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Political Announcement.

We are authorized to announce the name of W. M. Botsford of LaPorte Twp. as a canidate for County Commissioner, subject to the action of the Republican county convention.

INCREASED SUGAR BILL.

Cuban Reciprocity Is Costing Us \$75,000,000 a Year.

The Cuban experiment ought also to demonstrate that our beet sugar industries were not, as opponents of Cuban reciprocity alleged, in imminent danger of extinction.—New York Evening Post.

We suppose our contemporary, the Evening Post, is aware of the fact that the beet sugar companies have not suffered extinction, because the price of gar is much higher than it was be fore the Cuban reciprocity act. We suppose our contemporary, the Evening Post, is aware of the fact that sugar is much higher than it was because there is now no competition between the beet is now no competition between the beet sugar producers and the Havemeyer sugar trust. We suppose our contem-porary, the Evening Post, is aware of the fact that there is now no competi-tion because the beet sugar producers, threatened with extinction by the re-duction of duty on Cuban sugar, were induced to make an agreement with the sugar trust for the control of the Amer-ican market and the raising of prices nsumers.

In the same edition from which we have quoted the Evening Post's commercial tables showed that the price of sugar was 6.15 cents a pound on April 4, 1005, as against 4.70 on April 4, 1904, year ago. This increase in price one year ago amounts to \$29 a ton. The sugar consumption of the United States is about 2,600,000 tons per an-num. The result of the Cuban reciprocity act, therefore, has been to increase the sugar bill of American consumers by more than \$75,000,000 a year!

Our contemporary, the Evening Post, was telling the American people before the passage of the reciprocity act that they were groaning under a "tar-iff tax" of \$\$,000,000 a year, which was to be remitted by reason of this "tax" coming off the importations from Cuba and going into the pockets of the conmers. Tariff duties of \$8,000,000 are per capita tax of 40 cents a year. But the Cuban reciprocity act not only falled to take off this per capita tax of 10 cents a year; it put the \$8,000,000 into the coffers of the sugar trust and the tobacco trust and it added \$75,000,000 a year to the sugar bills of the American

What the sugar trust was planning with its reciprocity act was an opportunity either to drive its competitors, the best sugar producers, out of exist-ence or to compel those competitors seeking self preservation to form a combine under which the American people could be plucked through a complete control of the market. Naturally the beet sugar producers did not choose to go out of existence. They ac-cepted the alternative and made an agreement with the sugar trust where-by the price to the consumer is ele-vated and kept up. So opulent a scheme is this that the sugar trust agrees to buy the product of beet sugar factories at a regulated price, just as the gas trust buys the product of af-filiated gas producers at an agreed price, which permits all the producers to make extortionate profits, since the helpless public must foot the bills.

The whole result of the Cuban reciprocity act, then, so far as sugar is concerned, is that there is no longer competition to protect the American consumer. He does not get the benefit of the lowered "taxes" on Cuban imports, and he does pay, the whole nation of him, \$75,000,000 more a year for his sugar!-New York Press

ONE MONTH'S RECORD.

Shows That Our Financial Position Was Never Before So Strong.

In February we increased our output of manufactured goods the most of any month in our history; this, be it recalled, under the Dingley tariff. We also sold an unusually large amount of agricultural exports, although our sales of manufactures exceeded those of our farm products. In February we sold over \$100,000,000 worth of goods to foreign customers, an increase of \$14,000,-600 over February of a year ago. We hold less cotton and wheat, but our aher exports have increased. In February we sent abroad \$12,500,000 of gold that we had no use for in this country. The past eight months we have sent out \$43,000,000 of our gold to the foreigner and we have a lot yet to spare. The American financial position was never so strong as it is today. We lead money to Europe as well as pdy for all we want from foreign nations, and still we have plenty to spare at home. Would tariff tinkering improve the status?-Lewiston Journal.

gation of the cause of the advance the price of beef, is unable to say anybody, "Thou art the man," there is still something it can do. It can give the consumer condensed facts and let him draw his own conclusions. It can give for a series of years the price of cattle on the range, the cost of transportation to the packing centers, of slaughtering, of dressing and of transporting the dressed beef to points of consumption. It can give the points of consumption. It can give the wholesale price of dressed beer and the retailers' price. With the aid of the summarized information put in an intelligible form the consumer may be able to find out who oppresses him, or he may learn that the advance in prices is due to causes over which neither he nor his government has any sentral. Chicago Tribinno. control.-Chicago Tribune.

During the eight months ending with February, 1905, we exported \$85.546. 682 worth of iron and steel manufactures. During the corresponding months of 1895, under the Wilson-Go-man tariff, our exports of iron and steel manufactures were valued at on ly \$20,589,349. And yet there are revisionists who want to change the Dingley law!

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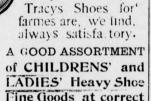
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