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WATTERSON AS AN AUTHORITY ON THE TARIFF

Josephus Daniels, editor of the Raleigh (N. C.) News and Observer, prints in his paper this editorial:

Two of the ablest men in America are Colonel Henry Watterson of Kentucky, and Senator Bailey of Texas. Mr. Bailey is easily the first constitutional lawyer in the senate, and Mr. Watterson is easily the foremost American editor.

Upon a question of constitutional law, Mr. Bailey's opinion would be entitled to first place but upon the question of the democratic principle of the tariff, since the retirement of John G. Carlisle and William R. Morrison, no man is to be regarded as being so capable of stating the true democratic principle upon the tariff as Colonel Watterson. He wrote the platform upon which Mr. Tilden was elected to the presidency and if he did not write the platform on which Mr. Cleveland was elected in 1892 he inspired it and was instrumental in securing its adoption, when Mr. Whitney and others of Mr. Cleveland's friends were trying to get a "straddle" plank in the 1892 platform.

A few days ago after Senator Bailey had voted in the senate against free lumber and free iron ore and cast other votes that pleased Mr. Aldrich and the other high priests of protection, Colonel Watterson wrote the following brief paragraph in his paper:

"Senator Bailey, demanding that the magnates of the steel trust be put in jail, votes to put them in palaces by voting for a tariff on iron ore and against the old democratic doctrine of free raw materials."

The next day Mr. Bailey in the senate quoted the above statement by Colonel Watterson and said:

"The old democratic doctrine of free raw materials! How old? Old enough, thank God, to have perished before this day; and yet not so old as that it ever received the indorsement of the democratic fathers. It was in a season of madness and folly proclaimed as a democratic doctrine; but it has long since been rejected as a democratic heresy."

And to this reply Colonel Watterson's Courier-Journal answers as follows:

"It is old enough to have been formally enunciated by the democrats in the days when they made the tariff a dominant issue, when they made a tariff for revenue only a cardinal party doctrine and when they won victories on their platforms thus proclaimed. Just when it was 'rejected as a democratic heresy,' Senator Bailey did not enlighten us, and nobody else seems to know, or seems even to have heard that it ever was rejected. No one, on this occasion, appeared sufficiently interested in Mr. Bailey's revelations to ask his authority for declaring that the doctrine of free raw materials 'has long since been rejected as a democratic heresy,' but when a week later he recurred to the subject, Mr. Aldrich was curious enough to inquire of him: 'Since when has the doctrine of free raw materials ceased to be a democratic doctrine?' To which Mr. Bailey is quoted by the Associated Press as replying: 'Since men like I have come into power in the democratic party.'

"This, we presume, is adequately illuminative. The authority that has pronounced the doctrine democratic heresy, and rejected it as such is Senator Bailey himself—not the democratic party in representative convention assembled, but merely the democratic party as it exists in Senator Bailey and 'men like I.' And when Mr. Aldrich reminded him that every other conspicuous demo-

cratic leader except Senator Bailey had advocated the doctrine, the Texan did not so much as hint of the identity of 'the men like I' who, with him had overruled democratic conventions and democratic platforms, though in the same speech he reiterated the announcement that he repudiated so recent a democratic platform as that declared at Denver last year. And by the way, the Courier-Journal fears it is so obtuse as to fail to understand the mental processes by which the senator takes it to himself as a virtue to reject platforms of the democratic party, while discrediting the Courier-Journal for having rejected candidates of the democratic party, as he would discredit it when he says that 'these things would be more persuasive to me if they come from sources that have always been loyal in their support of the democratic party and its candidates.' For the life of us we can not grasp the sharp distinction which Mr. Bailey makes between rejecting a party candidate and rejecting a party platform."

In his speech Mr. Bailey declared that Mr. Cleveland "undid the democratic party;" also said that the democrats declared for free raw materials "in a season of madness and folly," and after thus denouncing Cleveland and his followers in the democratic party and Bryan and his followers in the democratic party, proceeded to read a lecture by Col. Watterson, because in 1896 Col. Watterson did not support Mr. Bryan, though he supported him in 1900 and 1908. Colonel Watterson made the mistake of his life in that 1896 campaign, a mistake which he would not have made if he had known Mr. Bryan and measured him accurately, but he has never made any mistake when it has come to the advocacy of the principle which carried the democratic party over the slough of despond in 1868 and placed it on the high tide of popular favor and victory in 1876.

