

WASHINGTON, D. C.

If any man wants to find out the results of the McKinley tariff bill let him not listen to the political orators, but rather let him consult his local storekeeper. Don't yield to "fancy fights" of the average stump speaker when he tells you that the McKinley bill is a blessing and the McKinley tariff will cheapen prices, hereafter; but see what the shopkeeper says about prices now. Then remember the real effect of the new tariff will not be felt for many months as the merchandise now in stock was bought before any increase of tariff rates. These suggestions are thrown out because Senator Carlisle says it is the most apt way to test the law, not to lose time in theoretical reasoning but go out into the highway and see, for instance, whether cigar will not come higher or else be made to sell at the old price, of an inferior grade of tobacco. Every man can thus test the McKinley tariff for himself, and then spend the reasoning part of his time in finding out how much more of it he will take in his.

Mr. Cleveland, plain attorney at law, has been in the city for the past 24 hours. He comes in pursuance of his professional retainers to argue a case before the Supreme Court two at least, of whose justices, Judge Lamar and Chief Justice Fuller, are creatures of his own creation. Thus the master bows down his own servants, an apt illustration of our theory of government. Hardly had the ex-president digested a hearty breakfast at the Arlington Hotel before callers began to arrive to inquire how he did. Some fool of a telegraph operator had got thro' a message that Mr. Cleveland "arrived here to-day, but that Mr. Cleveland died" here-to-day. Telegrams soon began to pour in from all over the country asking for particulars. Meanwhile the much lamented, fair, fat, and over forty, set in his shirt sleeves, puffing and perspiring over the intricacies of a Louisiana law case in which he has been retained as counsel. Mr. Cleveland said last night that the condition of his health is a matter of much greater anxiety to some others than to himself. He said, also, that he is too busy to talk politics either in public or private, but he wanted it stated in great big letters that he is confident the democrats will capture the next House of Representatives. As to the tariff he says the people are beginning to open their eyes to the pernicious class legislation of republicans in which a few are enriched through the spoilation of the many, and that the tide must turn before long. In regard to McKinley and other leaders he expressed the opinion that a good democrat of average abilities is a safer man to trust with legislative power than the most brilliant statesmen who is tainted with the perniciousness of republican doctrine. Lately, he is not at death's door, eats well, looks well and feels well; and subject to the democratic convention, may be the next President of the United States.

Republicans who have been put in office under the Harrison administration, are openly defying the law and the civil service commission relative to political assessments of money to be used in the elections. Meetings are held nightly, and it is no uncommon thing for the poor devils in the departments to be threatened with the vengeance of the powers that be unless they come down handsomely. As a republican Congressman puts it, "They ought not to have office unless they are willing to pay for it." Under Cleveland's administration all this political blackmail became a dead letter, but no official, from President Harrison down, comes forward to stop or rebuke the plain violation of law. Thousands of dollars have thus been "collected" in this city to defraud elections.

Election day is now so near that at democratic headquarters work is about over. Millions of speeches and documents, have been distributed, and the people should be thoroughly informed by this time if they aint. It is well known that the republicans have raised enormous sums to corrupt voters, but nevertheless every confidence is shown at democratic headquarters that democracy will triumph. As Tom Towels the secretary expresses it, "The republicans can't raise

money enough to buy the election." The committee, though, asks every democrat to do his full duty. Over confidence has proved the ruin of many good men as it has caused the downfall of political parties. To make victory doubly sure every democrat must do his part not trust to his neighbors, and when the polls are closed he will have consciousness of having done a day's work in riding one branch of the government of republican supremacy.

The Republicans are already squabbling over the Supreme court succession. Miller, who was an able judge, is likely to be followed by some political nobody who knows little but law and little of that Candidates are as thick as common flowers on the street of Washington but it is said that Harrison inclines to Law-partner Miller, who is now his attorney general. The politicians, however, are "agin him." Saunders of Montana, now senator by the grace of a republican majority in that body will wear the gown if it is offered to him. His early practice was a lynch court but this is no objection, as the Republicans now flog the law as he did then humanity.

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