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THE COLUMBIAN is for the Democratic ticket—national, state and county. The names of all candidates will be hoisted in due time. They are omitted for the present, because they occupy space without serving any good purpose so long before the election.

England's losses in men to date in South Africa are 48,188.

It is said that 10,000 gold seekers at Cape Nome will be without the necessities of life this winter.

Somebody very aptly rises to remark what a howl would go up if the newspapers were to criticize the individuals as freely as many people criticize the newspapers. Every issue of a live and reputable newspaper is a mantle of charity, and the matter left out—truth, not gossip for dimes—would often more than equal the matter published. If an editor should get out some time a cold fact edition, and get up a tree and watch the result—whew! What a panic there would be.—E.V.

DEMOCRACY'S LEADERS.

Bryan and Stevenson the Choice of the Party for President and Vice President.

Without the mention of any other name for the place, William Jennings Bryan, of Nebraska, was unanimously named by the Democratic National Convention, in Kansas City, last Thursday, for the office of President of the United States. On Friday Adlai E. Stevenson, of Illinois, was named for Vice President. He was elected Vice President with Grover Cleveland in 1892. An effort was made to stampede the convention to Ex-Governor David B. Hill, of New York, for second place, and it could have been done, but for Hill's positive refusal to accept.

The proceedings of the convention were enthusiastic and harmonious. The platform, which is printed in full in this paper, is a strong one, and all the signs of the times point to the most hotly contested campaign ever seen in this country.

CREASY SCORES HAMILTON.

Correspondence was recently made public between Secretary of Agriculture John Hamilton and William T. Creasy, chairman of a committee of Pomona Grange, No. 5, of Columbia and Lower Luzerne counties, which recently adopted resolutions charging Secretary Hamilton with complicity in the oleo frauds and demanding his resignation.

The letter of the Secretary is dated June 19, and in it he asks Mr. Creasy to give the names and addresses of any persons now selling "colored oleo," and denies that he is responsible for the enforcement of the oleo law, which, he asserts, is under the entire jurisdiction of the Dairy and Food Commissioner.

Mr. Creasy's reply answers the Secretary's questions at length, mentions the names of fourteen individuals and companies against whom, he asserts, cases are now pending, and in response to the Secretary's declaration that he is not responsible, says, after quoting the Acts of Assembly setting forth his duties:

"Now you plead you have no responsibility in the matter, and that you have nothing to do with it. Permit me to say that if you have such a conception of your duties in relation to these laws, it is about time to vacate the office, the duties of which you manifestly do not intend to perform.

If you, and the officers under you, were doing your duty as you ought to do it, not a pound of oleo-margarine could be sold in this State contrary to law. But your very actions show that you have no desire to enforce the laws, and in consequence, the oleo swindlers have no fear of what your department may do."

A party of surveyors made their appearance in town Tuesday. They stated that they are in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company and are engaged in making a preliminary survey for the purpose of determining the cost of extending the line through Danville to Berwick on this side of the river—Danville Sun.

The Democratic Party Platform.

Principles Announced and the Issues of the Campaign Set Forth by the Convention Assembled in Kansas City.

Imperialism is the Paramount Issue.

The platform in full is as follows: We the representatives of the Democratic party of the United States, assembled in convention on the anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence, do reaffirm our faith in that immortal proclamation of the inalienable rights of man and our allegiance to the Constitution framed in harmony therewith by the fathers of the Republic. We hold with the United States Supreme Court that the Declaration of Independence is the spirit of our government, of which the Constitution is the form and letter.

We declare again that all governments instituted among men derive their just powers from the consent of the governed; that any government not based upon the consent of the governed is a tyranny; and that to impose on any people a government of force is to substitute the methods of imperialism for those of a Republic. We hold that the Constitution follows the flag and denounce the doctrine that an Executive or Congress deriving their existence and their powers from the Constitution can exercise lawful authority beyond it or in violation of it. We assert that no nation can long endure half republic and half empire, and we warn the American people that imperialism abroad will lead quickly and inevitably to despotism at home. Believing in those fundamental principles we denounce the Porto Rico law, enacted by a Republican Congress against the protest and opposition of the Democratic minority as a bold and open violation of the nation's organic law and a flagrant breach of the national good will.

GOVERNMENT OF PORTO RICO.

It imposes upon the people of Porto Rico a government without their consent and taxation without representation. It dishonors the American people by repudiating a solemn pledge made in their behalf by the commanding general of our army, which the Porto Ricans welcomed to a peaceful and unresisted occupation of their land. It doomed to poverty and distress a people whose helplessness appeals with peculiar force to our justice and magnanimity. In this, the first act of its imperialistic programme, the Republican party seeks to commit the United States to a colonial policy, inconsistent with Republican institutions and condemned by the Supreme Court in numerous decisions.

