

TROUBLE AHEAD IN INDIANA.

The latest dispatches from Indianapolis indicate that General Harrison's pathway is not to be strewn with roses, even in his own state, during the next four months. While his personal friends and the party heeler have been shouting themselves hoarse at Indianapolis, events have been shaping themselves in the southern part of the state which more than offset the hurrah at the state capital. Advices from Evansville report a serious defection on account of Harrison's nomination. Dissatisfaction is openly expressed by the young republicans of that section and already two republican newspapers have bolted. One of these is the *Evening Bulletin*, for the last two years the county organ of the party, which declares its unalterable opposition to Harrison because of his extreme views on the liquor question, and his unfriendliness toward the workingman. It predicts his defeat in the state by 10,000 votes. The *Indiana Post* bolts for the same reasons. It is the leading organ of the republican Germans of Southern Indiana, and will have a large following. In the meantime Hon. Frederick W. Cook, one of the wealthiest and most influential Germans in the state, and a republican, renounces Harrison and declares for Cleveland and Thurman, while William B. Hale, secretary of the Prohibitionist central committee, says of the republican nomination and platform: "My views on their success will indirectly show what I think of the results of the late convention. They will not carry Indiana, Connecticut, New Jersey or New York, and I doubt very much whether they will carry either Michigan or Minnesota, which would leave no chance for their electing the next president. By their attitude on the saloon question they will lose thousands of votes. Their position is worse than ever before. Harrison was defeated in Indiana when candidate for governor, and it looks as if the voters of the state intended that the defeat should be a permanent injunction upon his ambition ever after."

Mr. E. F. Gould of the Indiana Knights of Labor gives the following interesting statement of one of the grounds of opposition of Indiana workmen to Benjamin Harrison:

"Aside from his bad record in the Senate, he is the attorney for numerous railways and telegraph companies, and no confidence is placed in him by the masses who are seeking legislation which these institutions oppose. As an indication of his loyalty to railroad companies in times of emergency, it is only necessary to refer to his course pending the railroad strike of 1877, on which occasion he implored the Governor to order out the troops and shoot down the strikers. Governor Williams stoutly resisted his influence, claiming that the men were peaceable and that there was no necessity for such action. At this he mustered up a company of his own and drilled his men, so as to have them in readiness in case of an emergency. Upon the same occasion he made a speech from which the following is verbatim and substantiated by affidavits: "Were I the Governor I'd force those men back to work or shoot them down on the spot." And upon another occasion during the same trouble he declared in a speech that "A dollar a day and two meals are enough for any workingman." The Knights of Labor through the state officially petitioned for his defeat in the last senatorial contest, and at Chicago the laboring classes by the hundred were found working for his defeat and in the interest of Gresham."

There is no doubt that the hostility of organized labor materially assisted in the defeat of Harrison in the senatorial contest. The same opposition will swell the majority against him in his own state in November.

Our attention has been called to the statement made in the columns of the *Democrat* a few days since to the effect that the *Irish World* would support Cleveland. We made the statement upon the authority of the *Vidette*. We have learned since that the *World*, though very much cast down over the defeat of Blaine, has bowed its neck and eats its crow very humbly. We regret that we were misled about the matter.

There is no question of free trade in this campaign and no party favors it. Democrats believe that the tariff should be reduced from an average duty of 46 per cent. to about 40 per cent., and that certain articles needed by our manufacturers should be placed upon the list of articles imported free of duty. This is not free trade, and the man who states it, states what is false, and if he is an intelligent man he knows he is doing so.

On the 5th day of April, 1880, Levi P. Morton, then a congressman, voted to suspend the rules and pass a bill to repeal the duty on salt, printing type, paper and the chemicals used in making paper. To-day he is a candidate upon a platform that calls such a position free trade, and wants to raise, not repeal, the duty.

HARRISON'S CHINESE RECORD.

On April 28th, 1882, Benjamin Harrison voted in the United States Senate to admit to this country free of the Chinese Restriction Act all Chinese "skilled laborers" and "Chinese engaged in mining." Section 15 of the Chinese Restriction Act reads as follows:

Section 15. That the word "Chinese laborers," wherever the same occurs, shall be construed to mean both skilled and unskilled laborers and Chinese employed in mining.

Senator Harrison voted to strike that section out. [Congressional Record, April 28th, 1882, Vol. 13, part 4, page 3411.]

The *Chicago Tribune* of the 22d said that the Chinese plank in the platform precluded the possibility of the nomination of General Harrison. Ben Harrison was in the United States Senate and voted against Senator Miller's bill for the regulation of Chinese immigration. General Harrison, besides opposing the anti-Chinese legislation in the Senate, spoke against it freely in public. "He took," as Rev. Dr. Barlett and other prominent Republicans of Indianapolis testify, "the most radical position on the subject and argued that there would be precisely as much justice and propriety in excluding Germans and Irish as in excluding the Chinese. He criticised in the strongest manner the action and sentiments of the people of the Pacific slope in their opposition to the influx of the Orientals." He said he "was in favor of admitting the Chinese," and he took the broad ground "that America should extend to them a welcome hand and that humanity demanded that should they be allowed to come under our benign civilization."

Here are the great ironmongers of the West combining to reduce the wages of their employees on the very threshold of the Presidential campaign. They claim that they are unable to pay the scale which has been in vogue during the past year. This means that 100,000 workmen will strike and scores of mills will be closed. And yet the iron industry is better protected than any we have. There is practically no outside competition. What sort of argument will this be to enter a campaign with—100,000 of the best protected laborers of the country on strike because their employers cannot find a satisfactory market for their wares?

Said a conscientious republican the other day: "When the republican party is so far gone as to nominate a man for president who is in favor of free whisky and free Chinamen, then I draw the line and will vote for Cleveland."

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