

GROVER IS THE VICTOR.

Our Own Glorious Democracy Triumphant.

TARIFF ROBBERS ARE SEVERELY REBUKED.

A Significant Victory for the People Won by the People.

THE PARTY OF JEFFERSON ONCE MORE SUPREME.

American Workingmen Will No Longer Bow to Protected Monopolists.

CLASS LEGISLATION IS DOOMED TO EXTIRPATION.

Fruits of the Ominous Ante-Election Stillness Have Been Made Known.

VERSATILE TIN-PLATE LIARS NOW OUT OF A JOB.

Cleveland and Stevenson, Vindicators of the People's Cause, Are the Nation's Exalted.

The Dreams of the Dawn of Democracy's Day Have Been Realized.



No more force bills.
No perpetual war taxes.
No more minority rule.
No more million-dollarism.
No more humbug diplomacy.
No everlasting tariff for monopolies only.
No more bounties or subsidies to favored classes.

We have won. Cleveland and Stevenson are victorious and Democracy, our own glorious Democracy, is triumphant. The people, the plain working people who reap but that which they have sown—and that only after the tax-gatherer has made his liberal deductions for the use of the tariff-fed millionaires—have again come into their own. For the second time in thirty-two years the Democratic party has triumphed over the allied forces of plutocracy and political corruption. Politically this country is ours. Let Democrats everywhere rejoice!

It means much to have a Democratic Vice President ruling over the sessions of the United States Senate, but the victory is chiefly significant when considered with deference to the platform upon which it has been won. Never was the fundamental difference between the two great parties more clearly put in issue. "We denounce Republican protection as a fraud; the labor of the great majority of the American people for the benefit of the few," declared the Democrats assembled in convention at Chicago. "We declare it to be a fundamental principle of the Democratic party that the federal government has no constitutional power to impose and collect tariff duties except for the purposes of revenue only—and we demand that the collection of such taxes shall be limited to the necessities of government when honestly and economically administered."

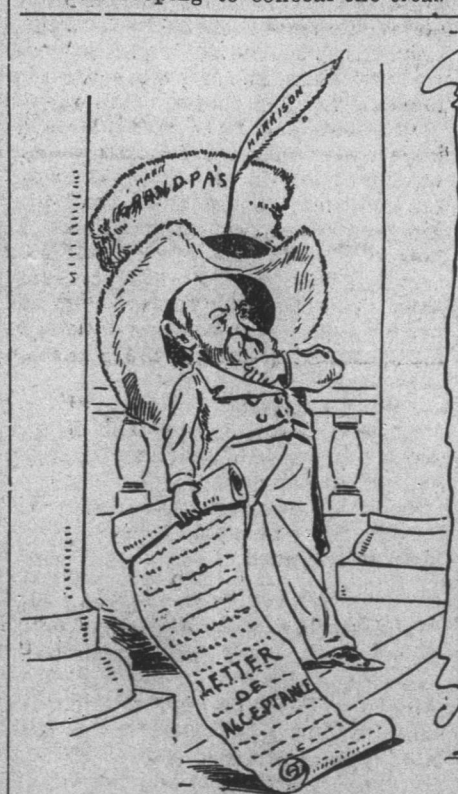
The battle was fought and won upon the issue of tariff for revenue only. The gauntlet was thrown down to McKinley, Carnegie, the champions of wealth, of vested "rights"—which are often vested wrongs. They responded by pouring money extorted from despoiled consumers and underpaid workmen into the Republican campaign fund. The three big safes in Chairman Carter's office were crammed to repletion. We of this State know something of how that gold flowed in slimy streams, corrupting whatever it touched. We have seen the procession of so-called independent newspapers, with editors destitute equally of conscience, convictions, and cash, sneak shamefacedly, into the Republican ranks. Just for a handful of silver they left us; just for a ribbon to wear in their coats. They have the silver, we the victory.

It has been said that the campaign was dull, that there was a lack of brass band enthusiasm and marching

club oratory. And the wisecracks have dolorously prophesied that this portended Democratic defeat. They know better now. The fact is that there never was a campaign in which there was more thinking and less shouting. There was never a campaign in which the arts of the professional campaigner counted for so little. Notable factors these in the Democratic triumph, for the professional campaigner has been on the side of the heaviest money bags, while the men who did the thinking went to the polls with Democratic tickets in their hands.

