

BAD ADVICE.

Governor-Senator Hill of New York made a speech at Emira in that state on December 5th on the course to be pursued by the present democratic congress. He said in opening, that his speech had been carefully prepared, and after much thought and deliberation. He said he had come to speak through the democracy of New York to that of the nation. The governor treats at great length of the silver question and the tariff question. The speech was made in view of, and for the purpose of emphasizing the fact that he is a candidate for the presidency. As touching the issues of both the tariff and silver questions, his views will attract attention. After dealing at great length with silver, he arrives at the conclusion that, inasmuch as president Harrison will veto any legislation which a democratic congress might enact, it will be wise for this congress simply to repeal the Sherman law of 1890. Treating of the tariff, his conclusion is the same. As the president would veto any tariff bill which democrats in congress might pass, he thinks they should simply repeal the McKinley bill and go not a step further. It is a matter of great surprise to not only those who support the governor for the democratic nomination, but to those who would have Ex-president Cleveland or some other man, that he should take a position so negative, so do-nothing, so patently untenable on the very face of it. In order that our readers may fully understand the governor's position we make the following extract from his speech:

Those same reasons and issues will be presented clear and unconfused to the people if the democrats of both houses of congress simply unite to repeal, as they united to oppose, the two chief enactments of the Billion congress. They cannot carry repeal, but they can demand repeal.

Repeal of the two McKinley acts, repealing the revenue laws then superseded. Repeal of the Sherman silver law, repealing the Bland Allison act of 1878, then superseded.

Shall we break our party formation and go to pieces in debating some small amendments towards taxation for revenue only, or some confusing details of scandalous tariff schedules; or shall we rather voice a great people's rebuke of the two McKinley acts and demand their repeal? Shall we nibble at rates and percentages as if that were the size of our quarrel with republican revolutionists, or shall we simply vote to repeal the two McKinley acts and to destroy the bounty and subsidy system root and branch?

I admit, with candor, that the repeal of the two McKinley acts would only land us where we were before our great misadventure three years ago.

I admit that the tariff of 1883 offers a large field for revenue reform. But that is now while besides this later black—this revolutionary and unconstitutional legislation which buttresses the government partnerships of our privileged classes, and issues the people's taxes in bribes for new defenders of the system.

I admit frankly that no repeal of the two McKinley acts can override the president's veto and become law.

My answer is that to pivot our politics on the issues of 1890 is itself an immense political achievement which will assure to the democrats of the Fifty-second congress our victory in 1892 and a nation's gratitude.

It abandons outworks, indeed, but it summons the sovereign people to recover from republican revolutionists the citadel of power.

Of course there is not the least likelihood that the democrats in congress will for a moment seriously entertain the thought of following this advice. But it is well nevertheless that people should understand the weakness of the governor's position. To repeal the McKinley bill and go back to the law of 1883 means that democrats prefer a tariff law that imposes a heavy duty on sugar rather than one that places no duty on sugar at all. The only real point of merit in the McKinley bill is that provision putting sugar on the free list. Gov Hill would repeal the McKinley bill and offer us nothing better to take its place. He would give us nothing in its place but the tariff law of 1883. Not one democrat in fifty who understands himself would consent to this. Speaker Crisp, Mills and Governor Hill represent three different views as to the course the democrats in this congress should pursue with reference to the tariff question. Crisp would have the democrats pass several tariff bills putting binding twine, lumber, salt, coal, iron ore, wool etc on the free list without going into general tariff legislation. It is believed that such bills could be put through the senate easily and that the president would not dare to veto them. This much would be a remarkable victory for tariff reform. Mr Mills would go into general tariff legislation, pass a general tariff bill, with the full knowledge that such a bill would never pass the senate and that it would be vetoed by the president if it should. Gov Hill would repeal the McKinley bill and offer nothing in its place which would throw us back on the law of 1883. We believe that Crisp's position is the soundest and most sensible. Mills plan is much preferable to that of Hill's whose scheme is untenable, cowardly, uncandid and fraught with so much unfaithfulness to the people that it will be dismissed from consideration at once. The governor's position on silver is equally bad and untenable. He would repeal the Sherman law of 1890 under which 4,500,000 ounces of silver is purchased and coined a month, and set us back on the Bland law of 1878 under which \$2,000,000 only per month is coined. Very few people will agree with the governor in this matter. The governor has greatly weakened his chances for the nomination especially in his own state.

The people will brook nothing but a square, honest, candid attitude on any public question. There should be no juggling, no demagoguery but an open fight for the right.

In this speech Hill gives bad advice.

People who have rushed in to inform the public that there was a combine between Governor-senator Hill and Crisp in the matter of the election of speaker and that the arrangement was that the party should take a Randall view of tariff matters will find their prognostications upset when they read the positions of these two gentlemen on the question of tariff legislation. Hill would repeal the McKinley bill and do nothing more. He knows that neither the senate nor the president would permit the bill to be repealed, hence his position is practically to do nothing. Crisp would introduce a number of bills reducing the duties on, or putting on the free list, salt, lumber, binding twine, cotton ties, coal, iron ore, wool, wooden goods, etc. There is scarcely a doubt that many of these articles could be carried to the free list through the senate, and the president would hardly dare veto such bills when passed by both houses, and if he did it would make an excellent issue in the next presidential contest.

There is a very radical difference between Hill and Crisp as to democratic policy.

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