

POLITICS COVER MANY SINS.

That a man's or a community's politics cover a multitude of sins in the estimation of many people is clearly shown by the Salem Statesman which strongly defends the character of the people of Perry county, Kentucky, simply because they cast a large republican majority. No paper has been less severe in its denunciations of outlaws in the south than that paper. And yet, when its attention is called to the sins that lie at its own door it will miss their enormity by saying that those who committed them were not so bad after all. We do not believe that all democrats are good citizens, or that all republicans are bad citizens, one that men are necessarily more honest and law abiding simply because they are democrats. Bad, unprincipled men are found in all parties, but the Statesman seems to view everything democratic as necessarily bad and everything republican as necessarily good. But so much outlaws have prevailed in Perry county that no court could be held there during the last two years until recently, and then the court had to be held in a tent because the incendiaries had burned the court house. One of the leading members of the bar present and returned for the first time since he was shot in the leg through a window, and warned to leave at once, which warning he complied with. The town was garrisoned with militia. The roads were picketed. The court tent was full of soldiers to protect the judge who declared his life was in danger. The charge, to the jury wounded the feelings of several of the spectators so much that they had to be disarmed. In the course of his remarks to the grand jury the judge mentioned the fact that 500 murders had been committed in the county. Perry county is republican by a good deal more than a two thirds majority. Of these careless and happy mountaineers, who take life so easily, 695 voted for Mr Harrison and only 296 for Mr Cleveland. As far back as 1850 the vote was divided in much the same ratio between Garfield and Hancock, and in the state election last year the republican candidate for state treasurer got 516 and the democratic candidate only 245.

Business has become alarmed. The development of the country has been retarded. Importations have been stimulated to avoid the unknown effects of the new tariff bill. Contemplated investments in the development of the south have been withheld until the fate of the Force bill is known. The Bankrupt bill is not a bankrupt bill at all, in the sense of the constitution; it is an imposition upon the debtors formulated to meet the demands of the capitalists of the east. There is scarcely an act that has passed the lowerhouse that will stand the test of six months' trial before the people. Every prediction made by the democrats in the discussion of the measures is in course of fulfillment, and even the republicans admit that the verdict of the people in November is certain to be against Reed and his Rump congress.

Many of our republican protection brethren are setting up a fierce growl because France has seen fit to carry "protection" to its legitimate end by absolutely prohibiting the importation of American pork into her domain, and increase her duty upon our corn and corn meal. Our minister, Reed, who is a protectionist himself, expostulates with the mercenary Frenchman, and threatens him with retaliation on French wines, but this is foolish. The French government thinks if protection is good for the United States, it must be good for France. Certainly no American can complain at this.

The census shows that Montana has 128,000 and New Mexico 152,159. From the republican stand point 128,000 population is enough to entitle the former to statehood, (because it is republican), and 152,159 is not sufficient to entitle the latter to admission, (because it is democratic).

Roger Q Mills, in a speech at Maryville, Missouri, the other day, called attention to the fact that the grain crop of 1889 sold for \$100,000,000 less than the grain crop of 1859. From which it appears that farmers did much better under a low tariff than under a high tariff.

John Brown, son of John Brown, of Harper's Ferry fame, lives quietly at Put-in-Bay, O., where he cultivates a small vineyard and fruit farm. He is an old man now, having been one of the prominent persons in the stirring period in which his father figured.

The next house will be democratic. That may be set down as a fact. Then a cry will be raised all along the republican lines for the abrogation of Reed's despotic rules. That may be set down as another fact. And the democratic majority should not let them survive a single day—not even for the punishment of their inventors.

Captain Jack Crawford, the "poet scout," is now in the employ of the government as a special agent to suppress illicit whiskey selling among the Indians. He still wears his golden locks flying from under a light felt hat of enormous dimensions.

Southern farmers get no benefit from the republicans. The duty on cotton ties is to be raised and cotton-seed oil is to be taxed out of existence—all because republican congressmen can be bought.

Senator, Turple put the truth about the into a nutshell when he said that the demand for a tax was merely "a speculation on the part of a titleless tin-plate association." There is no proof that there is any tin ore in this country—certainly not in quantities sufficient to give it commercial value. If there is, it needs no duty to enable capital to mine it. The demand for an increase of duty on tin-plate is, as an organ of the industry recently admitted, to compel the people of this country to buy and use the "artificial product"—described by Senator Turple as "the log is ware of a American Tin Plate Company of Pittsburgh—galvanized iron." There is competition in that, to be had without feylog.

The remark of Senator Voorhees, in his speech on the tariff, to the effect that it would be far cheaper for the country to pay 24,000 idle men their average wages than tax every square of the roof, except dinner pail, teapot and milk-can, simply to build up half-a-dozen millionaires, and enable them to give coaching parties to protection leaders and to fund libraries from the savings of a 15 per cent reduction of the wages of their workmen, has a good deal of truth in it.—Boston Journal of Commerce (Protectionist.)

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