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HOW TO GET PROTECTION.

The gold-bug republicans endeavor to conceal the present issue by a great ado over protection. Major McKinley must be elected that we may have protection. Every one knows that the present congress is overwhelmingly republican, and what has it done for protection? Absolutely nothing, and why? Because the silver men hold the balance of power in the senate, and they publicly announced that there should be no tariff legislation till silver had received its demanded recognition.

They unflinchingly kept their word. The same men will hold the balance of power in the senate for the coming two years from March next. Does any one, except Ross and Carruth, imagine for a moment that they will change their present attitude toward silver? Tariff legislation, therefore, is an absolute impossibility, for the next three years, unless silver legislation is secured.

Every man favoring tariff should, consequently, labor for a silver congress. It is true, New Mexico's delegate cannot vote on that of any other subject; but it is equally true that the election of a silver man from this Territory will have a salutary influence for silver legislation, and thus remove an insurmountable obstacle in the way of securing protection for New Mexico's wool.

This is a plain proposition, which any one can see, who is not wilfully blind. The friends of protection, who are such in reality and not in name, only, should be the most active men of all, in the present silver campaign; for the present triumph of silver means an early return to protected raw material.

WE, YOU AND US. The sixth issue of the Old Woman, the republican campaign sheet, was gotten out, yesterday. Among the several lying paragraphs therein contained, is the following palpable one: "You lie, you villain, you lie!" Your central committee, early in the campaign, before any conventions were held, or even the dates for them set, pledged THE OPTIC the county printing; in the event the paper would stand "pat" for the republican ticket. This was agreed to, on conditions that were not lived up to. Who's "we," anyhow? Only office-seekers?

CHOICE CATRONISMS. The Albuquerque Citizen says that Catron should be continued in congress because he "has made a national reputation." So did Billy Breckinridge, but he was not continued in congress, all the same. Tom Catron did one thing during the first half of his first term in congress. Like the true hog that he is, he appointed his two sons to fat government positions, thus shutting out every promising boy in New Mexico, who had as much right to the places as had the young Catrons. This gave Thomas Bothas a national reputation. But it is a reason for keeping him home, instead of sending him to congress again.

Why should Catron be sent back to congress? Ray. Oxley's price-fighting law, the reputation for which Catron tried to appropriate to himself, as he does everything that comes in his reach, has already been passed. He has no more sons of lawful age to be made recipients of public pay, and if he has, there are no more places just now coming to New Mexico. The capitalist at Santa Fe remains in ruins, and every Territorial institution languishes for lack of funds, because he could not sneak in the illegal "Santa Fe" county bonds. "Already had" he done all these things. What, then, does there remain for him to do? To send him to congress would be labor to "vaid." Let him stay at home and put the Territory to additional thousands of dollars of expense, in preventing the execution of the Borrego thigs.

Last night, a prominent and responsible business man of East Las Vegas, and one who has heretofore been one of the staunchest republicans of the county, offered to bet \$100 apiece, or \$1,700, that every candidate on the union ticket would be elected next Tuesday. He could find no takers. Where were the gold-bug republicans, who so doubtfully declare themselves going to sweep San Miguel county? They had gone into their holes, and pulled the holes in after them.

In New Mexico white statehood Catron must be left at home. This is plainly to be seen. The silver men control the senate, and they will see to it that no anti-silver Territory is admitted to the union. A delegate elected on the St. Louis, gold-standard platform, had as well whistle figs to a dead Indian, as to ask the present senate of the United States for statehood for his Territory.

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TWENTY-FOUR YEARS AGO.

