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YES, we have our peculiarities, we people of "the south," and our modes of living and linguistic idiosyncracies are more noticeable to those who come among us from other sections than they are to us, to the manor born.

A prominent and cultured gentleman of Easton, who has not resided here as long as have some of the rest of us, asked a lady the other day to what denomination she belonged. "Oh," said she, "I am an Oldsider." This was a shock to the gentleman who thought of local option, hard cider, religion and politics all at once, and was none the wiser until he sought information from another as to what the lady meant. After a spell of illness through which he had gone, this gentleman was frequently accosted with, "Well, how are you getting?" He could, at first, only think he had either mistaken the word "what" for "how," or the interrogator had made a *lapsus linguae*. And while he was framing an answer to, "Well, what are you getting?" he could but think of the rare impertinence of these good people who all want to know what one is getting.

But, after all, the stranger becomes accustomed to our simple ways and mannerisms and soon learns that we have big hearts, and extend a cordial welcome to all; and what is more, we have greater advantages of climate, soil, health, and its accompanying concomitants, than we boast of to the world.

REPUBLICANS, ORGANIZE.

WE have adhered to the Republican party because we believe that it was from the beginning and is to-day the party of the people. We also believe it is the only party upon which the hopes and security of this Republic can safely rest. The recent elections plainly forshadow the return of the Republican party to power in the Federal Government; and we can discover no reason why it should not be raised into control in this State. Its normal strength in Maryland is more than one hundred thousand votes under our rotten election machinery, and there is no reason, if the party is properly organized and brought under proper discipline, that it should not sweep the State.

The first step, in our opinion, towards the successful organization of the party is for the State Central Committee to convene at an early day in the month of May and take charge of the work of thorough organization and reach the disorganizers in the city of Baltimore, that they must stop their reprehensible conduct or they shall have no place in the ranks of the party. We have had enough of their disgraceful methods, and such Republicans should be weeded out of the party if they cannot observe the proprieties that are inseparably essential to thorough and successful organization, and loyal co-operation in campaign work.

Let the State Committee rise to the exigency of the occasion, and exert its rightful powers to silence all disturbers of the harmony of the party, and put the party machinery in shape for efficient work this fall throughout the State.

THE MARYLAND LEGISLATURE.

ON Monday of this week the Maryland Legislature closed the session of 1894, and we may now ask what has been done for the people? Echo answers, what! In the campaign of last year the Democracy made their accustomed pledges to the people and asked them for their confidence and support, and the people trusted the leaders and continued the Democratic party in power, as they have done in this State since 1867—a period of twenty-seven years. If the people will now read the Democratic platform of the convention of last year, and compare the record which the Legislature just closed has made therewith, they will discover that the history of the party is one of broken pledges, as has been the case in Maryland ever since it came into power in 1867.

A marked evidence of this betrayal of the people's confidence, is the failure to re-assess the property of the State and fix an equitable basis upon which to impose the burdens of taxation. For many years the people have clamored for a fair adjustment of the basis of taxation. Twice the General Assembly has passed a bill for this purpose, and as often the bills have been vetoed by the Governor. At the present session the "Ring Bosses" deemed it advisable to change their tactics, and hence, they had the re-assessment bill defeated in the House of Delegates, and the tax-dodgers have again escaped. Not only have the pledges of the party been broken, but it has been strongly intimated that the "Ring" managers accepted a consideration for disregarding the pledges of the party to the sovereign people. To break pledges is, in itself, a crime, but to be influenced by a mercenary weakness, adds to betrayal the infamous crime of venality.

We have cited this instance of betrayal, because we know that the people have felt deeply the need of legislation upon the question of taxation. We might, however, instance many other cases of an equally glaring character. That the Legislature has been all the while under the dominion of the notorious "Ring" managers is well known, and there is a sense of relief throughout the State that the Democratic contingent at Annapolis has dispersed; and we sincerely hope when the general assembley convenes two years hence, other and better influences will prevail at the Seat of Government.

There have been times in the world's history, when great men conquered the nations of the earth and led the human race; but the methods of such men have become a dead science, and the men and methods that now occupy the arena have shrunken to very narrow dimensions, which seem daily becoming narrower. The worst service that can be rendered to our State is to attempt to chain her up to the dead past or to bind her hitherto free limbs with the cords of absolute *"Ringism."* What we want in Maryland is independent manhood; leadership that will pilot us away from the swamps of Gormanism, Rasinism, Brownism and Coltonism back to the fold of honest and decent government for the people.

