is no such thing as free trade. Therefore, so long as we raise this money so long see to it that we cherish and foster American industry and take care of American men and women laboring for their support. Then let



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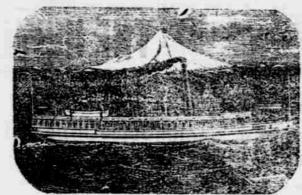
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