Magnitude of the Victory. Let us not underestimate the magnitude of the victory gained nor the extent of the obstacles surmounted. "Harrison's administration," said recently an eminent man of his own political faith, "has been four years of political campaigning." He has subordinated everything to his desire for a second term. His cabinet was shrewdly formed, so as to take out of the field some of his principal rivals in his own party. How he undermined and drove into private life the most able of all Republicans, James G. Blaine, is matter of notoriety. Blaine's diplomacy was distorted to the President's glorification. Blaine's shrewd device for sugar-coating with reciprocity the unpalatable pill of McKinleyism was heralded by Harrison as his own. And when the Secretary of State withdrew from a position made a false one by the duplicity of the President the cry of "treachery" was raised by the Federal officeholders who were even then gathered like a body of paid retainers to vote for the renomination of their chief. Every executive department of the National Government has been employed for the personal ends of Harrison. The diplomatic and consular service was filled with shrewd political managers from pivotal States, who, when the campaign opened, came home to do battle like a well-drilled army for their leader. The Treasury portfolio was given first to a possible rival and, upon his sudden death, to an Ohio politician whose time has been about equally divided between political work in Ohio and devising new forms of book-keeping to conceal the treas-

ury deficit due to McKinley and the billion-dollar Congress. The post-office was given to John Wanamaker in exchange for a \$400,000 campaign fund. For his assistant, Clarkson, the most unscrupulous of practical politicians, was chosen, and the heads of Democratic postmasters felt faster than a score of swift perfecting presses could have turned out copies of the Republican platform with its hypocritical civil-service reform



It is a victory for Democracy won by Democrats. There was no mug-wump aid this time. It was won upon the merits of the parties, not through adventitious circumstances. We were aided by no blatant Buchanan, crippled by no lying Murchison. Democratic principles—the creed of justice which declares that every man shall enjoy the same rights and liberties as every other man—have triumphed. It has been a battle

plank. The pension bureau under "Corporal" Tanner and, later, under Green B. Raum, who does by indirection and sneaking what Tanner did with brazen effrontery, was a mere vote-making machine for Harrison. The Navy Department served its turn when jingoism was thought to be politically profitable, and the expensive and discreditable Chilean complications were political tribute paid to him. And if the army has not been employed to serve his personal ends and further the designs of his party it is not for lack of desire. Had not the execrable an infamous force bill been beaten there would have been soldiers at every doubtful polling-place under orders of Federal officials, whose very livelihood would have been dependent upon a Republican majority. There will be no more force bills now.

What it means, then, Democracy, this victory we have won? That the doctrine that the many may be taxed for the benefit of the few is finally overthrown by the stroke of the people. That this nation rejects with abhorrence the theory that bayonets at the polls are essential to—or, indeed, not fatal to—a free expression of the people's will. That the extravagance of the Republican party during the brief period when it was in uncontrolled possession of both branches of the Government, has received a second veto. That Grover Cleveland's sterling integrity and uncompromising devotion to duty have stood forth convincingly when contrasted with four years of self-seeking and partisan juggling under Harrison. Finally that the voters of these United States have come to recognize the Republican party as the party of plutocracy, the party of privilege, the party which robs the poor to further enrich the wealthy, a party without principle or excuse for being, maintained for the profit and glorification of an army of mercenaries, living on the record of its past and having no future. The statesman to whom Republicans point

bauch it rather than by hedging in the polls with Federal bayonets, saw leaders, whom they might trust in Cleveland and Stevenson.

The first time the Republicans attained power in this Republic they held control of the Government for twenty-four years. When next they returned to office four years of constant scandal, squandering and spoliation was enough to cause the people to rise in their might and turn the rascals out. Grover Cleveland is victorious. Democracy is triumphant, and the nation is redeemed. Noble Democrats! Glorious Democracy! Victorious Cleveland!

WHY HE VOTED DEMOCRATIC.

I was one of them "fool farmers," yes, I'll own it. There was plenty of us fashioned on the same peculiar plan. And I've lived here in my State more than five and twenty years; a grown-up poorer and poorer, as it certainly seemed to me.

I seldom read the papers—I work too hard for that.

And never knew why I got lean while other men got fat.

I didn't fool with politics, I had too much to do.