It is useless to continue to simply protest against the wrongs that are being committed. We must organize and overthrow the combination of men who perpetrate these wrongs. Then we may call ourselves men fit to be free.

INDUSTRIAL DEPRESSION.

No one can deny that the United States enjoyed great prosperity during the four years of President Harrison's administration; nor can it be denied that very great depression has prevailed during the first year of President Cleveland's term of office. Prior to the election of Mr. Grover Cleveland in November, 1892, there had been sufficient employment for the people in every part of the country, and business was everywhere active and profitable; yet, as soon as it was known that a Democratic Congress, Senate and House of Representatives would take possession of the Federal Government on the 4th of March, 1893, there were serious industrial dislocations consequent upon this change, by which the industrial and commercial interests of a great population would be revolutionized, and intense suffering brought to displace artisans and laborers. And, what indeed of the present? And what part has the present Administration played in bringing about the existing unsatisfactory condition?

It was not until slavery died and industrialism found a home throughout this free land, that man's inventive faculties were brought into full play. The death of human slavery was coincident with the untrammeled development of industrialism, with the birth of civil freedom, and with an enormous increase of mechanical aids to labor and diversified pursuits.

Estimating the power of steam, and exhibiting its beneficence, by showing the numbers of men to which its application are equivalent has been, and still is, a favorite employment with those who ever descant upon the progress of the race and the march of improvement. Few measure the ultimate effect, however, of such tremendous forces upon individual and national welfare, and what must be the inevitable result if this march of improvement continues without a commensurate increase of the individual power to consume, on the part of the great mass of the population? That mass is made up of wage-earners and cultivators of the soil, and constitutes at least four-fifths and probably nine-tenths of the world's consumers of the products of manufacturers. Nor do these thoughtless men ever stop to enquire if such an increase of consumptive power is probable or even possible.

In the National campaign of 1892 the Democratic leaders told the people who work for wages, that those who employed them were making too much money, that the wage-earner was being robbed, that living must be made cheaper, that no products must be carried to the markets of the world, and to accomplish this economical feat we must throw open our market to the other nations, by the introduction of a policy of unfettered and unrestricted trade; that we must admit free raw material and withdraw protection from goods manufactured in the United States, and reduce wages in this country to such a low level as to enable our manufacturers to compete with those of Europe in the markets of the world in the sale of their products. The workingmen of this country were *deceived* by these false doctrines and lifted the Democrats into power, which they now see was the greatest folly of their lives.

Although the Democratic party had said in the canvas of 1892 that the robber tariff was iniquitous, and was a great wrong to the laboring classes, yet, when Mr. Cleveland was installed into office he called Congress in special session to consider, not the infamous robber tariff, but the silver question. When the Democratic Congress had assembled, Mr. Cleveland found his party was rotten on the question of silver, and he had to appeal to Republican members of the Senate and House to pass his silver measure. Nothing was done with the tariff at the extra session. The silver legislation served only to disquiet the people, alarm the banks, create a currency famine and plunge the whole country into a state of unrest; and the outcome of Mr. Cleveland's special session of Congress proves a great calamity to the country.

When Congress met, in regular session on the first Monday in December last, the whole country stood tiptoe with expectation and looked on to catch a gleam of hope admist the dark cloud that hung over the country. Months have passed, and the Democratic Senators, Representatives in Congress and the President are still in a pitiful bog hopelessly divided on the question of the tariff; and the mills have stopped and for more than a million and a-half of wage earners and their families are living from what they had laid up under Republican rule. Moreover, the Democratic Congress re-opened the silver question and passed the Bland Seigniorage Bill, which contemplated the coinage of a vacuum, and the issuing of $55,000,000 of Treasury notes without a constituent, and hence, a bold attempt to inflate the currency of the country and create unsoundness in the circulating medium to be followed by unsettled values. This infamous bill rested in the hands of President Cleveland for nine days, and luckily for the country further aggravated distress was avoided by his being prevailed upon to return the measure to Congress with his veto.

WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENCE.

From our Regular Correspondent.

