

# The Sentinel.

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OLD JOE MEDILL, editor of the Chicago Tribune, a red hot Republican sheet, declared before the United Senate Committee on Education and Labor that "THE PRESENT TARIFF WAS FLEECING FARMERS, and they are beginning to understand it."

We do not find our matches any cheaper since the removal of the internal revenue tax. This probably is on the same line as indicated by an exchange, which says "that ever since the tax on tobacco was reduced, free traders have been able to buy good five-cent cigars for ten cents right along."

Referring to the Ohio election, the News Journal says:

The Republicans everywhere are just beginning to realize that they have been shouting about Ohio before they were out of the woods. They are losing confidence and courage on the home stretch. The results of the election in the State and the country districts show the most extraordinary Democratic gains. The wool and cotton States are not out of sight, and the Republicans right and left have effected an organization in every voting Precinct for special work on the election day.

Mr. Pierce, who was first selected by Massachusetts Republicans to run against Butler the best man in their party, was in Congress when Tilden was swindled out of his election. He opposed his party's action, and said: "I am aware, Mr. Speaker, that in the action I now take I stand almost alone among my political associates here; but I should be recreant to my convictions if I neglected to place on the imperishable records of the House my dissent from the vote which is proposed to establish."

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It is well, doubtless, to occasionally refer to the principles which the Democratic party of this great Republic has for its foundation, and upon which it has reared its citadels, its fortresses, its high towers and grand observatories; but this need not be done every day in the week. The people are so well informed upon the subject that they do not require the frequent repetition of self-evident truths to enable them to speak and vote intelligently. But it should be stated in this connection that every year brings to the front an army of young men equipped according to lay to wield the ballot. It is fair to assume that in this age of schools, books and newspapers that these young Americans are prepared to vote intelligently; but it may be well for the Democratic press of the country to refer them to the old landmarks by which the Democratic party has marched to victory in the past, and which are still looming up for the guidance of the party in the present. To do this efficiently we reproduce from the columns of the American Register the following:

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