

Daily Democrat.

NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

or President—GROVER CLEVELAND, of New York
or Vice President—ALLEN G. THURMAN, of Ohio.
or Presidential Electors—
W. H. BLYE, of Linn county.
W. H. PETER, of Multnomah county.
B. H. SKIOWORTH, of Umatilla county.

FARMERS AND THE TARIFF.

The World's explanation of what protection means to the farmers—that "they must sell their products in the cheapest markets of the world and buy what they need in the dearest"—is denied by a tariff organ at the West. It says: "The farmer sells 90 per cent of his products in the home market, where prices are as good as in any market of the world."

But the price in the home market is practically fixed by the market abroad. It has frequently happened that American breadstuffs and meat could be bought cheaper in Liverpool than in New York.

It is further asserted that "prices of manufactures are far lower to-day than they ever were under Free Trade." This country has never had free trade. The prices of manufactures have diminished, owing chiefly to the development of machinery and other inventions. But the price of nearly every protected article is higher here than it is abroad, in most cases many per cent higher than the mere difference in the cost of the wages.

Over-protection, as embodied in a forty-seven per cent tariff, taxes no class of citizens so unjustly as it does the farmers.

WHAT A LIE.

Tammany will direct its attention to trusts during the campaign. This is good politics. The trust is one of the leading features of the present robber tariff.

The above is from the New York World, a newspaper which knows better. How about the coffee, coal and coal oil trusts, whose articles are free of duty? The democratic newspapers are presuming too much upon the ignorance of the people, and they will know their mistake only when it is too late.—Statesman.

So say we. The republican papers are presuming too much upon the ignorance of the people in telling them that coal is on the free list.

There are many superstitions about government. We have been seriously told, for instance, that the government can make money, but we know that this is false; it can take it from the people and spend it, but it cannot make it. The state is looked upon as something separate and apart from the men and women who compose it. So we hear men say that the state should encourage manufactures by protecting them. How is it to do it? By levying a tax on imports. It can go this far—but who is it pays the tax? The people pay it, and they do not pay it to the government, but they pay it to those gentlemen—their fellow citizens—for whose benefit it is laid. That is, one part of us protects another part of us. Some of us pay taxes; others of us get taxes. Every one who uses a blanket, or wears a coat or shawl, or builds a house, or ploughs a field, is devoting a considerable portion of his time and energy to protect certain gentlemen who have kindly consented to go into the manufacturing business. Protection is tribute paid by one man to another. Government has nothing to do with it except to legalize the robbery.

Of all the deceptive howls set up by republicans against the Mills bill none is fuller of deceit than the claim that wool is a product of republican states only. Now the most careful and painstaking estimate shows that about three-sevenths (nearly half) of the wool product of the United States comes from democratic states. Hence all this cry of the bill being sectional and in favor of the South is of the most malodorous kind so far as wool is concerned. Every one who desires the truth will find by research that during the existence of the government the New England and Northern states have received from protection in the proportion of \$50, where the South has received \$1. All the protection the South has to-day of consequence is on sugar and rice and there is a sturdy demand from most republicans that this be removed. Nothing could be more selfish and partisan than this demand. It worse than folly to say that the Mills bill is sectional. The tariff laws have always been sectional, being in the interest of the East and against the South and West.

Justice and fairness dictate that in any modification of our present laws relating to revenue, the industries and interests which have been encouraged by such laws and in which our citizens have large investments, should not be ruthlessly injured or destroyed. We should also deal with the subject in such a manner as to protect the interests of American labor, which is the capital of our workingmen; its stability and proper remuneration furnish the most justifiable pretext for a protective policy.—President Cleveland's First Annual Message, Dec. 8, 1885.

PENSIONS.

Eds. Democrat:

I see that Brother Scott of the Oregonian expresses an extreme amount of anxiety about the welfare of the soldiers who are unable to obtain pensions under the very liberal pension laws which are now in force making provisions for such as were disabled or contracted disease in line of duty. I have an honorable discharge from service in the federal army during the rebellion and am naturally interested in the welfare of the soldier, but I firmly believe that a soldier who has to resort to a private bill to secure a pension under the present liberal laws is, nine times out of ten, not entitled to a pension. I further believe that one of the most righteous acts performed by President Cleveland since his term of office began was the vetoing of the "Dependent Pension" bill, which would have given every bilk, hanger-on, and camp follower who was in any way connected with the service without rendering any, an opportunity to swear that he is unable to earn a living and thus become a blood-sucker on the body politic. I believe the pension roll should be what President Cleveland says it should be, a roll of honor. His vetoes show his interest in the deserving soldiers of our country, as well as his objections to giving undeserving ones pensions. When I compare the amount of money that has passed into the hands of soldiers during his administration with that of former administrations, I am forced to the conclusion that he is the true friend of the soldier and I shall cheerfully vote for him.

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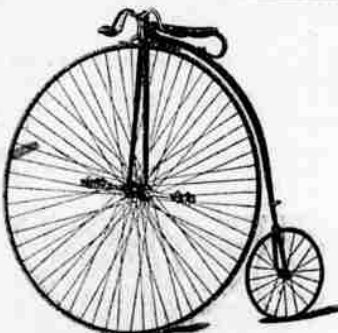
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