

**GROVER DID IT.**

WASHINGTON, Oct. 3.—Another Democratic idol has fallen. Another Democratic "campaign issue" has been destroyed. And this, too, by Mr. Cleveland himself.

The Democratic party has certainly been unfortunate in the issues in this campaign. Its tariff issue was destroyed by a member of its own party—Labor Commissioner Peck. Its wildcat currency issue was destroyed by members of its own party—immense, who denounce it unsparingly. And now its last and only remaining issue, the force bill, has been destroyed by Mr. Cleveland himself.

It came about in this way. Some wretched person with a good memory, who had listened with amusement and amazement to the plaintive wails of the Democracy about the force bill, suddenly remembered that Mr. Cleveland, while president and a candidate for re-election, not only authorized, but absolutely ordered for his own benefit, the enforcement of the very force bill features of the then existing law, about which Democrats are now so much agitated.

This discovery has been the political event of the week. It was as much of a bombshell in the Democratic camp as was the Peck report a few weeks ago. It takes away the last leg the Democrats had to stand on. The three issues upon which they were making or attempting to make their fight in this campaign were free trade, free banks, free brands at the polls. Curiously every one of them has been knocked out, and that, too, by Democrats. But the most distressing thing is that the distraction of the last one of these issues left to the party should have come about through an official act of the party's own candidate while he occupied the White House. And this he did with the purpose of re-electing himself president of the United States.

The facts are these, and they are very interesting: The so-called force bill simply proposed to extend to small towns and country districts of the United States the law which has been in force for years through which United States marshals and supervisors of elections, enforce order and prevent fraud in any city of 20,000 inhabitants or more in elections for congressmen or other United States officials. The recent discovery, which has created such a panic in Democratic circles, and taken away the last vestige of an "issue" was the fact that President Grover Cleveland, on the approach of the election of 1888, when he was a candidate for re-election for the presidency, issued to Attorney General "Pan Electric" Garland, under date of Oct. 5, 1888, the following order:

DEAR SIR:—You are hereby requested to take general charge and direction of the execution of the statutes of the United States touching the appointments of supervisors of elections and special deputy marshals, and the performance of their duties and their compensation, so far as those subjects are by the constitution and laws under the supervision and control of the executive branch of the government.

Yours truly,  
GROVER CLEVELAND.

Immediately afterward this letter was sent by Attorney General Garland to United States marshals:

SIR:—In pursuance of a letter of the 5th inst. from the president, directing the attorney general to take charge of the "appointment of special deputy marshals, the performance of their duties and their compensation, together with the compensation of supervisors," at the congressional election in November next, your attention is directed to the provisions of titles 36 and 38, chapter 1, title 70 of the Revised Statutes. Under sections 3202 and 2,024 Revised Statutes you have power to keep the peace, protect supervisors, preserve order, prevent frauds and enforce the law in towns of 20,000 inhabitants and upward. You should make yourself familiar with the statutes referred to and see that they are understood by your deputies, who should be discreet men, impressed with the importance of a honest franchise.

The manner of discharging these duties by yourself and your deputies is largely left to your discretion. In matters involving questions of law you are directed to consult the attorney of the United States for your district for needed information and advice. It is assumed that the duties can be performed without infringing upon the rights of any citizen in a manner that shall be firm, and at the same time free from any unnecessary display of authority. It is not expected that supervisors and deputy marshals will receive compensation for more than five days' service, and that should be so informed. Within this time all can be done, it is thought, that ought to be. You need vigilant men, who are conscientious workers, and no others.

It is thus shown from official records that Mr. Cleveland, while president, ordered his subordinates to use, in the election in which he was himself a candidate, the very law to which his party is now so strenuously objecting. The so-called force bill, about which Democrats are howling, was the very essence of the act which Mr. Cleveland ordered his subordinates to enforce for his own re-election. This is all there is to the force bill bugaboo. It was simply a proposed law providing for an extension to country districts, on the petition of citizens, of the law already in force in the cities of 20,000 inhabitants or more.

What did the force bill really propose to do? It proposed to extend to the country districts, where fraud is now a matter of common occurrence, practically the same law which Mr. Cleveland ordered enforced. It proposed to make false registration or interference with registration a crime; it made keeping false poll lists a crime; it made election bribes and ballot box stuffing a crime; it required ballot boxes to be placed in plain sight of voters, and the willful placing in those boxes of illegal ballots a crime; it made improper manipulation of ballot boxes or ballots a crime. And that is all that is the law which President Cleveland ordered his subordinates to enforce to aid in his own re-election, and it is the proposed law so extended as to be available for all of the people about which Mr. Cleveland's supporters were howling until they found that one of the last official acts of their candidate sustained all of its principles. O. P. AUSTIN.

**DEMOCRATS AND THE G. A. R.**

They Would Give a Penny for Their Entertainment.

So much has been said about the refusal of the Democrats to give any recognition to the G. A. R. at Washington that it may be interesting to know just what the old facts are. An investigation shows that the house appropriation committee made no appropriation for or recognition of the event in framing the District of Columbia appropriation bill. Nor did the house itself do so. After the bill had been passed in the house President Harrison, seeing that no action had been taken on that subject, sent a message to congress calling attention to the subject and suggesting the desirability and propriety of reasonable aid for a proper entertainment of the men who saved the nation.

The senate appropriation committee, acting upon the president's suggestion, reported an amendment giving \$100,000

for this purpose. Senator Cockrell immediately moved that the amount be paid exclusively from the revenues of the District of Columbia. This was voted down, the motion, however, receiving 17 votes, of which 16 were cast by Democrats and Farmers' Alliance members—nearly all of them from the south. When the bill went into conference, however, the house conferees insisted upon placing the Cockrell amendment upon the bill and on also cutting down the appropriation to \$75,000. This was combated by the senate conferees, and the bill was hung up in conference for weeks.

The house conferees, with the weight of the three-quarters Democratic house behind them, were able to carry through their proposition, and the senate conferees were obliged to yield and permit the entire burden to be placed on the district. The Republicans in both houses spoke and voted almost solidly against the proposition to place the entire burden on the district, saying frankly that the people of the nation would not only willingly bear a share of the expenses, but esteem it a favor to be permitted to do so. The only result of their efforts, however, was to get the total appropriation finally fixed at \$90,000 instead of \$75,000, as urged by the house conferees.

I believe it will be possible to constitute a commission nonpartisan in its membership, and composed of patriotic, wise and impartial men, to whom a consideration of the questions of the evils connected with our election systems and methods might be committed.—Harrison's Letter of Acceptance.

The Democratic Campaign Orator Promises Too Much.

The committee on war claims in the Democratic house of the Fifty-second congress reported favorably bills to pay more than \$70,000,000 of southern war claims, and other bills of a similar character amounting to \$500,000,000 have been introduced and are now awaiting action at the next session.

McKinley's Democratic Rival Converted. One more tariff triumph. A dispatch from Alliance, O., announces that Wallace H. Phelps, editor of the Alliance Daily Review, a prominent Democrat in times past, and candidate for congress against Governor McKinley in the Democratic ticket in 1888, has renounced the Democracy and comes out for Harrison and Reid. He gives as his reasons that he has become thoroughly convinced of the great benefits accruing to the American people by reason of the protective tariff system tempered with reciprocity, and advises those who do not believe that American manufacturers' workmen should be brought into competition with the poorer paid laborers from Europe to vote the Republican ticket.

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