

THE DEMOCRAT.

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MR. CLEVELAND'S LETTER.

We surrender much of our editorial space this week to give room for the President's letter to Hon. Wm. L. Wilson, Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee and who has championed the tariff bill.

The clause for criticism by our people is what he says about the tax on sugar.

Sugar was once a luxury, but has now come to be a necessity; so the people wish it free.

Mr. Cleveland has not favored the income tax, but waives his objection to that in the interest of good legislation.

On the whole, the letter is a clear and forcible paper and deserves to be studied and acted upon by the Congress.

POLITICAL STRAWS.

Communicated.

I hear a little politics occasionally, and find that the backwoods farmer is as conversant with the financial situation as John Sherman who is said to have studied finance for a long time and from a business standpoint.

One thing we can all do—all can select clean, honest men to represent us and relegate to the rear blatant demagogues, whose eyes are on office and only care for the "dear people" about election time and whose demagogical appeals for office make a patriot tired.

Let the old time plan, which now seems to have relapsed into "innocuous desuetude" of letting the office seek the man, and letting the office seeking demagogue severely alone, be who they may; and all will be well and the glorious principles of Jeffersonian democracy will redeem us from the thralldom of political potroons and tricksters.

The man who don't do right, politically, as well as in other ways for fear it will hurt his influence is not worth the skin he is wrapped up in. Don't think of somebody else but consider yourself. An honest effort beats dishonest success two to the game.

I have no particular choice for congressman. I endorse what you say as to Mr. Dunn. I believe him to be a level headed, honest, fair, clean man such as we must have if we would prosper in our law making.

I've not liked some things Mr. Woodard did; he may have been influenced too much by cross road leaders in some of his appointments and thus turned out of office good democrats and put in democrats "for revenue only." Yet I believe he was deceived by these little bosses, and I am a Woodard man, believing he is a Christian gentleman of ability and desiring fairness.

Ringwood, N. C. G. E. M.

SECOND DISTRICT DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION.

The Democratic Convention of the Second Congressional District of North Carolina will meet in Rocky Mount on Wednesday, August 22, 1894, for the purpose of nominating a member of Congress and for the transaction of such other business as may come before it.

By order of Ex. Com. JNO. A. COLLINS, Chairman.

ETERNAL VIGILANCE

Is the price of health. But with all our precaution there are enemies always lurking about our system, only waiting a favorable opportunity to assert themselves. Impurities in the blood may be hidden for years or even for generations and suddenly break forth, undermining health and hastening death.

IS IT WIT, OR WISDOM?

If the Third party people all through the State will adopt and publish such resolutions as were adopted by the Edgecombe county Third party convention, they will show up badly before intelligent and reasonable people.

We cannot see how any man with proper ideas can either join or continue to affiliate with a party that adopts such a jargon of meaningless sentences as resolutions to represent their principles.

We print them, not for their literary merit in any sense of the word, neither for the principles they enunciate, but to let that part of the world with which this paper comes in contact, see how senseless a jargon of words men may be induced to endorse.

The following resolutions were adopted by a unanimous rising vote:

Resolved, That we, the Hon. Grover Cleveland, the President of the United States, in the language of the campaign speakers of 1892, "is greater than his party," and that "we love him for the enemies he has made," and by his administration he has proved that he is still greater than his party.

Resolved, 1st, That we love him for the Populists he has made by his "soup house" administration.

2nd, That we thank him for leading his party into the ranks of the gold bug plutocracy, so that his honest but deluded followers might see "where he and they were at."

3rd, That we have not seen the good times promised by the "give us a chance" speakers in 1892, and also by his message to Congress on the repeal of the Sherman silver bill; that probably they have been lost in the committee room, in the scramble over the tariff bill; that we recommend that he appoint a committee to search for the same.

4th, That while we do not approve of the Coxe method of petition to the goldbug and monopolist Congress, by going to Washington to look for the good times promised by Mr. Cleveland and Congressmen, yet we sympathize with them in their distress, and recommend that hereafter they make their petition at the ballot box; that should they ever again go to interview a goldbug monopolist Congress, they should travel on palace cars and have their pockets filled with gold; or make the trip in balloons so as to "keep off the grass."

5th, That hereafter when the "dear people" assist the monopolists and their agents to get into power and office, they, "the damn people" should immediately after the election, take a trip to the moon or some other place and stay until the next election day, so as to save expense of providing them with "free soup."

6th, That if Mr. Cleveland will aid us in the future as in the past, we pledge him that we will bury him by ballots in '96, so deep in private life that Queen Lil can never find him.

7th, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the Caucasian with the urgent request that same be published; and other reform papers be requested to publish same.

JAS. B. LLOYD, Chairman. F. B. LLOYD, Sec'y.

RAILROAD OWNERSHIP.

T. E. W. in N. Y. World.

The total capital supposed to be invested in railroads is one-sixth the total wealth of the United States, \$10,553,624,359, equal to the total value of the farms in 1880, which supported one-half the population, and to nearly one-half the assessed valuation of the taxed property in the United States.

But not one-fifth of this can be honest investment, for it represents an average of \$60,000 per mile for every little single track siding in the United States. The 8,001 miles of New York are credited with \$884,637,111 invested; Pennsylvania's 8,459 miles with \$1,112,486,755; while Illinois's 19,576 miles are worth \$933,131,367 and Ohio's 12,292 represent \$929,765,831.

