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THE FINAL OF A DEMAGOGUE.

Time always sets things even. It has demonstrated this in more instances than one. It and the Farmers Alliance jointly certainly did it in Kansas last week when Ingalls, the leading republican of that state, was retired permanently to private life. He has been Senator from that state for, we believe, the past eighteen years. He has been, through the federal patronage granted him, able to retain the position spite of every effort heretofore made to replace him with a better man. He is a demagogue of the first water. He was "loyal and patriotic" during the war, although he never smelled the smoke of any battle-field. He was loudest to denounce against usurers, monopolists, trusts, etc., although an officer in companies whose business was to take mortgages on property, charge high rates of interest and promptly foreclose on failure to receive every cent of principal and interest stipulated. If any one every knew of this Kansas patriot originating anything of value to the entire country it has been mysteriously kept quiet. He was in everything narrow-minded, nothing broad or patriotic about him. He represents a school of politicians that the country can very well do without, and whose race it is hoped is run out. He represented himself alone, and with all others it was "d— the public!" All the efforts of his friends could not save him. The most determined work of the G. A. R. organizations in Kansas could not stop the fight on him. The pension and old soldier racket was no go. Ingalls' time had come to walk the plank and he walked. The best work we have yet seen of the Farmers Alliance was when it squelched this loud-mouthed republican fanatic Ingalls, and for its good work it deserves the thanks of the whole country.

SHELVING PROFESSIONAL POLITICIANS.

Whatever of merit or demerit there may be in the Farmer Alliance principles there is one thing sure it is gradually retiring many professional politicians, alleged statesmen it may be, who for so many years have lived off the tax-payers of the country, arrayed themselves often with corporations and trusts, and so soon forgot the interests of the people. The Alliance has shelved Wade Hampton of South Carolina, and Ingalls of Kansas, Farwell of Illinois and also Palmer, are both retired, no doubt, permanently to the shades of private life. We cannot see that there is anything greatly to regret over this. By our peculiar form of government it creates office seekers of all grades—men who seek continually a life of ease and big pay. Schemes for corrupting the voters are originated. Some men are office seekers or office holders all their lives. Toil and industry in other channels are disagreeable to them. It is much better for the majority of men seeking official positions that they be defeated. How many out of the great majority of ex-office holders of this country have anything in the end to show for it. An ex-office holder is rarely fitted for business. He cannot get down to hard work after the authority and ease he has enjoyed formerly have gone. The office has unfitted him for active pursuits of life, and he lives a vague uncertain existence after. The Alliance seems to be looking for a new order of things, for new blood, for the extinguishment of the professional politician, the ever-lasting office-seeker. We cannot reasonably see any objection to the principles thus far of the organization so far as the politicians are concerned. Let the people take hold of the affairs and not allow professional politicians and permanent office-seekers to dictate forever what shall be done.

THE BANKRUPT TREASURY.

As well as it is generally known that the surplus in the national treasury at the beginning of the present administration has already been squandered, and that there will at once be a great deficit, unless money is borrowed and new debts contracted which will require more taxes to meet, the exact situation is little known outside official circles. Senator Carlisle has prepared a statement of the squandering of the surplus, which he will publish in the February Forum. In brief it is this:

At the beginning of the Harrison administration, March 4, 1889, the cash balance in the treasury, which was a surplus, amounted to \$150,000. At the end of this fiscal year, June 30, 1891, there will be a deficit of 14,000,000; and at the end of the next fiscal year, June 30, 1892, a deficit of \$84,000,000.

This is the inevitable record of this Republican administration because the legislation that has already been enacted prevents the decrease of expenditure. There can now be no turning back.

The increase of the expenditures of the national government has been very much more rapid than the increase of population.

Senator Carlisle's conclusion in this, "It is the confirmed and incurable habit of the party now in power to dispose of the public money in a wasteful and extravagant manner, and there is no reason to suppose that it will cease to pursue this course until the treasury is exhausted. What was two years ago the richest public treasury in the world, will be substantially bankrupt long before the term of the present administration expires."

THE PROPOSED SALARIES.

Representative McCollough's bill regulating the salary to be received by the five principal officers, clerk, auditor, recorder, treasurer and sheriff, in each of the 92 counties of the state, judged by that proposed to be given the officers of Montgomery county, is certainly fair and compensating all around. For instance in this county the clerk is to be paid \$2,820, the auditor \$3,000, the recorder \$2,550. We cannot see anything unjust in this. Of course many men would not be satisfied with this salary; would want twice or three times that amount, and would say nothing if it were paid, but we desire to say that we can find 200 men of each political party in the county who will work for the sums stipulated above, and will fill the positions just as satisfactory as they are now filled.

