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Table with Democratic Ticket: National, President, Vice President, Judge of Supreme Court, etc.

We denounce protection as a fraud, a robbery of the great majority of the American people for the benefit of the few.—DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM.

A big hubbub was raised by the Republicans all through the country over the letter written by Blaine, which was published last Thursday.

The Associated Press has a correspondent in this region, with headquarters at Hazleton. Scarcely a day passes without several inches of his sensational rubbish finding its way into the metropolitan newspapers.

Last year Postmaster General Wanamaker had the postmasters at the county seat of each county make a visit to the postoffices in their respective counties, and confer with the postmasters about improvements in the service and gather information in regard to the postal service of the counties.

It is stated that this is one of the best ways of obtaining information as to the needs of the service and its improvement in the interest of the general public, but isn't it asking just a little too much from the postmaster at the county seat? Because a man or woman holds a Federal position and is under obligations to John Wanamaker for that position, is it right that he or she should be subject to every whim or hobby which the postmaster general may regard essential in keeping up the standard of the department?

Hydraulic Testing. A plant for hydraulic testing purposes is to be installed near the town of Santhia, Italy. The proposed establishment is intended for the determination of many points at present more or less obscure in the flow of water through large sluices.

Better Not Eat in Hot Weather. We all eat too much in the summer time. The man who begins a hot summer day with a cup of hot coffee, a big slice of beefsteak fried in grease, a cup of boiled eggs and two or three hot soggy rolls fresh from the oven is simply firing up for the day.

tal service. A permit to ride in a railway postal car does not carry with it the right to free transportation. Such permits are seldom granted.

The Vote May Decrease. An investigation among those of our citizens who are not conversant with the English language will reveal the fact that a number of them, probably the majority, do not intend to vote at the approaching election.

This, at least, is what is given out by the more intelligent of the class, and when everything is considered there are many reasons for believing it. Citizens though they are, the men are really ignorant of what is represented by the two parties, because they have not had the opportunities to see and study for themselves the difference between Republican and Democratic principles.

Unless the bosses insist on these men coming to the polls and going with them into the voting booths, no one need be surprised to find a large decrease in the "foreign" vote at the next election.

Their Honest Opinions. The following views and opinions, gathered by the Scranton Times, are those giving public expression to from time to time by prominent Republican leaders regarding high tariff and McKinleyism:

If you levy a duty on the raw material you discriminate against American labor. HENRY L. DAWES. There is not a section or line in the entire (McKinley) bill that will open a market for another bushel of wheat or another barrel of pork.

What is true of wheat is equally true of other grains. Therefore the farmer has practically no protection at all.

A system which gives to a Vanderbilt the possession of wealth beyond the dreams of avarice, and condemns the poor to a poverty which has no refuge from starvation, the prison or the grave. J. J. INGALLS. If the tariff on wool makes clothing cost more, a person will get along with one shirt where he would otherwise have two.

The policy of protecting the wool-grower is to gradually reduce the price.

When a gentleman stands upon the floor and tells me that this high, this extraordinary high tariff, is for the protection of the laboring man, I tell him I do not understand him. I do not understand how he can possibly substantiate such a theory. JOHN A. LOGAN. The manufacturers and the trusts get the protection and the profits of the tariff; the farmer gets the hurts and the bludge.

The tariff bill should read—a bill to prevent the diffused blessings of Providence from being enjoyed by the people of the United States. JOHN A. KASSON. I am for protection which leads to ultimate free trade.

An Adventure with Turtles. A boy at Newark, N. J., found two snapping turtles on Sunday morning and started to carry them home. In crossing a garden he was met by the owner, who poured out a volley of broken English upon the lad.

It is a blot on the nation such bills to put through. But Republican schemes of that sort are not new. We'll change the whole plot if you're not true. Against tariff, high tariff, high tariff. With tariff reform we will swamp the whole crew. And tariff, high tariff, high tariff. With Republican cheat honest men have got through. And tariff, high tariff, high tariff. For Cleveland and Stevenson now clear the way.

Common White House Chair. Come, rally, loyal Democrats. Obey your party's call! Our army with its solid front Will our enemies appall. We'll have the rascals all turned out And all them with despair When we see our honest leader In the White House chair.

From unjust taxes, Force bills and Corruption we'll be freed; No longer we'll pay tribute To monopolistic greed.

