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DEMOCRATIC ECONOMY.

The Record of the Democratic House of the 52d Congress.

The situation in regard to appropriations of the session of the Fifty-second Congress was clearly set forth in a speech by Representative Holman, the "watch-dog" of the Treasury. Mr. Holman says:

"The appropriations made at this session of Congress, including permanent appropriations, show a reduction of \$33,529,291.98 under the appropriation made at the last session of the last Congress, or a reduction equivalent to \$100,000 to each congressional district in the United States; but for purposes of comparison the amount of the river and harbor bill, \$21,153,618, should be deducted from the appropriations of this session, for the reason that no river and harbor bill was passed at the last session of Congress, against the appropriations of which those made at this session should be logically contrasted. With the river and harbor bill, the appropriations of this session are \$54,682,909.98 less than the whole appropriations made at the second session of the Fifty-first Congress.

"The total appropriations made at this session amount to \$507,701,380.57, including the river and harbor bill, being \$33,529,291.98 less than those made at the last session of Congress, and, deducting the river and harbor bill, the reduction is \$54,682,909.98; and in contrast with the average appropriations for the two sessions of the last Congress the reduction is \$10,142,080.93.

"An examination of the eleven regular bills which make appropriations for the essential conduct of the several departments of the government shows:

"1. That these bills, as passed by the House, made a reduction in the estimates submitted by the administration of \$27,883,792.16.

"2. That they were increased by the Senate in the sum of \$18,725,681.55; and

"3. That as they finally became laws, they appropriated: \$22,095,724.22 less than the estimates; \$12,937,613.61 less than as they passed the Senate; \$26,422,862.10 less than was appropriated for the last fiscal year by the last Congress; \$10,712,464.71 less than the average of the same appropriations made by the last Congress for the fiscal year 1891 and 1892, and \$5,788,067.94 more than was proposed and deemed sufficient by the House.

"Deducting the sums given for pensions, including deficiencies therefor, from the grand totals given in the table, of all appropriations made at this session and during the last Congress, including permanent, rivers and harbors, deficiencies, and miscellaneous, the following results are reached:

"The total appropriations made at this session would be \$353,289,698.57, being \$59,485,626.69 less than the estimates submitted by the administration, including \$58,064,950 for rivers and harbors; \$13,406,231.33 less than as they passed the Senate, including miscellaneous and permanent as finally charged; \$23,390,590.64 less than was appropriated by the second session of the last Congress; \$17,287,181.72 less than was appropriated by the first session of the last Congress; \$20,388,836.18 less than the average of appropriations for both sessions of the last Congress, and \$7,039,182.99 more than was proposed by the House, including the miscellaneous and permanent as finally charged.

"The legislation of the last Congress directly compelled the present session to an increase of the appropriations in bounties, subsidies, and the like, to the amount of \$79,527,602.62.

"It was impossible at this session to reduce any one of these items unless it had possessed the power to repeal laws enacted by the last Congress. In addition to this, the House of Representatives has had arrayed against its efforts at retrenchment the full force of the Administration and of the Senate.

"I submit, therefore, that the House, in checking this abnormal growth and curbing excess of public expenditures, and especially in cutting down appropriations \$33,529,291.98 under those of the last session, has done fairly well.