The gross earnings in the year are \$1,191,857,099; the net earnings \$352,817,405. The Government of the United States is but an infant by the side of this Goliath. Is it any wonder that the Senate is merely a club for its attorneys; that it can make one of its servants Attorney-General and put any number of its clerks and bee-feetors on the benches of the State and Federal Courts?

Before any one talks of State or Federal ownership of the railways let him get a railroad manual and see what it means. It would take nearly one-half the assessed wealth of Pennsylvania to buy its railroads, and in some States the assessed value of the taxed property is not one-half that of the railways. As an illustration, take Wyoming. The assessed value of the taxed property in 1890 was \$31,000,000; the true valuation of all property, taxed and untaxed, the amount for which anything within the State boundaries, including the land (but excluding the railroads) could be sold for was \$46,000,000. The investments in railroads in the State was \$76,596,354, and the amount actually put into road and equipment was \$61,245,147. How can Wyoming buy her railways?

SENATORS TO BE ELECTED BY THE PEOPLE.

(Correspondence to THE DEMOCRAT.) WASHINGTON, D. C., July 23, '94.

Since the beginning of time great men have upon momentous occasions resorted to extraordinary methods of focusing public attention upon certain things.

One of those occasions was when President Cleveland's letter to Chairman Wilson, pointing out the betrayal of the democratic party by certain of the Senate amendments and urging him and his colleagues on the part of the House to stand by the House bill, which is strictly in accordance with the principles professed by a long line of democratic national platforms.

As matters now stand, it is in the power of that band-fled of democratic Senators to prevent any tariff legislation and leave the obnoxious McKinley law on the statute books, and some of them have gone so far as to publicly announce that they would vote against any report made from the conference that changed the Senate amendments; but the hope still remains that they will after careful thought discover that Senator Hill spoke words of wisdom when he told them that they were wrong and President Cleveland right, and that sooner or later they would be compelled to surrender, because the President in demanding that the tariff bill provide for free raw materials was but reiterating the demand to-day, and for years past, of ninety-five per cent. of the democratic party.

The Conference committee will again try to reach an agreement this week, but it must be admitted that the prospects for success are not promising, although some of the most level headed democrats in both House and Senate are earnestly working to calm the irritation and arouse the party fealty of those democrats who feel personally aggrieved at the tone and language of President Cleveland's letter.

The House passed on Saturday by a vote of 137 to 49—a two-thirds vote being required—the Tucker resolution providing for an amendment to the Constitution, for the election of U. S. Senators by direct vote of the people. This is the second time the House has put itself on record on this question, but the Senate has never even taken it up seriously and there is little probability that it will do so now, although there are a dozen or more Senators who have publicly endorsed the idea.

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The Third party about here is getting desperate. So-called missionaries are now being sent among our merchants and business men, threatening them with a boycott if they refuse to support their "principles."

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THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER.

EXECUTIVE MANSION. WASHINGTON, D. C., July 2, 1894. (PERSONAL.)

HON. WM. L. WILSON:

My Dear Sir: The certainty that a conference will be ordered between the two houses of Congress for the purpose of adjusting differences on the subject of tariff legislation, makes it almost certain that you will be again called on to do hard service in the cause of tariff reform. My public life has been so closely related to the subject, I have so longed for its accomplishment, and I have so often promised its realization to my fellow-countrymen, as a result of their trust and confidence in the Democratic party, that I hope no excuse is necessary for my earnest appeal to you that in this crisis you strenuously insist upon party honesty and good faith and a sturdy adherence to Democratic principles.

I believe these absolutely necessary conditions to the continuation of Democratic existence. I cannot get rid of the feeling that this conference will present the best if not the only hope of true Democracy. Indications point to its action as the reliance of those who desire the genuine fruition of Democratic effort, the fulfillment of Democratic pledges, and the redemption of Democratic promises to the people.

To reconcile differences in the details comprised within the fixed and well-defined lines of principle will not be the sole task of the conference, but as it seems to me, its members will also have in charge the question whether Democratic principles themselves are to be saved or abandoned.

There is no excuse for mistaking or misapprehending the feeling and the temper of the rank and file of the Democracy. They are downcast under the assertion that their party fails in ability to manage the government, and they are apprehensive that efforts to bring about tariff reform may fail; but they are much more downcast and apprehensive in their fear that Democratic principles may be surrendered.

One topic will be submitted to the conference which embodies Democratic principles so directly that it cannot be compromised. We have in our platform and in every way possible declared in favor of the free importation of raw materials. We have again and again promised that this should be accorded to our people and our manufacturers as soon as the Democratic party was invested with the power to determine the tariff policy of the country.

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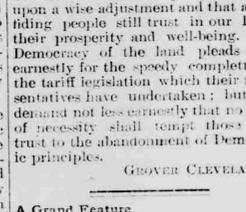
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With all there is at stake there must be in the treatment of this article some ground upon which we are all willing to stand, where conciliation may be allowed to solve the problem, without demanding the entire surrender of fixed and conscientious convictions.

I ought not to prolong this letter. I think I have written is unwelcome. I beg you to believe in my good intentions. In the conclusions of the conference touching the numerous items which will be considered, the people are not afraid that their interests will be neglected. They know that the general results as far as these are concerned will be to place home necessities and comforts easier within their reach and to insure better and surer compensation to those who toil.

There is a general agreement that this is party duty. This is more palpably apparent when we realize that the business of our country timidly stands and watches for the result of our efforts to perfect tariff legislation; that a quick and certain return of prosperity waits upon a wise adjustment and that a confiding people still trust in our hands their prosperity and well-being.

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