A CALAMITY HOWL

Marrison's Parroty Palaver on the Boss-

ties of Protection. To the republicans of Indiana iu convention assembled ex-President Harrison said: "Our people became so rish" under the benign operation of republican tariff laws, "labor was so universally employed at good wages, that men seased to appreciate the danger and the disaster that was involved in an abandonment of protection principles." Yes, "our people" became rich. The

beneficiaries of the protective turiff besome rich. They waxed fat, and lubricated the republican machine with their fatness to their own great advantage. But did the people become rich? Did they become rich collectively or in proportion to their numbers faster under the republican system of commercial and industrial restriction and bondage than they did under the democratic system of comparative freedom? The census returns tell a different story. They show the true valuation of all real and personal property in millions of dollars (000,000 omitted) in the years named, the increase per cent. the value of property per capita and the increase per capita, as follows:

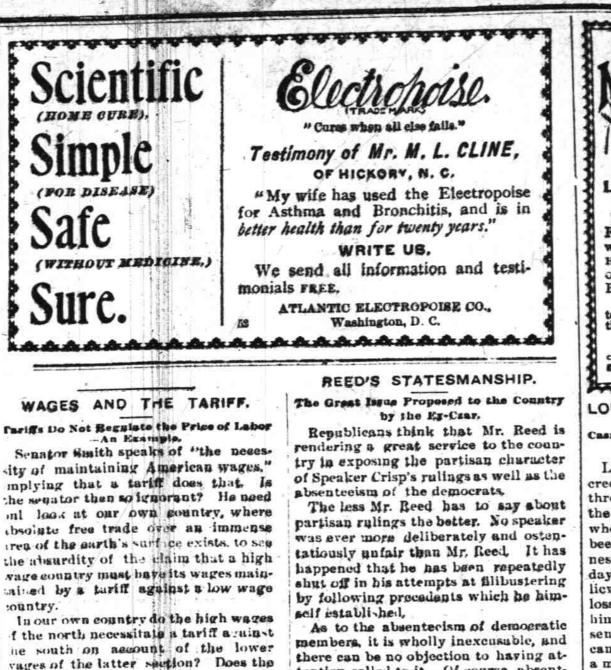
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While it is true that these figures are not conclusive, it is also true that so far as they are trustworthy they show a vastly greater percentage of increase, hoth in aggregate wealth and wealth per capita, during the low tariff decade from 1850 to 1860, than in any of the following high tariff decades. If we should make allowance for the exaggeration of wealth in 1870, due to depreciation of the currency, the difference would be still more striking. The increase of wealth per head of population in the average for the three decades of protection was not much, if any, more than one-third as great per cout as it was during the decade of comparatively free trade.

"Labor was so fully employed at good wages" under protection, says Mr. flarrison. That gentleman is old enough to know that there was comparatively little discontent among working people during the so-called free trade period. He is old enough to know that the strike evil and the tramp disease are almost wholly developments under republican tariff protection.

Without directly referring to the Coxey craze Mr. Harrison strongly en-



tention called to it. Of course, absentvest with its higher wages need proseism is not confined to democrats, ection from the east to maintain that but the latter, being responsible for vage rate? Absolute free trade exists legislation, have stronger reasons for between eastern and western Pennsylbeing in attendance than the members rania, yet in the latter section puldlers of the opposition,

Nevertheless, it is only just, while ex-Speaker Reed is calling attention to democratic neglect of duty, that the attention of the country should be called to what Mr. Reed is doing. He is obstructing the business of the house. He is refusing and instructing his followers to refuse to attend to the business for which they were elected to congress. He is violating the rules of the house. While present at the daily sessions he is pretending to be absent, a line of conduct which he has repeatedly characterized as wholly indofensible. For what purpose is Mr. Reed doing

this? To prevent the passage of some revolutionary measure? To protect the people from some invasion of their rights by an arrogant and unscrupu-



that two drafts, one of \$65 and another of \$82, had come since Casmire's disappearance, ane that there were probably others to follow. The landlord seized the furniture in the office for a few days' rent which is now overdue.

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courages it. He kays the industrial depression from which the country is slowly recovering eatirely to the prospective reduction of the tariff. He tells the people that they owe their prosperity not to their own intelligence, skill and industry, but to government. He tells them that the governmant is the source of prosperity when it is in the hands of his party and the source of alversity when it is in the hands of another party. He tells them that "the cause of this present disastrous depression" is to be found "in the attempt to wipe out protection legistation and to substitute for it the doctrines of a revenue tariff." Congress, he tells them, is to blame, and in so doing he encourages them to organize sheir "peace armies" and march on Washington and demand that congress

restore prosperity. His teaching is calculated still further to undermine the self-reliance of the American people and to inculcate the belief that they are dependent upon government. It is calculated to incite she people to make utterly unreasonable demands and enforce them by violence. And yet he talks glibly about "calm and temperate discussion of great public questions!"

