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It is gratifying to know that Senator Brice of New York and Ohio is entirely satisfied with the tariff bill as passed. It is even more gratifying to reflect upon the liberal sum he will be required to pay annually for the support of the government under the income tax clause which he and his senatorial associates could not eliminate.

"THE democrats have built a sugar trough for the sugar trust which will cost \$60,000,000 per year and \$6,000,000 for repairs."-Chicago Inter-Ocean.

And yet President Havemeyer, of the sugar trust, states that the trust preferred the McKinley law, for the reason that it gave that octopus a higher tariff. The new bill reduces the sugar tariff about 20 per cent. On the Inter-Ocean's representation the "trough" built by the republicans cost upwards of \$75,000,000. The Inter-Ocean seems to believe that a crime grows more serious as it grows smaller

SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE J. STERLING MORTON is making a grandstand play for popularity in returning to the national treasury some \$500,000 of the appropriation made by congress to cover the expenses of his department during the fiscal year which ended June 30. Mr. Morton, having lost caste as a professional farmers' friend, is now trying to pose as the great economist of the administration and thereby recover strength in Nebraska. But it won't do. The farmers would rather he had expended his of agricultural experiments, and, besides, Bryan's too firmly seated in Nebraska now to be displaced by his ancient enemy.

A BOOMERANG.

**MARKE** 

If one were to judge by the tone of in its criticism of Mr. Bryan's senatorial announcement the whole subject is one of the sheerest sort of levity, and the effort is made to cast ridicule is used effectively, but it takes a man of some brains and discretion to use

confined to the subject of its attack-Mr. Bryan-its shafts might have been effective; but unfortunately for the attacking party his shots were aimed not at him, but at the principles enunciated. For instance, its first and most severe blow was made at his adoption of the declarative principles of the Declaration of Independence, as follows:

"The first part of his platform is the Declara tion of Independence, which the embryotic senator informs us was the work of the great and good Thomas Jefferson. This is to teach us that if Mr. Bryan is elected to the senate he will proclaim the independence of the united colon les of King George III, and all his measly sat tellites. The Journal would like see this a little more definite. A declaration of defiance against the Cobden club and British free trade would have been more appropriate to the occasion. However, the Declaration of Independence is too old to be sneered at, and Mr. Bryan is cheerfully conceeded the privilege and glory of standing on it with both feet."-Lincoln Journal Aug-7.

In reading this one is lead to think is really a sneer at the declaration itself. Wonder if that writer ever knew that this same portion of the Declaration of Independence was made a part of the first two national platforms of the republican party? Yet, whether he knew it or not, such is the fact, and that is not all. My attention has been called to the fact by an old gentleman who was a member of the ings around which most interest cenrepublican national convention of 1860, at Chicago, which nominated Abraham Lincoln for president, that it was over the adoption of that clause in the platwhole appropriation in the prosecution form that the most dramatic incident of the convention occurred. This gentleman also furnished a copy of Scribner's magazine for November,

sideration for his years of faithful service and conscientious devotion to principle, not often seen in such bodies, the editorials in the Lincoln Journal, retraced its steps. The report being open for debate by the defeat of the previous question, two or three attempts to amend were made, and more or less eloquence was expended in discussing them. But with to me that this is a strong weapon if it a general notion that the work of the committee could not be improved, all were voted down, until George W. Curtis rose and offered anew the Giddings a weapon so that it does not come back amendment. The report had been as a boomerang. And this is just safely steered through all difficulties what the Journal's clumsy effort has and left intact, and there was less disaccomplished. If its ridicule had been position than ever to amend it, for the discussion had lasted all day and the people were tired. There was a murmur of disapprobation, and the point of order was raised that the amendment had been once voted down, which the chair at first sustained. Upon the explanation, which was only an evasion, that the amendment was now offered to the second, instead of the first clause of the resolutions, it was pronounced in order. Then Curtis made a speech of about three minutes. Not

a word was wasted. There was such earnestness in his manner, such pathos of entreaty in his tone, that the audience stretched out and listened to him as it had listened to no one before. When he said, "I have to ask this convention whether they are prepared to go upon the record and before the country as voting down the words of the Declaration of Independence?" cries of "no, no" came from all over the house. "I vise," he said in closing, "simply to ask gentlemen to think well of that phrase from Shakespeare, "the before, upon the free prairies of the lady protests too much, me thinks," | west, in the summer of 1860, they dare and the attempt to ridicule Mr. Bryan to wince and quail before the assertions of the men in Philadelphia in 1776-before they dare to shrink from repeating the words that those great men enunciated." The convention went off its feet. Without another word the amendment was adopted, with scarcely a dissenting voice, amid applause that shook the wigwam. The brief speech of Curtis' was, next to the nominations