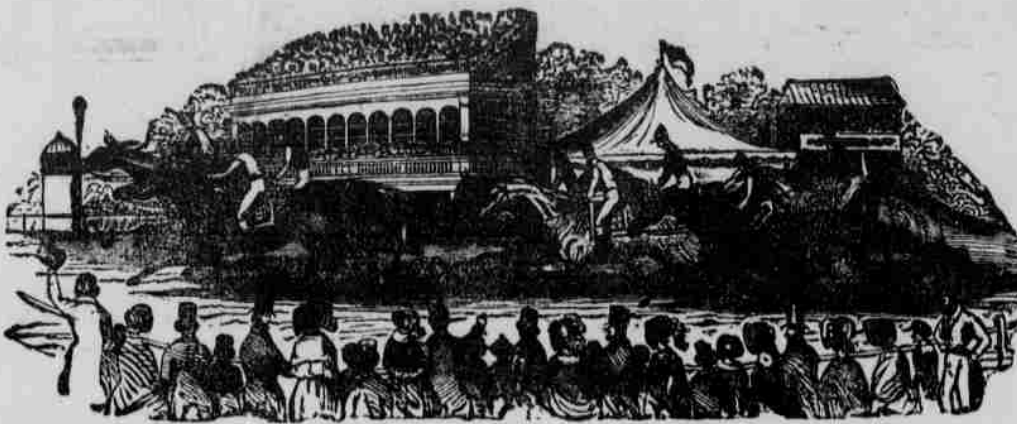
"As late as the Forty-third Congress the whole appropriations authorized in the two sessions, including permanent appropriations, were \$635,794,991.21. The Democratic party controlled the House in the Forty-fourth Congress, and the entire appropriations, annual and permanent, for the two sessions were \$595,507,832.28.

"The Republicans did not recover control of the House again until the Forty-seventh Congress, which ran up the appropriations to \$777,435,948.54, against \$727,537,684.22 appropriated by the Forty-fifth Congress, an increase of nearly \$50,000,000. The Republican party were not again in control of the House until the Fifty-first Congress, and that Congress, as previously stated, made appropriations in excess of its predecessor, the Fiftyth Congress by \$217,723,061.40. There is no approach to this prodigality in our history. Was not the storm of indignation that arose such as a free people would naturally express?

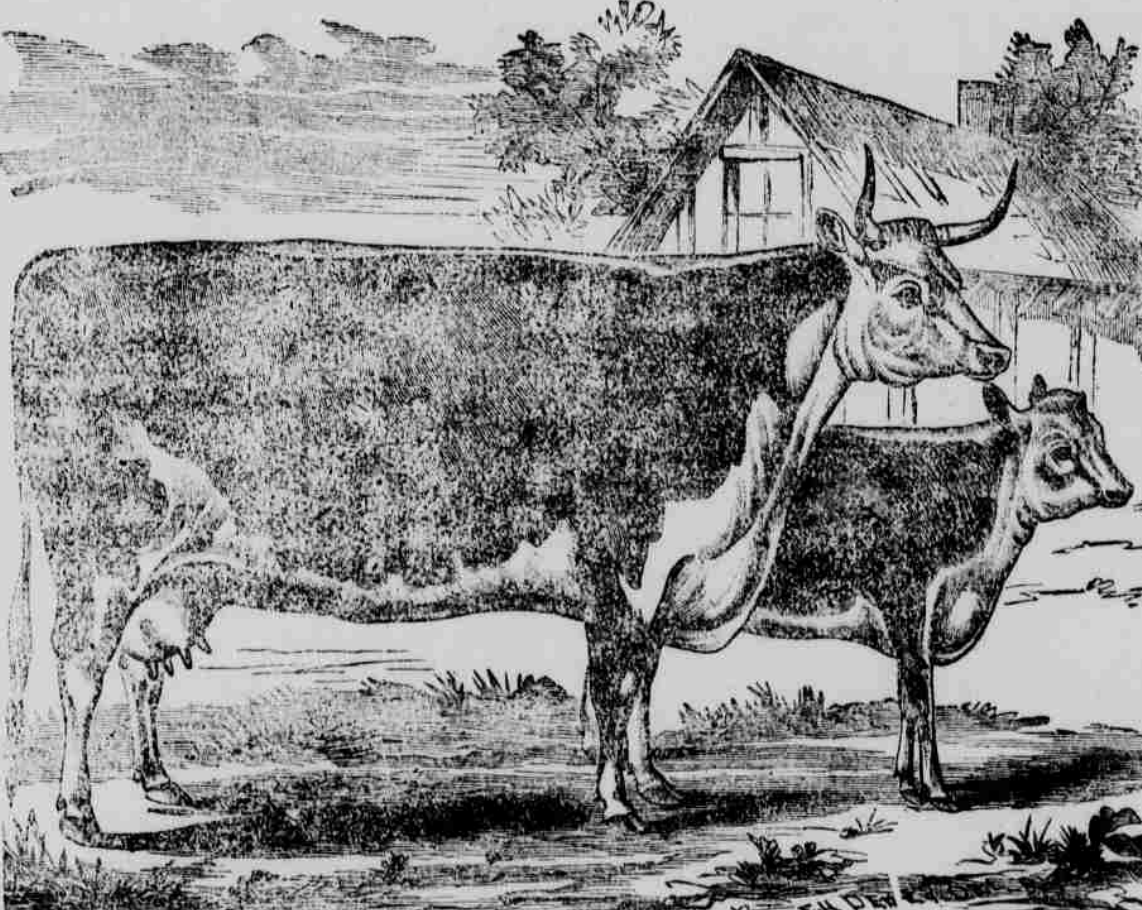
"That party under its new leaders, however, has treated the party as a 'slush fund,' and it has taxed the people with an utter disregard of their welfare. It is a very significant fact that, since the period of the old leaders, that party has never been permitted to control this House but two terms, and in each instance, after the first session, has been driven from power by an indignant people."

