

WHAT nonsense it is for a Democratic organ like the New York World to say that "all the Prohibition journals are raving" over the so-called "free-whisky" attitude of the Republicans! Hasn't the World yet discovered that the Prohibition platform goes farther than the Republican platform in demanding the repeal of the internal revenue taxes?

"FREE Wool, Free Woollens and Free Trade" was the way Colonel McClure put the issue just two years ago. He was sure then that the pivotal point of the Mills bill, which he supports to-day, meant Free Trade. What has happened since then to change his opinion? What has occurred to alter his attitude? Nothing but partisan necessity and party pressure. The Philadelphia Times has gone, as has a large part of the Democratic party, over to a position which two years ago it was denouncing as Free Trade. "Why not tell the truth?" vociferates Colonel McClure. Was he "telling the truth" yesterday in supporting free wool or two years ago in opposing it? Which "truth" does he want his readers to stand by?—*Phila. Press.*

The resolution adopted by the Grand Council of the Independent Labor party of the United States, in session at Detroit on Monday of last week, pledging the support of the organization to Harrison and Morton, is but an instance of the steady drift of the labor vote over to the Republican ticket. Wherever signs of party disintegration appear this year they are invariably found on the Democratic side, and wherever growth and expansion are visible they are all found in the organization of the Republicans. The changes of party association among voters are enormously in favor of the Republicans, and of these there are none so significant as the steady transfer of the labor vote to Harrison and Morton.

Those assistant Democrats, St. John and Gen. Fiske, with the lesser Prohibition leaders, are making an outcry against the Republican party because it favors a reduction of the internal revenue tax on whisky. And Dr. Theodore Cuyler, a Brooklyn free trader, has been constrained to say that he can no longer support the Republican party because of its declaration in favor of the partial repeal of the whisky tax. To read what these Prohibitionists say, the reader would very naturally conclude that the Prohibition party was against the repeal of the internal revenue tax on whisky. But the strange thing about it all is that it is not. It declared in its platform, and we quote the exact language, "for the immediate abolition of the internal revenue system whereby our National Government is deriving support from the greatest national vice." If this is not a declaration in favor of free whisky so far as the government tax is concerned, we certainly know of no language which could form such a declaration. The declaration of the Republican party is only for a partial abolition of the tax; and this because they prefer such a reduction "to the surrender of any part of the protection system at the joint behest of the whisky trust and the agents of foreign manufacturers." But the truth is that St. John and Dr. Cuyler, and many others among the Prohibition leaders, are free traders, and without announcing that as their chief reason, find in this inconsistent position on the question of the whisky tax, an indirect excuse for their opposition to the Protection policy. These Prohibitionists, like the Mugwumps, seek a cover for their real purposes. They are well aware that free trade is unpopular in the United States, and equally well aware that the party that will boldly and honestly declare its purpose of being a free trade party has no possible chance of success. Even Cleveland's party is to-day shuffling and dodging in the face of the campaign, whereas a year ago they were all as bold as lions. Honest Prohibitionists ought to be disgusted with the incoherency of such people as St. John.—*Harrisburg Telegraph.*

The greatest "welcome home" ever accorded to an American citizen awaits Mr. Blaine upon his arrival at New York about the 7th or 8th of August. This is right, since Mr. Blaine is the greatest living American.

ONLY a half dozen more pension vetoes! That is not much for Grover, when he has the steam on and pens and ink handy. He is now getting in his work on the soldier who fought because he did not do more of it and thus save him the expense of that substitute.

THE report that William L. Scott is secretly hopeful of carrying Pennsylvania for the Democrats this year is doubtless the invention of some heartless joker who wants the campaign fun to begin ahead of time. Colonel Scott can't carry one side of Pennsylvania—not even the Erie district of it.

THE coincidence is unfortunate. Calvin S. Brice, just elected chairman of the Democratic National Campaign Committee, is shown to be interested in the great New York aqueduct job by which that city was robbed of a large amount of money, and which a Senate committee is investigating at the present time.

THE Mills free trade bill passed the Democratic House last Saturday, the vote standing 162 to 149. Four Democrats voted against the bill, and two Republicans, Nelson of Minnesota and Fitch of New York, voted for it. The bill will not pass the Senate, but the country now has an indisputable knowledge of what the Democrats would do if they had full sway.

"On the adoption of Free Trade by the United States depends the greater share of English prosperity for a good many years to come." As the *British History Review* reiterates: "We venture to assert that England will reap the largest share of any advantages that may arise from the adoption of the ideas now advocated by the Free Trade party in the United States."—*London Economist.*

The following interesting item is from the *English Iron Era*:
"The Cobden Club is trying to raise a large sum of money to be spent in furthering the Free Trade propaganda in the United States. Lord Brassey has given £1,000, others less, and the hat is going round."
We only wish our American advocates of Free Trade were as candid as their English supporters. As for promulgating their documents, we hope it will be kept up, for the greater the number of voters who understand that the issue is between Protection and Free Trade the greater will be the number of votes cast for Protection.
An old gentleman who sold lemonade on the show grounds last Saturday, attracted customers to his stand by making Republican campaign speeches. "Gentlemen," he thundered, "I am for Harrison and Morton and the old log cabin, but I can't swallow the hard cider. No, gentlemen, if you want a real, ice cold, genuine summer drink, take lemonade. Here it is. The best on the grounds. Hurrah for Harrison." A well-meaning stranger stepped up to the lemonade orator and said, "My friend, you will drive all your Democratic customers away by that kind of talk." And the old singer made the thing worse by replying: "Never mind, stranger, I know what I am doing. I've been in this business before. Democrats don't drink lemonade."—*Punxsutawney Spirit.*

"I SHOULD be entitled to no respect or credit if I pretended that there is either a fair poll or count of the vast overflow of black voters in states where there is a negro majority, or that, in the nature of things present, there can be. There was not when the ballot-box was guarded by federal bayonets. There is not now."

