

SALUTATORY.

The RAVALLI REPUBLICAN begins its existence today, and hopes to attain its majority twenty-five years from now. As its name implies, it will be republican in politics, and will support the candidates of that party in the present and coming campaigns, believing the principles of republicanism the wisest and most patriotic of any that have yet been promulgated for the good of the people, and the safest under which our government can be administered.

The paper was not started in the interest of either the capital or the county seat fight, and no "capitalist hoodlums" went into its purchase. It was started and the material paid for by the republicans of Ravalli county, who felt that they desired a paper that would advocate their principles and work for the success of those principles in Ravalli county and the state of Montana. The paper was located at Stevensville because its projects—although living in all sections of the county—believed this point possessed the best field for a first-class paper. Hamilton already having two, and the field here being practically unoccupied.

The above are the reasons for our being in existence, and as we are here we will use our best endeavor to advance the material interests of Ravalli county and the citizens thereof.

540,000,000 FOR THE SUGAR TRUST.

This is the gigantic sum which, by Chairman Wilson's admission, is given outright to the sugar trust by the senate sugar schedule. According to his speech in the democratic caucus last week the sugar trust has already purchased \$112,000,000 of raw sugar, a round sum, and will make out the entire tax of 40 per cent levied by the bill which Chairman Wilson and his associates accept as a democratic tariff. All and more than all, that Secretary Carlisle sought to accomplish by postponing the operation of the sugar schedule to January 1, 1896, and which the senate passed June 20, is to repeat it later and make the net take effect immediately, has been given the sugar trust through the long delay in the passage of the tariff.

Sugar is to be made dear. Every man, woman and child will find a necessary life burden in what will be put on every table. Food will be higher in every family. A 40 per cent duty is laid on a commodity of daily necessity, and for what? year to come by the concession of the chairman of the committee on ways and means all the proceeds of this duty are poured into the coffers of the sugar trust.

Even then it will not reach the mass of its stockholders. "This class," said the New York Evening Post, "a staunch administration organ of the post-war period, and a few persons to import all the raw sugar on the world's markets and pocket the duty when the net goes into operation. There is no particular reason why the ordinary stockholders of the American Sugar Refining company should have any share of this impending profit. There is no reason why any more than half a dozen persons should get any part of it."

See then what has happened. In February the house votes free sugar. In March the senate finance committee puts a specific duty on sugar. In May Secretary Carlisle gives a schedule which gives the trust more than all it asked for in 15 per cent, and valuer rate on raw and refined, and postpones the date of operation to January 1, 1896. The senate adopts this schedule June 20 and a month later repeals the postponement and makes the duty take effect on the passage of the bill. Why? Delay was no longer needed by the trust. In March the conspiracy to levy this duty and force it through congress was formed. In June there had been three months delay. It was clear that three months more delay could be secured. It has been. For six months the trust has been buying raw sugar in all the world's markets from Cuba to the Philippine Islands. It has now a year's supply. When the tax begins and sugar is doubled in value, for a 40 per cent duty and an eighth of a cent differential will do this to the consumer, every penny of the increased price is taken by the trust and its managers.

Which has been said by democratic papers of trust profits under the McKinley tariff. In their wisest estimates these alleged profits never equaled the sum Chairman Wilson admits the sugar trust will make for a year to come. The McKinley tariff makes sugar cheap to the consumer; the democratic tariff makes it dear. The McKinley tariff stimulated competition by granting

with a bounty and had been sugar; the democratic tariff stifles the growing industries and crushes competition. The McKinley tariff reduced the previous profit of the trust; the democratic tariff increases them. Lastly, the democratic tariff by the long delay of six months in its passage gives all the proceeds of the duty for a year to come to the sugar trust—\$40,000,000 added to the profits of a great monopoly in food according to Senator Wilson's own confession and estimate.

THE SUGAR TRUST VICTORY.

In the morning, the very day upon which the democratic majority of the house surrendered to the sugar trust bill on motion of Chairman Wilson, the New York Times, Cleveland organ, said:

"The high treason of the senate ought to be beaten by the house. They can be beaten if the house democrats will use their cudgels and spare not. Thus far the house supporters have behaved like gentlemen bent on attaining their ends by reasonable and gentlemanly means. It is time to play the game in a more robust fashion. The senate obstructionists waste no time in politeness. They are frankly brutal, as becomes men who have run up the black flag. Obstruction must be treated to throat cutting. These pirates have now a pretty heavy load of responsibility. If it is all they can bear, as their behavior has lately shown, it would have a wholesome effect if the house should decline to do any further business with a tariff bill so massed. There are some in the public eye who are not so ready to give precedence over everything to the tariff bill, the responsibility of delaying or defeating this needed legislation will rest on the obstructionists of the senate. We should say it would be a most welcome addition to the burden of curses and denunciations already heaped upon such guilty heads by the American people. Besides, the longer he resists over the matter, the less likely is it that Mr. Havemeyer will relish the prospect of having his sugar trust made practically the sole issue in the congressional campaign this fall."

