

The WATCHMAN is nothing, if not Democratic.

Will JAMES B. STROHM be made commissioner's clerk?

BRYAN was not beaten as badly as was HARRISON in 1892.

The national administration will "take care of ABE MILLER," so they say.

All credit and praise to the good old Democratic precincts on "the other side of the mountain."

There's a farm in the valley that makes a tenant's home, for the next commissioner's clerk will be JAMES B. STROHM.

BRYAN got ahead of MCKINLEY in one thing anyway. He is not having the life pestered out of him by office seekers.

BRYAN has begun the campaign for 1900. If there is anything in that early bird story he ought to get it sure this time.

If the last election proved one thing more than another it proved the BAKER ballot an enormous nuisance and a travesty on secrecy.

The holder of election bets is the fellow who has to do the hustling just now. Temporary wealth invariably leads to lasting extravagance.

If it be true that politics makes strange bed-fellows there must have been some queer nights spent in Centre county during the few weeks preceding the election.

Mr. BRYAN has not been conquered. No leader is so strong as the one who knows what a defeat is and renews the fight the better prepared to win a coming victory.

The old soldiers of the 28th Congressional district of Pennsylvania have "their friend" Mr. ARNOLD now. Everyone of them should strike for an increase of pension.

There is only one thing we want to ask of Mr. MCKINLEY and that is to give us the "prosperity" that his campaigners promised would follow his election to the Presidency.

The election being over and the prize fighters being close mouthed, for some unaccountable reason, gives the Cuban war another chance to be fought out in the American papers.

The horse show is the thing in New York just now and plenty of the blue ribboners have more sense than the people who pay fancy prices for the privilege of gushing over them.

MCKINLEY's majority in Clearfield county was 899. They had 218 free silver votes, 3 socialist labor, 4 national, 36 MCKINLEY citizens, 90 people's, and 91 Jeffersonian votes out there.

We sincerely hope the rumor is correct that arch-bishop IRELAND is to be removed for participation in politics. Such a fate is what he deserves and bishop NEWMAN ought to be bounced too.

The gold papers can howl their lungs out about industries resuming and general business revivals begotten by "sound money" but such parades won't delude the laboring man into imagining his stomach well filled and back comfortably clothed.

Word comes from Harrisburg that Governor HASTINGS is out of the senatorial fight and that it lies between WANAMAKER and BROWN now. If the Governor is thus to be set aside he will demand the dictatorship of patronage in this district then what will become of AL DALE and the post-office.

It is a significant feature of the cabinet making writer's appreciation of the eternal fitness of things that TOM REED is not spoken of as a possible member of Mr. MCKINLEY's political household. TOM's old story of the country aerobist who could ride two horses at one time was too true to be forgotten so soon.

When the straddle bug lays eggs of gold and the silver bug golden bricks, and SAM MILLER has all his stories told, and there's an end of political tricks; then AL DALE will wink, with his fine weather eye, at the tail of the combine kite, and say: "It is I who will win, when HASTINGS grows thin, in the Bellefonte post office fight."

Politics was politics when America was but a pup, politics is politics while America is growing up; I am a selfish goldbug and I want the yellow "mon," and every silver advocate is a blatherin' ---

The above is the first effusion of the new school of poets that will flourish at Washington during the next four years.

Mrs. CASTLE, the wife of the San Francisco millionaire, has been released from Wormwood Scrubbers prison, London, for shop lifting. The woman's frail physical condition is given as the cause of her release, but had she been some wretched outcast, who had been forced to steal to keep herself from starvation, she would have been left in prison and then been considered "better off."

The colored people are doing right in organizing to demand something for their race from President-elect MCKINLEY. The Republican party has never had any further use for the colored people that help their votes give and it is about time they are receiving some recognition at the hands of the party they always help to power. The Democratic party has always recognized the negroes with some good offices.

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The Rescuers of the Country's Honor.

