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SENATOR HARRISON'S KEYNOTE.

Indianapolis Sentinel: Senator Harrison, in sounding the keynote of the Republican campaign, referred to the threat made by the Democratic party in the last campaign to open the books, and felicitated his party on the fact that the books balanced. Republican editors and orators are fond of putting the matter in this light, though some admit that on the first count of the public funds 2 cents were actually missing, but an argu- ey d. patriotic, but impulsive Republican promptly dropped on all fours and found the two cents under the table. About the time that the 2 cents were found, however, the Interior Department books showed that Mr. Secretary Teller had allowed a syndicate to appropriate 700,000 acres of Louisiana lands, with all the suspicion that attaches to a downright steal. Then followed the defalcation in the New Orleans Sub-Treasury, and the absconding of the defaulter. About the same time a batch of Republican Postmasters were found "short," and had either left for Canada or committed suicide to escape the disgrace of their roguery.

The 2 cent episode, however, delivered jocosely, has a fine effect on a miscellaneous crowd of Republicans. The Sentinel asks Senator Harrison and editors of Republican journals in all seriousness whether they expect to hoodwink the people of Indiana with such lamentable rot as this—Will the Senator dare go to the people of Indiana and tell them that the expenses of the Government under a Democratic Administration have been cut down \$5,000,000 during the past year, and that the appropriations this year are six millions less than last year? Will the Senator dare to tell the people that a Republican Senate, of which he is a member, increased the appropriations of a Democratic House of Representatives \$23,000,000, and then afterward by the House Conference Committee the amount was brought down to within \$3,000,000 of the original sum proposed by the House?

Dare the Senator tell the people that the Democratic Administration found the books of the Land Department all correct? Have there not been millions of acres restored to the Government since Mr. Cleveland's inauguration? Dare the Senator take the books of the Navy Department and show to the people the miserable mismanagement under Republicanism? Dare he tell the people of the fabulous amounts of money squandered upon the rotten old tubs that were purchased during the management of our naval affairs under Robeson and Chandler? The Sentinel will give him some reliable figures that he may post himself before he attempts another keynote.

"The Yantic," now unseaworthy, cost originally \$232,257. Upon this vessel there have been expended in repairs \$595,233.

"The Brooklyn" cost \$417,921 originally, and upon her the astounding amount of \$1,935,901.98 has been expended in repairs. "Stealings" would be an appropriate substitute for "repairs." "The Brooklyn," it is said, will run perhaps for three years longer.

"The Hartford" cost originally \$502,650. It has been repaired and patched up to the amount of \$1,574,629, and will last five years.

"The Lackawanna," which was built for \$523,392, and upon which \$1,221,292 have been squandered in repairs has been condemned as unseaworthy.

"The Minnesota" cost \$691,469, and has been "repaired" to the amount of \$1,647,185.61.

"The Monongahela" has no machinery and can not move a pig, and she has been "repaired" to the amount of \$894,108, although her original cost was only \$339,803.

Does Senator Harrison call this sort of villainy the finding of the books correct?

Dare the Senator tell the people that instead of squandering and stealing enormous sums of money under vouchers for "repairing" that a Democratic Administration, noting the defenseless condition of our coast approaches has appropriated money to build an honest and reliable navy? Four double turreted monitors will be completed in the near future and thirteen first-class vessels will soon be upon the docks?

Dare the Senator dare to tell the people that the Democratic Commissioner who succeeded his friend Dudley paid more pensions with a smaller force than have been paid in any previous year since the foundation of the Government, exceeding that of the last fiscal year by nearly \$7,000,000?

In view of all these facts is it becoming in a United States Senator to say that the Democratic Administration, when it came into possession of

the Government, examined the books as kept by the Republican party and found them square and everything regular and correct?

LABOR'S ALLY.