But I always voted as I shot, and as they told me to.

The day before election, just imagine my distress.

When I ketched my wife a-reading—now, what would you do, I guess?

A free trade publication, and to make it worse she'd read it regular each night before she went to bed.

And do you know that wife of mine just faced that farmers' slave to make a few monopolists in town.

I always try to get around these warms domestic apats.

But when I praised protection she laughed and answered, "Rats."

I bristled up; it kindled all the sentiments of strife.

To think that this free trade stuff should be I quit her then and there, before her argument was through.

As every good protectionist makes it a rule to do.

That night we had a campfire, and our Congressman was there.

We gave him "John Brown's Body" when he went to take the chair.

I wore my old blue uniform, to spite the Democrats.

But all the time I wondered what my Mary meant by "Rats."

Our Congressman was eloquent; he made a stirring speech.

I could almost see the battle's smoke and hear the bullets scorch.

And when he bade us vote as we had shot at Malvern Hill.

We rose with one accord, and cried, with one acclaim, "We will!"

We sang the good old war songs and we ate a mass o' beans.

And we passed the evening pleasantly, recalling bloody scenes.

And we took the straight-out tickets and we pinned 'em on our hats.

But all the time I wondered what my Mary meant by "Rats!"

When I reached home I noticed that my Mary wore a smile.

Which seemed to me as indicatin' a storm ahead of bile.

To head her off I said, "You call me early, for to-morrow will be the free trade day free trade will have this year."

Nex' mornin', just at sun-up, as I woke and rubbed my eyes.

A-wonderin' what she meant by "Rats," I saw, to my surprise,

My clothes and hat and shoes, all ranged in order on the floor.

And hearin' each a card I'd swear I never saw before.

My flannel shirt displayed this sign, "Taxed 50 per cent."

My trousers, "Taxed 100"—so this was what "Rats" meant.

My vest said, "Taxed 100," and my shoes, "Taxed 50."

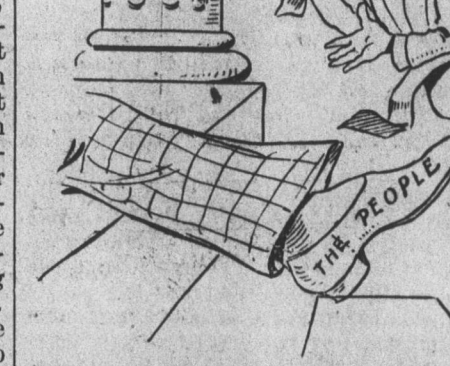
My coat and hat "500," with "Protection makes us thrive."

I went to fill the basin, and I noticed as I came "Taxed 50 per cent. Great Scott! the towel said the same."

The was marked at "20." As I dropped it on the floor.

I changed to see a scuffle full of coal chalked "20."

I passed into the kitchen, and it gives me pain



life.

And, as I left the table, in remarkin' to my wife

That I was goin' to the polls, she helped me with my coat.

And said, "I reckon, John, I needn't tell you how to vote."

I walked down to the votin' place; it looked like every yard.

Was full of farmin' implements which bore a little card.

And seemed to say, from plow to spade, from thrasher down to ax

"Good mornin', John, and don't forget the tariff is a tax."

I voted straight—oh, yes, no doubt of that; I didn't budge.

But not exactly in the way expected of my State.

And I showed the boys the little cards provided by my wife;

That night our Congressman took formal leave of public life.

I was one of them "fool farmers" durin' five and twenty years.

But I learned a little common sense, as doubtless now appears.

You can run and tell McKinley—and say—don't forget to state

That we've voted, all us farmers, and we've voted damn near straight.

—Exchange.

Forty years ago the party of high taxes was swept out of existence by the demand of the people for a relief from excessive taxation. The lesson of 1852 has been repeated. The Republican party has passed into history as the last relic of that barbarism which taxes the people and proclaims that it is enriching them.

CLEVELAND'S campaign: Dignity, Decency, Decency.

Harrison's hustle: Rabble, Riot, Ruction.

The Republican managers used every endeavor to get out Corporal Tanner, ex-Pension Commissioner, to whom up the soldier vote, but he steadfastly refused to whoop.

GENERAL SICKLES will have the felicity of listening officially to Mr. Cleveland's second inaugural.

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