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JUDGE THURMAN'S LETTER.

Judge Thurman's letter of acceptance, although written rather late in the campaign, is to the point. It is short, but exceedingly strong. The tariff issue, to which it is almost wholly devoted, could not be presented more clearly. After reading it, no intelligent man can fail to understand the position of the Democratic and Republican parties with respect to that issue.

Judge Thurman points out the absurdity of supposing that the people can be enriched by unnecessary taxation, or that a man's condition can be improved by taxing his clothes, the clothes of his family and the implements of his industry, and he calls it folly to accumulate in the treasury vast sums which ought to be in circulation, and for the need of which business interests suffer. A big surplus means a harder struggle for the people to make a living, and it encourages extravagant and even useless appropriations.

Judge Thurman calls attention to the fact that the republicans have been forced finally to recognize that it is absolutely necessary to reduce the revenues, but their plan of reduction differs widely from that of the democrats, because, while the democrats propose to reduce them so as to make the necessities of life cheaper, their tariff reduction scheme makes them dearer; but their scheme is in the interest of great monopolies, while the democrats aim to benefit the masses.

The assertion that the republicans are looking out for the interests of the workmen, are trying to insure them a continuance of good wages, cannot be sustained. Judge Thurman calls particular attention to the fact that an immense majority of workmen are not in any way connected with what are called protected industries, and, therefore, as far as they are concerned, a high protective tariff is not beneficial to them. They are taxed by such a tariff, however, and their earnings are taken to swell the fortunes of the protected millionaires. But there is reason for asserting that those of the workmen who are connected with the protected industries would not be injured in any way by a reduction of the tariff. Nobody can satisfactorily show that workmen would be worse off if the Mills bill were to become a law, while it is easy to show that they would be a great deal better off if it were to become a law.

Judge Thurman's letter is far superior to that of Mr. Morton, the republican candidate for Vice-President. It shows that he is a statesman who has a thorough acquaintance with public questions, while that of Mr. Morton is like that of a man who is not well versed in the matters which he discusses. The Judge's letter is a good campaign document.

Whatever I could properly do to promote the re-election of President Cleveland I ought to do. His Administration has been marked by such integrity, good sense, manly courage and exalted patriotism that a just appreciation of these high qualities seems to call for his re-election. I am also strongly impressed with the belief that his re-election would powerfully tend to strengthen that feeling of fraternity among the American people that is so essential to their welfare, peace and happiness, and to the perpetuity of the Union and of our free institutions.—Allen G. Thurman.

Do you hear a low, hoarse continuous rumble? It is the combined cursing ascending from several thousand republican editorial rooms. At the end of ten months of hard work, intended to prove that any reform of the tariff meant "free trade," "ruined industries" and "pauper wages." It is hard, very hard, to be forced to take it all back, and within less than two weeks of the election, too.

The cry of the "solid north against the solid south" is not heard as frequently as it used to be. The demagogues who raised it have found out that it did not work. The north is very far from being solidly republican. There is no reason why it should be. On the other hand, there are very important reasons why the south should be solidly democratic.

MORTON ANXIOUS ABOUT NORTH CAROLINA.

It is alleged by a New York morning newspaper that Mr. Morton, the republican candidate for Vice-President, is much more anxious that the republicans shall carry North Carolina than any other state. This statement may or may not be just to Mr. Morton. The reason given for this anxiety about North Carolina is that his banking house, Morton, Bliss & Co., own a very large amount of what are known as the North Carolina special tax bonds, which, with accrued interest, amount to about \$30,000,000.

These bonds were issued in 1868 for the purpose of building railroads. The state at that time was under carpet-bag rule. The bond were carried to New York and sold for whatever could be obtained for them. The projected railroads, however, were never built, and when the democrats gained control of the state three years later, the bonds were repudiated.

It is said that Mr. Quay was continually surprised by questions from Mr. Morton about the progress of the canvass in North Carolina, and he could not understand the latter's remarkable interest in it until this bond matter was brought to his attention. Then he understood why it was that Mr. Morton did not seem so much interested in the canvass in New Jersey, New York, Indiana or Connecticut as in that in North Carolina.

Of course, Mr. Morton hopes that if a republican legislature and a republican governor are elected, there will be some chance of provision being made to pay his bonds. May not all the talk about the probability of the republicans carrying this State grow out of the efforts that the bondholders are making there in behalf of the republicans?

