

Mr. Brewer says that strong hopes are entertained that this combination may be formed. It is the little game of the Protectionists...

For a full year the Star has warned the Democrats against the dangerous proposition to abolish the internal tax. In a hundred editorials we have charged that to cut off the tax on spirits and tobacco was to fasten and rivet it upon the common necessities of all men who labor for a living.

REPUBLICAN WASTE. In 1860 James Buchanan expended \$30,000,754.41. Twenty-three years afterward it took some 300 millions, or six times as much.

THE GAME IN THE CONGRESS. The game playing in Washington ought to be one of intense interest to the American people in as much as their prosperity to a considerable extent is involved.

Exclusive of all additional expenditures caused by the war and its results, let us look at the ordinary expenditures. We will take up four years of the Democratic rule:

Table with 2 columns: Year, Amount. Rows for Buchanan (1860-1869), Grant (1869-1877), Hayes (1877-1885), and Tilden (1885-1893).

It is a contest in fact between Monopoly that oppresses and robs and the people who have been plundered for more than twenty years.

The fight has opened. The Protectionists and their allies are moving in the matter of the Tariff. Bills have been introduced by them of two kinds:

One proposes to increase the tax on certain articles. The other proposes to abolish the internal revenue tax, the result of which will be to keep up inevitably the high tax on the necessities of life.

Senator Butler, of South Carolina, has introduced such a bill in the Senate, and Representative Scales, of North Carolina, has introduced such a bill in the House. They are designedly or undesignedly playing into the hands of the Protectionists, and if their bills should pass the fact would stare the Democrats of the Union full in the face.

The Democrat who brings about such a calamity is unfit to be trusted. He should be invited to the shades of private life. He is no friend of the people, however much he may be the friend of "moonshiners," who glory in violating law and in defying the Government.

The free whiskey and free tobacco faction in the Congress is not dominant. In fact it is not a very large faction we hope and believe. No man, in view of the facts, can ask the Congress to abolish 140 millions of dollars on whiskey, beer, &c., and not aid most materially the Protection faction.

The level-headed men in the Congress say that the wiping out of the whiskey and tobacco tax would produce a positive deficit of some thirty millions or more.

The Charleston News and Courier and every other leading South Carolina paper that we have noticed have condemned Senator Butler's movement squarely. None of them favors the wiping out of the internal tax.

The Washington correspondent of the News and Courier writes on the 19th as follows:

"The protectionist faction now in Congress, for it is a very small faction of either party, is composed of the same elements that formed the combination for the defeat of the last tariff bill. It is just as grasping and as greedy as the coalition into the breach to agitate the nation."

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The Ways and Means Committee have control of the Reform movement. The Democratic members are Morrison, chairman; Mills, of Texas; Blount, of Georgia; Blackburn, of Kentucky; Hewitt, of New York; Herbert, of Alabama; Hurd, of Ohio, and Jones, of Arkansas.

The most of these are decided. Tariff Reformers. The Republicans are Kelley, of Pa.; McKinley, of Ohio; Hiseock, of N. Y.; Russell, of Mass.; and Kasson, of Iowa. They are all pronounced Protectionists except Kasson. He is not committed to tariff revision.

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