Governor Gray, in his Logansport speech, declared that the Democratic party had been true to its pledges made to the people, and, as showing to what extent the last Legislature had gone in its effort to better the condition of the laboring classes, said:

The last Democratic Legislature passed an act repealing the alien land law;

It also passed an act prohibiting the importation of foreigners under contract or agreement to perform labor within the State;

Also an act prohibiting the employment of children under twelve years of age in certain manufacturing, and in those in which they are allowed to be employed from keeping them at work more than eight hours per day;

An act providing the means for securing the health and safety of persons employed in coal mines;

An act securing the payment of laboring men and mechanics, and making them first creditors until they are paid in full;

An act reducing telephone charges and prohibiting discrimination between patrons;

An act compelling companies corporations and associations, doing business in this State, to pay their employees monthly;

An act giving laborers and material men engaged in the construction of railroads a lien on the same;

An act guaranteeing and enforcing civil rights of all persons;

An act providing for the education of pauper children in all the counties of the State, and

An act providing for the enrollment of all soldiers of the State;

An act to prohibit forced contributions of money or property from employees by corporations or their officers.

No Republican Legislature ever did anything like as much for laboring men. The record stands a pledge that the Democratic party will continue to meet the demands of labor. The Democratic majority in the last session of the National House or Representative passed every bill it was asked to pass by the laboring men of the country. The course of the party in all matters of labor legislation, State and National, has been marked by the utmost liberality in dealing with labor questions and by the promptest acquiescence in the demands of labor. It has assisted more powerfully than any other agency the advancement of the condition of labor. It has never thrown a bar across the way. The most fortunate thing that could occur to the laboring men of the country would be a Democratic majority in both branches of the National Congress. The reign of Wall street would end with the beginning of such a dispensation. The Republican Senate, during the last session of Congress, made it a special business to weld the shackles upon the limbs of Labor at the dictation of the money-kings of the East. It is certainly to the interest of laboring men that they should give the Democratic party, which has proved its willingness to fearlessly champion their cause, a fair trial. With a Democratic House and a Democratic Senate, Labor would quickly realize every hope that is dear to it.

AN ILLUSTRATION.

A republican paper says that it hopes President Cleveland will leave the Government at Washington in as good a condition as that in which he found it, which reminds us of a little story.

An Austin man who had been living in a rented house, notified his landlord that he was going to move. "I hope," said the landlord, "that I will find the house in the same condition it was when you took it."

"No, I do not expect to leave it in the same condition that I found it."

"Well, you will have to do it."

All right, then, I'll drop a cat in the cistern and advertise for bed-bugs."

—Texas Sittings.

The Chicago Tribune, the very staunchest of Blaine's friends, has declared in favor of General Logan for President. Blaine's furious efforts in the Maine campaign are thrown away so far as his personal career is concerned.

Congress has been in session for the last eight months, and in that time scarcely anything has been done by the body that will be of benefit to the public. It has been an intensively Democratic body, and notwithstanding the profuse promise that so much would be enacted for the public good, the farmer finds the times still closer, Democratic promises unredeemed, and instead of the good times he was to have, want and hardships stare him in the face. Democratic rule is mighty undesirable thing to experience, as our people find not only in National rule but in State and county.—Huntington Herald.

In reply to the above the Huntington Democrat puts in the following well-timed and truthful reply, which is so complete in itself that further comment is unnecessary: "Nothing but either egregious ignorance or a deliberate intention of lying to the public could cause a newspaper to publish the above paragraph as the truth.—The Herald knows as well as it can know anything that the present Congress has done many good things during the session and not a single bad one. Had it passed any measure contrary to the welfare of the people and the prosperity of the republic, our neighbor would have mentioned it with delight. But it can find nothing better or more definite to say than to print a loose-jointed and general falsehood. This in itself is a confession that nothing wrong has been perpetrated by the Democratic Congress.

Let us see some of the good things it has accomplished.

1. It has increased the pensions of the old soldiers, their widows and orphans fifteen million dollars annually. Is that nothing? The Republican party never treated the brave defenders of the Union so generously. It saved its generosity for land-grabbers and monopolists.