Within twenty hours after the above was written, the democratic party surrendered soul and body to the sugar trust, to the outlaws, to the pirates. The sugar trust will be made the sole issue of the congressional campaign this fall, in the east.

It proposes to steal \$42,000,000 a year from the pockets of the American people which the McKinley bill saved to them. A democratic vote is a vote to endorse the steal. Inter Mountain.

There is a peculiarly about the populist papers. Although the democrats are in power, and the country is going to the dogs in consequence the populists are doing most of their fighting against the republicans. A great majority of the populist leaders are former democrats, and they still retain a strong affection for their old party. They have joined the new party in hopes of securing an office for themselves, and if they are unsuccessful in this, desire to see democracy win, no matter what the country might suffer therefrom. And they have succeeded in including a number of republicans into helping them out in their schemes. Have our former friends noticed this little peculiarity? Look at the gentleman whom the populists have named on the state ticket. Judge Reeves—a model gentleman to meet—has been a democratic office holder in Missoula county, and has been an aspirant for office on the same ticket since. The Hon. Ben Smith, the populist nominee for congress, has before sought that honor at the hands of the Democrats, and even yet has hopes of being endorsed by the last named party. Taking the Helena Independent as authority, Mr. Smith, in hopes of receiving that endorsement, has privately assented a number of personal friends that he was "just as good a democrat as ever." Should he get that endorsement and be elected, or be elected, anyway, how do our republican-populist friends believe the man they helped to elect would vote in congress?

First every county and voting precinct comes the assurance that party spirit and party loyalty are as strong and undivided as ever they have been, and the men who have sacrificed for the democracy of Montana to great and glorious victory are eager for the fray and stand ready to give a good account of themselves.—Democratic Exchange.

No doubt, such great and glorious victories as staffing 500 straight democratic tickets in the ballot box at Miles City in 1882 after the polls had been closed, and more recently the mutilation of the poll books from McLaughlin's 300 and other precincts in Missoula county at the last election. Of course they stand ready to give a good account of themselves, but they should take care not to make the account too large this year. They, themselves, might be called to account.

EXAMINATION OF THE VOTE CAST WITHIN THE LIMITS OF THE PRESENT COUNTY OF RAVALLI TWO YEARS AGO shows that the democrats then cast only 43 more votes than the republicans. It certainly seems easy to overcome that

plurality this year, with so many of the party of Cleveland so totally and thoroughly disgusted with the administration of affairs since then that many will vote the republican ticket and a few that of the populists this fall. And to add more strongly to the certainty of republican victory, it is acknowledged by everyone that fully two-thirds of the new comers to this county are republicans. Let republicans stay with their colors, get out and do their duty, and a glorious triumph is assured.

The record has been made. The democratic house has repudiated party principles and pledges, broken faith with the American people, legislated directly and deliberately for the benefit of monopolies and trusts and betrayed a constitutional trust. This record of perjury and dishonesty cannot be unmade by belated and farcical attempts on the part of the house to cover its retreat by a number of free sugar, free coal and free iron bills, which will never be acted upon by the senate. The house is overwhelmed with disgrace, demoralization and dishonor. Its attitude is that of Scrooge's unhappy, belabored gooley: "Do not beat me, my masters, I beseech you, but you may beat me if you will."

The democratic party in this state is far from being dead or even sleeping.—Bitter Miner. It is only in training for the fight this fall, and even then, we are willing to admit, will be neither dead nor sleeping, but will be simply knocked out, and will remain out until long after time has been called and the republicans crowned with the wreath of victory.

EDITORIAL COMMENT.

It is going to take a tremendous majority this year to win the distinction of being the banner republican state.

If the populists are, as they claim, the party of the people, then the democracy is the party of the sugar trust.

It is boasted that Cleveland has lots of courage. So has Boss Slinger Corbett. What Cleveland hasn't got is gumption.

It is folly to say that congress is doing nothing. It is making republican votes every day.—Chicago Record (Ind.).

