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-With the Democrate, also, it is not merely a matter of second choice.

-Don't worry these hot days. It only adds to your fever and, after all, does no good.

-It is not reported that Uncle GASSO-WAY DAVIS expects to have to dodge the lariat at Denver.

-Talking about "my policies" candidate TAFT says they must be upheld-just as if they were his own.

-The harvest fields of Centre county are waiting for the fellows who are complaining about having no work.

probably the greatest American living.

-Its all very nice for Mr. KNOX to hear the nice things said about him by the Republican leaders, but the other fellow has the nomination.

-Mr. NAGINEY is an undertaker, all right enough, but undertaking to run that automobile of his is an nodertaking that he doesn't very successfully undertake.

-These hot days are just the ones to make you fully appreciate how cool you will be at the pext great Centre county fair, and it is going to be greater than ever.

-The stern of the new giant English battleship "Dreadnaught" is said to be adverted to by the convention and they are not as satisfactory as desired. From this it would appear that the much talked of sea fighter might some day come to dread, platform are both timely and relevant. We at least, her own behind.

-In a single half-hour before eight less than six aspirants for the Bellefonte and President BEYAN are beginning to have their troubles already.

-About the only real signs of "humming industries" that the prosperity making Republican papers are trying to make you believe you see just now are to be heard in the rattle of the type machines that are setting up the buncombe.

-There are thirty-one applications for divorce in the Dauphin county courts, which looks very much as if thirty-one more maidens would really have been happier in the end had they had to sing "Waiting at the Church" some years ago.

-The sympathy of the entire community will go out to EDMUND HAYES, our newest and most interesting farmer. He was overcome by the heat while making hay on Wednesday. EDMUND ought to be wise enough to see the moral----don't make bay.

-The efforts of the village postmaster and the two other satellites of machine as the most important. But it is worth e that through TAFT de



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The Republican Platform.

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Mr. WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN cites seven points in the Chicago platform which align the party as against, rather than with, ROOSEVELT. The proposal to give publicity to campaign subscriptions and -The death of GROVER CLEVELAND disbursements was defeated in the convenleaves WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN as tion by a vote of 880 to 94, though the President has been advocating it for six years. The proposition to make a physical examination of and put a just valuation on railroads was defeated in the convention by a vote of 917 to 66, though it is one of the President's pet measures. The injunction plank of the platform is made of meaningless platitudes while the President

demanded adequate and effective legislation. The platform made no reference to income or inheritance taxation though the President has been demanding both for years. The danger of predatory wealth and the desirability of electing United States Senators by popular vote were not ROOSEVELT hobbies.

These points against the Republican are not in accord with all the so-called ROOSEVELT policies. The industrial pao'clock Monday morning we dug up no ralysis and commercial stagnation in which the country is now engulfed afford overpostoffice, so you see Congressman WALKER whelming arguments against some, if not most, of them. But the interests of justice and the progress of civilization require that certain abuses be checked and publicity of campaigu subscriptions and disbursements is essential to that result. The restraint of the power of the courts in the matter of is uing injuctions is equally important. Secretary TAFT, while sitting

on the bench of the United States court. first introduced this evil into our jurispradence and now that it is proposed to elect him President the subject becomes one of paramount importance. Therefore both of these subjects ought to have received grave consideration and ample elucidation by the convention. The income tax question is equally important.

Of course Mr. BRYAN might have gone much further and added largely to the number of defects of the Republican platform and as the campaign progresses he probably will. It is true that the seven points will be regarded by thoughtful men

order that the differences may be reconciled or adjusted in some other way. Mean-

time it is expected that ROOSEVELT will be called in to settle the dispute though the "old guard" is scowling ominously.

Secretary Taft's Character.