Washington, D. C., April 2d, 1894.

The Republicans in the House have it in their power, if so disposed, to allow the House to pass the Bland bill over Mr. Cleveland's veto, when the attempt is made this week by the silver men to do it. There is little probability that the republicans will do this, but the fact that they can do it is having such a distributing effect upon the administration democrats that they are talking among themselves of filibustering to prevent a vote when Mr. Bland makes a motion to pass the bill over the veto. There are a few republicans who will vote for the motion anyway, and all that would be necessary for it to receive more than the necessary two-third vote would be for the other republicans to abstain from voting, as more than two-thirds of the democrats will vote for the motion. The out and out silver men are not, however, anxious to see the Bland bill passed over the veto. They prefer it to be out of the way, so that they will be free to try to pass a free coinage bill.

The democratic Senators privately admit that they are not confident of passing the tariff bill, and the wildest man no longer talks of passing it by the first of May. There is much gossip of an attempt being made to attach a free coinage amendment to the bill, but even if the attempt is to be made, which is not certain, it cannot be done until the bill reached the amendment stage, which is something off.

Democratic Senators positively refused to grant a hearing to a delegation of New England women mill workers, who came to Washington to protest against the injustice of the tariff bill in dealing with matters in which mill workers are vitally interested, but they got a hearing—republican Senators gave it to them—and their objections to the bill will be stated to the Senate and to the country by the republican Senators during the debate on the tariff bill, which opened today according to the program.

Those democratic Congressmen who have been backing other applicants for the position are as mad over the announcement that the "ex" rule is again to be violated, and Mr. Thomas E. Benedict, who was Public Printer under the first Cleveland administration, is to again have that office, as they have been all along because Hon. Frank W. Palmer, admittedly one of the best Public Printers the country ever had, has not only been allowed to keep the office, but was actually begged to keep it until Mr. Cleveland got ready to select his democratic successor. One of the principal things remembered by republicans against Mr. Benedict's previous administration of the office is the large number of old soldiers who were dismissed by him.

The fight in the House to give the seat now held by Representative Boutelle of Me., to a democratic contestant who was not elected, which has been waged for more than a week without success, notwithstanding some very autocratic acts of Speaker Crisp, has brought out the fact that there are a score or more of democrats in the House who are too conscientious to take part in the theft of the seat merely to add one more to a democratic majority of ninety. But the act will doubtless be consummated this week, in spite of the protests of republicans and the non-votes of conscientious democrats, as the democrats are being arrested and brought in and a voting democratic quorum will probably be obtained.

It is just now a little puzzling to know why Secretary Carlisle should have considered it necessary to go to New York to secure the bankers of that city that Mr. Cleveland would make no concessions to the free silver men in Congress. Why wasn't the veto message considered assurance enough. Some of the silver men express the fear that the administration is making arrangements for another bond issue, similar to the last one. Be that as it will, it may be set down as reasonably certain that Congress will not follow Mr. Cleveland's recommendation by authorizing a bond issue.

Senator Voorhees was a little staggered the other day when confronted by the democratic Governor of Indiana, and his staff, who had come to Washington to protest against the tariff bill as it now stands. He could n't turn them down like he did the New England women, neither could he insult in sharp word fashion, the Senator and the Governor being the chief fighters. Governor Matthews, who is understood to be a candidate for Voorhees' seat in the Senate, is the Senator that the Indiana democrats demanded should be the author of original free list of the Wilson bill. Voorhees denied it, and said that Matthews had been trying to work up democratic opposition to the bill hoping to use it to advance his Senatorial aspirations. Matthews gave him to understand that the latter was a figure in the Senatorial question.

A Discussion on Free Coal.

The rabid editor of a free trade paper in Dover, N. H., lately told a workingman that free coal would be a great benefit to him. The discussion which followed was in the main as follows:

Laborer—You have admitted that the present depression is largely due to the uncertainty and delay in tariff legislation.

Editor—Certainly. Every one admits that.

Laborer—How much do you think I would be benefited by free coal?

Editor—Coal from the British provinces can be delivered here at a good profit at $4 per ton, and you now pay $6.50 per ton, and you could save $2.50 per ton with coal on the free list.