2. The Democratic Congress of which the Herald complains so bitterly has saved the public domain millions of acres of land which the Republican party had given away to corrupt corporations. The latter political organization gave away enough land during the time it had control of the National Government to make eight or nine States the size of Indiana. And the people are wise enough to keep the Democracy in power until their heritage is restored.

3. By closer economy and better management the Democratic Congress has cut down the running expenses of the nation to such an extent that the amount thus saved will more than pay the fifteen million dollars that has been added to the support of pensioners.

4. The Democratic Congress has commenced the building of a navy worthy of the republic. Let the party remain in power a term or two more and we will be as mighty on the sea as we are on the land. Our coast defense being secure if worst comes to worst, we can defy the most powerful nation on the globe.

5. The Democratic Congress has not passed a single bill in the interest of monopolies. How different from the Republican party! Its chief business was to control the Government in favor of monopolists and millionaires.

6. The Democratic Congress has passed every measure it has been asked to pass for bettering the condition of the laboring classes. The Herald never could say that for Republicanism. That party took more interest in the welfare of a few bloated aristocrats than it ever took in the welfare of laboring people. If it could protect a few at the expense of the many it did so, and then let the rest, the millions, take care of themselves.

7. When the Democracy took the reins of the government from Republican hands it found hundreds of thousands of industrious men out of employment, because, like those mentioned in Scripture, no man had hired them. Now, as a Congressman said on the floor of the House a few days since, there

is not a laborer in the United States who wants work that can not find it. So much has the present Democratic administration and Congress inspired the American people and business with healthy confidence. With such splendid results before us, one must be blind as a bat not to see on every hand the excellent fruits of our superior Democratic policy. Let the Herald, in the future, look before it leaps.

The Indianapolis News (Republican) makes some pertinent comments on the platform of the Republican Convention. We make the following excerpts:

The Republican platform is an inordinately long document, and in some portions thick—a veritable jungle. It contains some remarkable wild assertions, as, for instance, that the Democratic party has disfranchised hundreds of thousands of voters in the North by its failure to admit Dakota into the Union, and that the same party by its legislation has "interfered with the regular and orderly reduction of the public debt, which was so conspicuous a feature of Republican administration." The only thing akin to legislation which the Democratic party has done that in any way touches this is the adoption of the resolution declaring that the debt should be paid.

* * * The attempt to prove that the Democrats "show continued enmity to the Union soldier" because of the pension vetoes, in view of the fact that Cleveland has signed more pension bills in eight months than Grant did in eight years, is very feeble, and in view of the defeat of Major Holstein in this Congressional district is ludicrous. * * * The protective tariff plank, stripped of its verbiage and translated into English, simply doesn't mean anything further than this—namely, that the Republicans are going the whole gait of protection, just as the National party goes. It "favors the maintenance of the principle of protection." Those are the first words. All after that might as well have been omitted. The Republicans of Indiana are in fact pledged to "protection" as a "principle." The financial plank is a waddle, and there are some other planks that don't even amount to that much. * * * [As to the liquor plank.] What is it? We give it up. If it means local option, why doesn't it say "local option?" If it means high license, why doesn't it say "high license?" The nearest to meaning anything that we come with it, is this: "If people like this sort of thing, this is about the sort of thing they like." It means, in short, to plain people, nothing. As a declaration, there is really more positiveness in the Democratic plank, which speaks definitely for a "reasonable increase" in the rate of the present liquor license. We should expect more and better things of a Republican Legislature in this way than of a Democratic one, but this declaration is evasive, though it may lead to an advance in legislation.

ANNOUNCEMENT—A CARD

On account of frequent and urgent solicitation on the part of prominent citizens from all parts of the district and from all political parties, I have been induced to announce my name as a candidate for State Senator, in this Senatorial District, subject to the popular vote in November next.

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DAVID H. PATTON.
Remington, Ind., July 21, 86.

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