The comments of the gold-bug newspapers on the result of the election is not very pleasant reading for honest Americans who despise the opinions of a subsidized press, but in the midst of the repulsive literature appear specimens of down-right gall that excite laughter, of a derisive kind, by the grotesque impudence of their assumptions. For example, the old political renegade and editorial cut-throat who directs the expressions of the New York Sun, in speaking of Tuesday, November 3, says that it should forever be a red-letter day in the American calendar, as "it witnessed the tread of uncrowned kings marching to the rescue of the country's honor."

In taking a retrospective view of this army of "uncrowned kings" to whom the country is said to be indebted for the rescue of its honor, the motley and incongruous material of which it was composed, would be a subject of merriment if it were not such a proper object of righteous reprobation. At the head of these rescuers of the "country's honor" was MARK HANNA, a leader among the organizers of trusts and the most relentless of the "labor smashers" who have put their heels on the necks of the toilers. Back of him came them ultra-millionaires whose boundless fortunes have been accumulated by the absorption of what others have earned, and whose ill gotten wealth was the source from which millions were contributed for the corruption of the election.

Following these was every banker and money changer whose interest demanded a constricted currency; every bank syndicate that looked forward to the profits of further gold loans; every member of the trusts and trade combinations that anticipated the favors that would be accorded them by restored MCKINLEYISM, and every rich man who sought to evade the taxation that is justly due from him for the support of the government. This array of "honor rescuers" unfortunately included a large force of working people who were scared into supporting the candidate of the trusts and syndicates by the threat that they would be deprived of employment, and that destitution should overtake them, if BRYAN should be elected; and to this largely unwilling detachment of "uncrowned kings" who marched to "the rescue of the country's honor," was added the "dam-phoodle" contingent that was influenced by the 53-cent dollar humbug. The army was completed by a mercenary press that applied the base charge of anarchism and repudiation to the great mass of honest and patriotic citizens who resisted the monstrous wrong of surrendering the republic to the control of a greedy and heartless plutocracy, and sought to restore to the currency of the country the kind of money which the constitution prescribes.

DANA's array of uncrowned kings, marching to the rescue of the country's honor, is a presentation that has at least the merit of exciting merriment after the stress and turmoil of the fight.

Ignominious Extinction.

The combination of political narrow-mindedness and sectarian bigotry, known as the A. P. A., presents a contemptible appearance as shown up by the result of the election. The exhibit it has made of its weakness clearly divulges its insignificance.

Two or three years ago it entered the political arena with a great swagger, avowedly intending to exert a balancing power in the politics of the country, and to determine the question of victory or defeat between political parties, but those who were able to gauge the capability of such an organization, as limited by its narrow spirit and purpose, had no fear of what it might be able to do, and regarded it with the contempt it deserved. They could read its fate in the disgraceful episode of Know nothingism. They made no mistake in anticipating its contemptible failure to exert an influence upon the result of the contest just closed.

When the opposing forces were being arrayed for the pending conflict the A. P. A. assumed to dictate conditions upon which their friendship or their enmity would be exercised on one side or the other, and they did it with an air that indicated their belief that they were going to be the determining force in the fight. Candidates were demanded to make confessions to these political inquisitors and to answer interrogatories as to how they stood on political and sectarian issues. Major MCKINLEY was weak enough to give some attention to this bigoted impudence, but none of the national conventions paid attention to the assumptions of the dark lantern politicians.

As they operate under ground it is impossible to tell how they were affected by the snubbing they received from the political parties, and to which side they turned their inconsequential force, but that it was of small account is evidenced by the fact that they were unable to prevent their leader, LINTON, from being most thoroughly beaten in his candidacy for Congress. The A. P. A. die as ignominiously as the Know nothings did some forty years ago.

A Dying Issue.

There is a probability that the tariff will go out of politics, and the country will certainly be the better for it. As a political factor it has been the source of much evil from its corrupting tendency. For the past decade, and even longer, it has been used by the managers of the Republican party, to alarm and intimidate a large class of voters, and it never failed to draw from expectant beneficiaries the funds which Republican managing committees required to corrupt the ballot in presidential and congressional elections. It was their chief reliance when they wanted to affect the public mind by a fictitious apprehension of calamity.