Best Efforts of Versifiers in the New York World's Prize Competition. [Air—"Denny Havens, O' or 'The Wearing of the Green.]" Stand forth, ye friends of Liberty. The bugle call is blown. Ye mighty throng who hate the wrong Stand forth to claim your right. The people's right to rule in spite Of barons high or lords of might 'Tis what we claim, in Freedom's name. With Grover Cleveland, O!

Oh, brothers, how long will you suffer and bear The vampire that sucks the life blood of the nation? What will you be slaves, who have breathed Freedom's air, Slaves to plutocracy's foul combination? Now the battle is on. The masses shall rule, let the classes be gone! Then, like freemen and true men, arise in your might, For Cleveland and Stevenson, charge for the right!

Oh, hear you the murmurs that wake all the land, The cry of distress and the groans of our toilers? And hear you the boast of that desperate band, High tariff's defenders, the people's depollers? They boast and declare, They vow and they swear, To fasten more firmly the chains that you wear. Then, ye men, for Cleveland, tried, trusted and true, Strike home, men, for Cleveland and Stevenson too.

Hark! hark! to that cry as it swells to the sky! 'Tis Cleveland and Stevenson, friends of the people: From mountain to sea, a grand jubilee— Ring out the glad tidings from church tower and steeple! Each home is made light, And gladness and bright, And dead is the Force bill and buried from sight.

That "Tender Mercy." Grover Cleveland—The tender mercy the workingman receives from those made selfish and sordid by unjust governmental favoritism.—Chicago Herald.

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Whittaw's rat in grandpa's hat Can play with "blocks of five," And Benny's poor relations On his neck again will thrive. Dudley, Quay and all their "pals" Will sure be in despair When Grover's firmly seated In the White House chair.

That error shall abide, Then truth shall abide, While justice and right shall be found by her side; When Cleveland and Stevenson victors shall be, When peace and fair plenty shall smile on the free.

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Senator Carlisle's answer to Mr. Aldrich has stirred up the Republican brethren mightily, and they are not so content as they professed themselves to be as the "keynote of the campaign."

Our own senator tried his mouth at the keynote and took the position that since a large part of the increase of the cost in living was due to enhanced prices for agricultural products, the McKinley bill could not be held chargeable for that advance, because "the prices of agricultural products are not really affected by the tariff legislation of 1890."

This is rather hard on Senator Aldrich, Uncle Jerry and The Tribune, and their assertions that McKinley had put millions of dollars into the pockets of the farmers. It is hardest of all on the New York senator, who two years ago developed such a consuming interest in the farming population, and so emphatically said that the McKinley bill was solely for their benefit, that he was at once dubbed "Farmer" Hiscok.

As a touch of comic journalism from Parisian Papers. An afternoon organ of Republicanism quotes the statement of a Democratic newspaper that "the French are leaving Canada and coming to us because they can earn a better living here," and calls it "a frank confession."

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It is to be remembered that manufacturers in this country have not been prosperous during the past year, and that the decrease in imports has not been offset by home production. The enormous taxes levied have simply compelled thousands of the people of the United States to do without these necessities, while other thousands have bought them at the cost of a heavy tribute either to an extravagant government or to pampered trusts.

But this time the force bill is to be fought and beaten at the polls. The issue is clearly defined. It is for the people to say whether they will give this conspiracy against popular rights and a free ballot a new lease of life or whether they will once and for all break up and utterly destroy the iniquitous alliance between invested and protected capital and the Republican party.—Minneapolis Times.

The efforts of the Republican soothsayers to eliminate the force bill issue from the campaign are heroic. They hold that because the Lodge scheme has once been defeated, despite Mr. Harrison's urging, it must not be considered as a present issue. This is ingenious, but not convincing.—Detroit Free Press.

It should not be forgotten that the bill passed by the Democratic house for free wool and cheaper clothing has been buried in a pigeonhole of the Republican senate. The people will make the Republican party shiver for this next November.—Buffalo Courier.

If Rusk succeeds in his cure for lumpy jawed cattle he will reflect great credit upon the administration. Maybe he can remove lumps from the throats of Republican candidates who quake at future prospects of defeat.—Kansas City Times.

The Republican campaign will not grow very rapidly if the managers depend on contributions from workmen whose wages have been increased by the McKinley bill.—St. Louis Republic.

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