The western democrats favors the free coinage of silver and at the same time endorse Cleveland and his acts. Well, wouldn't that kill you?"

According to the revised returns, about the only thing left to Candidate Reuben Kolb, of Alabama, is the memory of the vociferous time he had while running for office.

Notwithstanding the poor condition the country is in, Cleveland is reported to be better than ever. It may yet become a proverb that a fat president makes a lean country.

Consistency is a jewel, 'tis said, but in the light of recent events its most enthusiastic supporters can hardly claim that the democratic party is wearing that particular jewel.

The next time the democratic party proposes to take the country under its wing the country will insist on knowing to which wing it is to be assigned, the protection or the free trade wing.

The result of the elections in Tennessee and Alabama justify the belief that the south intends to remain solidly democratic, even though industrial ruin and financial wreck have laid hand with its victories.

After Mr. Havemeyer gets through using the democratic congress will be kindly tag it and send it back to its original owners so that they may have one last look at the picturesque wreck before it goes to pieces in November.

So the "great popular uprising of 1827" and the tidal wave and all that sort of thing was only to put \$40,000,000 of clear profit into the coffers of the sugar trust millionaires, as Chairman Wilson, in charge of the "sacred" cause of tariff reform in the house, himself declares.

From a party standpoint we might rejoice at a result which makes the assurance of democratic defeat doubly sure, but no party advantage can compensate for the misfortune to the country involved in unsetting of tariff schedules and the disasters to American industry that must follow.

Betrayed! That can be the only verdict of the genuine democrats of the country on the acts of their representatives in congress. By fear and faint heart, by the idiotic embrace of populism, by degraded corruption, democracy is beaten, castrated, humiliated.—New Haven Register (Dem.).

"No step backward," is the unanimous cry of the tariff reformers, says the Boston Herald, and why

should it not be? One more step backward beyond the point it has already reached and the democratic party will be dead for all eternity. As it is it will require twenty years of republican prosperity to place the country where it was before the democratic party and the sugar trust got into power.

The bill which has been pending here, and which is about to become a law, does not reflect the sentiments of 1,000 people of the United States. No republican wanted it, no populist wanted it, few democrats wanted it, the great mass of people condemned it. The bill was defeated by five, six or seven men on this floor. My friend from Missouri, Vest, is right in saying there is no democratic majority on this floor for tariff reform.—Senator Mills, of Texas, (dem.)

The democrats have turned this nation into an English farm, and everyone knows what they have raised on it. The democrats must go while they stay for they are now up a stump. The only wheel that turned during this administration was the Ferris wheel at the Chicago fair. Cleveland and his party may soon go fishing in streams where only suckers are caught. Under democratic policy it has been a long time between meals. A general strike has been on, and every man has struck every other man for a quarter, only to find that they were to be given no quarter.—Ex.

The house having surrendered and accepted the party dishonor that follows party perjury, and having asserted its doubtful claim to the possession of the tariff bill and its right to pass the same and send it direct to the president, if Mr. Cleveland, in his turn, should take a hand in the dishonor by signing the bill he has demoralized, or by otherwise permitting it to become a law, on what issue will the democrats go into the campaign soon to open for the control of the Fifty-fourth congress? God preserve the party that goes to the people with such a record of perjury and such a confession of dishonor.—N. Y. Sun (Dem.).

Montana Republican League Convention. A convention of the Montana Republican League will be held at Helena immediately following the adjournment of the state republican convention.

The purpose of said convention will be to elect a president, four vice presidents, a secretary, a treasurer, and one committee man from each county in the state and to transact such other business as may come before said convention.

Each republican club is entitled to one delegate and one alternate for each and every twenty-five members or fraction thereof.

Republican clubs not members of the league will be entitled to the same representation as league clubs, provided an application for membership is presented with the delegate's credentials.

All republican clubs throughout the state are requested to join the Montana republican league and where clubs have not been organized republicans are urged to organize at once and send delegates to this convention. By order of the Republican League, W. McC. Wirtz, President.

Filed For Record. The following were placed on file in the county clerk's office during the week ending August 21:

Neil McKinnon to Sophie Roberts, deed lot 15 blk 27 Hamilton, consideration \$1,000.

Wm. H. Eccleston, declaration of occupancy 160 acres of land near Corvallis.

U. S. A. to Jane Wayland, duplicate receipt for the swl see 22 1p 5 n r 21 w.

Jane Wayland to Jas. A. Horn, deed to the same, consideration \$1,000.