> themselves, the feature of the proceedtered; it was high-water mark. Perhaps the Lincoln Journal writer,

had he lived at that time, would have discovered something ridiculous in the adoption of that plank by the republican party; but whether he admits it or not, there is a singular parallel between the republican party at that time and Mr. Bryan's attitude now. 1893, which contains a graphic sketch The republican party was then in its

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gives the Bryan people absolute control of the Lancaster county convention. The victory is the more signifi cant when it is known that Lancaster county is the hotbed and forcing-house of the administration faction of the party and the one county in the state Mr. Bryan's opponents had confidently depended upon carrying.

The Times congratulates Mr. Bryan upon his triumph in this the first skirmish of a campaign upon which the eves of the entire country will be fixed. And it congratulates the democrats of Lincoln and Lancaster county upon the possession of such a leader as William J. Bryan, next senator from Nebraska.

UNDER the significant headlines "Abuses of Government," the Journal



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WILLIAM J. BRYAN has accepted the call of the executive committee of the democratic state silver league and will make the race for United States sen-Now let Mr. Martin call his ator. blessed old convention for next Christmas if he wants to, for he can't hurt the Nebraska democrats any more.

We are going to have the liveliest campaign and the biggest mass meetings ever seen west of the Mississippi. Bryan is in the race for keeps and the histry could it be held responsible for people are going to elect him. His letter announcing himself as a candidate is hailed by the common people with applause, and the enthusiasm will increase until the very last day of the extension. All other issues were campaigu. The next legislature will treated as subordinate or unimportant. be elected on this issue and free silver The reading was interruped with democrats. Populists and liberal republicans will all unite to see that that legislature is almost unanimous for the at such moments finds expression in great tribune of the people. The democrats can go into this fight now with some hope and some soul. We have a leader that we can trust and in stutter. But it's a dangerous thing to whom we have unbounded faith, and undertake if it has the appearance of as sure as God lives, Nebraska will be redeemed this year .- Central City Democrat.

THE free-sugar bill sent to the senate by the democrats of the house will answered, somewhat curtly: "I did it give the republicans an excellent to cut you off and all other amendchance to demonstrate that their loud clamor for free sugar was not raised merely to put the democrats in a hole. So narrow is the democratic majority in the senate, and so hampered by local duties, that democrats alone cannot make the measure a law. But if the republicans, who profess such devotion to the cause of untaxed sugar, come to first platform of the party, he said; the party leaders opposed to Mr. Bryan, the aid of the loyal democrats the party had grown up on that idea, and who exerted every energy in an effort measure will be passed easily and the sugar trust will be deprived of that unearned profit of \$40,000,000 which its promoters are counting upon with such avidity. A patriotic responsibility now rests on the republican senators. They have it in their power to secure for the people untaxed sugar, a boon which the republican press has loudly claimed as the chief virtue of the McKinley law. est hope of doing anything but talk in istration, with a formidable array of It for partisan reasons they accomplish the defeat of the free-sugar bill up and started for the door, because their own way. They ran opposition the responsibility will rest upon the republican party. Struggling against adverse conditions, the true democrats have done their best to relieve the people of the burden of paying a tax upon sugar. If their efforts are thwarted because republicans will support no free-sugar bill which does not originate in their own party, the people will know where to lay the blame.

the convention. The following extract the oppressions of wealth and power. ially the paper says:is taken from Mr. Bromley's account, Like its chosen leader, it stood for the ments:"-