Most of the complimentary expressions which have been attered with respect to WILLIAM H. TAFT, the Republican ominee for President may be accepted as courate. He is a fairly good man and weighs in the neighborhood of 300 pounds. His ancestry is all right and his personal character good. He is amiable, well educated and capable in so far as his public result of the dispair of the delegates. services have taxed his capabilities. But he is not a great man, measured by any standard. He is no more a reformer than Governor PENNYPACKER. No crime, or tation, but that can be said with equal

accuracy of our eccentric ex Governor. Both have freely acquiesced in the official iniquities about them, however, and neith. doubted. Mr. KIPP proved both industrier is what is called an aggressive reformer.

country at any time within thirty years. and zealous. On the announcement of TAFT's nomina-

expresses sound without significance. No doubt President ROOSEVELT believes named, has earned his re-election. He dithat Secretary Root has deteriorated men- rected his energies mainly toward legislatally since his eulogy of that gentleman tion in the interest of labor and performed three or four years ago and that TAFT's most of his work in committee, but he merits have expanded. At the time the was a tower of strength to every righteons estimate was given to the public both cause and a most efficient Representative gentlemen were basking in the sunshine on the floor in every crisis. Mr. NICHOLS of administration favor. But since that has served his constituents well and ought Roor has "balked" on some of the Presi- to be rewarded. dential caprices and TAFT has "gone The Twentieth district ought to be as

Pennsylvania in the Next Congress. There is nothing in present political conditions to discourage the hope that the ditions to discourage the hope that the Democrate of Penneylvania may gain two ratifying convention with bardly the dotor three seats in the next Congress. The result of the Chicago convention has not

inspired the Republicans of the State. If KNOX had been nominated there would have been something like enthusiasm in the campaign for his election, though hungry stomachs are not incentives to enthusiasm. But under orders from Washington TAFT was chosen and the enervating influence was subsequently augmented by the nomination of Representative SHERMAN, the

In the present Congress there are seven districts which ought to be carried again. It is true that the Fourteenth and Fifteenth districts are normally Republican but the fraud, or vice has stained his personal repu- present Democratic Representatives for them, GEORGE W. KIPP and WILLIAM B. WILSON, have been so efficient and faithful that their re-election can hardly be

ons and capable and Mr. WILSON was as President ROOSEVELT has been somewhat efficient as if he had been in the service for ulsome in his praise of TAFT but Roose- years. Mr. ROTHEMEL in the Thirteenth VELT is inclined to be effusive. Three district and JOHN G. MCHENRY of the and Pennsylvania had each a candidate for years ago in writing of ELIHU ROOT the Sixteenth are certain to be re-elected. In President said he was not only the ablest fact Mr. MCHENRY achieved so much for man in the public life of this country at his constituents that they ought to keep that time, but he was abler than any man him in the seat as long as he is willing to the president, because of his command of who has been in the public life of any sit. He is not only capable but faithful

Mr. BRODHEAD of the Twenty sixth and tion, the other day, ROOSEVELT paid the Mr LENAHAN of the Eleventh district desame tribute to him and appointing his clined renominations but splendid candinuccessor to the office of Secretary of War, dates have been named as their successors. he substantially asserted that the distinc- A MITCHELL PALMER of Strondsburg, and tion belongs to Mr. WRIGHT. Under the JOHN C. HADDOCK, of Luzerue county, are circumstances, therefore, his testimony is the type of men who make the public life worthless. He simply expresses sudden of the country creditable, and they are both impulses in a careless way and his voice certain of success. THOMAS D. NICHOLS of the Tenth district, like his colleagues criticised for its refusal to follow presiden-

along" unconcernedly and uncomplaining- safely Democratic as the Thirteenth. For na this roal Secretary of War wouldn't take the trouble ocracy has been represented in Congress to dispute or even protest against any sug- by D. F. LAFEAN who is essentially a repgestion or act of the President, however resentative of the trusts. The Twelfth atrocious. It is easier to acquiesce and district is equally miserpersented in havmore profitable because that temperamental ing a Republican Congressman and the peculiarity rather than fitness for the office Twenty third district ought to send a got him the supp ort of ROOSEVELT for the Democrat to the House. The majority of the voters in all those localities are opposed to the policies of the Republican machine as expressed in the legislation of

Un-Democratic and Un-Republican.