Catron was a Subter Then and the corrupt Partner of a Vandal Judge. T. B. Catron's reputation, which was recently "enriched" by evidence that he is a briber and too dishonest even to practice law in New Mexico, was made more than twenty-four years ago, and in 1874 it was so bad that United States troops were called out at Santa Fe to prevent the outraged and indignant people of that town from hanging him. At that time, the Santa Fe ring was in its prime. Thomas B. Catron was attorney general, James Palen was United States judge, and Steve Elkins was the general manager of all the devious, low-down, open-basis deals of Catron and Elkins. They had made a bargain with Judge Palen by which it was impossible for any other attorney to win a case in his court. They took cases on "spec," and it was understood that Palen "stuffed" in the plaintiff.

This corrupt combination exasperated the people, and petitions for Palen's removal having been headed off by Elkins, the legislature, in December, 1871, passed a bill assigning Palen to another district. The ring's governor vetoed the bill, and then a popular movement was organized to pass it over the veto. Catron and Elkins bought a number of legislators, but needed two more. Elkins asked August Kirchner to help the ring, and promised him a favorable decision in a certain suit should Palen not be removed. A few days later, Catron asked Kirchner to buy two members, and offered him \$500 for the job, saying that the removal of Palen would ruin Elkins and himself.

Kirchner refused to undertake the job, and on February 1st, 1872, he made affidavits, reciting the whole affair, copies of which affidavits are yet in existence. Kirchner was best contractor of the military posts and a man of good character and reputation. The original affidavits were sent to Lyman Drumhull, chairman of the judiciary committee of the United States senate, in 1872.

On the night before the day when the attempt was to be made to pass the bill over the governor's veto, Judge Cleverly of Santa Fe, telegraphed to citizens of Las Vegas to go to Santa Fe at once and look after their money. Rafael Baca, who had been cornered by Elkins. A hasty midnight drive was made to Santa Fe, and Baca was confronted by a number of his indignant constituents, to whom he confessed that Elkins had bought his vote, it to be delivered on the following day, the price being the cancelling of a mortgage of \$750 on Baca's property. Elkins, hearing of Baca's confession, got out of bed and rushed over to one of the Las Vegas delegation, exclaiming: "My God, Dick, what are you doing here? Don't you know that if Judge Palen is removed from this district, it will ruin me? For God's sake, keep your hands off!"

"Dick" refused to countenance the steal, and the matter went over to the next day. At the hour for the gathering of the assembly, the town was wild with excitement. The streets were filled with people from all parts of the Territory, and two companies of United States troops, under command of General Gordon Granger, surrounded the legislative hall, having been called out by the sheriff, who was afraid that he would not be able to keep the people from assassinating Catron, Elkins, and Breiden on the spot. The outlook was so threatening that Elkins was afraid to let the matter come to a vote, and instructed a loud speaker of his to adjourn the house before a quorum was present. The speaker did so, and wandered off outside the town, threatening to kill whoever pursued him. The sheriff swore in old Jesus Baca, a Mexican, who had the reputation of being a "killer," as a deputy, and instructed him to bring the speaker back. He found the speaker, and taking him by the ear, led him to the chamber. In the confusion, it was found impossible to muster enough of the members to transact any business, and the session was not held, because the hour fixed by law for final adjournment had arrived. Before the body could be convened, Judge Palen died, and it was believed that he committed suicide to avoid the exposure and punishment that were sure to follow his transfer to another district.

So it appears that Catron was just the same sort of man twenty-four years ago that he is to-day.

GET RID OF CATRON.

A Word to Those who Have at Heart the Prosperity of New Mexico. SANTA FE, N. M., October 28, 1896.—In your issue of Thursday evening, October 22nd, I find the following paragraph: "Censure, thousands of acres of it, is growing wild all over San Juan. There are big industries prospering here for the establishment of a canals extracting plant and a tannery."

Where does the inducement come in? Plenty of hard-headed money-makers are willing enough to invest in paying enterprises in New Mexico, for which there are many good openings; such men, however, are usually no fools, and are, naturally, afraid that their profits, and even their treasury, would be possessed to the last cent to counter-balance the taxes in arrears by Catron and others, while he and his gang have any influence in New Mexico. It.

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