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A FREE TRADE PARTY

THAT IS EXACTLY WHAT THE DEMOCRACY IS.

History Proves That Democrats Have Been, Are Now and Will Continue to Be Hostile to the Policy of Protecting American Industry.

It would be precisely as true and fair to denounce the Republican party as the party of free trade. It never was a free trade party and is not now. From the Party Delivered Speech of Hon. Champ Clark, Permanent Chairman Democratic Convention.

I repeat, so that all men may hear, that I am a free trader and proudly take my stand with Sir Robert Peel, Richard Cobden, John Bright and Henry George. I may be a humble member of that illustrious company, but it is better to be a doorkeeper in the house of honest free traders than to dwell in the tents of wicked protectionists.

From a Speech of Hon. Champ Clark in House of Representatives, March 31, 1897.

I would destroy every custom house in America. If I had my way today, sir, I would tear them all down from curved to foundation stone, for from the beginning they have been nothing but a den of robbers.—From Same Speech.

The Democratic party is a free trade party or it is nothing. The conflict between free trade and protection is irrepressible and must be fought to the bitter end.—Henry Watterson.

All trade should be as free as possible.—Ex-Speaker Carlisle.

Add to the free list as many articles as possible. Reduce duties upon every dutiable article to the lowest possible point.—Ex-Secretary Fairchild.

If Grover Cleveland is re-elected president of the United States, as he will be; if another Democratic house of representatives is chosen, and if we can get our Republican friends out of the other end of the capitol and get Democrats in place of them, then we will pass a tariff bill that puts raw material on the free list, and then we will put our own intelligence and skillful and productive labor of this country upon a plane of equality with the laborers of all other countries.

I desire free trade, and I will not help to perfect any law that stands in the way of free trade.—Roger Q. Mills.

Mr. Cleveland stands before the country as the champion of free trade against protection.—Henry George.

Mr. Cleveland has challenged the protected interests of the country to a fight of extermination.—Senator Vest.

But coming back to the fact of free trade, it is undeniable that this is the ultimate policy of the Democratic party.—Memphis Appeal (Dem.).

I am not here for the purpose of voting for a tariff on lead or a tariff on wax or a tariff on anything, but I am here to get the tariff off everything I can. I am in a comb for the purpose of reducing taxes, and I will vote for a bill with free lead or free anything else in it to accomplish that purpose.—Congressman R. P. Bland.

Such expressions could be quoted indefinitely, but free trade is not the abolition of all duties and the tearing down of all custom houses, as Professor Sumner, the leading free trader in the United States, says:

Free trade does not mean the abolition of custom houses, nor does it mean the substitution of direct for indirect taxation. A country may collect its entire revenue by duties on imports and yet be an entirely free trade country. Thus the customs duties levied by England, with a few exceptions, are not inconsistent with her profession of being a country which believes in free trade. Consequently the following extracts from Democratic platforms will be interesting:

The time has come for the people of the United States to declare themselves in favor of free seas and progressive free trade throughout the world and, by solemn manifestations, to place their moral influence at the side of their successful example.—Democratic Platform, 1856.

No bounty shall be granted from the treasury not shall any duty or tax on importations from foreign nations be laid to promote or foster any branch of industry.—Confederate Constitution.

We demand that all custom house taxation shall be only for revenue.—Democratic Platform, 1876.

A tariff for revenue only.—Democratic Platform, 1890.

We demand that federal taxation shall be exclusively for public purposes and shall not exceed the needs of the government economically administered.—Democratic Platform, 1884.

This convention hereby indorses and recommends the early passage of the bill (free trade Mills bill) for the reduction of the revenue now pending in the house of representatives.—Democratic Platform, 1888.

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 purpose of revenue only, and we demand that the collection of such taxes shall be limited to the necessities of the government when honestly and economically administered.—Democratic Platform, 1892.

We hold that tariff duties should be levied for purposes of revenue and that taxation should be limited by the needs of the government, honestly and economically administered.—Democratic Platform, 1896.

Yesterday, today and tomorrow the Democratic party has been, is and will be a free trade party, or, what is precisely the same thing, a tariff for revenue party. Mr. Clark cannot change history, cannot pervert facts, cannot deny his own statements or those of other Democratic leaders.

Dangers of Clevelandism.

