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The present robber tariff is the father of trusts and the mother of graft. The democrats oppose the robbery, while republicans endorse it. Which do you favor?

CHAIRMAN "JIM" SHERMAN has announced that it only costs \$1 to get into the republican standpat game, but with the tariff tax and trust monopoly it costs considerable to get out.

DON'T for a minute imagine that the administration intends to punish Mr. Rockefeller, or any of the other Standard Oil magnates, the worst it will do will be to urge the court to merely inflict a fine. This the trust has perhaps anticipated, for it has just reduced the price it pays for crude oil. And yet the Republicans boast they are the trust-busting party.

ABOUT three years ago Pres. Roosevelt issued an executive order forbidding postal clerks and letter carriers from joining labor unions. The postal clerks of Chicago, Milwaukee, Louisville, Nashville, Salt Lake City and San Francisco met in Chicago, August 28, and formed a national union in defiance of that order. Ugh! What wil the fonetic filosofer and flabergaster du about it, tho? Will he cri "defited," az ushual when he gets a gud hard kik?

MR. BRYAN has raised a question that it might be well to study over a little. He said that ten years ago (during Cleveland times) the republicans said that they could elect anybody president. Now the republicans have only one man they are sure they can elect and that is Mr. Roosevelt. Why is that? Think it over. Mr. Bryan says that it is because President Roosevelt has taken up democratic measures in advance of his party and has urged their passage.

We defy any tariff advocate to name the date when a free trade measure passed congress. The tariff has always been an issue as to high or low schedules, but never free trade, ignoramuses to the contrary, notwithstanding. Ignorant people talk about free trade under Cleveland's administration, yet when the Wilson bill passed congress it was charged by republicans that its average rate was higher than under the McKinley bill. How easily some people do forget history.

WE NOTICE that the republican platform of Iowa condemns without reserve all assaults upon the protective tariff, notwithstanding the fact that the distinguished Iowa republican governor, the candidate who is running on the same platform is on record as having said "all the graft of all the insurance companies from the beginning does not equal one-fifth of the amount of which the American people are robbed in a single year by excessive tariff." Would it be using strong language to say this is inconsistent at least?

THE float convention at Nebraska City yesterday displayed a great deal of wisdom in the selection of Dr. W. C. Jester of this county as the democratic candidate for joint representative for Otoe and Cass counties. Dr. Jester is a well known physician at Eagle, and possesses that ability which is so essential in a representative of the people in the legislature. He is one of the best men in Cass county, is well liked by all who know him, and is a gentleman upon whom the democrats of Otoe and Cass counties can look with pride. He is just the kind of a candidate to be elected. The nomination came to him unsought, and was given him in honor of his well known worth as a gentleman, scholar of true democratic instincts.

HON. GEORGE W. BERGE will open the campaign at Columbus next Monday night. This meeting is look forward to with great interest, as some of our republican friends have expected Mr. Berge to do a little sulking. George Berge is not that kind of a man.

THE silver trust composed of republican bankers and others is holding up the United States government by refusing to sell silver except at a large advance on prices. The selling agents of the trust, Pixley & Co., make their headquarters in London and Secretary Shaw has not yet discovered it.

THE editor of the News takes exception to our little squib on Roger Sullivan. Farley is so used to defending corruptionists in his own party that he insists on slipping over to defend them in the democratic party, when occasionally one crops out.

HON. R. D. SUTHERLAND, former fusion member of congress, and the present fusion candidate against Norris in the Fourth district, said in Lincoln yesterday that the populists would vote with the democrats without division. Mr. Sutherland is a populist, and knows pretty well the feeling of his party.

THE republican papers are now engaged in estimating Senator Sheldon's majority for governor. One paper estimates his majority all the way from 50,000 to 80,000, and in the very next column impresses upon the party the necessity of organization. If they are so sure of Mr Sheldon's great majority what's the use of such advice?

