

provisions we have made for the present fiscal year are in round numbers on an average less than the annual appropriations made for the said four fiscal years over \$25,000,000; in other words we have reduced the expenses of the government for the present fiscal year over \$25,000,000 under what the average appropriations have been for the four fiscal years preceding the 30th day of June, and right here let me remark that the Fifty-first congress, which was republican, in the river and harbor bill of September, 1860, authorized several certain contracts to be made for river and harbor improvements in excess of the appropriations made by that congress of the sum of \$11,331,000; so this amount was left in the fifty-first congress to be appropriated to the subsequent congresses, and \$1,300,000 of its sum had to be covered by the appropriations of the present year.

The result is that but one river and harbor bill passed to the Congress, and to say, one river and harbor bill is passed every two years. The river and harbor bill which we have passed at this session appropriated \$11,473,000. Now if the same amount appropriated by this bill should be deducted from the appropriations which we have made for the present fiscal year, the present fiscal year would be over \$10,000,000 less than the appropriations made by the Fifty-first congress in its second session. There being no river and harbor bill passed at the present session of the Fifty-second congress, the river and harbor bill passed by the Fifty-first congress is now fast disappearing, and I believe that we are now entering upon a period of unusual prosperity.

I have very briefly called your attention to the fact that your democratic representatives in congress have made no honest and painstaking effort to reduce the expenses of the government whenever the same could be justly and safely done.

#### Pension Appropriations.

I desire to speak to you, my fellow-citizens, briefly concerning the appropriations for pensions and also appropriations for the purpose of taking care of the disabled veterans in the soldiers' homes of our country. At the first session of the Fifty-first congress, which was republican, there was appropriated for the payment of pensions \$12,777,000. At the first session of the Fifty-second congress, the house of representatives, being democratic, originated the appropriation bill, and there was appropriated for the payment of pensions \$15,411,000. At the first session of this congress, the Fifty-third, there was appropriated \$16,831,000. I know it has been the intention of the house of representatives, irrespective of their political affiliations, to appropriate ample money for the payment of pensions, and to appropriate whatever sum may be necessary for the liberal and efficient management of the pension bureau. I know there was appropriated for this fiscal year \$22,340,000 for the payment of expenses connected with the soldiers' homes. In this, as in all the appropriations made in both congresses that you will discover that it is a full appropriation and sufficient to provide all of the old veterans who are now in the homes with the substantial sum of \$25,000,000.

You will pardon me, my fellow-citizens, for making a political observation in this connection, for I do not think that any good man in any position who maintained the union of the states, and maintained the union of the states, will want to see the old soldiers well cared for. As I am remarked to you before, the appropriated bills are originated and substantially arranged by the house, but, of course, undergo some change in the senate.

The house of representatives since the year 1861 has been under control of the republican party for eight years, during that time the house of representatives originated bills which provided for the payment of pensions and passed them appropriating sum. It is a full appropriation and sufficient to provide all the old veterans who are now in the homes with the substantial sum of \$25,000,000.

It is scarcely necessary for me to say that I have tried faithfully to render a good personal service to those applying to me as a representative; that I have tried to treat all alike, without reference to party, and without regard to age or sex, and as a large part of this work I take pleasure in the fact that I have assisted thousands of old soldiers, widows and children with their pension business.

Fellow-citizens, I might talk to you about the bill providing for the reclamation of 48,000,000 of acres of land, an acre twice as large as the state of Indiana and estimated to be worth more than \$100,000,000, which we think is now being introduced by the railroad corporations of this country due to wasteful legislation by the republican party. This bill has passed the house of representatives.

However, you might give you some reasons why we ought to have a comprehensive and thorough audit of our whole financial system looking to a fuller volume of currency for the people as well as a more uniform and flexible currency. I think that that demand of the present congress, your demands, is destined to see this great work speedily entered upon. Of course you are sensible of the fact that the past session of congress applied its best energies in lowering the tariff, and that the bill providing for the reclamation of 48,000,000 of acres of land, an acre twice as large as the state of Indiana and estimated to be worth more than \$100,000,000, which we think is now being introduced by the railroad corporations of this country due to wasteful legislation by the republican party. This bill has passed the house of representatives.

#### THE HABIT OF SNORING.

**Moses P. Handys** **Says He Has Found a Sure Remedy for It.**

The story of Lord Aberdeen as a snorer is going the rounds. One morning, after a night on the railway, a fellow-passenger asked his lordship whether he was a man of wealth. Humoring the man, whom he took for a crank, Aberdeen admitted that he was. "How much?" "Well, sir, was the rejoinder, "if I were as well as you are, and snored so much, I would take a railway carriage to sleep, and keep my head on a pillow." You have been in bed with those rosy-cheeked lasses. All the candidates for office were there, electing one to greater applause than the spectators by a snorer-pulling. I was the best at the snoring.

In this great crowd, fellow-countrymen, in behalf of the plain people, we have crossed the Alps and conquered Italy. We were told by our enemies that we could not tax the rich. Alas! that we were afraid to tax the income of the rich; that we could not lower taxes. Maj. McKinley, in a public address at Toledo, on June 1, 1861, said: "They tauntingly asked me, 'Can we never pass a tariff bill? They may try it, you will have it' (the McKinley law) on your statute books when the boys of eleven years old shall be twenty-one and ready to vote. They dare not touch one line."

Fellow-citizens, we have laid the iron hand of the government upon the incomes of the rich, we have repealed the McKinley bill, marking an important step toward the equality of all men. The great work of reforming our national tax system is well begun, and to the true friends of the people this is both a work of duty and a work of love. We are not being in the park of our fathers, but by a vaulting ambition. We are waging this battle for the purpose of securing to the people better markets, better wages for labor and better opportunities in all the areas of our country and in all the motives we are known to have and to be. We know that no Waterloo awaits us. Does any sane man believe that the democracy will falter in this fight; we certainly think not. This great work of reform must go on, the tyranny of wealth, the usurpation of power, and the greed of corporations must be suppressed.

On the 4th of March, 1861, he laid full end overflowing treasury, and left the country in a prosperous condition with one hundred million of surplus money in the national treasury.

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The defendant tried the remedy, and found that it worked like a charm, and now the family are once more happy in their home, the application for a separation having been withdrawn from snoring. You are advised to send a marked copy of this paragraph to your offending friends.—N. Y. Mail and Express.

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## DEMOCRATIC STATE PLATFORM.

### MR. BROOKSHIRE'S SPEECH.

Following is the platform adopted by the state democratic convention held at Indianapolis, Aug. 15:

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In the face of these unexampled difficulties, with courage and fidelity, we have given the people a safe harbor in the storm.

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