Mr. Morton need not be anxious any longer. North Carolina will give a majority, and a very good one, for the democratic state and national tickets. The people here have not forgotten the days of carpet-bag rule, and they are not likely to let the Republican party get control of the State again very soon.

There are a good many people who are very much interested in the presidential campaign, but whose business prevents them from keeping thoroughly posted concerning it. To these the HEADLIGHT takes pleasure in saying that the canvass on the part of the democrats moves on with increasing enthusiasm, and that the prospects of democratic success are very encouraging.

No single little thing has happened since the Chicago convention to set the teeth of the republican organs so much on edge as Mr. Blaine's open defense of the trusts. There is no parrying the fact that the trusts depend for their existence on high protective tariff duties, and why should the grand old party disown its own children.

The registration is running up tremendously in New York. It will reach nearly 300,000. This is well for our Grover. A big vote in New York always means an increased democratic majority. Harrison will have to "come down to Harlem river," with a majority of at least 80,000 if he is to carry the state.

We have a Democratic President, a Democratic Cabinet, a Democratic House, a Senate which is on the verge of being Democratic, and now we have a Democratic Chief Justice. And still the country is safe. People are going on attending to business as usual, and every body seems to be happy.

When you look out of the window, you look through a pane of glass taxed 68.5 per cent. When you look into the mirror, the plate glass that reflects back your image is taxed 85.8 per cent. The only wonder is that sand, the raw material out of which glass is made, is not taxed.

A paragraph concerning the Rev. Sam Small is going the rounds, and contains the statement that Mr. Small's sketches, written under the assumed name of "Old Si," brought him his greatest fame. If this is true, Mr. Small is not a very famous man.

The republicans see the handwriting on the wall. They are frightened but they are whistling to keep up their courage.

Does not every well-informed man know that the increase in price of home manufactures, produced by a high tariff, does not go into the pockets of laboring men, but only tends to swell the pockets of others?—Thurman's Letter of Acceptance.

When have times been better? When have our merchants been more prosperous, our manufactures more pushed with business than under Grover Cleveland's administration? Why change a safe man for an untried man?

It is rumored that Mr. Blaine is going to enter journalism. He would be a failure as an editor. He isn't careful enough of his facts. One of these studious, painstaking editors would tear him to pieces.

The reports from New Jersey represent that state as being for lower taxes. This means, of course, that it will go democratic.

The time approaches when Brother Harrison will drop out of sight.



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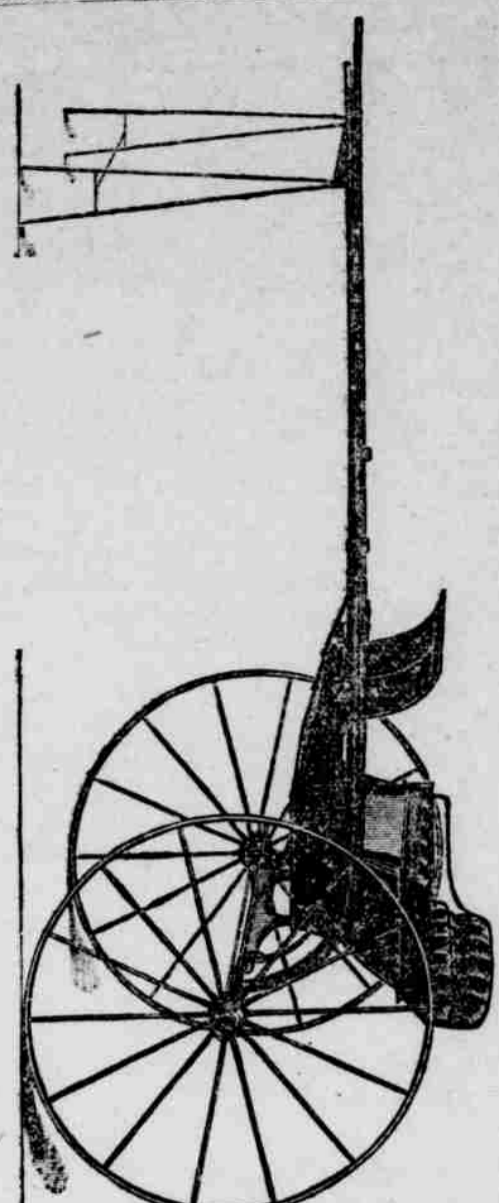
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