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Joe Bidwell's Appointment.

We believe that the appointment of Bidwell to be chief grain inspector at Chicago demonstrates that Governor Yates has the courage of his convictions. There is no one who doubts the perfect competency of Mr. Bidwell, so far as filling the position is concerned. That was the main thing. But there is something behind all this. The Republican papers of the city of Chicago have started out to dictate to Governor Yates whom he shall appoint, whom he shall turn down. They desire to make the governor's office a part of the newspaper machine of the city of Chicago. Governor Yates will not be so used. That is one of the things that the appointment of Mr. Bidwell means.

Can Governor Yates afford to defy the Chicago newspapers? We believe that he can. What have these papers accomplished in the past? What victories have they won? What reason has Governor Yates to specially favor them? Within the past few years nearly everything that they have favored, even in the city of Chicago, has been defeated by the will of the people. They have no influence outside of that city. Behind Governor Yates is the tremendous power of the Republican country press, whose influence cannot be bought, whose honesty and loyalty is not to be questioned. So long as Governor Yates appoints competent men to fill the places at his disposal—men as competent as Mr. Bidwell—he will have that support. And in addition to that, he will have the support of the great mass of Chicago Republicans who have no axes to grind—who have no friends to reward or enemies to punish.—Peoria Journal.

Democratic Inconsistency.

The question sprung by the Democrats for an investigation of the Chester penitentiary failed to reveal the scandal hoped for. The dodge, in order to make it appear that the Republicans were trying to cover up fraud, which was made by those Democrats who were placed on the committee, will have but little effect, for the people will consider they failed in their duty by not helping to probe the matter as far as possible. Their excuse for refusing to work because a stenographer was not hired will have no weight with fair-minded, honest people. All know they had sufficient opportunity for noting down enough facts, if fraud was manifest, to convince the public of its nature and extent. Whatever may be said of John R. Tanner as a politician, it cannot be said that he would allow rascality indulged in by those under him, when he knew of the fact. If the investigation was not a fair one, those Democrats who were on the committee are as reprehensible as the others. And as they have proven untrue to their trust, their statements cannot be taken with confidence by the people, who are interested in the proper administration of state institutions, no matter by whom administered. Honesty rests upon the individual, and he who refuses to cure dishonesty, no matter to what party he belongs, is dishonest.—Marion News.

Two Cents a Day.

Now that the assumed wide open-mouthed wonder of the anti-everything press at the appropriations of the last congress has given place to other would-be virtuous spasms, remarks the American Economist, we can calmly calculate and compare. According to Chairman Cannon, of the appropriations committee, the amount of expenditures during the next fiscal year will be under \$700,000,000, and this includes \$123,782,688 for the postal department and \$53,000,000 for the sinking fund. Calling it with these two items included a round \$700,000,000, and putting our population next year at 78,000,000, it will be seen that our government expenditures will be less than \$9 per capita.

Deducting the \$123,000,000 for the postal department and the \$53,000,000 for the sinking fund, the expenditures would be \$6.72 per capita for the year, 56 cents a month and less than 2 cents a day.

Now let us look at Great Britain a moment. The British budget for the ensuing year shows an expenditure of \$905,000,000, or \$21.50 per capita, and a deficit of \$220,000,000 must be provided for, in spite of the enormous taxes now levied.

The American does not mind that 2 cents a day; in fact, he does not know of it.

The Governor's Appointments.

Usually a governor does not get quite as far along in his list of appointments as Governor Yates has done without meeting with expressions of dissatisfaction or a positive uproar. There has thus far not been a voice of dissent in the entire state that has risen above a whisper. In the first place, the personal characters and reputations of the appointees are unassailable, and, in the next place, their ability to fill the positions in a manner that will be a credit to the governor, his friends and the people, is unquestioned.

Governor Yates has paid attention to politics in the selections, as he should have done, but he has not forgotten the people, and he has had proper regard for the fitness of the men selected. He has named men who command confidence, and are, accordingly, strong in the various communities where they reside—the kind of men who usually amount to something in party conventions.—Quincy Whig.

He Is Governor.

One thing has been made plain to the people of Illinois, and that is that Richard Yates himself is to be governor and has no intention of allowing others to say what he shall do, especially the mngwump Chicago editors. At the same time, no governor has been more ready to listen to the arguments of all who go to him for that purpose. The charge is frequently made that this or that official is the tool of some man or faction. But this cannot be said of Governor Yates. His administration starts out admirably, and the coming months will show more and more that the people have not misplaced the great trust confided to him.—Olney Republican.

The man who doesn't stand by the administration, state or national, at all times, unless in case of violations of the constitution, is not a good American. The man who abuses the president or the governor from personal reasons is an anarchist.