We demand the prompt and honest fulfillment of our pledge to the Cuban people and to the world that the United States has no disposition nor intention to exercise sovereignty jurisdiction or control over the Island of Cuba, except for its pacification. The war ended nearly two years ago, profound peace reigns over all the island, and still the administration keeps the government of the island from its people, while Republican carpet bag officials plunder its revenues and exploit the colonial theory to the disgrace of the American people.

We condemn and denounce the Philippine policy of the present administration. It has involved the Republic in unnecessary war, sacrificed the lives of many of our noblest sons and placed the United States, previously known and applauded throughout the world as the champion of freedom, in the false and un-American position of crushing with military force the efforts of our former allies to achieve liberty and self-government. The Philippines cannot be citizens without endangering our civilization; they cannot be subjects without imperiling our form of government, and as we are not willing to surrender our civilization or to convert the Republic into an Empire we favor an immediate declaration of the nation's purpose to give to the Filipinos first a stable form of government, second independence, and third, protection from outside interference, such as has been given for nearly a century to the Republics of Central and South America.

PHILIPPINE POLICY.

The greedy commercialism which dictated the Philippine policy of the Republican administration attempts to justify it with the plea that it will pay, but even this sordid and unworthy plea fails when brought to the test of facts. The war of criminal aggression against the Filipinos, entailing an annual expense of many millions, has already cost more than any possible profit that could accrue from the entire Philippine trade for years to come. Furthermore, when trade is extended at the expense of liberty the price is always too high.

We are not opposed to territorial expansion when it takes in desirable territory which can be erected into States into the Union and whose people are willing and fit to become American citizens.

We favor expansion by every peaceful and legitimate means, but we are unalterably opposed to seizing or purchasing of distant islands to be governed outside the Constitution and whose people can never become citizens.

We are in favor of extending the Republic's influence among the nations, but believe that influence should be extended, not by force and violence, but through the persuasive power of a high and honorable example.

THE PARAMOUNT ISSUE.

The importance of other questions now pending before the American people is in nowise diminished and the Democratic party takes no backward step from its position on them but the burning issue of imperialism growing out of the Spanish war involves the very existence of the Republic and the destruction of our free institutions. We regard it as the paramount issue of the campaign.

The declaration in the Republican platform adopted at the Philadelphia convention, held in June, 1900, that the Republican party steadfastly adheres to the policy announced in the Monroe doctrine, is manifestly insincere and deceptive. This profusion is contradicted by the avowed policy of that party in opposition to the spirit of the Monroe doctrine to acquire and hold sovereignty over large areas of territory and large numbers of people in the Eastern Hemisphere. We insist on the strict maintenance of the Monroe doctrine and in all its integrity, both in letter and in spirit, as necessary to prevent the extension of European authority on this continent and as essential to our supremacy in American affairs. At the same time we declare that no American people shall ever be held by force in unwilling subjection to European authority.

We oppose militarism. It means conquest abroad and intimidation and oppression at home. It means the strong arm which has ever been fatal to free institutions. It is what millions of our citizens have fled from in Europe. It will impose upon our peace loving people a large standing army and unnecessary burden of taxation and a constant menace to their liberties. A small standing army and a well disciplined State militia are amply sufficient in time of peace. This Republic has no place for a vast military service and conscription.

When the nation is in danger the volunteer soldier is his country's best defender. The National Guard of the United States should ever be cherished in the patriotic hearts of a free people. Such organizations are ever an element of strength and safety. For the first time in our history and co-eval with the Philippine conquest has there been a wholesale departure from our time-honored and approved system of volunteer organization. We denounce it as un-American, undemocratic and un-republican, and as a subversion of the ancient and fixed principles of a free people.

THE TRUST PROBLEM.

Private monopolies are indefensible and intolerable. They destroy competition, control the price of all material and of the finished product, thus robbing both producer and consumer. They lessen the employment of labor and arbitrarily fix the terms and conditions thereof and deprive individual energy and small capital of their opportunity for betterment.

They are the most efficient means yet devised for appropriating the fruits of industry to the benefit of the few at the expense of the many and unless their insatiable greed is checked all wealth will be aggregated in a few hands and the Republic destroyed. The dishonest paltering with the trust evil by the Republican party in State and national platforms is conclusive proof of the truth of the charge that trusts are the legitimate product of Republican politics, that they are fostered by Republican laws and that they are protected by the Republican administration in return for campaign subscriptions and political support.