THE Journal prints in another column an editorial from the Grand Island Democrat, which is directed principally to the republican papers of Nebraska, who insist that the railroads did not control the recent republican convention. We want every voter to read this splendid article, as it will convince any unprejudiced voter that the railroads were about as much in evidence in this convention as ever.

IN an interview with a Bee reporter in Omaha last Saturday in the metropolis, R. B. Windham made the statement that Senator Sheldon would be elected by a larger majority than any man who ever ran for governor of Nebraska. This is saying a good deal for a man who was turned down by Mr. Sheldon in the selection of delegates from Cass county to the state convention which nominated him. This, too, in face of the fact that Mr. Windham had previously been selected a member of the committee on platform.

MR. TAFT is disputing with Mr. Roosevelt the championship of the noble profession of diplomacy-hiding the truth. In his speech to the negroes and federal office-holders of North Carolina, June 9th, he declared that while the democratic leaders have been for years declaring against corporations, "they have instituted no legislative steps in all this time to restrain the abuses." Taft knew this to be utterly false. He knew, for instance, that the Tillman-Gillespie resolution under which the Standard Oil and the railroads are now being investigated was of democratic origin. He knew that the Tillman bill to prohibit corporations from contributing to party corruption funds—a bill which passed the senate—but was opposed by Root, Roosevelt and Taft so that it failed in the house—was of democratic origin. He knew that the democrats in congress have introduced numberless measures designed to curb the trusts by abolishing the tariff duties on trust-made goods. He knew that nearly every democratic state had established a railroad commission to prevent extortions and discriminations by the railroad companies. In fine, Taft knew that he was evading the truth and gloried in what he was doing. Let him read what President Roosevelt has written about liars, and he will probably think less of himself, unless Roosevelt has told him not to believe such things.

Democracy to the Front.

Democratic gains and republican losses in the state and local elections of Arkansas confirm the indications given by the Oregon elections in the spring that the drift of political sentiment is strong toward the democratic party this year.

Both in Oregon and in Arkansas the results tell of a sharp reaction from the conditions of 1904, which were marked by republican enthusiasm and democratic indifference, says the St. Louis Republic. This year we have democratic enthusiasm and a great deal of republican indifference.

In Arkansas they have a poll tax of \$1 a year which goes to the school fund, and nobody is permitted to vote who cannot produce a receipt showing that the tax has been paid. It is practically the only tax levied upon negroes as a contribution to the support of their schools. And yet, so indifferent were these republican voters in Monday's election that thousands of them chose to forfeit their right of suffrage rather than pay the tax.

The story of democratic enthusiasm and activity in Arkansas is duplicated in Texas, Kansas, Illinois and many states of the East.

In Illinois, in Iowa, Pennsylvania, New Hampshire and Vermont the republican party is rent by faction and threatened by revolt. Even the senatorial candidacy of Mr. Cullom and the favorite-son endorsement of Speaker Cannon for the presidency stir no enthusiasm among Illinois republicans.

Former Governor Yates's repudiation of Cannon and his laudation of Bryan in the same breath with Roosevelt are significant of trouble for republican candidates in Illinois at the November elections, for though Yates did not win in the recent senatorial primaries he had a very respectable republican following in the state.

In Iowa, republican defeat is threatened by the bolt from Cummins, while in many of the eastern states republican supremacy is assailed by a formidable uprising against the gangsters and self-seeking leaders who have gained control of the party.

Against all this republican discontent the democratic party comes forward united, buoyant and aggressive, with the added inspiration of Bryan's leadership, for a great battle against the trusts and the outrageous tariff which fosters them. If the republicans do not lose by a landslide in the November elections it will be because there are forces working underground that are not visible on the surface of this year's politics.

