

Washington of Republican Policy.

The statistics of national progress and prosperity during the last five years furnish a complete vindication of Republican policy. The more striking of these are presented in a speech by Senator Gallinger of New Hampshire, delivered in the United States senate a short time ago. He pointed out that during the period from 1896 to 1897, when Democratic policy prevailed, there was an annual treasury deficit, necessitating the selling of bonds by the government to the amount of \$262,000,000. Under Republican policy the revenues of the government were increased and today the national treasury has the largest cash balance and the greatest stock of gold in its history. It is estimated by competent authority that during the period of Democratic policy 3,000,000 men were out of employment, while the wages of those employed were constantly forced down, many working only part time at that. In the last five years there has been nearly all the time full employment for labor and wages have been increased again and again.

The rewards of agriculture during the past five years have been the greatest in the history of the country. The official statistics show that the value of the products of the farm, including live stock, in 1901, was greater by \$2,000,000,000 than in 1896, due to the increased price of the products. The higher value for farm commodities is explained by the largely augmented consumption in the home market, created by the fuller employment and better compensation of labor and the generally prosperous condition of the people. The growth of manufactures during the five years of Republican policy since 1896 has been most remarkable. The value of products for 1900 is given by the census at over \$13,000,000,000 and it is believed that for 1892 the value of manufactures will reach \$15,000,000,000, which is double the output for 1896 or 1897. In spite of consolidations and combinations, the number of manufacturing establishments increased over 44 per cent in the last decade. The largest gains during the last five years have been made in iron and steel, the production of which has more than doubled in this period, placing the United States in this particular first among the manufacturing nations. Said Mr. Gallinger: "The manufacturing situation today in the United States can be summed up in the statement that practically every mill and factory and shop is working to full capacity, with orders far ahead and prices most satisfactory."

The transportation business last year was greatly in excess of that of 1896, a fact that shows as strikingly as any other the country's progress and prosperity. Another fact equally impressive is found in the bank clearances, which last year were more than double in amount of those of 1896. Many other interesting facts evidencing the success of Republican policy were presented by the New Hampshire senator who concluded his most instructive speech, all the facts of which were from official sources, as follows: "Our friends on the other side are looking for an issue. They need not worry, the issue is looking for them. Prosperity is the issue and all other questions are secondary. The American standard of living, American manhood and American homes are but the resultants of Republican legislation, the sequences of a protective tariff which brought to us and will continue to give us an unprecedented era of luxury and unparalleled age of prosperity."

State Campaign Insurgents. Now that the Republican state central committee has mapped out its general plan of campaign and the organization of its several committees has been perfected, a thorough organization of the party forces throughout this state soon will be in progress. To effect this, the committee of course will be compelled to depend upon the county and precinct committees in the respective counties but there is ample time in which to perfect such an organization as is desired, if every party worker will perform his duty without regard to the hot or rather.

All that will be required to insure a sweeping Republican victory in Illinois this year will be to induce every voter who favors the continuance of the present satisfactory conditions to cast his ballot for the Republican candidates, and the only way to accomplish that end will be to perfect such an organization as the state committee asks for. The only enemies to be feared by the Republicans of Illinois this year are overconfidence and failure to vote on the part of those who desire their success.

Two Kinds, Anyhow! According to good Democratic authority there are at least two kinds of Democracy. Of course, there are more kinds, but we have one kind described by Bryan and still another by Cleveland. One is described as: "A Democracy that means Democracy and a Clevelandian that means pliancy." Another is: "A Democracy that means Democracy and a Bryanian that means populism." All this is about as clear as Democratic statements of Democratic principles can be and usually are made.

Newton Mentor: The gentlemen who are trying to forget the Democratic party's past on the money question say that conditions have changed. This is apparent. Two years ago Democratic editors and orators who were insisting that prices were too low are now complaining that they are too high.

Sparta Plaindealer: The record shows that while W. J. Bryan was in congress ninety-nine so-called trusts, with an aggregate capital of \$2,374,232,780, were in operation, but Mr. Bryan "caught his breath" with sufficient force to speak out against them only after he left congress.

Chester Tribune: It will be observed that the Illinois Democracy, in its almost frantic search for a campaign issue, has not been able to find anything vulnerable in the state administration of public affairs.

Canton Register: The one thing of which Republicans need be afraid this year, in state or in congressional or legislative district or in county, is overconfidence. The battle is already won—unless they go to sleep.

As to the Trust Issue.