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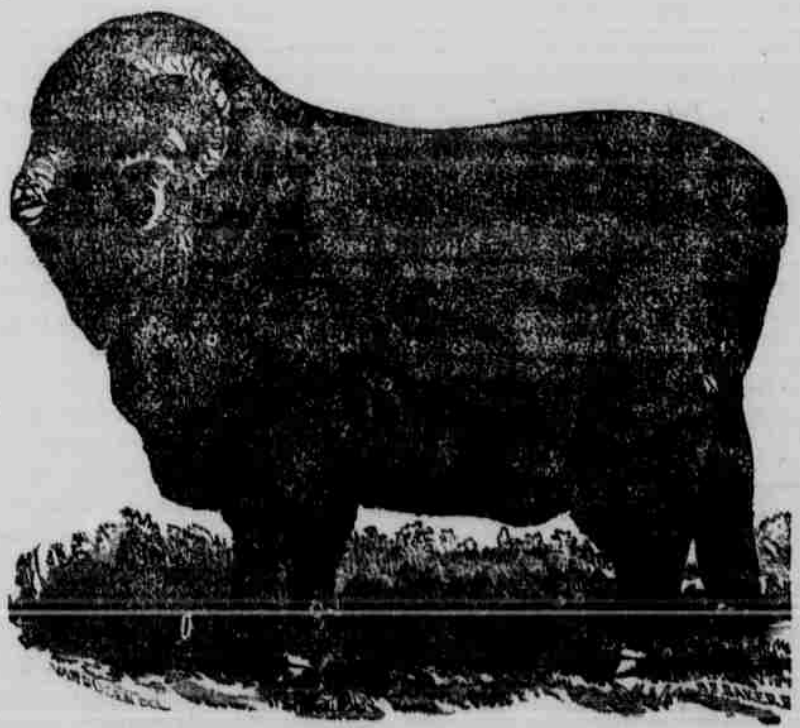


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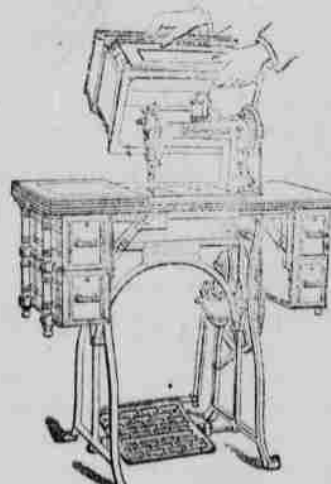


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