ROGER C. SULLIVAN, the democratic traitor of Chicago, is again frothing at the mouth. He is so mad that he calls Mr. Bryan a liar. But like the fellow that was kicked by the jackass, Mr. Bryan will simply consider the course. Sullivan is not a good democrat, as his past acts fully testify, and for him to longer continue on the national committee should not be permitted. He is simply a common cur, risen from the lowest depth of humanity to a position of affluence from dishonest methods, was favored by the democrats of Illinois by being selected as national committeeman from the state.

Perhaps the largest crowd that ever assembled at the state capital was in Lincoln yesterday. It is estimated that fully fifty thousand people attended the reception of Mr. Bryan on the capital grounds last night, and while the reception was going on the streets were thronged with people who could not get in hearing distance of the speakers. The greatest American living—Hon. William Jennings Bryan—was the center attraction.

MR. BRYAN speaks in St. Louis tomorrow night, and the democrats are arranging to give him a grand reception. Seats have been provided in the big auditorium for sixteen thousand people. Here will be a splendid opportunity for Mr. Bryan to tell "What he knows about Roger Sullivan," the man who is no friend of the Nebraskan and never was.

The Democratic Slogan.

The campaign in doubtful congressional districts which Chairman Griggs, of the democratic congressional campaign committee, is reported to have arranged for William Jennings Bryan seems well planned. It is proposed that the Nebraskan direct his most telling blows against the robberies of the Dingley tariff and the trusts which it fosters.

"The paramount issue in the congressional elections of this year is the trusts issue," said Mr. Bryan in his Madison Square Garden speech. In this he evinced a penetrating insight into the existing political situation. The issue made by the tariff-created trusts and the issue of clean politics, as against boss-ridden politics, at this juncture, cast all other issues into the shade.

In attacking the republicans on the tariff, the democrats assail them at their weakest point. The fruits of Dingleyism are now so well understood that the stand-pat position of the republican leaders is almost indefensible.

In nearly every state the republicans are badly divided on the tariff, and thousands of voters are in revolt against the dictation of party bosses who insist that the Dingley schedules must be held sacred for two or four years longer, at least.

The apparent listlessness of the congressional campaign so far is probably due, in large measure, to the fact that voters of both the great parties are, in the main, of one way of thinking on most of the great questions.

Republican voters are as weary of the robberies of the Dingley tariff as are the democrats. An active campaign on that issue will win the votes of many thousands of them for democratic candidates for the house of representatives.

Republican Campaign Contributions.

ITS pretty strong proof that the republican leaders of the house of representatives, when they deliberately killed the senate bill to prevent corporations from contributing to political campaigns, expected corporations to contribute in the future as in the past. The republican leaders did not wish to kill the goose that lays the golden eggs.

The questions will soon be asked to see the accounts of all political parties and know just who contributes. In the last national campaign the president assured the country that Judge Parker's charge of corporation contributions to the Roosevelt campaign fund was—well, groundless, but the life insurance investigation proved that Mr. Roosevelt was mistaken.

From appearances of the palatial headquarters in New York and from the extravagant expenditures of the republican congressional committee, the corporations must be up to their old game of secretly making contributions, but of course Mr. Roosevelt knows nothing about it, though he has taken personal charge of the campaign. These corporation magnates are slippery fellows and Morgan or Rockefeller's man will slip into the strong box \$50,000 at a lick if Mr. Roosevelt does not keep his weather-eye open.

Cannon Goes Off Half Cocked.

SPEAKER Cannon appears to have forgotten that he and his republican colleagues passed unanimously the Grosvenor anti-injunction bill on May 2, 1902. (See cong. record, page 4995, for that year.) Gen. Grosvenor stated that his bill was prepared by the labor leaders and yet Speaker Cannon now declares in his speech of acceptance that a similar bill "would turn loose in times of trouble the criminally disposed." In charity for Speaker Cannon it must be said that he is seventy years old and probably his memory is not as good as it used to be. But what excuse can be made for the republican members of the judiciary committee who recommended the passage of the Grosvenor anti-injunction bill and for all the members that allowed it to pass even without a roll call? Let's see, what is it about chickens coming home to roost?

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