From the Lancaster Intelligencer. The administration candidate and platting of an i, is referred to the people for their action ; which will not be in tion of it. As we view the prospect, there is no chance for the ticket's success. There is nothing attractive in the candidate or platform, which will bear all the burthen of responsibility for the past government of the country ; that is a heavy burthen. without the crushing weight of the busi-ness lassitude that is its achievement.

Hard times are always fatal to a party, coming in the year of a presidential elec-tion. The pyrotechnical assaults of President Roosevelt upon corporation business would probably have availed in some degree to relieve them of the burthen of the nancial troubles that have fallen upon the country through corporation mismanagement, but that cannot help the candidate he has put upon the Republican party to pilot it in the turmoil of the billows to pilot it in the the business sea.

The people are invited by the result of the Chicago convention to consider the the Chicago convention to consider the effect of the absolute power centralized in a Republican president over the Republican party, through control of the federal patronage and of the vote of the negro states. The two great states of New York the presidential nomination, but neither received support outside their states, though both were very worthy of votes. There was room for but the candidate of the votes of the other states through the deft exercise of the federal power in his hauds

It is not a pleasant contemplation, and should serve to turn away the votes of reflecting people from a candidate and platform prepared and established in so unlemocratic and un-republican fashion. The Democratic party, whatever may be charged against it has never subjected itself to the charge of the control of its con-

ventions by presidential power. It has made itself conspicuous for its freedom from such control, and has been even tial motion, notably in its abandonment of Cleveland.

Those who fear the encroachment of federal power are conspicuously invited to its support, and these are an increasing multitude in view of the great strikes of this power under the wielding of Roosevelt, who has shown the danger of it to all the world. There are those whom the ex-ample has attracted and who disregard the declared in the party platform and demon strated in the party record, and it will be to Democratic advantage with the intelligent voter.

spawls from the Keystone

-The best quality of new hay sells at \$12 per ton in the eastern part of the state, which is less than it has been for a number of years.

-Sunday was the longest day of the year and it was also the hottest of the year in Philadelphia where the official thermometer registered 90 degrees.

-On Monday there were thirty-one applications for divorce filed in the Dauphin county court. This was a record breaker, and hard times and idleness are said to be responsible.

-William P. Lowry, who has just completed a directory of Indiana, gives the population of the town at 7,000. The population in 1900 was 4,142, and by 1910 it is expected to double this

-Edgar Sheffer's portable saw mill, near Winburne, was destroyed by fire on Saturday morning, together with some lumber, etc. The mill will be replaced, as Mr. Sheffer has at that place considerable timber yet to be cut.

-Harry Williams, better known as "Rabbit," appeared in court in Washington, before Judge J. F. Taylor, on Monday, for the one hundred and fourth time. He was charged with being a habitual tramp and was sentenced to the county prison for sixty days.

-With orders coming in and plenty of others booked for the future, the Columbia Plate Glass company's plant at Blairsville has been running along on double turn for some time. In a week or two the manufacture of ware will be instituted at the plant.

-On Monday afternoon, in Centre township, Greene county, while there was a that he has been so helpful in raising upon clear sky, excepting a small cloud, there was a sudden crash of thunder and a flock of sheep in a field on the farm of Hiram Eby was tumbled about and five were killed by the lightning.

> -Buffalo, Rochester, and Pittsburg locomotive works and car shops at DuBois opened at full blast Monday morning and the majority of the men at DuBois were back on the job, although quite a number were out of town. The locomotive works are running nine hours per day and the car shops at ten hours.

-The postoffice authorities have given warping to all newspapers that the law governing the publishing of winners in raffles and other schemes of chance will be strictly enforced from now on. This includes raffles of all descriptions and nothing concerning anything with which chance is connected can be lawfully published by any paper.

