

**THE FIRST BATTLE.**

The first "battle of ballots" between the taxed and the beneficiaries of the taxation, between the producers and the millionaires, the great middle class and capital, as represented by trusts, railroads and other monopolies, has been fought and the cause of right, of justice, of "God's poor" met its Bull Run as it did in 1861. A thousand theories are being invented now, as then, to explain the unexpected disaster. But our impression is that now, as then, we trusted too much to numbers and the indisputable justice of our cause and neglected that drilling and discipline necessary to an army when it meets an enemy in the field. By that we mean that the importance, the necessity, the justice of tariff reform was not sufficiently "rooted and grounded" into the very natures of the people. When they met the hosts of monopoly, they went out a mob, careless and indifferent as to the result. They were not armed with the best arguments to meet the latest improved catch phrases and lies, consequently they were routed from the very day that the Quaker guns, under the guise of British flags, were unmarked against them.

We are not blaming anyone for this lack of discipline. We believe that the people were led by as honest, as intelligent and as patriotic generals as ever led an army. But it takes time to drill a mob, and reduce it to the discipline and efficiency of an army. So it takes time to educate 65,000,000 of people in a great economic principle. Had Mr. Cleveland thrown down the gauntlet in December 1886 instead of 1887 the result might have been different, and voters being better instructed in the importance of the questions at issue in the national contest would not have sold or traded their presidential votes for votes for governor or mayor, as they did in New York, or sold or traded them for a congressman or a member of the Legislature, as they did in Indiana.

We have now four years in which to instruct our people that high taxes upon the necessaries of life do not enrich a nation, but only a few who control these necessaries at the expense of the many who use them. Four years in which the wage workers may learn that it is an imputation on their ingenuity and intelligence for them to allow any one to say that a tariff greater than the entire labor cost is necessary to protect them from the productions of the working people of any nation in the world. Four years in which to instruct the farmers that a home market is valueless so long as the prices of their products in the home market are governed by the prices in Liverpool, which will be so long as they produce more than we consume, and that under the present tariff the per cent of the whole crop exported has increased from 2 per cent to 47 per cent. Four years in which to teach the farmers that so long as manufacturing realizes per cent profit and farming only three per cent so long will their farms be plastered with mortgages from the profits of the manufacturing trusts. Four years to reduce the mob of 1888 into the disciplined army of 1892. Four years between Bull Run and Appomattox! If there is a God in heaven who watches over and cares for the poor and distressed in this world, and who doubts it, then will He see that the rich in this free country shall not always tax the poor more than they can bear. When we look over the field and remember that it is only eleven months since the question of tariff reform was raised we can but be astonished at what has been accomplished.

Then let no one be discouraged, but at once commence the battle of 1892, when, with a disciplined army we will again meet monopoly and fight the battle of right, of justice, of "God's poor."

Four years from Bull Run to Appomattox.—*Labor Signal.*

The latest device for attracting the attention of possible purchasers which has been adopted by several Paristan shopkeepers is the "Immovable Boy." Outside a clothier's for instance, the "boy" stands, without moving a muscle, and bears on his carcass the newest fashion blouses or corduroys. Passers-by are easily attracted by the remarkable figure, which they take to be an effigy in waxwork or a tableau vivant. The boy has been well drilled and lives up to his work. He smiles not, neither does he wink, nor does he betray by the slightest sign, token or movement that he has anything in common with the ordinary palpitating and effervescing specimen of humanity, the "Boulevard boy."

**BOOTS AND SHOES.**—Call at A. B. McIlwain's and see the ladies' kid and pebble goat shoe, for \$1.50, former price \$2.50. A DEMOCRAT man has seen the shoe and can pronounce it a remarkably cheap shoe for the former price.

**SUPERIOR.**—That is the name of the stove at G. W. Smith's attracting so much attention. It is a splendid cook stove.

A fine line of holiday goods for our crockery department and marked very low in price.

WALLACE & THOMSON

Petitions by the bushel are being circulated for every office in the country to be filled by Mr. Harrison. Even in suburb of Oak Park fourteen petitions are out for the post of vice a little affair that pays not, perhaps \$1,000 a year, and this is by no means exceptional. The fellows who two years ago sat on the fence by the political roadway and bawled themselves hoarse over the beauties of Civil Service reform, with denunciation of Mr. Cleveland for turning Republicans out and putting Democrats in their places, are all tramping the streets now with petitions for places under the new Administration. Mr. Harrison is said to be a man of great firmness, and for the sake of his own party it is to be hoped such is the case.

Look Here!

We are closing out our stock of boots and shoes, and to show you that we mean what we say quote you a few of our prices. Ladies' best French kid button shoes at \$4.35, regular price, \$5.50, none better in town; ladies' extra quality French kid, button, at \$3.75, regular price, \$5.00; ladies' good French kid, button, at \$3, regular price, \$4; ladies' bright Dongola, button, at \$2.75, regular price, \$3.50; ladies' bright Dongola, button, neat and good, \$2, regular price \$3; ladies' American kid, \$2, regular price, \$3; ladies' American kid, \$1.25, regular price, \$2; child's oil grain button school shoes, from \$1 to \$1.20; a few pairs of ladies' rubbers, 30 cents to 40 cents; men's rubbers, 50 cents; also a large assortment of men's boots. Come and see. BROWNELL & STANARD.

**REMOVAL.**—Misses E. & C. Howard have moved their millinery store into rooms in the Pearce block over J. J. Dubrull's harness shop, where they invite old and new customers to call on them.

**WIDE INDIGO PRINTS.**—A large invoice of the above goods has been received, and will be sold at reduced prices. They are desirable patterns and are a bargain. SAMUEL E. YOUNG.

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**ALL WEIGHTS LEATHER BOOTS AND SHOES.**

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**FALL ANNOUNCEMENT.**

In making my announcement for the Fall I beg to call attention to the

**Following Departments :**

**DRY GOODS**—In this department my stock is unusually large and complete. Dress goods in all the leading styles; good shades for Fall and Winter goods selected from the best Eastern and Foreign importations. The latest novelties in trimmings and buttons, shawls, blankets, some extra good values in white blankets, table linens, towels, etc.

**CARPETS**—My enlarged facilities for showing carpets has enabled me to make large purchases in this department. I can show a fine line of Ingrains at low prices, some choice patterns in Body Brussels and Tapestry. I am making carpets a leading branch of my business.

**BOOTS AND SHOES**—I carry the latest line of Boots and Shoes in the city and have paid special attention to getting the goods best suited to this trade and I can show a fine line of goods. I keep in stock the best makes in the country, and have endeavored to get a line of low price goods that I can guarantee to give satisfaction. Anything in Boots, Shoes or Rubbers for men, women and children can be found in this department. It is in fact a shoe store of itself.

**GROCERIES**—I am giving special attention to keeping a full line of Staple Fancy Groceries, uncolored teas, roasted and ground coffees, canned fruits, the latest specialties in breakfast goods etc., can all be found in this department. Pure, fresh goods and good value for money is my aim.

I would especially call the attention of parties laying in their Fall supplies to my large stock of

**FALL AND WINTER GOODS!**

I am better prepared than ever to meet their wants. In all departments I am prepared to meet the

**Growing Demands of Linn County,**

—AND THE—

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And ask a thorough inspection of my stock.

**Samuel E. Young.**

**BARGAINS!**

First-class goods at bottom prices is what the public wants. These I have at my store in this city. Bought at Bankrupt sales I can sell my stock of

**General Merchandise**

consisting of dress goods, gents, furnishing goods, clothing, etc.,

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Cash or goods will be paid for all kinds of country produce.

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Veterinary Surgeon.