Contrary to MCKINLEY's original calculation in this campaign the tariff, as a factor, did not cut as big a figure as it did in the two preceding presidential elections. This was neither MCKINLEY's nor MARK HANNA's fault, as it was intended that it should be the leading issue. Had this not been the intention, MCKINLEY would not have been the candidate, as his prominence was entirely due to his tariff record. He was put on the road more than two years ago as the tariff claimant for the Presidency; his canvass, which extended to all parts of the country, having been backed and his expenses paid by the syndicate of trusts interested in higher tariff duties, of which HANNA was the head.

The tariff was the leading object in this programme up till the meeting of the St. Louis convention, the public having a distinct recollection of the struggle between the tariffites and the goldites as to whether protection or the gold standard should predominate the platform and it was much against his will, and only by the insistence of the Wall street interest, represented by TOM PLATT, that MCKINLEY wasn't put on a platform which, in addition to its high tariff declaration, would have recognized the claims of silver to co-ordinate standing with gold in our currency. Thus it is seen how narrowly the major escaped being a "repudiator" and an "anarchist," and how near he came to being put on a "dishonest money" platform.

During the campaign MCKINLEY, in the stereotype speeches he made from his front porch, did what he could to keep the tariff to the fore, but his efforts grew feebler as the contest progressed, and his election finds the public mind prepared to regard the tariff as an issue that hasn't much life left in it.

Cuba and the President.

The public reasonably expects that President CLEVELAND will have something of great importance to say about Cuba in his forthcoming message. Indications point to a crisis in the action of our government relative to the conflict between Spain and her insurrectionary dependency, which has now been in progress for nearly two years with no appearance of Spain's ability to suppress the rebellion.

The return of General LEE from Havana is portentous of some decided action on the part of the President. Mr. CLEVELAND most prudently refrained from adopting a decisive course in a matter of such great importance, the consequences of which might be serious to our government, until he was assured of the situation in the island, from an official and reliable source, and for this purpose General LEE was sent as consul general to Havana, with such instructions, no doubt, as would direct his observations. He has been on the island sufficiently long to ascertain the real condition of affairs existing there. He can speak from observation, and the action of the President will no doubt be based on the information that will be imparted through that source.

The public can reasonably conjecture what General LEE has communicated to his chief in regard to the situation in Cuba. The general tenor of the intelligence from the island makes it evident that Spain is not progressing in the suppression of the island, that the insurgents are doing more than holding their ground, as their resistance is wearing out the military force and exhausting the resources of their Spanish assailants, and that the protracted character of the conflict is proving the billigerent capability of the Cuban patriots. These are facts which have made themselves patent to the world by general appearances, and it may be supposed that they will furnish the text of General LEE's communication to the President.

Upon this supposition the American people may expect that Mr. CLEVELAND's message will recommend a course of action, on the part of Congress, that will have a determining effect upon the issue of the Cuban insurrection.

The difficulty with the Venezuelan boundary is to be fixed up soon. The United States and England have gotten together. The former will appoint two arbitrators, the latter two and King Oscar II, of Sweden, will be the final arbitrator. The question has been a long drawn out one and the possibility of an early settlement is looked upon with gratification.

Deceptive Indications of Better Times.

While every good citizen will wish that prosperity may return to our country his discernment is unable to see how MCKINLEY's claim to being the "advance agent of prosperity" is going to be fulfilled. Those who have been deceived by the promises and representations of the Republican spell binders during the campaign are flattering themselves with the idea that "better times" have already struck the country, as a consequence of MCKINLEY's election, the improvement being indicated by reports of mills and factories having resumed operations since it has been positively assured that the Republicans have recovered the control of the government and the policies of that party will prevail in the management of public affairs. Admitting that industrial works, which have been idle for some time previous, have been started again since the election, it is a foolish assumption to claim that the result of the election has been the cause of it. In not a single instance have those mills more than had three or six months ago. They were closed with the object of having an effect upon the votes of their employes, and that object having been effected, their resumption is most fallaciously published as the immediate evidence of the returning prosperity which MCKINLEY's election assures to the country.