-Benjamin B. McCloskey, agent of the Pennsylvania railroad at Hyner, Clinton county, claims to have solved practical aerial navigation, having taken several successful flights. The machine is said to be very simple and motion power is furnished by a Lombard chemical engine of ten horsepower which weighs less than forty-five pounds. Mr. McCloskey has spent over fifteen years in experiments of this kind

-Christian K. Sober, of Lewisburg, owner of the Paragon chestnut farm in Irish valley, danger of it in the contemplation of what Northumberland county, has already acthey deem its promised glory. The line cepted an order for a carload of chestnuts of are likely to be sharply drawn in the coming election between the federalist and wash. He has also grafted 15,000 seedlings, which will be handled fo New York state nursery firm. He expects the Paragon chestnut to become as widely distributed in a few years as the native variety.

tion at the electric theatre a few evenings form is an insult to the intelligence of ago met with about as much success as American citizenship. The impudent claim SILAS GREEN once had with his famous that the Republican party rather than the flying machine.

tion will come in November.

and his undertaking is heralded as "a principles and declare policies but was to prodigious task." Perhaps it is because we know some who have grown old and intolerable. bald-beaded counting the stars from the front seats in our opera houses.

-The bank that went up at Dover, Kentucky, on Monday, must have been a the selection of a campaign manager. sort of children's toy affair. It was capi- There are, or at least there were, several talized at \$7,500, and had \$7,000 in deposits. If BILLY MONTGOMERY had been its cashier he would sure have had to have a line of peculations on the outside.

maiden's rubber ball nearly drowned for his foolishness, besides ruining his new spring suit. Now if it had been a maiden's rubber neck or a maiden's rubber hose it might have been worth the while to take such a chance.

-"Big BILL" TAFT is the way he is to be greeted now that he wants to make it free and easy among the boys. But such a soubrigget isn't going to win votes, because the very boys that that appeals to are the boys who know that "Big BILL" was the first Judge of any court to grant an injunc. tion restricting the rights of the common people.

-About the strangest freak of human nature is displayed in the man who will sit for hours in the sun along the banks of a stream waiting for the slow nibble of a sucker and then cuss his way right down to the doors of hades if the sermon of his stand for such nonsense and HITCHCOCK The resignation of the leadership by Mr. money, he added, went into the treasuries pastor is five minutes longer than he thinks it should be when he go is to church the an implied promise that he should continue nority ample time to select from the This burdensone tax upon industry following Sunday morning.

LAND removes the last of the former Presidents of the United States. His name will thieves" is to be abandoned. remain among the greatest of the great his later life a daily reminder of the grave

benignity of Providence is responsible for

-When TAFT was a judge on the United the bountiful crops and consequent pros-States Supreme court bench he granted the perity of recent years may be too absurd first injunction that was ever known for Mr. BRYAN to notice but the mendacagainst organized labor. Organized labor ity expressed in the statement lthat may be quick to forgive and forget and it the Democratic party is committed to may not, but its chance to show its posi- government ownership of railroads ought to he rebuked by every adherent of that

-J. FRANKLIN-ADAMS, an English political faith. It plainly shows that astronomer has started to count the stars purpuse of the convention was not to assert fool the people. Such insuccerity is simply

Fight Over the Plunder.

The Republicans are having trouble over aspirants for the distinction and the com-

probably overestimates his own services potent. and undervalues those of the other fellow. For example, FRANK HITCHCOCK shinks he was the "whole thing," while ARTHUR character and ability of the membership of increase. VORYS is confident that he had the fight that political complexion. There are a The reasons for these differences are

want the office. that brought on a crisis. "Roosy" wouldn't ing spur of the minority. was invited to take command and given WILLIAMS at this time will give the mi- of the trusts.

in control to the end of the campaign. several amply fit for the office the one who

men who have occupied the highest post Chicago convention the reactionaries got event that the party will be in control in are the evil results of the impoverishment within the gift of the American people and themselves together and threw the Roose- the next Congress. At the close of the of the people by excessive taxation. The VELT bowlers out through the ceiling, next session Mr. WILLIAMS will retire remedy is in a complete and radical change liamsport to replenish his stock of jewelry stripping the trees of their fruit and dignity with which he regarded the honor figuratively speaking, and they object to from the Honse to enter the Senate, to in the policies of the government and such that the people had conferred upon him. HITCHCOCK as an intruder. TAFT frankly which he has already been elected, two change can only be achieved by defeating GROVER CLEVELAND'S life as an ex- admits his obligation and declares his pref- years later. During the intervening the party responsible for the condition. President was as nearly ideal as the most erence for the Massachusetts prodigy but period he will travel abroad and rest at The Republican party had absolute control exacting desires of a dignified people could his brother who "pays the freight" is home and whether in one avocation or the of every department of the government spent the night at the Judge Allison farm the hail to the depth of several inches and require. He has gone but the impress be afraid and the result is that HITCHCOCK other he will have with him, as the just during the last twelve years. That party has made on the American character will has declined in a huff and the matter of reward of fidelity to duty, the love and is responsible for the evil and should be his walk to Lock Haven where he took the sloping ground the depth was half a foot or make for good through all ages to come. | choice has been postponed until July 1, in esteem of the people of the United States. | rebuked.