The Right Ones Disappointed.

The Yates administration in its appointments is disappointing only to those who have personal interests involved, and it is to be generally conceded that the Yates administration has strengthened itself by the fact that it has dis-appointed some of those who have sought its favor.—Springfield News.

The Porto Rican Tariff.

Those Democratic editors and politicians who so roundly abused President McKinley and the Republican party for the Porto Rican tariff act, are characteristically slow to note that the income derived from it has put the trade of the island on a sure foundation and established its business on a paying basis, so much so that the governor has notified the president that it will no longer be needed. The law will therefore cease to operate July 1.

All Censure—No Praise.

The Jacksonville Journal in giving the list of Governor Yates' appointments up to date, notes the fact that all these appointments have given general satisfaction, and to the man, extravagantly praised by the country press, which loyal, always, to the best interest of the state, her people and the Republican party. It is the same country press which, being "close to the people" voice public sentiment. It further notes the fact that not one of these appointments was opposed in the state senate; all were confirmed promptly and unanimously.

But what of the Chicago papers—where are they? The Tribune praised the appointment of Dr. Hirsch and that of Henry Yates. But with these exceptions the governor gets absolutely no commendation at their hands. The reason is well understood. Governor Yates will not and cannot be controlled or dictated to by Chicago editors any more than by a machine. He will get no help from the Chicago press. Fortunately he does not expect any. And, fortunately for the people, he has got backbone enough not to be brow-beaten into serving the purposes of a venial and brutal Chicago press.

Is He Man Enough?

A short time ago the editor of the Chicago Tribune took great delight in republishing a part of an article which had appeared in the Quincy Whig expressing the hope that Governor Yates would not appoint Joseph E. Bidwell railroad and warehouse commissioner. The Whig did not at all question Mr. Bidwell's fitness. It simply expressed the opinion that it would be unwise to appoint him commissioner instead of James McKinley.

Immediately upon the governor's action appointing McKinley commissioner and changing Bidwell to chief inspector, The Whig (April 18), in a double special editorial commended his action, saying it displayed sound judgment and a careful regard for the people and adding, among other things: "At the same time that The Whig opposed Mr. Bidwell's appointment on the board, it granted his right to recognition on account of the large and influential wing of the party which he represented by some other appointment."

Will The Tribune editor be man enough to reprint The Whig's later editorial? We predict that he will not. He uses The Whig to pound Yates with. But he will never do Yates the justice to let The Tribune's readers know that The Whig approves the appointment of Bidwell as inspector.

How True!

In commenting upon the discredited and disreputable Chicago press, and their attitude of unreasonable and unfounded opposition to the appointment of Mr. Bidwell, the Galesburg Evening Mail very sensibly remarks: "It is a noticeable fact that the Chicago papers absolutely ignore the rest of the governor's appointments yesterday, several of which were made in spite of strenuous machine opposition, and which have been strongly advocated by these newspapers. It seems to be their fixed policy to exaggerate every opportunity for the slightest criticism of public officials, and to make no mention of numerous opportunities for praise."

"This may be good Chicago journalism, but it isn't Christianity or good citizenship, nor does it tend to secure better government at the hands of public officials, who soon learn the impossibility of satisfying these hypocritical (if not hypocritical) organ, and are disposed to ignore them entirely. These papers and their following will make a great mistake by antagonizing Governor Yates in his efforts to be fair to all. Sympathy and co-operation will accomplish much more. We will guarantee that Governor Yates' standards are just as high as those of any Chicago paper; and, moreover, that he will do the best he can in his trying position. Every true friend of good government will lend him a hand, and not throw obstacles in his path."

The Cubans May Profit.

The visit of the Cuban commissioners to the United States will furnish an opportunity for extending to the representatives of their people the hospitality of the United States. Cuba would like independence and absolute free trade with this country. The former proposition is open to them at their own option or complying with conditions which are simply for their own protection. As to free trade with the United States, there is no way in sight that promises to bring that boon unless through the form of statehood. There are some heavy drawbacks on that arrangement, so far as the United States is concerned. It is too long a question to permit of forming hasty conclusions. It is worthy of discussion, however, and it may be one of the questions which the Cubans themselves will raise when they go back.

So far as concerns the precise ideas the constitutional assembly had in mind in sending the deputation to Washington there is no visible likelihood of their being accomplished. They will probably learn from their conference with the president and from their contact with the American people that the conditions placed on their security against outside attack, and disorder within, grow out of a friendly interest in their own good for the future, and not out of any desire here to place limitation on their freedom of action. Their freedom is absolutely in their own hands, for growth in their material prosperity and in the exercise of the rights of self-government, but not for destructive purposes.

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