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BRICE AND QUAY.

The great battle of 1888 has begun in earnest. The way the Democratic army began their fight was in striking contrast with the cautious manner of the Republican chieftains. The Democratic leaders started in cheerfully, confidently and harmoniously. Unlike their enemy, they were as a unit.

The National Campaign Committees have been organized. Neither Scott nor Wallace could accept the Chairmanship of the Democratic Committee, and Calvin S. Brice, of Ohio, was placed in nomination by Col. Scott, and unanimously elected. Mr. Brice is the personal and political friend of Judge Thurman. He is a man of great executive ability, and his acceptance of the position gives universal satisfaction to his party. Although a citizen of Ohio, his home is really in New York where he has great influence with the leading business men of the country.

Senator Matt S. Quay, of Pennsylvania, is the Chairman of the Republican Campaign Committee. He belongs to the Pennsylvania school of politics, which teaches the rules of "Addition, Division and Silence." His family crest bears the motto, "Don't talk." "It is said that he has a political conscience as large as BILL CHANDLER'S when it is in full operation."

It must be conceded that both Chairmen are well suited for the work expected of them by their friends. If they succeed in carrying their respective States Cleveland will be elected.

THE TAX ON FRUIT BRANDY.

In the House on Tuesday last when the internal revenue clause of the Mills bill was under discussion Mr. Simmons made the following remarks:

Mr. SIMMONS. Mr. Chairman, my absence when the amendment offered by my colleague (Mr. Johnston) for the repeal of the internal revenue system was under consideration, is my excuse for not troubling the House with some general remarks upon the subject of that amendment.

I am, as I said in the course of my remarks submitted to this House during the month of May, in favor of the total repeal of every part and parcel of that odious system, and as are the people of the State which I in part represent here. But anxious as I am for the repeal of the system and the removal of the restrictions which it imposes upon the liberty of the individual citizen and upon the commerce of the country, I recognize the fact, as do many other gentlemen on this side of the House, who agree with me in wishing its abrogation, that under present financial conditions its repeal at this time is not only impracticable but out of the question.

It must be manifest to every mind should the Government surrender the \$120,000,000 annually derived from this source, with an annual surplus of less than \$70,000,000, there would be a deficit in the Treasury at the end of the present fiscal year of fully \$50,000,000.

Of course no party responsible for the legislation of the country can be expected deliberately to provide for a deficit of such proportions, or by any legal enactment to invite financial disaster. But worse than this, if this system should be totally abolished there would be no room,

even to the extent of a penny for the reduction of the extravagantly high and unjust taxes now imposed by vicious and insupportable tariff laws upon the necessities of life consumed in every household in the land. When it comes to me, as it has now come to me, to choose between cheap whisky and cheaper food and clothes for the masses of the people (which also means larger comforts and better education) do not morality, humanity, and sound policy require that I should make choice in favor of the latter? [Applause on the Democratic side.]

In so choosing, the Democratic party does not abate one iota its opposition to the internal revenue system nor its fixed determination to release the people from its operation at the earliest possible moment.

I am satisfied when the people have come to understand that this bill removes \$24,000,000 of the \$30,000,000 of taxes now levied upon tobacco, that it repeals the license taxes, and that it greatly modifies the machinery of the system, effectually providing against many of the vexations and annoyances which have heretofore marked its enforcement, they will accept, if not with satisfaction, at least with good grace the step which it makes in the direction of the repeal of the whole system. [Applause on the Democratic side.] They will accept it as an earnest on the part of the Democratic party that they will repeal the whole system when the opportunity offers.

From the Republicans we have nothing to expect. That party not only inaugurated this system of taxation, after a disuse of more than forty years, but has during the entire period of its supremacy in this country, maintained it, with certain exceptions, in favor of capital, banks, manufacturers, and insurance companies.

If the platform of that party, recently adopted at Chicago, upon this subject is stripped of its disguise and subjected to a fair and honest interpretation it will be found to be a declaration against the repeal of this system, as well as a declaration in favor of high tariff taxation. Fairly interpreted that platform means that the tax upon whisky will never be surrendered so long as that party can prevent it, and then only as a last resort to preserve its unholy system of protective taxes.

[Here the hammer fell.] On motion of Mr. McMillin, Mr. Simmons was allowed to proceed five minutes longer.

Mr. SIMMONS. The reasons which exist and which have been urged with such overpowering force by the Ways and Means Committee against the total repeal of the internal revenue system cannot, I think, with justice, be urged against the amendment of the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. Wise) to remove the tax from cigars, cigarettes, and cheroots, nor against the amendment of the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. Sowden) for the repeal of the tax upon fruit brandy.

The revenue at present received by the Government from the taxes imposed upon the articles covered by these amendments amounts to but little over \$7,000,000 per annum. That is a comparatively small amount, and I believe it can be surrendered without inconvenience to the Government or perceptibly interfering with the Democratic policy of reducing taxes upon necessities.

I have been surprised at some of the arguments advanced on both sides of this House against these two amendments. Certain gentlemen of the Ways and Means Committee tell us that there is no way of distinguishing between whisky and brandy, and if the tax is retained upon the one and removed from the other frauds will be rife and the whole system demoralized. I think the gentlemen underrated the delicate taste of our deputy internal-revenue collectors. With the system of detectives, espionage, and surveillance which the Government employs in this system I can not believe that the fraud of substituting whisky for brandy one which will prove too formidable for the Government. If there is no scientific test (and my friend from Tennessee says there is none) for detecting the adulteration of whisky with brandy we may with good reason hope, if the amendment of my friend from Pennsylvania prevails, inventive genius will be stimulated and one will in due time be discovered.

The opposition of our Republican friends to the repeal of the tax on cigars and cigarettes is the same old argument which we have been accustomed to hear from them during the last two months. The gentleman from New York (Mr. Farquhar) informs the House if these taxes are repealed it will ruin certain large factories in his State and throw their employes out of work. How much sameness there is in the arguments of these gentlemen. If we propose to reduce the taxes on imports they tell us it will ruin the industries concerned. If we propose to reduce direct taxes

we are again threatened with calamities. Do the gentlemen mean to say that high taxes beget prosperity? Do they mean to say that every industry must be fostered by taxing its product?

I have no doubt the larger manufacturers of cigars and cigarettes are benefited by this tax and that they are loath to give up this advantage. The great whisky rings of the West are likewise, no doubt, benefited by keeping the tax upon the poor man's orchard and suppressing the competition which would be the result of the distillation of the fruits of those orchards, but neither the small manufacturers of cigars and cigarettes nor the producer of the weed out of which they are made, nor the poor man who owns an orchard in the districts of my colleagues and myself are benefited by these taxes.

Let us be done with arguing in favor of these millionaire manufacturers and these great whisky rings and combinations, and let us do for once some sort of justice to the small dealers, who are neither able nor disposed to combine into unlawful trusts or to influence legislation for the advancement of their selfish interests.

I hope both the amendment for the repeal of the tax on cigars, etc., and the amendment for the removal of taxes on fruit brandies will prevail.

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