In the matter of the tariff, if asked "Under which King, Bezonian?"—Watterson or Bailey—we would not hesitate to volunteer under the Kentuckian.

A SON'S TRIBUTE TO HIS FATHER

Peter Fenelon Collier, the noted publisher and founder of Collier's Weekly, died a week ago and died in harness. In Collier's Weekly of May 1, a son pays this simple tribute to his father:

"It was my father's wish to die in harness, and so it came to pass. His gallant spirit went forth to meet death with the same smile with which he faced the new country as a poor Irish boy over forty years ago. He worked his way to success with his strong hands (as a carpenter once in Dayton, Ohio, and at other humble, honorable tasks), and with his unflinching courage and with his big open, boyish heart.

"He was absolutely fearless, yet the gentlest, the most easily moved, of men. He had friends in all walks of life, sprinkled all over the world. He worked hard and played hard, and he loved his fellow men, not theoretically, but with a hearty and personal affection.

"This business he built, this paper he founded, and are now thrust upon my shoulders. It is in memory of the most loving comrade in the world that I dedicate them to clean causes such as those for which he would have had me fight. God grant me strength to be worthy of him whom I loved so much.

"ROBERT J. COLLIER."

A modest and model tribute to the memory of the departed from the pen of the only son, who was his chum as well as business associate. "He worked his way to success with his strong hands," is an inscription that

should be carved on the tombstone of Peter Fenelon Collier. His son, who inherited his millions, is not ashamed to proclaim that his father landed in this country a poor boy, without friends and in the land of opportunity carved out his own fortune in the field of honest endeavor.—Dallas (Texas) Times-Herald.

PLUTOCRATS IN THE PILLORY

Senator Dolliver, republican, represents in part a state which never voted for a democratic presidential candidate. He is a stalwart partisan whose loyalty to the organization is no more in question west of the Mississippi than is that of Senator Aldrich on the shores of Narragansett Bay. In the course of a two days' speech Mr. Dolliver has asserted, intimated or insinuated—

1. That the cotton and woolen schedules of the pending tariff bill were prepared by interested parties in New York and that many of their sponsors in the senate do not know what they mean.

2. That whereas there is a pretense that the measure reduces taxation, the fact is that there is an increase, and designedly so.

3. That the tin-plate tariff of 1889 brought into existence a monopolized industry which was at length unloaded on the United States steel corporation, with a rake-off to the promoters sufficient to buy the Rock Island railroad.

4. That many of the rates in the existing law and in the proposed bill are so extravagant and unnecessary as to bring the policy of protection into ridicule.

5. That in 1890 McKinley permitted the beneficiaries of the tariff on wool to write their own section in his bill.

6. That in 1897 Dingley's avowed purpose to reduce tariff taxation was defeated by the clamor of the men interested.

7. That in the pending bill the tax upon goods containing small quantities of wool is excessive and especially burdensome upon the poor.

8. That the avaricious are using the protective tariff as an asset in financing conspiracies in restraint of trade.

9. That only once in forty years has the public interest or the welfare of the republican party been made paramount over sordid private considerations.

10. That the tariff has corrupted American industry and made great industries mere adjuncts to political agitation.

The precise form which the Payne-Aldrich bill shall assume upon passage can not be foretold, but it will be many a day, we believe, before this republican indictment of the privilege and plutocracy of protection will be forgotten.—New York World.

AS THE TWIG BENDS

Kendall had a son who was the pride of his heart. One day he found one of his favorite cherry trees cut down.

"Jack," he said, "did you do that?"

With quivering lip Jack replied: "Father, I can't deceive you; I did not cut the tree down; Billy Brown did it, but I bossed the job."

Tears of joy sprang into the father's eyes. "Bless you, my boy," he said: "Billy will be president of the United States, but you will be chairman of the national committee."—Success Magazine.

GRATIFYING

"One-half of the world does not know how the other half lives."

"Well, it is gratifying to think that one-half of the world attends to its own business."—Puck.