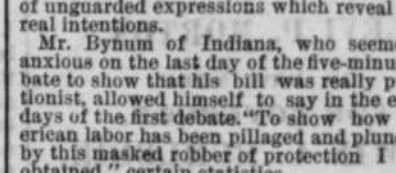


But it is hardly worth while to linger

long on what one of the members of the majority of ways and means called the "imperialism of this fight." The "regulars," the line battle ships, the authorized exponents of faith, have not been behind hand in the



President's party in the House of Representatives was Mr. Mills, of Texas. He was elected by its antecedents fully knowing after much delay and discussion that the country staggered under the surpurnous weeks while it awaited the choice of a President. We then turned to the subject of Mr. Mills as the exponent of the President's party. So universal is the impression that he represents the party of Henry George, a bold and eloquent trader, and consequently a bold and eloquent supporter of the President and movement, that we thought it well to stop to examine with his own eyes and other organs of sense the leader in the line of the President's party. Mr. Mills, after full and fair examination, pronounced Mr. Mills "a man of his own signature pronounced Mr. Mills a freetrader from base." But fortunate

of even so competent an observer as George. Four years ago Mr. Mills, he perhaps at that time more freedom of action than he has now, made a speech, on 15th day of April, 1884, which can be found in "The Record," which itself defines the position then:

"We must remove both by legislation and by every hindering cause which prevents free exchange of the products of our labor from the markets of the world. We must unfetter our arm and let every muscle strike for the better remuneration for its toil. We must let the creation of labor, grow up in all the homes of our republic."

The capitals are not mine, but the Henry George, who makes the quote with due emphasis, so that the faithful wink incredulously one unto the other, an inaccurate newspaper makes Mr. deny the faith.

In order that he might have room to do his repentance, if he had repented, the sage was read to him in open House on the 6th day of June, 1888, and he made no answer. In order that Mr. Mills might not fall to remember that he once knew what free will was when he saw it, Mr. Burrows, of Michigan, read to him an extract from another sage of his as follows:

To this he also made no reply except demand a vote. Really that was the only he could make. He was looking the there into the eyes of too many men knew what his real sentiments were.

and, according to the report of "The York Times," said "No Democrat da free-trade." Of course no one believes he said it. It only shows how news misrepresents public men.

But why should we spend so much upon details as to individuals, when scene in the House lights up the entire *g* Mr. McComas, the able young member Maryland, on the 2d of May put to the dent's friends the point blank question "Why in this debate has every friend Mills bill lauded the English free-trade tar tem, which only levies duties upon article

"I will pause and yield a half-minute to member on the Democratic side to name the sentence or the member's name who uttered it."

This challenge, broad as it was, was answered in only one way, and accords Mr. Hooker (Dem.), of Mississippi, responds with a frankness and fulness which so his shivering Northern colleagues must have envied: "No, there was no one; and won't hear any Democrat utter one."

A curious little letter from the gentleman on the President's ticket whose Romananness the proposed next Administration expected to need—in all things perhaps except Civil Service Reform—reveals the sentiments of the Tammany man with regard to the matter. It seems that Mr. Thurman, habituated as he was to the customs of the Roman Republic, had a scruple which the President, himself a man of scruples, did not share, against "assisting" even by so much as a letter in a meeting called to ratify his own nomination. The Tammany braves, not understanding the customs of ancient Rome and fully pathologizing with those of modern Buffalo, were angry because Thurman did not write further. Thereupon the noble Roman wrote:

Now Mr. Cox has made a speech fully free-trade than an egg is of meat. Mr. Mills is a believer in Bastiat and would not think of denying free trade in New York. Mr. Mills would think of denying trade in the House of Representatives you want to know what the country you have to expect of Mr. Thurman if ever moved listen to his enthusiasm over Mr.

speech: "I have not thanked you," he said on July 21, "for your magnificent offer of the tariff which ought to immortalize you." Surely this is a recognition of trade cordial enough to satisfy the staunchest friend of Great Britain.