Free silver was only a threatening peril from which the election of McKinley saved the nation. Free trade was the road to ruin from which his election diverted the national course. The election of 1896 saved the United States from Clevelandism no less than from Bryanism, and Clevelandism is a peril into which the people are not likely to fling the country in a reaction from Bryanism. The threat of Bryanism has not obscured the dangers of Clevelandism. The people have had full experience of the miseries produced by the latter and do not feel encouraged to bring them on again. The promise of Democracy is bad, whether the promise appears in the ascendancy of one Democratic faction or the other. The people are not ripe for a change such as the Democrats would give them.—Pittsburg Chronicle.

Stoning Their Prophet.

Bryan in defeat is greater than his victors. No one can help respecting him and his convictions, but the subterfuges and misrepresentations of the Hill-Parker crowd receive nothing but strongest condemnation from all sides.—St. Louis Watchman-Advocate.

are expected to be much better during the coming months. While there is as yet no full return to the immense iron and steel business of 1901 and 1902, yet there is a most firm undertone to the market, and the coming months are liable to see a considerable increase in that industry over the slump of the earlier part of the year. This is evidenced in many ways, one of which may be particularized in the resumption of the Homestead Steel works, which have again started up at full capacity. The 7,000 men are promised not only steady employment, but already are working double time. The Newcastle plants, in Pennsylvania, have also started up again, and reports all over the country are exceedingly encouraging.

Taken as a whole, the financial and commercial condition of Uncle Sam and his people was never more satisfactory, and the outlook was never brighter. To be sure, there will be more or less hesitancy and doubt till Roosevelt and Fairbanks are elected and the continuance of our present tariff law assured, but the country seems to have become convinced of the belief that the Republican ticket will be successful and are planning on that basis, which means prosperity not only for the coming year, but for an indefinite time in the future.

MUDDLE HEADED BOURBONS

Whatever is Wrong, and to Remedy It You Must Lower the Tariff. After having watched Mr. Williams whisper a sermon, the delegates at St. Louis had the privilege, of which they seem not to have availed themselves, of hearing Mr. Champ Clark deliver a comic monologue. The country has been cruelly deprived of the expected consignment of eloquence by which Mr. Clark was to put in nomination the Missouri sage and statesman who is affectionately known as "Old Garden Sassa" Cockrell. As a slight measure of recompense Mr. Clark kindly consented to rise and everlastingly demolish those archvillains, George III. and Louis XIV. After reading the exposure of those hardened malefactors it is plain that everybody who thinks now is the time to punish them will have to vote the Democratic ticket. The permanent chairman also lent the weight of his influence to Patrick Henry and George Washington, who are at last definitely set right before the American people. But when he finally leaped over the centuries and landed in 1904 it is painful to observe that Mr. Clark became less definite. The country has a curiosity to know what the Democrats think they would do with the tariff if they could be elected. The best that Mr. Williams could tell them was that it would be "wisely" reduced. Mr. Clark did not venture even that much. But his mind did struggle with the subject in a way which is interesting in view of past events. In 1886 President Cleveland thundered loudly against a high tariff on the ground that it prevented our manufacturers selling goods cheaply enough abroad to compete with foreigners. He devoted a large part of his annual message that year to explaining that it was a terrible state of affairs that American goods could not get into foreign markets, and asserted positively that it was all because the protective tariff was too high. Now Mr. Clark, echoing Mr. Williams, is declaring that American goods are being sold all over the world; that it is a sin and a shame, and that the cause of it is the American protective tariff.

Whatever happens to be the condition of business at the time of a campaign, the Democratic orators assert, is all wrong. The way to change it, they aver each time, is to lower the tariff. The fact that goods were not sold abroad in 1886 in competition with foreign manufactures was a reason for doing away with protection. The fact that goods are sold abroad in 1904 in competition with foreign manufactures is a reason for reducing the rates. Lower the tariff and enable our products to be sold cheaply abroad; lower the tariff to prevent our products being sold cheaply abroad. Whatever the voters think about the tariff, they will not trust it to the hands of bunglers who know so little about it that they cannot even be of one mind as to which way the tool cuts.—Brooklyn Standard-Union.

Need Their Allies.

In 1896 and 1900 the Populists wrote the platform for the Democrats. This year the Democrats were left to themselves, and the result was almost no platform at all.—St. Louis Watchman-Advocate.

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