"The committee had done its work well. It made it its chief pupose to dehour, so that by no ingenuity of sop-John Brown or any invasion of states was made clear. The party stood opposed, not to slavery, but to slavery seconds. The instinct of a convention the call for the previous question to shut off debate and all risks of wrangling. Carter, of Ohio, was on his feet nal writer should read history before of statesmen. in an instant, and moved it with a he opens his batteries of ridicule, as against him. choking anybody off who is of consequence. Mr. Giddings was not entirely satisfied with the report-had an amendment to offer. He appealed to his colleague with great solemnity Chicago Times

to withdraw the call, to which Carter ments and all discussion." The convention was not with him-by an over- democratic nomination for senator whelming majority the previous ques- from Nebraska. The holding of the tion was voted down. It was but a short triumph for Giddings, however. His amendment, which was simply a reassertion of the "self-evident truths" caster county convention, which is in of the Declaration of Independence, its turn to choose delegates to the tucked in after the first resolution, was state convention, was made the occavoted down in spite of the old man's almost tearful appeal. It was in the to leave it out would be cowardly to control the primaries and thus seabandonment of first principles. But the convention shied at it. It might be construed as taking ground again slavery per se, when the purpose was own town. Mr. Bryan was not on the only to oppose its extension. It would grounds himself, and his opponents, lose votes. Down it went."

Castor, United States Attorney Saw-And then-think of it-this old man, who had devoted almost his whole life yer, Bank Examiner Whitmore, and N. to the fight against slavery, with never. S. Harwood, president of the national up to the birth of this party, the slight- bank-all strong friends of the admina vague, scolding way against it, rose titles-thought they had things all his whim had been disregarded. His tickets in every ward and left nothing amendment, afterward adopted, made undone to secure the defeat of the no difference, and his going out would Bryan delegates. have made none, but that, with what

followed, constituted the dramatic active as his enemies, and the voters of episode of the day, and is so remem- Lincoln administered a stinging rebuke bered. I shall take leave to say that to the cuckoo politicians who attempted the Giddings part of it was childish and to force a miscarriage of democratic that the convention itself was truly sentiment. The Bryan delegates were great when, a little later, it humored elected by large majorities in every his weakness, and, with a tender con- ward, and the result of the primaries company, CHICAGO, ILL.

of the chief events of the convention, youth and purity of purpose, having the of the Knights of Labor, of Philadel written by Isaac H. Bromley, who was welfare of the people at heart. Its chief phia, published in full Mr. Bryan's a reporter for an eastern newspaper at object was to protect the masses from senatorial "announcement." Editor-

"In another column we publish in which is entitled "Historic Mo- good of the common people, and prided full the manly letter of Congressman William J. Bryan, of Nebraska, anitself that it was the champion of the nouncing his platform as a candidate "greasy mechanic" and the "filthy for the United States senate. It is seloperative." Hence its adoption of the dom men who are candidates for pubfine, with absolute clearness, the atti- declaration as a part of its fundamental lic office in this county give such a tude of the party on the issue of the doctrine. Its leaders were not ashamed clear and honest statement of their of their homely truths, as the Journal principles and what they will vote for in corgress before election, and this editor is now. It is worthy of note remarkable act of the young giant of rights, or desire to interfere with that these doctrines fit like cogs in a the west will win for him many slavery in its existing limits. This wheel into Mr. Bryan's platform, and friends. He will be a fitting companion are apparently its inspiration and for Senator Allen in the United States guide. The guns of the satirist of the senate, and will deal tenchant blows for the free coinage of silver, govern-Journal should be aimed at the fathers ment control of telegraphs, and other of the republican party, rather than at reforms, to say nothing of his uncomcheeting at some passages. As it Mr. Bryan, who has unwittingly (and promising opposition to national banks. ceased there was a pause of a very few probably the same motive) followed in His letter is one of the best public docthe train of the republican party's first ments we have read for many days, of example, in the adoption of the founda- a parely Jeffersonian democracy, almost obsolete in the effete east, and tion of his political views. The Jour- gives new hope to the rising generation



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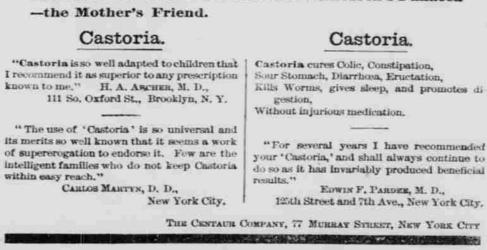
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