

BRIGHT OUTLOOK.

Congressman Roswell P. Flower who is chairman of the national democratic campaign committee, and who has just returned from an extended trip throughout New York to Washington in an interview, says:

"I have looked the ground over very carefully and I am more than ever pleased with the prospect. The next house cannot fall to be democratic by a landslide majority, and for two years, at least, the country will be secure from such a catastrophe as have been conceived and carried out by a republican majority in the 47th and 48th congresses. I have revised my views with some care, and have no reason to change the estimate of fifty democratic majorities which I gave 25 weeks ago."

"Will the Farmers' Alliance reduce the democratic majority in the next house?" "I do not think so. The Alliance candidates will have and these support republicans as well as democrats, and those who come to realize from the south that they are safely counted upon to vote with the democrats on all important questions. Upon the second issue in this program, as well as upon the general platform of the party, the democrats need have no fear that the farmers will fall to recognize their friends. For the past five or six years the farmers have complained of their condition, and they realize fully just what is to blame for the present state of things. They are level headed, shrewd fellows, these farmers, and they may be trusted to make no mistakes when the time comes to cast their ballots for the men who are to represent them in the next congress."

"What will be the chief issue in the coming campaign?" "It takes a tremendously strong issue to overshadow the tariff, which, owing to its relation to the everyday business interests of the country, must always be paramount, but the splendid fight of the People has been making against the passage of the Federal Elections bill has very nearly forced it ahead of the tariff as a campaign issue. There is nothing that appeals to the people with the force of a plea for liberty, and that is what this cry against the Elections bill really means. The measure is dangerous in the extreme, and instead of assisting to purify politics, as all good legislation on the subject of our elections should, it simply provides additional opportunity and temptation for dishonesty and fraud. "But whether the bill is passed or not," said Mr Flower in conclusion, "I am confident that the issue will be one upon which democrats may look forward to victory in the November elections."

WHO WILL BE ELECTED SENATOR?

While on the surface of the field, political, in Oregon, everything seems quiet as a calm sea in reference to the matter of electing a United States senator next winter, yet there is much quiet, earnest, and even determined talk going on among republicans on this subject. It has been held out by Mr Mitchell's friends that he was to be elected without opposition. But such seems not to be the case if a number of leading republicans in various parts of the state are to be believed. Said a leading Polk county republican the other day to the editor of the Democrat: "There will not be smooth sailing for Mr Mitchell next winter. There is a feeling which is rapidly growing that there should be a change in senators. There is great dissatisfaction all over the state with the federal appointments. It is the 22-nd old crowd that have been clinging to the offices both state and national for years. There are Steel, Kelly, Earhart, Apperson, and Strange. Who ever knew a time when these men held not a good office or was scheming to get one. I tell you working republicans, those who, in the heat of a political campaign take on their coats and work like heavers for republican success are getting tired of spending time and money to make easy and straight the way to office for such barnacles as these office holders I have named. There must be a change in the program, or the men who carry elections for the republicans in Oregon will cease to labor, and the consequence will be that the state will fall into the hands of the democracy." This gentleman, who, by the way is a keen, shrewd politician says that both senators should no longer be from Portland. Some other sections (Eastern Oregon, he thought) ought to have the senator. He thinks Mitchellism is becoming distasteful to republicans as well as democrats. Mitchell, he says, will have to make his fight in his own party for his re-election. No democratic member of the legislature will vote for him for the reason that the benefits to be derived from the support he received from members of that party in 1885 have never been realized. He thinks that the opposition to Mitchell, on account of his youthful indiscretions, is nearly as strong as ever, and only needs to be fed a little to break out in a great flame. All these elements of opposition combined, he thinks, will make much trouble for Mitchell. Such are the views of a very intelligent, far seeing republican.

STATE INDEBTEDNESS.

Census Bulletin No 7 gives the indebtedness of the several states and the United States. The following shows the total bonded and floating indebtedness combined: United States \$923,376,119.36. Virginia \$31,325,535.24. Tennessee \$14,937,685.31. Louisiana \$12,513,214.92. Alabama \$11,992,019.30. Missouri \$5,439,749.28. Georgia \$8,065,230.85. North Carolina \$7,538,677.79. Ohio \$7,014,707.46. South Carolina \$6,473,476.38. Michigan \$4,148,723.68. Indiana \$3,661,727.53. Maine \$3,408,229.70. Mississippi \$3,216,183.57. Maryland \$2,724,153.57. New Hampshire \$2,639,705.55. Pennsylvania \$1,788,080.09. Connecticut \$1,239,721.11. Delaware \$1,179,196. Florida \$1,134,591.19. Arkansas \$1,309,022. The following states have no indebtedness: California, Colorado, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, Oregon, Rhode Island, Texas, Vermont, West Virginia.

and Wisconsin. The net debt of the United States has decreased since 1880 from \$1,922,511,324.51 to \$923,376,119.36. The total net debt of the several states in 1880 was \$204,500,674.39. In 1890 it is \$132,336,689.44.

The War State favors raising all revenues for the state by a tax based upon population, and not upon wealth. That is each equity would be required to pay so many cents or dollars and cents upon each person resident of the county as shown by census returns. If this were done and the counties were required to collect upon a property valuation basis, we believe the system would be a better one than the present one. It would be a slight disadvantage to counties where valuation per capita runs low, otherwise the plan would be a good one.

Senator Merrill wants free sugar because "every dollar of the duty comes out of the pocket as well as the right." In his enthusiasm this venerable Protectionist forgets himself. It is rank treason to admit that tariff taxes are paid by the consumer, but occasionally the truth pops out unexpectedly, even from the mouths of protectionists who have spent their lives in trying to cover it up.

Senator Wilson, of Iowa, says that the farming depression is "not the result of actual facts but of the lies told about it." The Farmers' Alliance at the West must be made up of awful liars, according to this theory. Or perhaps the farmers do not know when they are badly off! They are aware, however, that congressional speeches pay no mortgages.

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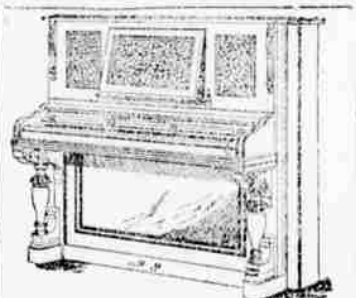
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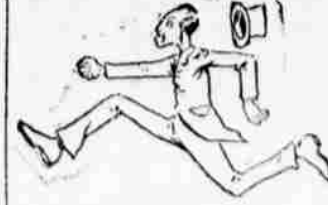
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