We pledge the Democratic party to an unceasing warfare in nation, State and city against private monopoly in every form. Existing laws against trusts must be enforced and more stringent ones must be enacted providing for publicity as to the affairs of corporations engaged in inter-State commerce and requiring

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all corporations to show before doing business outside of the State of their origin that they have no water in their stock, and that they have not attempted and are not attempting to monopolize any branch of business or the production of any articles of merchandise, and the whole constitutional power of Congress over inter-State commerce, the mails and all modes of inter-State communication shall be exercised by the enactment of comprehensive laws upon the subject of trusts. Tariff laws should be amended by putting the products of trusts upon the free list to prevent monopoly under the plea of protection.

THE REPUBLICAN PLATFORM.

The failure of the present Republican administration with an absolute control over all the branches of the national government to enact any legislation designed to prevent or even curtail the absorbing power of trusts and illegal combinations, or to enforce the anti-trust laws already on the statute books proves the insincerity of the high-sounding phrases of the Republican platform.

Corporations should be protected in all these rights and their legitimate interests should be respected, but any attempt by corporations to interfere with the public affairs of the people or to control the sovereignty which creates them should be forbidden with such penalties as will make such attempts impossible.

We condemn the Dingley tariff law as a trust-breeding measure, skillfully devised to give the few favors which they do not deserve and to place upon the many burdens which they should not bear.

We favor such an enlargement of the scope of the inter-State commerce law as will enable the commission to protect individuals and communities from discriminations and the public from unjust and unfair transportation rates.

THE FINANCIAL PLAN.

We reaffirm and indorse the principles of the national Democratic platform adopted at Chicago in 1896 and we reiterate the demand of that platform for an American financial system made by the American people for themselves which shall restore and maintain a bimetallic price level and as part of such system the immediate restoration of the free and unlimited coinage of silver and gold at the present legal ratio of 16 to 1 without waiting for the aid or consent of any other nation.

We denounce the currency bill enacted at the last session of Congress as a step forward in the Republican policy which aims to discredit the sovereign right of the national government to issue all money, whether coin or paper, and to bestow upon national banks the power to issue and control the volume of paper money for their own benefit.

A permanent national bank currency, secured by the government bonds, must have a permanent debt to rest upon, and if the bank currency is to increase with the population and business the debt must also increase. The Republican currency scheme is, therefore, a scheme for fastening upon the taxpayers a perpetual and growing debt for the benefit of the banks. We are opposed to this private corporation paper circulated as money, but without legal tender qualities, and demand the retirement of national bank notes as fast as this government paper and silver certificates can be substituted for them.

THE ELECTION OF SENATORS.

We favor the amendment to the Federal Constitution providing for

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July Clear-Up Sale! You will find through our store BARGAINS To clear our stock up. These are some of them: 36 in Percale at 5c, 8 and 10c. lawns at 6c, 15c. lawns at 12c, 18c. lawns at 12c, 25c. lawns at 17c, Colored shirt waists, that sold from \$1.25 to \$2, all at 79c, Taffeta ribbon, that sold from 25 to 50c, at 19c, 50c. wash silks and colored China silks at 35c, \$1.25 umbrellas at 98c, \$1.25 counterpanes at 98c, 60c. men's tennis shoes at 49c, \$1.25 men's bicycle shoes at 85c, 12 1-2c. seersucker at 10c. Come and see what else we can show you. F. P. PURSEL.

Peach Crop to be Largest in Years— Four Million Baskets are to be Shipped From Delaware to all Parts of the Country. The Delaware peach crop will be larger this year than it has been for many seasons past. Not only will the aggregate production be big but each individual piece of lusciousness will be of extraordinary size and delicacy. In proportion. For the enormous shipments which will be made the Pennsylvania railroad alone will use this year fourteen hundred freight cars—a far larger number than have ordinarily been needed. The railroad company expects to carry at least four million baskets of the fruit. The canners of the State will probably put up for winter use even more than the railroads will carry. In anticipation of this big crop the commission merchants of the city are making active preparations for its disposal. It is a little early in the season to mention prices, but it is probable that the great supply will lessen the price considerably. Some few car loads have come up from the South but the Delaware variety is just beginning to blush under the summer sun. The growers give various reasons for the big crop. Some say that a bad crop is nearly always followed the next year by a good one. Still others believe that the late season with the warm weather has produced the favorable results. Another week or perhaps two will see the gatherers at work in the orchards of Delaware collecting the juicy delicacies and packing them carefully to avoid bruises in the big woven baskets, ready for shipment to all parts of the country. Leases and notices to quit, for sale at this office. CASTORIA. The Kind You Have Always Bought. Bears the Signature of J. C. Ayer & Co.