The requirements of the market which justify this resumption of manufacture existed for many months past, but it snited the political purpose of the proprietors to keep their mills idle. Having assisted, by this kind of campaign "education," in electing a President and Congress from which they expect a restoration of tariff favoritism, they start their works, but with no more substantial reason for it, in an industrial sense, than they would have had in July or in April. Nothing could be more preposterous than to suppose that the demand for their products would not have set their mills going if BRYAN had been elected.

That there will be a spurt of industrial activity can hardly be doubted, but what are the prospects of substantial and continued industrial prosperity? It is discouraging to contemplate it, but no discerning man can avoid the conviction that during the next four years we are going to have the hard experience of the past four. There can be no real prosperity under a constricted currency system that gives all the advantage to the money lenders and none to the producers and the active business men who require money for their operations. The increase of tariff duties, which MCKINLEYISM implies, will only aggravate the disorder. Active manufacturing production will, in less than nine months, more than supply the needs of a population whose purchasing capacity is depressed by a contracted currency, and then the suspension of industrial operations will necessarily follow, with the attendant depression of labor interests and trouble among the industrial classes.

This will be the unavoidable experience of the next four years, furnishing that practical education that will lead the American people to the adoption of a system of currency from which they and not the money changers will derive the larger share of advantage.

WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN has been offered a salary of \$25,000 per year to take charge of the law department of SIEGLE & COOPER's great department store in New York. Mr. BRYAN declined the offer because he does not want to do anything that will jeopardize him in the fight for silver that he intends continuing.

Who Will be Commissioners' Clerk?

Now that the talk of how it happened has been dropped politicians, big and little, are commencing to look around for the plums that are to fall from the national and local administrations. None of the offices are attracting any more attention than that of commissioners' clerk just now and there are a number of good Republican aspirants who are bustling for the favor of Messrs. RIDDLE and FISHER, the Republican board. Among them is present Commissioner, JAMES B. STROHM, who has lately taken it into his head that he would like to grow fast in the office. He has been Commissioner for the past six years and two years before that he was clerk to the board, so you see if he is successful as an applicant for clerk again it will give him eleven years in the office with a chance for fourteen years if the board-elect should be re-elected in 1899.

Mr. STROHM is thoroughly capable of filling the place and from what we hear stands a good chance of securing it. In fact we are almost persuaded that it would be wise to announce that he will be appointed, for he is said to have promised his farm in Penns valley to another man. His appointment would be in keeping with the Republican policy of life tenure of office.

The President has proclaimed that Thursday, November 26th, must be set aside as a day for general thanksgiving.

Part of the Dishonesty that Elected MCKINLEY.

The farmer vote for the free coinage of silver at the late election was much smaller than anticipated. While many Republican farmers worked and voted for Mr. Bryan's election, yet the great mass of Republicans who till the soil stood by the gold standard, which has been so disastrous to their interests. We believe the farmer has again been fooled by the politicians, as the following two paragraphs taken from the same issue of the strongest gold paper in New York would seem to indicate:

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Mark Hanna in Evening Evening Post editorial. "We put in so much between the single silver work in the middle West standard and the single because there especially gold standard. Any politician who now goes to the farmers and laborer who now goes to the farmers in cities had been fooling with the delusion misinformed in regard to international bimetal. Many farmers will be held and of them had the idea, rightly, to be proposing that the Republican party to go through the agony of gold money all over again, and will mislead; if MCKINLEY be apt to have his own were elected silver portion of the agony would disappear as current out to him in adrocity. We explain to you.

Now, if what the Evening Post intimates editorially is to be the policy to be pursued by the MCKINLEY administration, then there will be no hope for silver, even by international bimetalism. Yet Mark Hanna admits that he caught the farmer vote of the West by holding out the hope of international bimetalism. Even so soon after election the farmer is given notice by the Post that he has been deceived, when the paper says that international bimetalism is a "delusion."