Laborer—I understood you that the tariff raised the price of an article just the amount of the duty. Now, then, will the repeal of a 75 cent duty on a ton of coal reduce the price $2.50 per ton?

Editor—Oh, that will be their fault of competition, and the Pennsylvania miners cannot compete with the miners of Nova Scotia.

Laborer—What will become of the Pennsylvania miners?

Editor—Of course the pits will be closed until the miners will work cheap enough so that they can also sell coal at $4 a ton.

Laborer—Then the new tariff is intended to reduce wages?

Editor—Oh, no indeed, that is not the object, though no doubt the wages will be incidentally reduced at first in many directions.

Laborer—I use half a ton of coal a month, and you say that with free coal I could save $2.50 on a ton or $1.25 per month on my coal bill. Now, my wages have been reduced 28 per cent and you have admitted that the agitation of the tariff question caused the depression which reduced them. You have also admitted that incidentally the proposed tariff itself would reduce wages. Before reduction my wages amounted to $2 per day. Now please explain how I am benefited by saving $1.25 a month on my coal bill while I lose $21.84 a month on my wages. I can hardly see where the saving comes in.

Editor—It is evident that you and I do not think alike on the tariff question. Good night, sir.

This conversation took place in the presence of several witnesses and illustrates fairly well the effects of the proposed Wilson tariff on labor.

[illegible] Reads the Signs of the Times.

The question of [illegible] solves itself at last into [illegible] money, good roads or [illegible] money. Those who [illegible] the expense can [illegible] It is urged with much plausibility that bad roads are more expensive than good ones. To convince a community of this is the first step necessary to obtaining good roads.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

STATE PRIDE HURT.

A Manufacturer Talks to His Congressman. Dealing With Producer and Consumer. The State Value of Local Industries. Benefit to Farmers.

Hon. J. C. Tarsney, Washington:

MY DEAR SIR—It is said that the man that makes two blades of grass grow where one grew before is a public benefactor, and if this be true, as it undoubtedly is, a corporation that has converted a few hundred acres of virtually unproductive farming land into a thriving manufacturing village, giving support and employment to 3,000 people, is certainly a benefactor to the state and county in which such industry is located.

Now, the simple fact is that where Crystal City is located was formerly a sparsely settled farming community, with one country store, the annual sales of which represented an aggregate of not over $3,000 or $4,000, with no market for the farmer's produce other than was to be found in the exchange of that produce for such "store goods" as his family required for the year.

At this same place we now have substantial buildings covering 40 acres of ground and in these buildings furnaces and machinery which have produced and product the sale of which since 1877, when our works were first started, has brought into this state the enormous sum of $10,000,000; or, to be more exact, up to the 30th day of August last the sum of $9,878,976.08, not a dollar of which would have come into this state but for the existence of our works at Crystal City.

It is reasonable to suppose, and I believe it to be a fact, that the larger portion of this additional wealth thus brought into our state has been distributed among the various other mercantile and manufacturing interests, chiefly here in St. Louis, that furnish the personal and household supplies required by our employees, as well as such articles as we ourselves use in the course of our business.

Not only this, the farmers all around our works now have a regular and steady market in St. Louis retail cash prices for all of the produce they choose to raise—chickens, eggs, butter, pork, flour, hay, corn, oats—in fact, everything that a farm produces—while the taxes we have paid in Jefferson county have enabled its officials to reduce the rate of assessment, and at the same time have assisted in procuring such increase in the [illegible] fund as has enabled the commissioners to extend the means of education.

Other counties north, south and west of us have not just as they have been for years past, simply because of the absence of such industry as we have established in Jefferson county.

[illegible] as to the consumption of plate glass, our records show that we are to-day using [illegible] per cent less per capita than we were ten years ago, and the production of [illegible] manufacture.

At the [illegible] we now obtained from our own state or in this vicinity with the single exception of [illegible] we have to import, and [illegible] upon the amount we [illegible] equals from $10,000 to [illegible]

We [illegible] that this city shall be [illegible] the principal [illegible] of this country some of [illegible] establishing [illegible] soda ash [illegible] successful de- [illegible] which will [illegible] will enable [illegible] much cheaper [illegible] in the near future we are now furnishing plate glass to dealers in the same [illegible] is continued with re- [illegible] as has been in force [illegible] plate glass. In other [illegible] to see American [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]