

The Democrat.

THEY DECLINE.

The democratic state central committee of Massachusetts a few days ago sent a polite offer to the republican state committee for a joint debate between the democratic and republican candidates for governor. The republican committee made the following reply: "We are aware that the debates between opposing candidates are common in the southern states, but, while we have no criticism to offer upon the system of that region, we believe that Massachusetts is content with her own methods. We have no doubt that you can attract audiences without the additional excitement of a debate between the candidates, and as we are quite certain that we can, we think that the general result will be equally enlightening and satisfactory without any change in our usual practice. As we can see, therefore, nothing to be gained by the proposed departure from our customary methods of discussing political issues, we must decline your very obliging offer." Why should the committee refer to the practice in the southern states when joint debates are just as common in the west and northwest as in the south? There is but one conclusion. The committee were fearful that the voters of Massachusetts might suspect them of being cowardly and accuse them of showing the white feather, and to break the force of the very rational conclusion they seek to arouse sectional prejudice by stigmatizing joint as a custom of the south and hence with republican voters need to be despised. This may be ingenious but there is great lack of candor in it. The truth is apparent that Massachusetts republicans are afraid of a discussion of the tariff question in a state campaign.

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A man who owes us over two year's subscription put his paper on the post-office last week, marked "Refused." We have a man who used the wart on his neck for a collar button, the one who pastured a goat on his grandmother's grave, the one who stole coppers from a dead man's eyes, the one who got rich by giving his five children a nickel each to go to bed without supper and then stealing the nickel after the children were asleep; but for downright meanness the man who will take a paper for years, and never pay anything for it, mark it "Refused," and then stick it back into the postoffice is entitled to the first premium. Now, if this man don't settle his account with this office inside of three weeks we shall tell who he is and where he lives, and invite him to go down the grand circuit of cattle fairs to be exhibited as the meanest man on earth. —Norway (Me) Advertiser.

Whenever a theoretical protectionist starts out to show that the tariff benefits the seller and does not hurt the buyer and that the more you tax an article the cheaper it becomes, and that untaxing an article increases its price, he is defying common sense and reason, and is sure to become involved in a maze of contradictions and absurdities. Take the illustration of the quinine tax, for instance, which is now much cheaper than it was before the tax was taken off, while the protectionists predicted that it would raise in price and that the domestic manufacturer would be ruined. Instead of that it has increased and it may be said in a word that every prediction of the tariff reformers, as to the result of free quinine has been fulfilled, and every prediction of the high taxes refuted.

An old observer of presidential life in Washington says that each new president begins his term by spending more money on hospitality during the first year of office than during any of the succeeding ones. The expenditure decreases gradually, it is said, until the fourth year, when the ordinary president begins to think more about saving money for the coming rainy day than about spending it for dinners and receptions.

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The Oregonian some days ago said the democrats in Virginia would not debate political questions with the republicans. In its telegraphic columns on the same day appeared a statement that republicans of Virginia had declined to debate with the democrats. The other day M. D. Harter the millionaire manufacturer of Mansfield Ohio, challenged Murat Halstead the great republican leader of that state to debate the tariff question but Halstead declined giving as a reason, the frivolous one that the public are not interested in the question, when, as a newspaper man, he must have known that it is discussed from every stump in his own state in the campaign now going on there.

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