

## The President and the Platform.

Congressman Oates, of Alabama, says that if President Cleveland parts company with the platform of his party the party will part company with him, which is true, but there is no good reason to believe that Mr. Cleveland contemplates committing such a stupendous act of folly, and all reports to that effect have emanated from Republican sources, and are being industriously circulated by the protected manufacturers, who are raising all sorts of scares, hoping to prevent the Democrats from reducing the tariff duties.

President Cleveland is well aware of the fact that he would divorce himself from his party were he to turn his back on the Chicago platform on which he was nominated and elected by the people, and were the party so foolish as to endorse his repudiation of its platform, it would forfeit the confidence and respect of the electors of the country and be buried out of sight in the next elections.

Such intimate, personal and political friends of the President Cleveland as Ex-Secretary of the Navy Whitney, and the Hon. Don M. Dickinson, have stated in interviews published in the leading newspapers that Mr. Cleveland has no idea whatever of abandoning the work of tariff reform.

The financial question may cause some little delay in taking up tariff legislation, but there need be no fear that the Democrats will fail to redeem their pledge to reduce the tariff taxes which now rest so heavily on the industrial classes. The Democrats will be frightened off from the work they have set out to do by the scarecrows which the protected manufacturers are now hoisting all over the political field.—States.

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## Uncertain Fortunes.

How quickly a fortune can be lost in speculation is shown by the collapse of "Jack" Cudahy, the great Chicago pork packer. A few weeks ago Jack Cudahy had a fortune of \$3,500,000; and last Saturday when he wanted to borrow some money from the banks to uphold his pork corner he offered them \$2,700,000 of excellent assets as security. The banks, however, did not want to lend money—the market was too tight—even on the best security.

Then came the flurry Monday. In thirty minutes Mr. Cudahy's corner was smashed and he himself a bankrupt. Fairbank, who went into the speculation with him, has \$2,000,000 of real estate to make good his losses. His and Cudahy's assets may pay their indebtedness, but it will require good nursing to do so. Both of these millionaires, one worth \$3,500,000, the other worth \$2,000,000, lost their entire fortunes—the accumulations of a lifetime of activity and energy in just thirty minutes—and it was not by fire either. In the matter of sweeping away fortunes the worst conflagration cannot come up to Chicago speculation.—Times-Democrat.

## The Bank of Houma.

The COURIER published in its last issue the fourth quarterly statement of the Bank of Houma. Notwithstanding the dull season and sultry dog days, the report is entirely satisfactory to the stockholders of the Bank and to those who patronize it.

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