v. The hig bodied and good natured nomination.

The Resignation of Mr. Williams.

LIAMS of the leadership of the minority in Congress. Congress, will be a positive loss to the party though the announcement of it so far in advance will minimize the evil. Mr. WILLIAMS is not only capable but he is courageous. During the last session she conducted, from start to finish, a most like this one, a prominent business man masterly campaign in the interest of the

-The death of the Hon. GROVER CLEVE- That promise ought to be fulfilled unless is best equipped and the experience of the trust magnates for speculative uses and the the ancient principle of "honor among service during the short session will qualify present high prices of necessities are the him for the more important duties of the consequence of paying interest and divi-However during the closing hours of the Speakership in the altogether probable dends on watered bonds and stocks which hardly be attempted by a young man, es- large as hen eggs and most of them as large

recent years and their voices should be on The resignation of JOHN SHARP WIL. the other side as they will be in the next

Republican Party Responsible.

No panic that has ever disturbed the industrial life of this country has been was heard to remark, the other day. Other

people, against overwhelming odds. He is panics were preceded by industrial paralyalert, adroit and industrious and all these sis, crop failure or calamity of some sort. petition has developed considerable asper- qualities are essential to successful leader. This one, however, came in the midst of ity. Division of the spoils always was a ship, while they are rarely found in combi- plenty and in a season of abundance. The difficult problem among buccaneers, and it nation. But the greatest element of soil was generous in its yield and inis not surprising that there is a good deal strength in Mr. WILLIAMS is his obvious dustry was reaping a liberal barvest everyat Atlantic City on Monday to save a of feeling in this matter of parceling out integrity and sincerity. He had the confi- where. It differs from others in another the prizes of the recent battle between dence of his own party and the respect of respect, he added. The bardships of other the Republican factions. Each claimant his antagonists. Those forces are most such events have been mitigated by lower-

> The Democrats in the present Congress continues in a state of paralysis the prices have an inestimable advantage in the of all the necessaries of life continue to in-

won before HITCHCOCK "butted in." Both dozen among them who are qualified for obvious. In the first place this panic is formed to buy the twenty-four mills, leadership, not equipped, probably, as well the result of artificial rather than natural It is only just to HITCHCOCK to say that as Mr. WILLIAMS, but capable of develop- causes. During the recent session of Conto a rank outsider he appears to have all ment to that high standard. During the gress a committee representing the Amerithe best of the "argument." It is true that recent session with little more than one- can manufacturers visited Washington to VORYS had been plodding along in the old third of the aggregate membership, they urge a reduction of the tariff tax rates. In fashioned way picking up a delegate here kept the majority in a constant state of an address before the Speaker of the House and there and constantly adding to the terror and astually forced such legislation and the committee on Ways and Means, TAFT total. But he was maching a lot of as made for the fulfillment of the policies the president of that association, Mr. blunders at that and some of them were claimed by the President as his own. The VAN CLEAVE, stated that the consumers damaging. Finally he allowed his publicity employers' liability bill, the child labor of this country were being robbed to the bureau to publish a statement that TAFT bill and the other measures of merit were extent of one million dollars a day by exwas entirely independent of RoossvELT and passed by the majority under the compell- cess ive charges for necessary products, as a result of too high tariff schedules. That

created the fund which was perverted by

Another Trust Busted.

From the Philadelphia Record.