One of the two issues which the Democratic caucus of the house has put forth is the trust. These Democratic statesmen seem to assume that monopolistic combinations are a new issue, but they are not. Referring to this claim the Indianapolis Journal calls attention to the fact that as long ago as 1888, when Mr. Cleveland was in his first term, a Democratic house instructed its committee on manufactures to investigate trusts. The committee spent \$10,000, heard many people and took considerable testimony—and what was the result? In its report, made in 1889, after the election of General Harrison, the committee declared that the number of combinations was large and affected a considerable portion of the manufacturing and industrial interests of the country, but, owing to differences of opinion between the members of the committee, it limited its report to "submitting to the careful consideration of subsequent congresses the facts shown in the testimony taken before the committee." That is, a Democratic committee could not agree upon any remedy whatever.

The next congress was Republican, and it met the monopoly feature of the trust problem by passing the Sherman anti-trust law. In 1893 the Democratic party came into power, having the president and both houses of congress. During that period the trusts increased. When asked why trusts were not prosecuted under the Sherman act, Attorney General Olney pronounced the law defective and inadequate. Upon this declaration of the Democratic attorney general the Democratic congress inserted in its tariff act a provision relating to trusts so inadequate that the Cleveland administration paid no attention to it. Indeed, both of Mr. Cleveland's attorney generals assumed an indifferent, if not a hostile, attitude toward legislation designed to curb monopolistic combinations.

Fourteen years ago the Republican party announced its hostility to unlawful combinations in restraint of trade. Twelve years ago it enacted a law for their suppression; and now that the Roosevelt administration is proceeding against such combinations, Democrats complain because criminal suits were not brought against the alleged offenders instead of the more direct method of stopping the injustice practiced by recourse to injunction. If criminal proceedings had been brought, it is probable that the same Democrats would have complained because the power of the injunction had not been invoked.

Such is the record of the two parties in reference to trusts. All that has been done, Republicans have done. When the Democrats were in power they did nothing, because they could not agree upon a measure, or were entirely indifferent to the evil.

Keeping Up Courage. The fact is the Democratic party in the state of Illinois is in a condition of utter demoralization. The last Democratic state administration was such that the party is just beginning to recover from the comatose state in which it has been for the past six years. The Altgeld reign was one of ruin and disgrace. The average thinking member of the Democratic party began to be ashamed of his own party and deny his allegiance. While there is some talk along the opposition of great things to be accomplished and higher prospects of success, still the party leaders are whistling to maintain their courage and keep heart in the rank and file of the adherent of the Democratic faith. The contrast of the present and the preceding Republican state administrations with that of their Democratic predecessor was such that the Democracy finds itself without a reasonable excuse for its existence in the state of Illinois. While there will be bluster and fuss and talk of success upon the part of the Democratic newspaper and orator, the same is made without hope of realization.—Aledo Times-Record.

Praises from St. Hubert. The Democratic Illinois State Register, published at Springfield, gives editorial utterance to the following: "It is the consensus of opinion that President Roosevelt is sincere in his dealings with Cuba and that in taking the stand he has with reference to Cuban reciprocity he is acting for the best interests of the people of this country and Cuba. Roosevelt is most highly commended by many authorities for his stand and if his motives be such as specified, and they no doubt are, he deserves the commendation received."

Charleston Herald: All that will be required to insure a sweeping Republican victory in Illinois this year will be to induce every voter who favors the continuance of the present satisfactory conditions to cast his ballot for the Republican candidates, and the only way to accomplish that end will be to perfect such an organization as the state committee asks for. The only enemies to be feared by the Republicans of Illinois this year are overconfidence and failure to vote on the part of those who desire their success.

Sparta Plaindealer: Chairman Grigg of the Democratic congressional committee, all by himself, has thought out a "paramount issue" for his party in this campaign. His idea is that if the people of the United States can be brought to understand how unfair the Republican tariff policy is to them in the matter of wire nails, grease, washboards and alarm clocks they will rise in a body and demand that the Democratic party be placed in control of the government at Washington.

Chester Tribune: For the good of the party and for the good of the country every Republican should throw aside any petty prejudice, act a man and assist in electing the Republican candidates who have the qualifications to run the affairs of the country in a manner which will be to the interest of the taxpayers.

Southern Illinois Herald: Within four years after the battle of Santiago the Republicans in congress have wiped out all special taxes imposed to meet the expenses of the war with Spain. Their action in effecting a big reduction in taxation cannot fail to aid their party in the coming campaign.

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Estate of Fred Drover, deceased. The undersigned having been appointed administratrix of the estate of Fred Drover, deceased, hereby gives notice that she will appear before the county court of DuPage county, at the court house in Wheaton, at the October term, on the first Monday in October next, at which time all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested to attend for the purpose of having the same adjusted. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned. Dated this 6th day of August, A. D. 1902. BARBARA DROVER, Administratrix. GRAY & BUNGE, Attorneys for Administratrix.

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