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If so, why does it not sit 1884? The evil is far greater now than it was ten years ago.

Simplification and reduction of tariffs and taxes—the people must have these measures of present relief.

Ab, does he propose to lower it in 1884? If so, why? Let the people—the oppressed people Mr. Tilden talked of ten years ago, have an answer.

Mr. Tilden was nominated for the Presidency two years afterwards—in 1876. Where did he stand then? Had he "lowered the flag" then? What said the platform?

Ab, here it is—"only for Revenue." There is no Sam Randalism in these ringing words.

From a noble party of principles it threatens to become a party of mere shifting, time-serving expediency.

But did Mr. Tilden agree to accept the nomination with such a plank in the platform? He did.

What the committee appointed by the National Convention to inform him of his nomination said:

Now present you with the declaration of principles adopted by the Convention, and we have no doubt that you will recognize in this declaration measures of political policy which immediately concern the happiness and welfare of the entire people of this country.

Now what did he say? Did he tell them that he would not carry out in good faith the principles and policy announced by the Convention. Nay, but he said:

"If your choice should be ratified by the people at the election, I should enter upon the great duties which would fall upon me very much in the spirit of consecration in which the soldier enters battle."

With these declarations before the country Samuel J. Tilden was elected by more than a quarter of a million majority.

What is there in that fact to make Democrats timid, unstable, unsteady in 1884. If Mr. Tilden is honest and trustworthy he would be with the Reformers now if in the Congress.

Senator Blair on Government Education. The debate on educating the masses by the Paternal Government has opened.

Mr. Blair says that "nearly three-fourths of the illiterate voters of the country are in the Southern States, those States having one-third of the voters of the country."

Certain eminent Southern "educators"—it used to be teachers—"had expressed the conviction that many of the States (Southern) were unable to meet the difficulties which illiteracy was imposing upon them."

Senator Blair contends that there had been no "diminution" of this stupendous "illiteracy" between 1870 and 1880. That is not true as to the South, but let it go as a fact that there has been no "diminution."

The proportion of white people in the Union in 1880 who could not write was 6.96 per cent.; of blacks 47.70 per cent.

Mark you, there has been no "diminution of illiteracy," and of the white population there are 93.04 per cent. that can read, according to Blair. This looks as if illiteracy was not so great among the whites after

all. But still illiteracy brought on the war. The whites brought it on, and not the blacks. Blair's figuring will not do.

Now go back again. Blair says three-fourths of the illiteracy is in the South. Of the negroes 47.70 are illiterate.

He proposes to distribute so many millions yearly upon a "basis of illiteracy." That looks fair. It looks very fair, but read farther.

These millions are not to be distributed upon the basis of illiteracy at all only when the States raise themselves and expend for educational purposes one-third of the sum to be given by Paternal Government.

That is to say, illiteracy is most dense in North Carolina, South Carolina and Arkansas. Wherever there is illiteracy there is poverty.

But yet these illiterate and poor States in order to draw the Paternal help must raise one-third as much as it is proposed shall be given in aid.

North Carolina has say 47.70 of illiterates. She is poor, but she must raise \$1,000,000 to receive \$3,000,000.

Massachusetts is very rich. She can raise and does raise millions for her public schools.

She needs no help for there is not much illiteracy, but still the Paternal Institution at Washington that is to go into the wholesale pedagogic business gives Massachusetts \$1,000,000 more or less.

And so with the rich and flourishing States generally. The rich and prosperous are helped, whilst the poor are burdened.

The Blair bill reminds us of the High Tariff. It favors the rich and oppresses the poor.

There is no sincerity in Blair's plan. By it the rich and prosperous North will get what it does not need, whilst the poor and illiterate South will not find relief only by burdening itself to reach it.

Blair believed all he said, he would have moved that the South receive three-fourths of the \$15,000,000 for the first year because he says that illiteracy is a most direful curse to the country and the South has three-fourths of that curse.

But he proposes no such measure. He does not really go to work in a sensible way to remove the curse.

There is 47.70 per cent. of illiteracy among the negroes. They can not be taught unless the whites in the South will agree to tax themselves one dollar for every three dollars that the Paternal Pedagogic Institution may bestow.

What we have said we have not considered the Constitutional features. We do not believe that the Congress has any right to make this distribution in the first place, and if it has then this follows: the President must have charge.

We will consider this more at length hereafter. We have already in several editorials pointed our objections to this scheme of taxing the people by the Federal Government just to help the States educate their voters.

It is another effort to make the people lean on Paternal Government. The States can tax themselves to educate their own children. Why take from the States \$15,000,000 in taxes just to return it to the States to be expended in a given way? Why not let the States attend to home affairs? Why break down local self-government?

No good, sound Democrat can vote for any such measure. He may call himself one but he is not advanced as far as the horn-book of true Democracy if he favors the grand Republican, Hamiltonian scheme of Paternal Government Pedagogy.

THE LATEST NEWS

FROM ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD. EARTHQUAKE. Newfoundland Gets a Big Shake.

St. John's, N. F., March 19.—A violent shock of earthquake was experienced here yesterday. The weight of the disturbance was felt in the vicinity of Harbor Grace, Heart's Content, Hart's Harbor, Brigus Bay, Roberts and Hollyford.

OBITUARY. Sudden Death of Madame Anna Bishop.

New York, March 19.—Madame Anna Bishop, once a famous singer, who had a world-wide reputation, died suddenly last night of apoplexy, at her residence on Park Avenue.

FINANCIAL. New York Stock Market—Prices Irregular.

New York, March 19, 11 A. M.—The stock market opened strong, but declined to 1 1/2 per cent., the latter in Pacific Mail, which fell off to 54 1/2.

Neuralgia and Sick Headache. In Aurora, Ill., lives Mrs. Wm. Henson. She says: "Some years ago I was cured of neuralgia, vertigo and sick headache."

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COMMERCIAL

WILMINGTON MARKET. STAR OFFICE, March 19, 4 P. M. SPIRITS TURPENTINE—The market was quoted firm, at 81 1/2 cents per gallon.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—The market was steady, with sales reported at \$1 25 for Hard and \$2 00 for Yellow Dip.

COTTON—The market was quoted firm, with small sales reported on a basis of 10 1/2 cents per lb for Middling.

PEANUTS—Market firm, with sales reported on a basis of \$1 35 for Prime, \$1 50 for Extra Prime, and \$1 60 for 70 for Fancy.

DOMESTIC MARKETS. Cotton quiet, with sales to-day of 487 bales; middling uplands 11-11 1/2; Orleans 11-11 1/2.

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New York Peanut Market. N. Y. Journal of Commerce, March 18. The movement is in small lots to a moderate extent at generally firm prices.

SAVANNAH Rice Market. Savannah News, March 18. The market continues steady and unchanged.

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