James A. Horn et ux to Anaconda Mining Co., deed to timber on same, consideration \$750.

U. S. A. to David P. Sharratt, patent to 1/2 swl and 1/2 w1 ne1 see 15 1p 6 n r 20 w.

David P. Sharratt et ux to Jno. L. Rees, deed to same, consideration \$2,000.

U. S. A. to George Pigeon, patent to 1/2 swl and 1/2 w1 ne1 see 15 1p 6 n r 21 w.

"Claim Berry" placer location on East fork of South fork of Bitter Root River by D. B. Abbey.

Victor Townsite Co. to William Gray, deed to lot 1 blk 50 Victor, consideration \$50.

Victor Townsite Co. to Martha Gray, deed to lot 2 blk 56 Victor, consideration \$50.

DEMOCRATS IN A STEW. In Maryland they are divided and the State May Go Republican.

BALTIMORE, Aug. 18.—Democrats in this state are in a great stew. They are very much afraid that the elections this fall may go against them. Never before has there been such dissension in their ranks, and already the leaders are drumming up the faith to get their friends to register.

Senator Gorman is primarily responsible for this state of affairs. (There are quite a number of democrats, especially on the eastern shore, who will not hear anything against Cleveland, and the fact that the senator is arrayed against the president has worked them up to fever heat.) The resignation of ex-Congressman Compton as chairman of the state central committee has not helped matters either, and just now the democratic ship of state is rudderless, and not only in the counties, but locally, the situation is a serious one for the dominant party, and unless every democrat is registered, in view of the enthusiasm manifested by republicans, there may be some serious "slumps" even in Baltimore city.

Many of the old political observers predict that unless there is a wonderful change the republicans may control the first branch of the city council this year. They are taking advantage of the disarray in the democratic ranks and perfecting an organization that is stronger than it has been in years.

Based on views advanced by democrats themselves, the situation on the eastern shore seems to be getting worse than better. The outlook in eastern Maryland is as blue as indigo and western Maryland is hopelessly republican, while a considerably reduced majority is looked for in Congressman Fred Talbot's district. In fact, when the returns are all in it will not be surprising if the total vote of the counties should show a republican majority, which will have to be offset by a democratic majority in Baltimore city of about 4,000, and unless there is a decided change of feeling before election time it is very doubtful if the city will give any democratic majority at all.

To add to the interest of the fight, the announcement is made, and on pretty good authority, too, that the Maryland congressmen do not agree with the senators and flatly refuse to follow their lead.

NEWS OF THE STATE.

Madison county mines are looking up. The grand lodge A. O. U. W. will meet next year in Missoula.

G. N. Hartley is again managing the opera house at Missoula, and the community, in consequence, is well pleased.

The oatmeal plant in Missoula, which is now rapidly nearing completion, will have a capacity of 200 barrels per day.

The Montana national guards went into encampment Monday at old Fort Ellis. The camp has been named Camp Rickards after the governor and commander in chief.

The Livingston Fair and Racing association has arranged a fine program for the six days beginning September 10 and ending September 15; the sum of \$10,000 is offered in purses and premiums.

Ike Hayes and Frank Freeman fought at Marysville last Saturday night for a small purse. Freeman was whipped in three rounds and a half, Hayes having it all his own way. This is the third time Hayes has defeated him.

The county commissioners of Madison county have awarded the contract to replace the Big Hole bridge, part of which was washed away by the June floods, to O. B. Peppard, of Missoula. The contract calls for an addition of sixty feet of combination bridge, the floods having greatly widened the river at this point. The consideration is \$2,250.

According to the Livingston Post the Burlington expects to reach Billings on September 20th, the end of the track being within sixty miles of that city and tracklaying is being pushed at the rate of a mile a day. An agreement has been entered into whereby the Burlington will have the use of the Northern Pacific's track for a number of miles on the reservation, thus enabling the Burlington to reach Billings much sooner than it otherwise would, and work has been commenced on the building of a depot at Billings.

Hon. Thomas A. Connor, of Virginia City, has started a subscription for the purpose of building a monument on the grave of Bill Fairweather, who dug the first pan of pay dirt on the banks of Alder gulch. The collecting agents are E. F. Johnson, of Virginia City; W. R. Loft, Twin Bridges; Tom Devarmon, Sheridan; J. B. Laurin, Laurin; N. J. Isdell, Pony; C. H. Peck, Red Bluff, and Wm. Ennis, Madison valley. It will be a popular subscription and not limited, as was the original intention, to the Pioneer society.

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