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GROVER, the "stuffed prophet" was a prominent figure at the Thurman banquet at Columbus, Ohio, yesterday.

The Journal says Bryan is all right and don't slop over. Well, the Journal slops over so much it makes Bryan sick he will probably guard against it.

The Union Pacific railway is said to have fallen into the hands of Jay Gould again. This will doubtless result in Mr. Adams retiring from the presidency, greatly to the relief of many of the Omaha officials.

The alliance legislature will be heavy enough for Messrs. Rosewater and Boyd - The veto embargo provided for by the Omaha vote will not be large enough to blanket the will of the representatives in their legislative capacity. This was one thing the Omaha statesmen could not regulate by the Omaha vote - had it been in reach it would have been duly snowed under.

THE HERALD wants the Journal to visit the principle business houses on Main street and find out and state to its readers the advance on all kinds of goods during the past thirty days; and also to be sure and note the decline in prices during the same period. Brothers, prices are going down. What is the matter anyhow? Give us names and prices - or else admit that you lied about the McKinley bill.

No. ONE, volume one, of the Perris California New Era, reaches this office, and gives evidence of a live, energetic community back of it. W. S. Wise is vice president of the printing company that issues the New Era. We also notice the advertisement of the Perris Valley bank, with a paid up capital of \$50,000, of which institution J. M. Patterson jr. appears as cashier.

CHURCH HOWE is a very bright politician. But when he says in reference to the McKinley bill that he is opposed to any measure which favors the east and injures the west, he is giving utterance to a species of very rotten rot. The idea that a tariff would make the purchasing power of a dollar any different in New Hampshire from what it is here, only need be mentioned to intelligent men that the fallacy may be perceived.

In ancient times and even today among the primitive peoples where the gods are of mixed character good and evil, the people worshiped the good ones in prosperity, but when adversity struck 'em hard they went straight over to the devil and endeavored to make friends with him. They were for the god that appeared to be on top whatever his character.

By the same token, in adversity the people instinctively abandon the republican party in this country. It is human nature. During the war it was well understood that if our arms were whipped the democrats would win the elections. If they gained a big victory republican stock went up kiting.

OMAHA holds her city election in three weeks from last Tuesday, and notwithstanding the unanimity that prevailed there recently, there is serious signs of a disagreement which we are very sorry to note.

The democrats and anti prohibitionists "owned the town" last evening, gleefully remarks the Omaha newspaper just as though they had not owned the town all along for the last three months. Give us something new.

A SPRINGFIELD, Nebraska democrat by the name of Nichols took his fourteen year old son to see the democrat blow out at Omaha Tuesday night. The boy was swallowed up in the crowd and has not been seen or heard of since.

THE World Herald says that Editor Shannon of Plattsmouth took in the parade Tuesday night in that city. We know all along that Sherman was ashamed of his crowd but we did not know before under what nom de plume he was sailing.

Mr. RICHARDS could have been elected had he given Edward Rosewater and the Omaha politicians an assurance that he would do just what Mr. Boyd will do, if he is elected governor of this state, and that was veto any measure the Alliance legislature may see fit to pass which the Omaha gang do not approve of. This was the alternative given Mr. Richards and he met them in a manner which endeared him to the heart of every square honest republican in Nebraska. Mr. Richards, like a man, refused to sell himself to the anti-prohibition-rosegay crowd of Omaha and give them a pledge in advance that he would veto this and that measure. Mr. Rosewater saw in advance what every shrewd politician in Nebraska saw, and that was, that the Alliance would control the next legislature of the state. He feared the measures likely to be enacted by that body and he demanded a governor in advance to do his bidding. Mr. Richards proved not to be the man. Now the Alliance will be able to understand Nebraska democracy before the present session of the legislature is over.

WE FANCY we can detect a tinge of disappointment and regret in the tone of the Omaha Bee when it has to admit that the vote is unpleasantly close on governor, with the chances about even between Boyd, Powers and Richards. The gleeful announcement that "Boyd is safe," is lacking. Then if Boyd is defeated, Moses O'Brien and his chosen band of loyal (?) republicans, among which of course we number the editor of the Bee, Col. Roggen, that immaculate barrister Webster, and the late lamented legislative ticket of Douglas county, whose war cry on election day was, "trade Richards for votes," will be handicapped in their celebration of the grand victory which they will all celebrate with Mr. Boyd and the Personal Liberty League which fought, bled and died for Boyd and victory. If Powers is elected and the alliance legislature overhauls that Omaha vote, we can look for rich developments. Precincts which last seven and eight hundred votes and give Mr. Richards only a dozen or twenty, while the congressman and legislative ticket (republican) always get two and three, and in many cases two or three hundred times as many votes, as the leader of their ticket gets, ought to be investigated; for, of course when these gentlemen (republicans) tell us they all voted for Mr. Richards, we are bound to believe them - in a horn.