This "calm and temperate" ex-president would have people believe that the existing depression is altogether due to the prospect of some little relief from tariff burdens and exactions. But he knows perfectly well that no panie ever occurred that was not followed by depression more or less severe and prolonged. He knows that there was neither panie nor depression until near the end of last June, although reduction of the tariff was just as well assured nearly eight months before as it has been at any time since. Ho knows shat the panic originated in fear of a sollapse to the silver basis under the operation of an act passed by a republican congress and signed by his own hand. He knows that there was a panic in 1878 which was quite as disastrous as that of 1893, and which was followed by a distressing industrial depression continuing for a period of five long years. He knows that that panic occurred soon after the republicans had won a presidential election by an overwhelming majority, and when there was no possibility of any tariff reduction for at least four years.

And yet, knowing all these things, My. Harrison utteriy ignores them, and seeks to make people believe that the panic of 1893 and the depression following were wholly due to the attempt to wipe out tariff legislation. The truth of the matter is that the depression, which had its origin in the silver scare brought on by republican legislation. has been made more severe by the benefeturies of protection from selfish motives, and is now being prolonged and deepened by republican filibusters in the senate who are actuated by like motives. And the "calm and temperate" ag-president sees fit to encourage both in their mapatriotic course.-Chicago Herald,

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know what he is talking about Wages do not depend upon tariffs. They depend upon the natural resources of a country, on the skill and energy of the laborers and upon the density of the population. In an almost desert country wages would be low either under free trade or under protection, while in a country rich in agricultural and mineral resources, possessing a climate conducise to human energy and a population pressing but lightly upon these natural resources, wages would be high under either policy, and the reason the high-wage country can produce as cheaply as the low-wage country is because of the very natural advantages that make the high wages possible. Pittsburgh, for instance, can pay \$4.50 per ton for puddling and compite with eastern Pennsylvania, where only \$2.50 s pail, because Pattsburgh has natural advantages (proximity to raw material,

get \$4,50 per ton. while in the former

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Will the senator kindly explain how

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this, senator? Or again, senator, how

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European farmers pay and four or five

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Is it the tariff?

etc.) over eastern Pennsylvania. Just so eastern Pennsylvania with free trace can compete with Europe.

The 3,000 miles of ocean which the foreigner must traverse with his gools is a great natural advantage to the American manufacturer-so great an advantage that if the foreign manufacturers got their labor for absolutely nothing, and in addition to this got each laborer to pay them 50 cents a day for the privilege of working for them, still-in most branches of ironmuking, for instance-these foreign manufacturers could not overcome this natural disadvantage to them of 3,000 miles of ocean freight and insurance and land their goods in this country as cheaply as we can produce them (paying existing rates of wages) with raw materials free of duty here.

Senator Smith should hold his tongue and leave tariff blundering to the republicans.-Penusylvania Democrat, in N. Y. World.

ACTION NEEDED.

More Backbone Necessary Among Tariff Reform Leaders.

It was nearly six weeks ago that Senator Voorhees said truly that "prompt and speedy action on peading tariff legislation is required at this time by every patriotic and business consideration." And he added that, the whole subject being very familiar to the people, it required "no further elucidation than will be incident to a full and free debate " What the country needs, he concluded, is "action, action, action."

The time that has elapsed since this declaration was made is more than was occupied in debating and passing the Wilson bill in the house. And nobody complained that the discussion there was not both full and free enough.

In the senate instead of "action, action. action," there has been delay, dalliance and dickering. The enly light that has been thrown on the question has come from a dark lantern. The chief results have been the proposed reimposition of taxes on sugar. coal, iron and lead in the interest of a gigantic trust, a few mining companies and two or three "long-haul" railroads. This is a bad and beggarly showing for six weeks of delay. It would not have come if Chairman Voorhees' resolution were equal to his good intentions. There are too many hinges in his back for a capable party leader. He bends too easily. His spinal column needs a stiffening-rod through it. If the bill had been reported at the time first set the scandalous spectacle of secret logrolling by a few senators to retain McKinley bounties for favored onstituents would have been avoided. It is to be hoped that the days of dilly-dallying are over, and that soon there will be some action -N. Y. World. -ine republicans pretend to be very indignant because the democrats the house are giving one or two democratic contestants seats held by republicans. These are times when dumbness is the only virtue. This is one of those times for the republicans, After the high-handed and cold-blooded manner in which they shaped the rules and systematically turned democrats out of the Reed congress to make a working majority of their own, they only recall to the country their own shame when they protest against any action which their opponents can take in contested election cases -Albany

lous majority? Not at all. Such emergencies have occasionally arisen in congress, and have been deemed justification for a resort to every sort of obstruction that the rules put in the power of the minority. It is known that some of the worst measures ever introduced into congress have been defeated in that way, and the sober second thought of the country has approved both the means and the end. But Mr. Reed is not engaged in any work of this sort.

