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A Cause For Disgust.

It seems to us that if any man in the United States should have cause of disgust with the Republican platform, that man is Thomas B. Reed, of Maine. Some time ago—and not long since, either—while speaking on the Mills bill, Mr Reed vehemently denied that combinations of capital and monopolies had grown up under the tariff system. During the debate on this question he treated with scorn as fools and knaves all who had spoken of the existence of these tariff-fed monopolies. It is a pity that the Chicago convention should, so soon after Mr. Reed's speech, put the following in the platform:

We declare our opposition to all combinations of capital organized in trusts or otherwise to control arbitrarily the condition of trade among our citizens; and recommend to Congress and the State Legislatures in their respective jurisdictions such legislation as will prevent all schemes to oppress the people by undue charges upon their supplies, etc.

The Chicago platform confesses and avoids. Mr. Reed denies. But between a Republican Representative who insists that no combinations and monopolies have grown up under the tariff and a Republican platform which acknowledges their existence and upholds the system that has created them there is nothing to choose. Mr. Reed may reconcile himself with the platform as best he can, but it will be hard for the makers of the platform to reconcile their position in regard to tariffs and trusts with the common sense of the American people.

More Pension Frauds.

President Cleveland continues to contribute to the political history of the country. His midsummer contribution consists of half a dozen neat and comprehensive pension vetoes. The President stands as a bulwark between these frauds and the treasury. Referring to one case—that of a man who had been voted a pension because in a drunken fight he had been hit with a brick—Mr. Cleveland said: "I believe that if the veterans of the war know all that was going on in the way of granting pensions by private bills they would be more disgusted than any class of our citizens." Some veterans would be, no doubt, but a great many would not be disgusted. With an overflowing Treasury the temptation to the veteran offered by pension schemes and methods is almost irresistible. Unless a change shall soon be brought about we may arrive at a stage when everybody will be pensioned—a Fool's Paradise for loafers and bummers.

A Case Full of Interest

New York furnishes our readers with a very interesting case in the trial and conviction of John R. Dunn, a lawyer of that city, who misled Richard S. Scott, paying teller of the Manhattan Bank, causing him to steal \$150,000 from that institution. The fact was disclosed that the robbed bank would have compounded with the thief on condition that it might receive one-half the money he had stolen. Judge Barrett, in passing sentence on Dunn, was especially severe on the practice indulged in by moneyed institutions of compromising either with robbers or defaulters. Although such an act is criminal, the law has never been enforced. Corporations guilty of such practices are about as deep in the mud as the actual thieves are in the mire, and should be made to feel the law's reach. We never want to see anything of the kind attempted in North Carolina.

NOTIFYING THE PRESIDENT.

THE COMMITTEE WAIT ON MR. CLEVELAND—HIS RESPONSE.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 26.—The National Democratic Committee and the ratification committee appointed by the late Democratic Convention to notify the President and Vice President of their nomination for President and Vice-President, met at the Arlington Hotel to-day. The notification committee met at 10 o'clock, with Hon. P. A. Collins, of Massachusetts, in the chair, and Thomas S. Pettit, of Kentucky, as secretary. The proceedings were conducted in secret session. The committee adjourned at 12 o'clock, and it was announced that it had decided to notify the President at 2 o'clock to-day and also to leave Washington to-morrow evening for Columbus, Ohio, to notify Mr. Tilden. The latter notification was submitted to the committee by Mr. Pettit, of Kentucky, and was accepted by the committee.

The notification committee accompanied by the members of the National Democratic Committee and the Columbus Democratic Club of the District of Columbia, met at the Arlington Hotel at 1:30 o'clock this afternoon, and forming into pairs, marched to the White House.

They were ushered into the East room and arranged themselves in a circle in the South end of the room. Palms filled all the windows and alcoves; that portion of the room, and port-décoré decorated the mantels.

The President was notified of their arrival and descended to the East room, accompanied by the following named persons:

Mrs. Cleveland, Rev. Wm. N. Cleveland, the President's brother and wife, of Forest Port, N. Y., Mrs. W. Hay, the President's sister, of Fayetteville, N. Y., Mr. and Mrs. Lamont, Mr. Bisell, of Buffalo, all of whom were present at the notification of his first nomination, Mr. Bayard, Mr. and Mrs. Fairchild, Mr. and Mrs. Whitney, Mrs. E. Elliott, Mr. Vilas, Mr. and Mrs. Deckertson, Mr. Beauj. Folsom, and Speaker Carlisle.