SOME APPROVED PRINCIPLES.

While the farmers' alliance organization may in some respects seem to the people to be somewhat selfish in many of its principles, and also wrong in some of its financial theories, still it has some ideas that are eminently correct and will be approved by the greater portion of the people. Here are a few declarations made by the alliance when in session at Omaha, last week, which will command themselves to the people as just, equitable and in the interest of all:

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THE present legislature would appear serious of cutting down the pay of county school examiners and those connected with the educational interests of the state as much as possible. It strikes us that here is where it is short-sighted. If there is any thing that the tax-payers should be willing to pay liberally for it should be for educational facilities that may be afforded. If it has any interest to the welfare of the future generations that are to follow this it will do so. We should be a nation of bright, intelligent people. Well paid efforts will make us so. There should be no adult male or female in this country, who can truthfully say, as many do, "I cannot read nor write." School officials are generally the poorest paid of any class. Most of them are unable to follow their profession over half of the year. If you have good superintendents and good teachers pay them well.

IT is not generally so understood, but the new election law will apply to the city elections to be held this spring the same as it does to the county and state elections and this is quite likely to bring about huge surprises in some cities. Nominations must be made about three weeks before the election, that the proper notice may be given through the newspapers—two weeks as required by law. Then the tickets must be printed with the same care. The parties will find it necessary to organize a committee. The chairman of the city committee each appoint an election commissioner, and they, in conjunction with the city clerk, discharge the duties performed by the county clerk and county commissioners in a general election. The city marshal acts in the capacity of the sheriff of the count.

AGAIN was the Force Bill in Congress side tracked and it seems probable now that it will stay there. Harrison is doubtless more fully convinced that it takes something more than a President of the United States to force a measure like it through congress to become a law. It is just simply a law intended to perpetuate republican supremacy in the United States; is a party measure, not a patriotic one, and we believe by the action of the democrats aided by a number of western republican Senators is permanently thrown aside, and Harrison and his minions will have to invent or suggest something new to carry out plans of maintaining their grip on the government.

OF course any reform in the way of a fee and salary bill that this legislature may enact, however beneficial to the people, will be pronounced a sham and a fraud by the republicans. They said the same of the school book and election laws of two years ago, but all the same they were enforced and have been of vast benefit to the people. A fee and salary bill, we believe, will be passed, and the people in every county in Indiana will in a few months realize that it is a law that has not been enacted in vain, but is of practical benefit to all.

NEWSPAPER publishers who have been so exceedingly clamorous for a reduction in the fees and salaries of county officers must not complain if the reform wave which has struck the legislature extends to the matter of job printing and advertising. What is said for the goose should certainly be said for its companion. If county officers don't like the rates proposed to be paid for their services they can resign; if publishers don't like the rates proposed to be given for advertising and job work they can decline the work, there being no compulsion in the matter.

THERE is much of petty legislation and the introduction of little affairs by little bills, the creation of little minds, at the present session of the legislature. One man introduced a bill to prevent deception in the sale of dairy products, and another making it a penal offense to smoke in a street car. We may look for a bill yet making it a penal offense to be seen chewing slippery elm or smoking a pipe of tobacco. There are some great intellects in this legislature.

LIKE all the investigations set on foot by Gov. Hovey with a pig headed determination to injure all democratic officials as heretofore, if possible, he finds that his efforts in the line of crushing Murdock, warden of the northern penitentiary, amount to nothing and all the expenses entailed by it are thrown away. Murdock comes out unscathed, and Hovey must retire from the affair disgusted and humiliated.

THE body of Windom, late secretary of the U. S. Treasury, had scarcely grown cold before republican politicians began speculating as to who should succeed him and a half dozen names have already been mentioned in connection with the position. The names of Foster, of Ohio, and John C. New, of this state, are the most prominent.

In Representative McCollough's bill regulating the salary and fees of every county officer in Indiana the following are proposed for those of Montgomery county: Clerk, \$2,320; auditor, \$3,000; recorder, \$2,550; sheriff, \$2,320. Under this bill all fees collected are to be turned into the treasury and do not belong to these officials.

The expense of the soldier and sailor monument thus far is about \$125,000, and the amount needed to complete it is \$170,000. As the state is just now "hard up" for cash, owing over \$8,000,000, why could not work upon it close, say for five or six years? This may work a hardship on Laingsdale and some others who are feathering their nest quite well upon it in the way of salaries as officers engaged in its construction, but it may much sooner aid the state in getting out of debt.

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