SURRENDER? NOT MUCH. Indianapolis Journal.

The proposition made in some quarters that the republican party shall abandon the McKinley law and back down on the tariff question is conceived in fear and brought forth in cowardice. Such a course would stultify the whole career of the party and go far towards proving that it never ought to have existed. Suppose that in 1856, when the first republican candidate for President was defeated, it had been proposed to disband the party; suppose that when the southern states, encouraged by the democratic party of the north, began to secede and threaten war it had been proposed that Mr. Lincoln resign as the only way to save the party and the Union; suppose that after the first disaster of Bull Run, or any of the great disasters of the war, it had been proposed that the republican party make a public recantation of its principles and abandon the government to the democrats; suppose that in 1864, when the Democratic National Convention declared the war for the preservation of the Union a failure, and when many timid people believed them, Abraham Lincoln had issued a proclamation declaring an armistice and convening a democratic congress to agree on terms of peace; suppose that after the election of 1874 or 1882, in which the democracy made great and alarming gains, it had been proposed that the republican party should abandon the field and accept terms of surrender from the victorious democracy. To have done the thing supposed

in any of these cases would not have been more cowardly and ignominious than to surrender now one iota of the principle of protection or change one line or word of the McKinley law.

PURE GALL

For unadulterated gall we commend the following from the Omaha World-Herald. The idea that the independent party has any following in Omaha or cares to contest an election where Omaha is the principal beneficiary, is certainly ridiculous.

"A large number of the leaders of the independent party had a meeting at Gate City Hall last night to consider the rumors which have been afloat for the last few days regarding the election. There was a long and serious discussion, but there was no difference of opinion. Every man who expressed himself was opposed to a contest, unless there should be shown positive and undeniable proof that there had been fraud. They all wanted to see the man have the office who had received the greatest number of legal votes, no matter who he was."

WHEN the Bank of freetrade England has to appeal to the banks of France and Russia, it is not surprising that Lord Salisbury embraces the Germans, when France and Russia show too much affection for each other. Russia and France could humble all Europe, including the distinguished Briton.

THE McKinley law closed cigar factories in Cuba and threw several thousand workmen out of employment. But why do the democrats mourn over this if it gives labor to several thousand men at home. Smokers never swear off. The demand will not decrease and the supply must be furnished at home.

SUGAR, TIN AND FRUITS.

We find the democratic press unanimously noisy in a demand that the canners of fruits shall raise the prices of their products "on account of the infamous increased duty on tin," and we find them just as unanimously silent in a demand that they should reduce the prices of their products on account of the virtually decreased duty on sugar.

Why is this thus? Why does the democratic press desire that the price of everything should be raised and nothing lowered? Why does it desire an abridgement of the general comfort of the people?

Neither on tin nor on sugar has the tariff yet effected a change of duty. But in March the duty on sugar will be decreased very greatly; in July the duty on tinware will be increased very slightly. After March the canners will pay 36c less on every dozen three pound cans of fruit, assuming that one and a half pounds of sugar are used in every three pound can. After July they will pay about 6c per dozen more for cans, assuming that the increased duty is added to the cost of tin, and the decreased duty is taken from the cost of sugar.

Thus, upon a tariff basis, there will be a net reduction of 36c per dozen upon three pound cans of fruit.

But, for all that, the democratic press is encouraging the fruit canners to raise prices. One would like to ask, why?

WHY CALIFORNIA WAS SOLID.

San Francisco Chronicle. Since the results of Tuesday's elections have become known many people are wondering why California should have gone solidly republican when so many of the Eastern and Western states have leaned so decidedly toward democracy and free trade.

There are two reasons. In the first place, California understands and appreciates the McKinley will better and more clearly than any state in the Union. She sees that the operation of the new tariff law must necessarily be beneficial to her because her leading industries receive an adequate measure of protection. Her natural products are protected against undue foreign competition, and so she votes for the maintenance of a fiscal policy which is plainly to her advantage, and which she has been shrewd enough to comprehend at once.

In the second place, our contest in the Congressional election was not complicated by side issues. The question of protection versus free trade was presented squarely to the people of California, and the result was a natural, and proper victory for protection. Our producers of wine and raisins and prunes and hops and barley and other products could not see their way to sending men to congress who were not in direct sympathy with their interests, and consequently we elect a solid republican delegation.

It is the fashion of the East to think of California as rather slow and stupid and ignorant on national questions, but the fact is that we know now that which it will take Massachusetts and Nebraska and other states two years to learn - namely, that the McKinley bill is one of the best and most useful pieces of legislation for American interests that has ever been adopted in the country; and because we know this, California has adhered to the principles of protection instead of coquetting with the Cobden Club or straying into the by-ways of free trade.

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