The farmer has simply voted to continue the present system of finances, and how he is expected to be benefitted thereby is beyond comprehension. We all hope that he may be, but we fear that he has been caught by the Post's "delusion." A temporary revival in business will, of course, benefit all the people, but we fail to see anything in the situation that will result in permanent benefit to the farmer. We would be glad to be mistaken in this view of the case, but the evidence points the other way.

What of the Future?

From the Gettysburg Compiler. A prominent Republican of York, a man who is very conversant with the question of the day, writes to a gentleman in Gettysburg:

"I am not a prophet, but unless relief is given to the country by a larger supply of money in the next four years the election in 1900 will deluge the Republican party. We fought and won, but looking at the facts—a high tariff will only prove an additional tax on the farmer. The stringency in the market will continue. Overproduction will follow the election of MCKINLEY and add to the general distress.

A few months of over zealous manufacturing will bring the manufacturer to realize that without money the people cannot buy the products of labor and then the bubble of the "advance agent of prosperity" will burst and the dream of our over-enthusiastic "sound money" advocates will vanish like mist before the morning sun.

There will be more idle labor the next four years than during the past four years. The single gold standard as it now exists, is inhumanitarian, cold, cruel and selfish and illy adapted to our form of government. If one keeps cool he will see results directly opposite to what is expected and promised by our Republican friends.

The only ones that will be benefitted by its continuance are the holders of gold bearing bonds and investors of like securities."

Bishop Newman Had Better Begin at Home.

From the Lancaster Intelligencer. An interesting lesson in finance as it is practiced by preachers and churches is furnished by the reports of the proceedings of the Methodist committee of church extension in session at Pittsburg. Resolutions were presented demanding the strict collection of loans made to churches, and in case of neglect to pay, the mortgages were to be foreclosed. In support of this sternly worded resolution Bishop Foss declared that in many cases churches and pastors had no sense of their obligation to pay; sometimes there was no apparent intention to try to pay. The splendid audacity of some pastors in securing loans was frequently commented upon. Some pastors seemed to consider a loan as a gift. Dr. Thomas said that the trouble lay not in a lack of business knowledge but in a lack of moral sense on the part of some churches and pastors. The resolutions in all their sternness were unanimously adopted.

If this arraignment of the financial integrity of the clergy did not come from a tribunal of preachers it might be bitterly resented, particularly by those who have been preaching for "honest money."

Indepentable.

From the Washington Post. William Jennings Bryan is a shining example of American grit and spirit. No matter how much one may differ from him his courage is to be admired.

An Explanatory Comment.

From the Detroit Tribune. Of course the Republicans and the National Democrats will quarrel, but that is merely in order not to appear as if they were just married.

What we Think of Our 93.

From the Johnstown Democrat. We hope the 181 gentlemen in this county who voted for MCKINLEY aid candidates feel proud of their work.

Miss Francis E. Willard, with her secretary and other temperance advocates, has arrived at New York from England.

Spawls from the Keystone.

George W. Kein, aged 23, committed suicide by shooting at Middletown.

W. Oscar Miller now holds the double office of city solicitor of Reading and State senator.

Matthew Leshar, the fourth victim of the Centralia boiler explosion, died Monday at the miners hospital.

The official vote in the nineteenth congressional district gives George J. Benner, Bryan Democrat, 778 plurality.

The week of prayer is being observed by the Reading Young Men's Christian Association with four meetings daily.

The people of Yochoro, near York, have raised a flag to an unknown man who voted for Bryan, the only silver vote in the place.

The Hazleton Young Men's Christian Association will erect a new building and \$35,000 has already been subscribed for the purpose.

O. H. Shumway, son of C. Shumway, publisher of the Pottsville Chronicle, who died at Denver, was buried in Pottsville Monday.

The election officers of the South Cass polls, Schuylkill, was taken into court for failing to sign the returns, reprimanded and made pay the costs.