This trust-busting administration has won another victory over a combination in restraint of trade, but it will amount to no more in the long run than its great victory over the Northern Scourities Company, The decision in that celebrated case affect ed one form of pooling interest. If the Great Northern had bought the Northern Pacific, which is the usual form of railroad combination, it would have escaped. There was nothing in the decision to prevent the same set of men from owning controlling interests in the two companies and the policy of "community of interests" has been applied repeatedly since the Northern Securities Company was dissolv-

Several years ago the Administration secured the dissolution of the General Paper Company, which was merely a selling agency, but the companies that constituted it have operated in concert ever since. It has now won a victory over the Fibre and Manila Association which is a glaringly unlawful combination of twenty-four con cerns making wrapping paper. Less than two years ago they formed an association, reduced production from 64,000 to 50,000 ed prices. But in this case while industry tons a quarter, and raised prices \$16 a continues in a state of paralysis the prices ton. They were indicted, pleaded guilty and were fined \$2000 each.

But the dissolution of such associations is of very little importance, because there are so few of them. If one company had been giving its own scentities in exchange for theirs, it would probably have been perfectly safe. Forty-nine combinations out of every fifty have been formed in that way and the Steel Trust, the Sugar Trust, the Leather Trust, the Rubber Trust, the Typewriter Trust, the Photographic Trust and hundreds of other combinations, are apparently as safe as an ordinary partner-ship. If the Anti-Trust law can reach othing but a few very exceptional a tions of manufacturers who retain their own individuality it is of no particular importance one way or the other. As long as uch combinations as the International Paper Company and the Writing Paper Trust are lawful it is of no consequence that the General Paper Company and the Fibre and Manila Pool are outlawed.

-J. F. Meyer, the veteran watchmaker and jeweler of Madisonburg, who has passed his three score and ten mark, did a walking stunt this week that would pecially in as bot weather as we have had this week. Having occasion to go to Wiltrain for the Lumber city.

-Death within two weeks wiped out the entire family of Perry Witherite, the New York Central station agent at Curry Run, Clearfield county. About one month ago typhoid fever broke out in the family. The first to die, on June 4th, was a little daughter. On June 10th the father died ; Friday night an infant child was taken and on Monday of last week the mother died. The aged parents of Mr. Witherite are now confined in the Clearfield hospital in a critical condition.

-The Tioga county commissioners have received word from the authorities of the Danville State hospital for the insane that one of the patients from Tioga county had died. The unfortunate man was William Williams, a native of Wales, but at the time of his misfortune a resident of Bloss town. ship. It was in 1874 that he was taken to the Danville hospital. He died at the age of 61 years, after having spent 34 years at the Danville institution, four years more than half his life.

-In order to hold its charter, granted two years ago, the Pittsburg and Northeastern railroad company has laid what is supposed to be the shortest railroad in the State, in Loyalhanna township, Indiana county. The road, which is enclosed with a wire fence, consists of twelve ties and four rails. It is reported that the Pittsburg and Northeastern railroad will be built in the next two years. and the northern portion from Clearfield to Plumville is expected to be far enough advanced by fall to allow cars to run.

-During a thunderstorm about noon on Sunday a tree on the farm of the state reformatory at Huntingdon was struck by lightning and a bull and three cows that had taken shelter under it were killed. All were fine bred animals and had been bought only recently at a cost of \$280. During the same storm a barn on the Oliver Garrett farm. near Fink's bridge, was also struck and completely destroyed by fire, with all the contents. Three horses, three calves and a number of pigs perished in the flames. Milton Cornelius, the occupant of the farm, and his family were all away from home, attending church at the time.

-A hailstorm of unusual severity passed over a portion of Derry township, Westmoreland county, on Thursday afternoon of last week. Many of the hail stones were as as walnuts. They fell in a steady patter for nearly thirty minutes, covering the ground, etc., he decided to walk part of the way at leaves, beating the grain into the soil least and so on Monday morning he lefs breaking the windows wherever there Madisonburg on foot and walked through was an exposure, and causng a panic the Narrows into Nittany valley where he fields. The ground was covered with near Cedar Hill, and on Tuesday continued at the sides of buildings or in ditches along more.