

TARIFF REVISION PARAMOUNT ISSUE.

Census of Opinion of Southern Democrats Visiting Washington.

POPULISTIC PLANKS TO BE EXCLUDED.

Platform to be an Old Time Expression of True Democratic Faith—No Obnoxious Declaration Will be Incorporated.

(BY JAMES S. MCCARTHY.)
Washington, D. C., June 15.—If the opinion of leading Democrats dropping into Washington from time to time counts for anything, a plank demanding the initiative and referendum will not be incorporated in the next platform of National Democracy. The proposition to insert such a plank in the platform is advocated only by those who formerly affiliated with the Populist Party. No genuine Democrat, whether from the South, North, East or West, has yet endorsed the plan, and it can be safely said that the party will not be betrayed by such an issue in the next Presidential election.

The strongest protest against the incorporation of such a plank in the Democratic platform have come from the South. Southern Democrats realize the danger of such a form of government more fully than those of any other sections, and as the convention will be controlled by the representatives of that section, it can be asserted in all confidence that the platform will be minus that piece of Populist timber.

Southern Democrats point out that had initiative and referendum prevailed in 1891, when the infamous Force Bill was being considered by Congress, the South would not today be enjoying the blessings of white supremacy. The Republican Party, which controlled Congress at that time, and which has always bid for the negro vote, would have for political reasons, if for no other, submitted the question to the people, and the North being the stronger in votes, the same would have approved at the polls, and Federal bayonets would be in the South to day to see that the negro be not denied the privilege of the ballot.

It is also claimed that should initiative and referendum prevail, Congress, upon the petition of fifteen per cent of the male citizens of the county, would be compelled to initiate and refer to people for adoption any law that might appeal to the whims and fancies of the petitioners. For example, should the negroes of the country petition Congress to initiate a law to reduce representation of the Southern States in Congress because of their disfranchisement of the negro, that body would be compelled to refer such a law to the people for approval, and there would be little doubt of its adoption, as the republican voters of the North and West are always ready to seize an opportunity to deal the South a deadly blow.

If the sentiment today is an indication of Democratic tendency, the paramount plank in the next Democratic platform will be tariff revision. The platform will contain no declarations obnoxious to the views of all factions of the party. Initiative and referendum, government ownership of railroads, and other Populistic will be cast aside. The platform will be an old time Democratic expression of the true Democratic faith, and once more united, as it would be under such a condition, would march to one more great and glorious victory.

Speaker Cannon On North Carolina And Greensboro.

Washington Herald.
"The trip I have just made to my native county in North Carolina was one of the happiest incidents in my life, and I shall always be glad that I made it," said Speaker Joseph G. Cannon to a Herald reporter at the New Willard.

"There were, of course, no people there with whom I had personal acquaintance, for I was only four years old when my father left the State, and yet I was familiar with scores of family names of residents of that community. They showed me the graveyards, now a century old, in which lay the remains of my maternal grandfather, Isaac Hollinsworth. Among those who established Guilford College, where I spoke to the people, was my own father.

"It was pleasant to get back to the native health, and it was inspiring to see how well the old State is striding along in the path of prosperity. Why, sir, if I could have been landed in Greensboro blindfolded, without knowing what direction I had taken, I would have thought myself in some live hamlet, well-built city of Illinois or Ohio. Here is a Southern town that is as redolent of the modern spirit of activity and industrial growth as anything we have north of the Ohio river."

LOVES OF TWO GREAT MEN

Devotion of McKinley and Toombs to Their Wives.

Washington Herald.
How sweet it is—and how grateful we should be that it is—to enjoy the contemplation of so rare a love as that existing between William McKinley and his wife. How restful to turn aside from the heartaches, the pain, the sorrow, and the shams of those who tread the beaten paths through primrose ways of worldly things, and give thought to that which we know to have been ideally pure, ennobling and approved of the Master.

The love of William McKinley and his gentle helpmeet was as simple as the sunshine of June-time; it was just a winding of ivy about the oak tree—an affection without an element of unrest, of uncertainty or of doubt. It is not to be told of in words—they are such idle things at best. It was a love born in esteem and high regard; it was nurtured in serenity, it was jeweled with the memory of children sacrificed to death, and it lived and grew and broadened, and eventually encompassed entirely two souls that were truly one, and two hearts that knew no separate throb.

William McKinley, who cherished such a beautiful affection for his wife, was the gentlest of men. Harsh words, rarely, if ever, passed his lips. He dreaded the task that involved the slightest possibility of wounding a fellow creature's feelings. He was kind, considerate, and tactful. One would hardly think to find a parallel to his tender regard to his life companion in such a man as Robert Toombs, of Georgia. Toombs was many things that McKinley was not. Fiery, hot tempered, scornful, and utterly unimpaired of the feelings or pride of those near to him, the Georgian was a whirlwind of passion and a hurricane of crushing, biting, bitter words. And yet his love for his gentle invalid wife was ideal.

Like McKinley, Toombs was the lover to the very last. He was nurse at the bedside when pain racked the body of his dear and precious charge. Never was the day too occupied for Toombs to take the afternoon drive, and never lived the footman who carried his loved one to and from the carriage. Those who remember Robert Toombs in life bear in their minds no more cherished picture than that of the Southerner carrying his frail and fragile wife tenderly, and carefully in his own strong arms. To Mrs. McKinley the martyred president was ever the "Major." To Mrs. Toombs the Georgian was ever the "General." It frequently happens thus. Men as far apart as the poles in temperament, environment, physical and mental make-up, come to a high and lofty level under the inspiration of a good woman's pure and unaffected love. "One touch of nature makes the whole world kin," and the small white hands of the women worth while guide into common fellowship the souls of men who are truly great.

From Lecture of Governor Taylor of Tennessee.

"I heard a great master play on a wondrous violin; his bow quivered like the wing of a bird; in every quiver there was melody breathed, a thought in language sweeter than ever uttered by human tongue. The enchanted violin poured out its sweetest soul, and in its music I thought I heard the rustle of a thousand joyous wings and a burst of song from a thousand joyous throats. Mocking birds and linnets thrilled the air with warblings; goldfinches, thrushes and bobolinks trilled their happiest tunes, and the oriole sang a lullaby to her hanging cradle that rocked in the wind. I heard the twitter of skimming swallows and the scattered coveys piping call; I heard the robin's gay whistle, the croaking of crows, the scolding of blue jays and the melancholy cooing of a dove. The swaying tree-tops seemed vocal with bird-song while he played, and the labyrinth of leafy shade echoed the chorus."

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