What Mr. Reed is trying to do is to force the house to adopt his patent device for securing quorums whether a majority of the members vote or notof counting members present, but refusing to vote, and occasionally counting members that are not present. The country got along for a hundrel y-ars without any such rule, but Mr. Reed wishes to demonstrate that it cannot now go on for a single session without it. It requires no demonstration to prove that, is a majority of the members will not do their duty, business cannot be done under any system of rules. But Mr. Reed is desirous of obtaining from the democrats a vindication of his autocratic methods, and he professes to think this important enough to justi y him in obstructing public business. While he is focusing public attention upon democratic absenteeism, he is also giving the country the measure of his conception of statesmanship.

No change in the rules can vindicate the conduct of Mr. Reed when he occupied the chair. He and his friends are fond of referring to a decision o. the supreme court that the house could make rules authorizing the speaker to count a quorum. They call this & vindication. As usual, they suppress the real point at issue. Mr. Reel counted a quorum before any rule was made authorizing him to do so. He put under his feet rathlessly the precedent of a hundred years before they had been renderel inapplicable by a change in the rules. It is this act that no change of rules can ever justify.

It is understood that Mr. Reed is a candidate for the presidency. It is, no doubt, grateful to his feelings to have his action as speaker kept prominently before the country It is pleasant for him to have the business of congress at a standstill awaiting the vindication of the rule which he created and enforced before the house adopted it. Besides, he must enjoy the spectacle of seeing the friends and supporters of his rivals for the republican nomination cheerfully doing his bidding while he seeks to make himself the great issue and to demonstrate that business cannot be done without his consent Nevertheless, it remains to be seen whether this course will impress the country as a demonstration of the surpassing statesmanship of Mr. Reed. The great issue which he proposes to the country is whether it is proper to obstruct public business in order to vindicate the action of a member whom the country's bad luck elevated to the speakership four or five years ago. This is the tremendous issue that the nomina-

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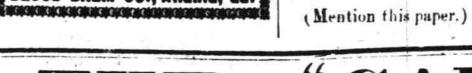
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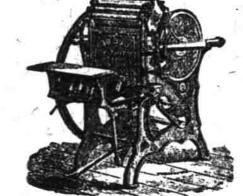
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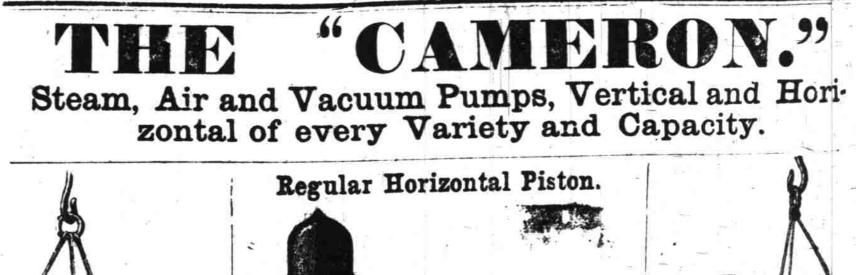
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---- The Indiana republicans patriotically denounce the "hauling down the American flag at Hawaii," despite the fact that the good republican president, who "disavowed" the action of his minister in raising it, was present in the convention .- N. V. Post.

Business Considerations.

In urging the passage of the tariff bill, the New Orleans Picayune (dem.) Auys; "The business interests of the country have been injured by the long suspinse over the tariff bill and business man would welcome a prompt setflement of the question. Besides, the for must not be lost sight of that the going into effect o the new tariff involves certain economic changes which cause more or less friction. It is, therefore, prudent that the bill should be pas ed at an early enough date to ena le the measure to go into-effect as long as possible before the time fixed for the congressional elections of the | Argus ewming fall."

tion of Mr. Reed would present to the country.-Louisville Courier-Journal.

COMMENTS OF THE PRESS.

---- Thomas B. Reed's rules still constitute a putrid reminiscence.-Boston Herald.

-Gov. McKinley has not fully decided whom he will allow to run for vice president when he heads the ticket. What's the matter with John Sabine Smith?-Detroit Free Press.

-Napoleon McKinley is booming along on a wave of temporary and fictitious popularity, but he will come down with a bump long before he attains the throne.-Chicago Herald, -Republican editors who were

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