As to the views of the President himself, we must have recourse to the great fact that the substance is what sensible people are

The cook went out into the barnyard and said to the fowls: "How would you like to be cooked?" and they all replied: "We want to be cooked at all." Said the

severely: "You are dodging the question. It is a condition which confronts you, and you are dodging it. Free-trade is entirely irrelevant. After a whole message not one sentence which sounds in protection it always seem to me that the declaration that free-trade was not involved in the discussion was an exhibition of monumental nerve. If Wendell Phillips had closed one of his eyes, he would have seen that the

wonderful attacks upon slavery with-  
out declaration that the question of the abo-  
lition of slavery was entirely irrelevant, or  
that Robert Ingersoll had finished one of  
his assaults upon the Bible by declaring  
that Christianity had not been alluded to.  
Is the essence of free-trade? It is the  
theory that all import duties are added to the  
cost of the goods at which imports could be bought if no  
law existed, and that all protected duties

But the President states this fundamental belief more strongly than even the Free Club would dare to state it. Whoever believes that statement is either in favor of abolishing the duties or in favor of perpetrating a visible wrong, is either a Free-trader or palter with his conscience, and the

Why should all the English newspapers have no motive to conceal their opinions, recognize with one voice their found friends? Why do all the free clubs push themselves to the front, and they know that they are welcome and

When Mr. Garrison of Massachusetts dresses himself to a Democratic audience in Hyannis on July 21 what more fitting could he use than to say?—

"I am myself a thorough believer in absolute free-trade. I look forward to the day when cotton houses will be regarded as the emblem of barbarism—an anachronism in a true sense. At the same time I am aware that the De-

le party makes no claim to be a free-trade  
Small I therefore decline to recognize its as  
the direction of progress? On the contrary  
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While the English manufacturers and  
English newspapers, Henry George and co-  
free-trade clubs, Mr. Garrison and co-  
ers hail his first outset of the President  
ty with joy and hope, can those who b  
in the other doctrines shut their eyes

The New England Mineral Paint Co. at Lisbon, seems to be in a flourishing condition. Wednesday a meeting of the holders was held at that place.

holders was held at the Lisbon Hotel over the idea of putting several new looms in the mill. The increasing business the company made this practicable and was decided by the stockholders to place the factory six new machines, costing \$2460.



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HON. JAMES G. BLAINE  
will speak at  
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Dover.....Aug. 30  
Ellsworth.....Aug. 31  
Farmington.....Sept. 1  
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HON. THOMAS B. REED  
will speak at  
Kear Falls.....Aug. 30  
Glen Falls.....Aug. 31  
Hallowell.....Sept. 1  
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HON. LUCIUS FAIRBANKS, of Wisconsin,  
will speak at  
Bath.....Aug. 30  
Bangor.....Aug. 31  
Ellsworth.....Sept. 1  
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HON. W. C. HARRIS, of Pennsylvania,  
will speak at  
Salem.....Aug. 30  
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HON. JOHN A. KASSON, of Iowa,  
will speak at  
Dover.....Aug. 31  
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HON. GEORGE B. LORING, of Massachusetts,  
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HON. W. PLUMMER, of Dakota,  
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HON. C. A. BOUTWELL  
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HON. ANDREW P. WISWELL  
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HON. CHARLES J. NOYES, of Mass.,  
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At last some good from the election of Grover Cleveland has been discovered. The Hon. John E. Russell tells us that he had begun to despair of the Republic, when Democratic success and Grover's election within him. It would be hard to estimate the injury to the country had Mr. Russell's despair passed into a chronic state.

The plan to defeat Roger C. Mills's re-election is the work of pro-Unionists, who cannot forget his speeches in opposition to the prohibition amendment when it was before the people of Texas. They resent the addition of "free whiskey" to the inscription of "free men, free labor and free trade," which now ornaments his penman's state-mausoleum.

"Nearly all Democrats" is what Robert T. Lincoln, who has just returned from England, says the British are. But it is noticed that when a Briton goes over here and begins to feel at home, he is quite likely to become a Republican. Both phenomena are natural enough. A man is naturally at home for his country; and a man is naturally at home for his country; and a man is naturally at home for his country.

The Argus yesterday in the editorial column lectured the Republican members of the House for being absent from Washington. Elsewhere it contained a report of a speech delivered by City Hall by the Hon. John E. Russell. Is not Mr. Russell a member of the House? Is not his place in Washington? Yet he has been perambulating this State for some weeks past delivering lectures in the name of the Democratic party and free trade. Why not lecture him a little?

