

## Daily Democrat.

### NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

For President—GROVER CLEVELAND, of New York.  
For Vice President—ALLAN G. THURMAN, of Ohio.  
For Presidential Electors—  
W. R. BLAVER, of Lincoln county.  
W. H. E-PINGER, of Multnomah county.  
E. R. SKIPWORTH, of Umatilla county.

### HONEST ENOUGH.

The *Oregonian*, speaking of the provisions of the Mill's bill, says: "The great need of the democratic party is newspapers intelligent enough and honest enough to set forth things as they are." This is eminently true for, so far as that paper is concerned, while it may be intelligent enough to tell its readers what the provisions of the Mill's bill are, evidence is not lacking to show that it is not honest enough to do so. It is perfectly safe to say that those who have depended upon the *Oregonian* for a knowledge of just what the provisions of that bill are, all believe that no reduction has been made upon woolen goods or upon sugar. It has persistently and willfully misrepresented the provisions of the bill with reference to both sugar and woolens. And we must say that we know of no class of people in Oregon so much in need of a newspaper, intelligent and honest enough to set forth things as they are in the Mill's bill, as the republican party, for that paper continually teaches them that the Mill's bill makes no change in the duties on sugar and woolen goods while putting other articles on the free list. Scores of republicans daily assert this to be the fact, and quote that paper as authority to prove the allegation. That paper joins daily with others that have no regard for the truth, in denouncing the democratic party as a free trade party, simply because it favors a reduction of the revenues by reducing the tariff, and in the same breath calls for a removal of the entire duty from sugar. Does not this make that paper a free trader? If not, then it acts in a very dishonest way in calling democrats free traders.

### THE WAR TAXES.

The Chairmen of the St. Louis Convention were perfectly right in treating the tariff as a perpetuated war tax.

The trick of the Protectionist organs in adding the importations on the free list in order to show an apparent decrease is done with intent to deceive. The rate of a tax is determined by the articles taxed, not by those untaxed.

According to the Tariff Computation prepared by the Senate Committee of Finance (Mr. Morrill, Chairman,) in 1884, and printed officially by the Government in compliance with a resolution of the Senate, the average ad valorem rate of duty on dutiable merchandise at its highest point, immediately following the war, was as follows (page 318): 1867, 46.67 per cent; 1868, 48.69; 1869, 47.36; 1870, 47.15.

In 1882, when the republicans made their sham revision, the average duty was 42.70. Last year it was 47.08.

It thus appears that the tariff is now within 1.61 per cent of the highest point ever reached—twenty years ago—and is 1.38 higher than it was when the republicans proposed to reduce the average duty 20 per cent in 1882.

The silly story set afloat that Mayor Hewitt of New York will not support President Cleveland on account of the latter's tariff views is on a par with the ordinary "campaign story." Every one conversant with A. S. Hewitt's tariff views knows that he is a pioneer tariff reformer. He it was who introduced a tariff bill very similar to the Mill's bill four years ago when Morrison's horizontal bill was pending before the house. Mr. Hewitt has not said that he would not support Mr. Cleveland, the "organ story" to the contrary notwithstanding. And even if it were true, Cleveland's ability to carry New York does not depend upon the support of Mr. Hewitt.

It has fallen to New York to inaugurate an important reform in the method of capital punishment. After the 1st of January next there will be no more legal hangings in that state. It has been decided by the Legislature that the use of electricity is more civilized and effectual than the gallows, and the Governor has approved its action. The axe, the gibbet and the guillotine will soon have another member added to their family. One which does its work surely, quietly, painlessly and without bloodshed or mutilation.

The final passage of the bill to establish a Federal Department of Labor is a recognition on the part of Congress of the propriety and necessity of dealing particularly with the interests of the workmen, that have been assailed and imperiled by the operations of Republican monopoly system.

Well it is that death was brought into the world. Otherwise one or two men would own the whole planet, and it would become a hell to them because they could not reach beyond it and take in all the other words.

Four years ago to-day the *Oregonian* said: "The feeling is already wide awake, and the country will be ringing and echoing to the music in a few weeks—the music of the grandest and liveliest campaign the country ever saw. In the Harrison and Tyler times the country was not large enough for such a popular demonstration as is about to be inaugurated very soon, and maintained until the majority for Blaine shall be in the ballot boxes next November." Notwithstanding all this blow and bluster Cleveland was duly elected. We are now treated to the same blow and bluster, but the public will estimate it at its true worth.

Here is a good silver-tongued sentence to remember: "The man who asserts that to lower the tariff means free trade insults intelligence."

And now abideth Cleveland, Thurman and Reform; these three; but the greatest of these is Reform.

The bandanna has already had its natural effect upon the Republican organs. It is too plebeian and vulgar, you know.

Gen. Spaulding a member of congress from New York said in a speech yesterday in congress that his state would give 60,000 majority for Cleveland.

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