The above is not from republican organ on the eve of election. It is from an article by Henry Watterson, of the Louisville Journal, and is part of an article published in the *Forum*. If Mr. W. would be entitled to no respect or credit, if he were to deny that South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Mississippi, Alabama and Louisiana were counted democratic by fraud, and that the members of congress from those states had no more title to their seats than a thief to his plunder, what shall be said of those northern newspaper editors who maintain that the ballot is as fair in the south as in the north. If the participants in the southern ballot-box crimes have ceased to deny it, what respect shall we have for the northern apologist? It strikes us that, with a president in the chair placed there by the votes of six republican states stolen from the party of their choice, it is about time the talk of the Tilden business was stopped. Mr. Watterson's confession is simply that the negro states are systematically stolen from the republicans. Under these circumstances, what can we expect of a man who would take a seat in the White House by virtue of such frauds?—*Meadville Gazette.*

What of Our Blockade.
Inasmuch as this question is now before the American people, it truly becomes the duty of that people to consider the same from an American standpoint. Not alone in war may we hope to see patriotism developed, but in times of peace as well. We must admit that in times of peace, to nurture and develop our industries as a nation, is the highest obligation and duty we as patriotic citizens can engage in, to do this is true patriotism, to do otherwise is evidence of national weakness; this, we believe to be the duty of the American citizen to day as much as it was his duty to enter the Army in order to suppress the Rebellion, and just as firmly as we did believe in the above, so do we now believe that the six hundred millions of money we send abroad each year for manufactured goods, &c., all of which we can produce at home on our own soil, should be kept at home, and paid out to our own farmers, mechanics and workmen. If employment is to be given by us as a people, or money made from us to or by anybody, we want it to be our own people; this we admire as true patriotism in civil life.

During our late national struggle it became necessary to shut out foreign powers from the southern ports by means of a blockade; this was very essential in the interest of the Union, but it may be argued that the act was a military necessity only. Be this as it may, all will agree that the result was good and right, and it would have been treason upon the part of any set of men to attempt the raising of that blockade and thus lay bare and subject our national interests to spoliation at the hands of foreign enemies during that critical period of war.

Now leaving behind what appears to have been only a military necessity in the estimation of some, let us look a little after what appears to be a civil necessity. We were fully satisfied as to the right and justice of the act defending our rights and national honor by the inauguration of our blockading squadrons in time of war, and we are just as fully satisfied as to the right and justice of the act defending our national honor and reputation, our industries, our farmers, mechanics and laborers by the inauguration and perpetuation of a system of national Protection against the impositions of foreign importation, &c., in times of peace. The prosperity of our broad land, in all its varied forms and avocations, is the direct result of Protection. Raise this mighty blockade, planted as it was in the defense of our national economy and interests, and you weaken our national influence, reduce the industries of our country and couple the American toiler with the degraded serfs of foreign lands. Are we as a nation prepared to thus sleep ourselves away into the open arms of these enemies and foreign powers, who would have delighted in our overthrow in war, and who are now jealous when they behold our prosperity in times of peace? Let Americans be Americans, and see to it, that our vast industries do not become subject to foreign will and control. Forbid the raising of our civil blockade, by placing men of true American principles at the helm, and our prosperity as a people and nation will increase as we pass into the future, our peace unobstructed, our flag honored and not insulted.

J. A.
Confirmation Notice.
Notice is hereby given that the following account has been filed in my office and will be presented at the next term of Court for confirmation.
First and final account of Mary Catlin, now Mary Tobey, administratrix of estate of Judson Catlin, late of Kingsley township, Forest county, Pa., deceased.
CALVIN M. ARNER,
Clerk of Orphans' Court of Forest Co., Tionesta, Pa., July 23, 1888.

SEALED PROPOSALS.
Sealed Proposals will be received by the Commissioners of the Counties of Jefferson and Forest, up to Wednesday, August 8, 1888, at 3 o'clock P. M., for rebuilding the Superstructure of the Bridge across the Clarion River at Clarington. Proposals will be received for either a Wooden or Iron Bridge. The bids to be addressed to the Commissioners of Jefferson County, at Brookville, Pa., and will be opened by the Commissioners of the two Counties at Clarington, on Thursday, August 9, 1888, at 11 o'clock A. M. The right is reserved to reject any or all bids.
By order of the Board,
JAMES T. BRENNAN, Clerk.

Sidewalk Ordinance.
Be it enacted by the Burgess and Town Council of the Borough of Tionesta: 1. That a sidewalk be built on the South side of Church street from Vine street to Elm street.
2. Said sidewalk on Church street to be four (4) feet wide and to be built of 14 inch pine or hemlock boards, three (3) oak stringers three (3) inches by five (5) inches, and not less than 10 (10) feet, nails to the board.
3. Said sidewalk to be built within thirty (30) days by the owners of land bordering thereon, or it will be built for them at their expense.
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