Congressman Knute Nelson is very anxious to have the tariff changed, and even voted for the Mills bill. But a few weeks of reflection, powerfully supplemented, no doubt, by the advice of his constituents, have changed his opinion of the capacity of the Democratic party to look out for the industries of the country. He now writes to the editor of the Argus, after spending in Dakota, where the air is cool and bracing, and where the weather is not so hot and warm, and the Democrats are a little more numerous. In Missouri, he says, the people are nine-tenths Democrats. And in the United States, he says, the people are nine-tenths Democrats. And in the United States, he says, the people are nine-tenths Democrats.

Every newspaper in the country, whether a member of a trust or outside of it, will vote for Grover Cleveland. The Standard Oil crowd also goes over to the Republicans and taken Secretary Whitney and Senator Payne along with them. Has the Hon. Frank Jones of Portland, who monopolizes New Hampshire and the New Hampshire railroad, severed his connection with the Democracy? Has Mr. Arthur Sewall, president of Maine's greatest monopoly, abandoned the management of the Democratic campaign in Maine? Of course if none of the monopolists are going to vote the Democratic ticket, they will vote the ticket of the party that is to be defeated.

In a recent article in Harper's Bazar, T. W. Higginson overviews the popular idea that New England is full of "superstitions." Many people have held to the notion that the great exodus of the young men of New England to the West has left here at home an unusual number of spinsters. The returns of the Massachusetts census show that this is not so. The excess of women in Massachusetts, about sixty-six thousand in 1880, does not consist largely, as was once supposed, of the unmarried, nor yet of the unmarried or the divorced, but is almost entirely made up of widows. By the last State census, Massachusetts, the excess of widows over men was 12,000, this accounting for nearly the whole of the excess of women over men. This large number of widows is explained by the facts that in the exodus to the West, the people who live by fishing the mortality of men is very great, and that in the State as a whole many widows of men who seek their fortunes in the West return to the old nest after the death of their mates; while many others come to the State to educate their children, or if less happily situated, to support themselves and their dependent children. This tendency of self-dependent women to seek manufacturing towns is to be noted in the census returns. The general conclusion that the presence of many surplus women indicates that a State possesses manufacturing industries.

The census of the population of the other New England States seems to bear out this theory. Connecticut has 11,313 surplus women; Rhode Island 10,471; and New Hampshire 8,898. All these are manufacturing States; but in Maine, where there are few manufactures, the sexes are almost equally balanced, there being but 830 more on the female side; while in Vermont, which is essentially an agricultural State, and has, moreover, suffered severely by the exodus of young men to the West, there are actually less women than men. These facts show that while there is a surplus of women in New England, not a large one, there is no superfluity of them. They are busy, most of them engaged in heroic and self-sacrificing work for those dependent on them.

The President's inconsistency. The inconsistency of the President's retelling programme is nowhere more clearly perceived and more mercilessly exposed than in the Dominion. "Notwithstanding," says the Halifax Herald, "that article fifteen of the treaty, which President Cleveland has just approved, expressly stipulates that United States fishermen shall have the privilege of transshipping their catch of fish at the nearest port of call to the United States, only when Canadian exports of fish are admitted to the United States market for duty, the President now demands this privilege of transshipment gratis, and threatens retaliation if Canada does not comply with his peremptory and immediate request."

The Herald interprets the message as simply a political trick to recover lost ground. "Having found," it says, "that the anti-British and anti-Canadian vapors of the Democratic party have determined to go one better in the attempt to coerce Canada into a repudiation of the rights which were guaranteed to this country only by the treaty of 1818, but as well by the treaty of 1888."

The St. John Sun says the inconsistency of the President's performance and its true inwardness goes as clearly. It is a year ago President Cleveland might consistently have taken Canada's side, and said that our position was too unchristian and unneighborly to justify retaliation. He is now, after a year, saying that Canada's position is too unchristian and unneighborly to justify retaliation. He is now, after a year, saying that Canada's position is too unchristian and unneighborly to justify retaliation.

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