

The Democrat.

THEY WILL NOT REDUCE.

The tax payers of the country have not forgotten the proposition laid down by republican organs and stump speakers during the campaign of 1888 that while it was true that the tariff needed revision and reduction, yet this revision and reduction must be made by its friends, (republicans,) and that when they succeeded to power in both branches of congress they would proceed with alacrity to do so. The country is waiting with almost bated breath to see what that party will do this fall when congress meets. The DEMOCRAT predicts that nothing will be done. If they are pledged to any reduction plainly it is that of putting sugar on the free list or making at least 50 per cent reduction. But they will not even do this. It may be that a bill will be introduced and discussed, but if it ever reaches the president it will be in such a form as not to justify the name of a tariff revision measure. The republican mountain may labor, but the result will be a tariff mouse only, if it brings forth anything.

There is now an irreconcilable difference in the republican ranks between certain classes of manufacturers and producers. The woolen manufacturers are going to congress with an imperative demand for free wool or the change of high specific to low ad valorem duties. There are no political divisions involved in this. The leaders in the movement are prominent and unswerving republicans and claim to be protectionists. They say they were coerced into union with the wool growers, but now their necessities compel them to look out for themselves, and nothing but free wool will save the rest of them from the bankruptcy into which several manufacturers have already fallen. On the other hand the wool growers' association have resolved to demand of congress still higher duties on raw wool and such additional safeguards as will effectually prevent the manufacturers evading payment of the highest duties provided by the law. Both sides are determined, for each side claims it is a question of sheer self-preservation. The wool growers announce their program to be rule or ruin. If the manufacturers deny the wool growers the protection demanded, the latter will give the manufacturers a full dose of their own medicine. Free wool will be accompanied by free woollens and all the wool industries must flourish or perish together.

The iron industry is in the same perplexing condition. The New England iron manufacturers say they must have free raw materials or go out of business. They want free coal, free iron ore and free or low duty pig iron and say they will fight hard for them. Nearly all who have made this declaration are republicans and protectionists. They assert that they are suffering from over protection and that their demand for relief is in the interest of protection. The coal, iron, ore and pig iron men of the center and west will stubbornly resist this demand. The great iron manufacturing concerns of eastern Pennsylvania are against free coal and low duty on pig iron. They are probably also against free ore, but would favor a treaty arrangement for the free admission of the iron ores of southern Cuba which they have been quietly buying up.

The largest interests and most active workers on all sides of this important controversy are republicans, who also profess to be protectionists, and many of them have strong claims on the republican party for aid given in the election of a republican administration and congress. The party majority in congress will be small at best and it will be next to impossible to secure unanimity for a change in the direction of either higher or lower duties on the raw material of woolen or iron manufacture. The democrats cannot be held responsible for anything done or left undone in the way of tariff legislation. The republicans have the numerical power but will not have the courage to take positive action on the raw materials question which is to be forced upon them. Therefore if any tariff legislation is effected, which we doubt, it will be at the best a repetition of the 1883 juggle which created all sides and left every one dissatisfied and irritated. The democratic opportunity will inevitably follow.

Mr. Corporal Tanner's dismissal from the important office of Commissioner of Penitentiaries may or may not be a real gain for the administration and for the country. If he shall be turned out because of his manifest unfitness for the place and in order to put in a man of opposite character, with the intention on the part of the administration to abandon Tanner's methods and to have the office conducted soberly, regularly, honestly and according to the requirements of the law, then it is obviously a good thing to get rid of him. If the honorable purpose here assumed is carried out and the right sort of man is found, appointed and sustained after his appointment, that will be a still better thing. If, on the contrary, Tanner is turned out simply because of the scandal made by his personal conduct and because he has been too candid in his utterances, that will be a very different matter. It is not Tanner's talk, it is the substantial truth of what he has said; it is not his boasting, it is the course of action of

which he boasts that have made him obnoxious and undesirable, and for the latter the administration is by no means without responsibility.

THE ELECTIONS.

On next Tuesday elections will be held in North and South Dakota, Montana and Washington. They all vote on the adoption or rejection of constitutions as well as the election of state, county district and precinct officers. All will come in as new states if they adopt their new constitutions of which there seems to be little doubt. All these territories gave large republican majorities last fall. The two Dakotas and Washington will do so again. In Montana the democrats seem to have some hope of winning, and there seems to be some reason for it. They will all elect a representative to congress. If republicans succeed in electing all they will have a majority of 7 in the new congress.

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