

LETTERS FROM THE PULPIT.

Sentinel Lies on John M. Butler. To the Editor of the Indianapolis Journal: On Oct. 22 the Sentinel published a false statement in regard to me. Yesterday I sent to the Sentinel the enclosed letter. In to-day's issue of the Sentinel the editor, instead of publishing my letter, changes the quotation from the supposed "commercial traveler," gives me the benefit of my denial, and adds another malicious falsehood in his charge that "I read a false copy of the Republican platform to my audience."

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At the late election I voted the straight Republican ticket, but will not vote it the coming election. I could give many reasons for the change, but will mention only one. From the beginning of the campaign until the present I have been a careful reader of the Indianapolis Journal, especially the Indiana Phalanx, and observed every phase of the third-party politics, and I am overwhelmed with the opinion that the temperance cause is receiving almost a deadly blow by bringing it into politics, by making it the basis of a political party. It is a matter of morals that should be taught behind the pulpit, and not in the arena of politics.

Why Greenbackers Should Oppose Matson, to the Editor of the Indianapolis Journal. In the Sentinel of Monday, 22d inst., an article signed "National Greenback" appears, retelling the arguments of the "jawsmiths" of that persuasion in favor of those "champions" of labor, the valiant Matson, Blyum and Shively. It would be well for the laboring men and taxpayers of Indiana to ask an explanation from these gentlemen before casting their vote, of their motives for standing in with the "solid South" Democracy in the House last winter, against refunding to our State a million dollars direct tax which the labor of the State will have to pay.

Entering the Pudding and Keeping It. To the Editor of the Indianapolis Journal. The campaign is getting really amusing with the free-traders. Driven by the logic of the markets rather than of maxims, they are now attempting the feat of eating the pudding and keeping it at the same time. They set out with a flourish of trumpets that a tariff was a tax, and made this drive us to buy. That didn't seem to work, and now they are beginning to declare that free trade raises the price of products, as witness the following extract from a free-trader in the News of your city: "The price of wool has always been the highest when the duty was low, and lowest when the duty was high."

To the Editor of the Indianapolis Journal. I am a laboring man, and in illustrating that the tariff is not a tax upon the consumer, I submit the following: Mr. B. and Mr. C. are farmers. One lives at the edge of town, while the other lives ten miles away on a toll road. Mr. B. has his wood cut for 60 cents a cord, brings it to town free of toll, and sells it for \$3.50 per cord, the ruling price. Mr. C. has his wood cut for 40 cents a cord, and is compelled to send it for ten miles to town, where it is charged (65.00) in bringing it to town he is charged 40 cents toll. According to the Democrats the

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consumer should have paid the toll, but competition with the man who paid no toll kept down the price. Now, Mr. B. represents the American manufacturer, the toll-gate the tariff, and Mr. C. represents the consumer. If the toll-gate was removed, would not Mr. B. be compelled to have his wood cut for 40 cents in order to compete with Mr. C. In other words, the manufacturer would have to cut down the wages of his workmen or shut up shop.

A LABORING MAN.

Hot Shot for Democrats. To the Editor of the Indianapolis Journal: "Protection don't protect labor," so say the Democrats. Why then do you stop at the Mills bill which you say leaves an average tariff of 42 per cent on imported goods? Why not abolish the "robber tariff"?

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Important Deal Pending. EAGLE PASS, Tex., Oct. 24.—A rumor is current here to the effect that negotiations are pending which will end in the Mexican International railroad passing from the control of the Southern Pacific company to the Mexican Central, which latter road, it is said, has capital ready for its purchase. In the event of the transfer being made, the Mexican Central would become owner of the shortest and best standard gauge route between the two republics.

Union Pacific Officers. Boston, Oct. 24.—Wm. H. Holcomb was today chosen as vice-president and chief executive officer of the Union Pacific Railway Company, with headquarters at Omaha, to succeed the late Thomas J. Potter. S. J. Kimball was appointed general manager of the Union Pacific as a general freight agent, Mr. Monroe as general passenger agent, and Mr. Tibbitts as general passenger agent. No change is contemplated in the organization of the Union Pacific, Mr. Holcomb will continue to perform the duties of general manager of the Oregon Navigation Company, which was formerly connected with the Burlington system.

Personal, Local and State Notes. The passenger earnings of the Lake Erie & Western road for the first nine months of 1888 are \$22,340 ahead of the corresponding period in 1887.

Grand Master Sargent of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen, in the Southern States, has been increasing in numbers very rapidly in the last few months. The passenger earnings of the Bee-line continue to foot up very handsomely. One of the roads of the country, the Chicago & North Western, are ahead of those in the corresponding period of 1887 by \$145,000.

Reference is made to the Chicago & North Western, which is a company of 854,000 worth of bonds are still unknown, and the trust company will hold the balance due them until called for. The Illinois Central people have agreed with the Chicago & North Western to run a special train from Memphis to New Orleans in eight hours, which is an average of fifty miles per hour. It will be the fastest run ever made on a single track.

Col. Harry Crawford was in the city yesterday, and he is of the opinion that the Wabash road is not in the best of health. The objectors to the purchase of the Wabash road are rather discouraged, it is stated, over the attitude of the court, which is decidedly antagonistic to any form of taxation. It is going on the way through which the last objection to the carrying through of the purchasing committee's plans of reorganization may be removed.

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same period the company has expended \$7,263,000 in purchasing new equipments. The bonded debt of the entire system is but \$20,850 per mile.

SHERRMAN IN ATLANTA. He Doesn't Remember Markham, and Never Gave Him His Confidence. New York Herald. In the Atlanta Constitution recently a Mr. William Sherman, of Atlanta, Ga., has been mentioned. Mr. Sherman's book, "My Memoirs," claiming that the famous march to the sea was an afterthought and not a part of the original program.

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Dr. Lorimer has very strange ideas of civil-service reform, it seems to me. According to his theory, Mr. Squires should have been continually advanced until he was Postmaster-General. Such a notion would never have occurred to me. It is necessary to have the heads of departments in sympathy with the administration. I have no doubt Mr. Squires would have made an excellent postmaster, but he was opposed to the policy of the President and could not have worked harmoniously with the administration.

A Question Easily Solved. We are no politician, and have no interest in politics, except so far as to have the textile industries properly protected. It seems to us that in this campaign the time for argument on the part of the Democrats is past. The question for every textile worker now is, which party is it safest to trust the business in which I am engaged? The Republican or Democratic? It seems to us that the question is easily solved. The textile worker should vote the Republican ticket, and if there is necessity for tariff reform, after election is the time to discuss it. We can get reform from a friendly party better than from an enemy.

Chicago Mail. New Levi P. has taken to the war-path and is making stamp speeches in York State. The Democrats who have been sneering at his quiet life will now see that he has more money than he has credit for. He is no fifth-wheel in the campaign, but a working member whose worth will be felt before the fight is done, and who, in his election, is going to give the Democrats a surprise. There is scarcely a more popular man in the State of New York than Levi P. Morton, and the Democrats will soon learn that he has something more than money in his brains, too, and money and brains make a very strong combination.

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