Their approach was the signal for a general clapping of hands on the part of the visitors and as soon as the party had taken their places General Collins stepped forward and addressed the President as follows:

MR. CLEVELAND: We come as the committee authorized and instructed by the National Democratic Convention, recently held at St. Louis, to convey the formal notice of its action in naming you for the office of President of the United States during the next four years. It would become the occasion of your presence to express at length the full meaning and significance of this great assembly. Its expression will be found and heard elsewhere and otherwise from now till that day in November when this free and intelligent people will accord their approval of your great services as chief Magistrate. We beg to congratulate you upon this hearty and unanimous endorsement of your career as President of the great historic party to which in all the days of your manhood you have belonged, and to congratulate the country upon the assured continuance of your just and patriotic administration.

Upon concluding, Mr. Collins introduced Chas. D. Jacob, of Kentucky, who read the formal letter of notification. After which Mr. Thor. Pettit, secretary of the notification committee, then presented Mr. Cleveland with a handsome engrossed copy of the platform adopted at the National Democratic Convention.

The President then said: "I am not but be profoundly impressed when I see about me the messengers of the National Democracy bearing its summons to duty. The political party to which I owe both allegiance and honor command me. It places in my hand its proud standard and bids me bear it high as the front in the battle which it wages bravely because conscious of right, confidently because its trust is in the people and soberly because it comprehends the obligations which success imposes. The messengers which you bring awaken within me the liveliest sense of personal gratitude and satisfaction and the honor which you tender me is in itself so great that there might well be no room for any other sentiment. And yet I cannot rid myself of grave and serious thoughts when I remember that the supremacy is not alone involved in

the conflict which presses upon us, but that we struggle to secure and save the perished institutions, the welfare and the happiness of a nation of freemen. Familiarity with the great office which I hold has but added to my apprehension of its sacred character and the consecration demanded of him who assumes its immense responsibility. It is the repository of the people's will and power. Within its vision should be the protection and welfare of the humblest citizen and with quick ear it should catch from the remotest corner of the land the plea of the people for justice and for right. For the sake of the people he who holds this office of theirs should resist every encroachment on its legitimate functions, and for the sake of the integrity and usefulness of the office it should be kept near to the people and be administered in full sympathy with their wants and needs. This occasion reminds me most vividly of the scene when four years ago, I received a message from my party similar to that which you now deliver. With all that has passed since that day I can truly say that the feeling of awe with which I heard the summons then is intensified many fold when it is repeated now. Four years ago I knew that our executive office, if not carefully guarded, might drift little by little away from the people to whom it belonged and become a perversion of all it ought to be. But I did not know how much its moorings had already been loosened. I knew four years ago how well devised were the true principles of true democracy for the successful operation of the government by the people and for the people, but I did not know how absolutely necessary their application then was for the restoration to the people of their safety and prosperity. I knew then that abuses and extravagancies had crept into the management of public affairs, but I did not know their various forms, nor the tenacity of their grasp. I knew then something of the bitterness of partisan obstruction, but I did not know how bitter, how reckless, and how shameless it could be. (Prolonged applause.) I knew, too, that the American people were patriotic and just, but I did not know how grandly they loved their country nor how noble and generous they were. I shall not dwell on the acts and the policy of the administration now drawing to its close. Its record is open to every citizen of the land. And yet I will not be denied the privilege of asserting at this time that in the exercise of too high trust confided to me I have yielded obedience only to the Constitution and the solemn obligation of my oath of office. I have done those things which, in the light of the understanding God has given me, seemed most conducive to the welfare of this country and the promotion of good government. I would not, if I could, for myself nor for you, avoid a single consequence of a fair interpretation of my course. It but remains for me to say to you and through you to the Democracy of the nation that I accept the nomination with which they have honored me, and that I will in due time signify such acceptance in the usual formal manner."

The President's remarks were made in an earnest and emphatic manner and were frequently interrupted by applause. This closed the speech-making and then all present proceeded to the State dining room and partook of light refreshments. Afterwards the committee became the guest of the Columbia Club and were driven about the city.

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