Recent deaths in Juniata county: Mrs. Rebecca Ann Evans, Beale township, aged 73 years; Samuel A. Thomas, Fermanagh township, aged 53 years.

By a decision of the Supreme court handed down recently it is decided that a stockholder in a water, gas or electric light company, having a contract with a city or borough for the products of his company cannot hold a position in the council of such city or borough.

A new disease is attacking horses in different sections of the State. Veterinarians are unable to diagnose it. The leading symptoms are loss of appetite, rapid rise of temperature, discharge at the nose and loss of vision. Death usually follows within twenty-four hours of attack.

A dispatch from Johnstown says, the unknown burglar shot by officer Kelley died at the Memorial hospital last night, without regaining consciousness and without being identified. The bullet was found lodged near the skull after passing through six inches of brain. Officer Kelley was again placed under arrest.

An old stone grist mill, about a mile from Altoona, was set afire by tramps, and totally destroyed Wednesday evening. The Altoona ice plant, natatorium and four dwellings were ignited by sparks and were badly scorched. The total loss will be about \$15,000. The old mill was owned by Dr. S. C. Baker, and was a landmark.

Elliot & Storer, of Churchville, shipped seven tons of the new crop of dried apples to Philadelphia last Wednesday. The greater portion is usually packed in cases, but five tons of this lot were packed in sacks for export to Germany. It appears that apples packed in cases swell so much from the damp air while crossing the ocean that the cases are often burst open, but this swelling does not affect the sacks, which simply stretch.

Thomas English, a young man who has been working about the Clearfield jail for sheriff Smith during the past summer, concluded to try his penmanship Thursday last and accordingly forged the sheriff's name to a check for \$85. The check was made to J. M. Gibson and English endorsed it and presented it at the bank for payment. The forgery was detected and the young man arrested and placed in jail to await trial. He will no doubt get a trip to Allegheny next month.

Word comes from Sullivan county that chestnuts are unusually plenty in that region this year. Also that the "pot hunters" are unusually active. New York houses have placed orders for all the birds that can be bought up, and one man in Dushore has already this season shipped one hundred dozen pheasants to a single house in New York. This means annihilation to this kind of game birds and is an object lesson that our legislators should carry with them to Harrisburg this winter.

There is residing in Bradford township, Clearfield county, a man named M. B. Cowdric, who is afflicted with an ailment that he can remain awake day and night for ten days without effect. He seldom sleeps more than two hours at a time. Mr. Cowdric's is an affection of the nerves, and he suffers excruciating pains incessantly. He was quite a wealthy man eleven years ago when first attacked, but most of his money has since been spent for medicines and treatment. For patent medicines he has expended over \$2,000.

A young couple from the rural districts created quite a sensation on a Hollidaysburg street yesterday afternoon. The young man was under the influence of intoxicants, yet seemed to be an ardent lover, and gave public exhibitions by frequently kissing and embracing the young lady as they passed along the street. They visited the temple of justice and endeavored to procure a marriage license, but Judge Bowers, of the prothonotary's office, by reason of the condition of the man, denied the much coveted document, whereupon the young man became indignant and gave expression to his dismay in unmistakable terms, all of which was enjoyed by the listeners.

A bear story comes from the Black Forest, near Cammel, Lycoming county. It is to the effect that Jim Myers, a well known hunter, while out looking for bears last week, tracked one into the forest. The bear's tracks led to a decayed tree trunk, and with his trusty old rifle cocked he kicked the tree over and a big bear jumped out and made for him. Myers fired and the bullet lodged in bruin's hide, but the hunter tripped and fell to the ground, his rifle flying through the air and falling some distance from him. The wounded and enraged bear made for his prostrate foe, but Myers made a foxey move well known to bear hunters by falling limp to the ground and lay as if dead. Bruin sniffed him from head to foot and exhibited a trait peculiar to bears of not harming dead bodies (or those apparently so), and finishing his inspection trundled off. Myers quickly rose to his feet when the bear was some distance from him, and regaining his rifle fired several shots, which ended the bear's career. Bruin weighed 300 pounds dressed.