

THE DAILY DEMOCRAT.

GROSS MISREPRESENTATION.

Some time ago the DEMOCRAT said: McKinley's bill to make sugar free and a high tariff on tin shows to the whole world that this bill is as purely sectional and partisan as it is possible to make it. Men of reason and intelligence every where are asking why sugar, which is produced in large quantities in this country, should not be protected, at least, equally with tin which is not produced here at all. These men reflect that the protection of sugar is in the interest of the people of this country while the duty on tin will inure to the benefit of a few manufacturers in Pennsylvania who are squeezing in their "fat" in order to elect Harrison, and herein is the motive, spirit and animus of the McKinley bill.

The Roseburg Phintalater copies the above and then says: The DEMOCRAT, though it expressly stated, a short time since when asked the question, that it was in favor of "free sugar and free everything else, whether of southern or northern production," now declares that men of "reason and intelligence are every where asking why sugar should not be protected."

Why the Phintalater should stray so far from the truth as it does in the above, is, to us, wholly inexplicable. The DEMOCRAT never has said that it was in favor of "free sugar and free everything else, whether of Southern or Northern production." This is a very gross misrepresentation made by the Phintalater without the shadow of excuse, except, that in the absence of anything legitimate, it was compelled to resort to this species of misrepresentation in order to ward off the sledge hammer blows which we have felt called upon to make upon its robber tariff system. This kind of defense on the part of republican newspapers is not new. When driven to the wall they resort to it. The Phintalater again says that the DEMOCRAT says that "men of reason and intelligence are every where asking why sugar should not be protected."

We had always supposed that species of falsehood was beneath the moral plain occupied by the Phintalater but it seems that we were in error. By looking again at the extract taken from the DEMOCRAT by the Phintalater the reader will see just what we said: "Men of reason and intelligence every where are asking why sugar, which is produced in large quantities in this country should not be protected, at least equally with tin which is not produced here at all." The words in italics are those which the Phintalater (evidently with the design of making it appear that the DEMOCRAT said something which it never did say) saw fit to leave out of the sentence as it appeared in the DEMOCRAT. We have a right to ask the Phintalater to make amends for this scurrily treatment of one who in no sense ever deserved it. The Phintalater undertakes to say that the DEMOCRAT has heretofore held that "protection," so-called, did not "inure" to any one. On the contrary, the DEMOCRAT has always contended that it always inured to the benefit of the manufacturer and at the expense of the consumer. "Protection for protection's sake is the monumental fraud of our times."

RAUM AND HIS FRIENDS.

The President ought to lose no time in demanding the resignation of Pension Commissioner Green B. Raum. The simple facts, proved and not denied, concerning Lemon's improvement of a note for Raum on Jan 6th, and Raum's repaying the favor on Jan 7th, by issuing an official order enormously favoring Lemon as a pension attorney, which order he had before declined to issue on the strength of his own deputy's showing that its issuance would be unjust to other attorneys and their clients and fatally embarrassing to the business of the Bureau—these facts alone not only justify but require a demand for the Commissioner's immediate retirement.

But in some unexplained way Raum seems entrenched behind influence which prompts not only the Administration but the Speaker of the House to protect him by all possible means. At every step of the investigation of his conduct has been accompanied by scandalous efforts on the part of those who should be his judges, to balk the inquiry.

When Mr. Cooper moved the investigation the Speaker sought to prevent it by taking the extraordinary ground, in effect, that the facts which the investigation was meant to discover must be specified before inquiry could be ordered. When he made up the Committee of Investigation he refused to place Mr. Cooper, the mover of the resolution, upon it, a proceeding in the interest of the accused violative of all precedent. It now appears that one of the members of the Pensions Committee whom he selected to serve as a Raum investigator was himself Raum's partner in the transaction which was the chief subject of inquiry.

The scandal of this man Smyser's appointment and service on the Committee was so manifest that the moment the fact became known he was unanimously permitted to withdraw, and Speaker Reed felt it necessary to expurgate himself in the matter by a declaration to the House that he had not known of Smyser's participation in Raum's speculations until that hour.

Nothing more wholly scandalous has occurred in Congress since the Credit Mobilier affair and the mystery which surrounds the matter will suggest all manner of evil suspicions if Raum is permitted to remain longer in place. By what strange influence he has been able to command such extraordinary aid in his effort to shield his conduct from inquiry it is impossible to conjecture, and it will be very interesting if it is left to conjecture.

the facts, in order that aroused suspicion may wrong no innocent person. The time has come to find out all about Raum.

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