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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.

PARTY PRINCIPLES CONTRASTED.

The menace to their (the people's) prosperity has always resided in Democratic principles.—Republican National Platform.

That is substantially the disapproving criticism of the Federalists of a hundred years ago, and is the meat of the adverse comment of their various successors down to and including the Republican party of to-day. Moreover, it will be repeated by other fleeting political organizations after the Republican party shall have gone to destruction.

The basic principle of Democracy—the equality of all men—has been antagonized by every anti-Democratic party since the adoption of the Constitution. In the early days of the Republic that principle was strenuously opposed by the Federalists, who favored an aristocratic republican instead of a democratic republican form of government for the new nation. The Federalists advocated a loose construction of the Constitution, and the centralization of the governmental power. The Democrats have always insisted upon a strict construction of the Constitution, and the exercise by the Federal Government of only such powers as were delegated by the Constitution. The Federalists asserted that the people were not fit to govern themselves, while the Democrats (or Republicans as they then called themselves) contended that all the functions of government should be exercised by the people themselves. The anti-democratic attitude of the Federalists revealed the necessity for fortifying the new Republic against the insidious attacks of a political aristocracy, with the result that the first ten amendments to the Constitution were proposed to the several States in 1789. This was a signal assertion and vindication of Democratic principles.

When the Federalist party was wiped out of existence it was succeeded in turn by the National Republicans, the Whigs and the present Republican party. All favored a loose construction of the Constitution and an extension of the powers of the Federal Government. But these schemes failed of consummation until William McKinley was made President. Party expediency has now taken the place of Democratic construction of the Constitution, and the power of the Federal Government is being extended by neglect of the performance of obvious duties and by the commission of offenses against the Constitution.

Democratic principles are what they have always been, and are the antithesis of modern Republican principles. Briefly they are as follows: All men are created equal; all men have an equal right to participate in their own government; religious belief shall not be a bar to political preference; exceptional commercial privileges shall not be granted to any man or set of men; no protective tariff or any other tax shall be levied upon the whole people for the benefit of the few; the Constitution admits of only one construction, and it applies with equal force in all sections of American territory. In a word, the Democratic party has stood, now stands and always will stand for equality, while the Republican party stands for favoritism and all political evils.—Philadelphia Record.

Even in the smaller hamlets, as well as in the large towns and cities, politics cuts a big figure in the distribution of public offices. We clip the following from the New Columbus correspondence to the Shickshinny Echo: "In high party times things doubtful are very uncertain, accordingly neither C. F. Bowman nor L. J. Jamison gets the postoffice; but Francis E. Doty is the 'dark horse' that wins. Whether this is a Quay or anti-Quay victory depends upon where the emoluments of the office go, and whether previous arrangements shall continue to prevail under the new administration."

WASHINGTON.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Washington, July 13, 1900.
 The issue of imperialism thrust forward by the democratic national platform is already worrying the republicans. The making public of a circular note sent to the great powers by this government, defining its policy toward China, was intended by the administration to counteract the charge of imperialism. While nominally prepared to inform other governments of the policy of this government toward China, that circular note was really prepared to try to convince the people of this country that the McKinley administration has no imperial designs against China, and more of the same sort of stuff may be looked for. Mr. McKinley knows that the Chinese question can wait, but that the Presidential question has got to be settled in November.

The administration has been wobbling again. One day it officially announced that in deference to the advice of Gen. MacArthur, no more troops would be sent from the Philippines to China, and the next it ordered a regiment of infantry and a battery of artillery to be sent from Manila.

Praise for the manner in which the democratic platform is written is very frequently heard, sometimes even from republicans. Ex-Senator Faulkner, of W. Va., said of it: "I have never read a better national platform than that adopted at Kansas City. It is written in plain language, says exactly what it means and without indirection."

Although he has been as harshly criticized as any officer in our army for various short-comings, from the time that he was in charge of the construction of the big tunnel for the increase of the water supply of the city of Washington, which although constructed years ago is still being tinkered with and has never been put to any practical use, to his more recent service as military governor of the City of Havana, Bragadier General Ludlow has had pull enough to get promoted right along and to get the most desirable assignments. His latest is one that any officer in the army would like to have. He has been ordered to Europe for the purpose of visiting the great military schools to obtain information to be used in the establishment of a war college for our army officers. He was made president of the war college board as soon as he was relieved as military governor of Havana.

One of the signs that the Republicans are not so cocksure of Ohio as they pretended to be is the announcement that Hanna's man Dick has been made chairman of the State Republican Executive Committee. That means that Dick will retire from the secretaryship of the Republican National Committee which he has held since the last campaign and which carries a salary of \$5,000 a year, while the position he has accepted in Ohio has no salary. Who will succeed Dick as Secretary of the National Committee has not been announced, but, of course, it will be some man thoroughly trained in Hanna methods of securing political ends. It wouldn't cause any surprise in Washington if Perry Heath resigns as First Assistant Postmaster General and succeeds Dick.

Mr. Henry Ault, of Boston, now in Washington, said of politics in his State: "If Massachusetts was not so overwhelmingly Republican it would go Democratic this year. The press and Republican party leaders are inclined to sneer at the anti-expansionists of the Bay State and to intimate that they are of no consequence politically, but when the election returns are in it will be seen that anti-expansion has more adherents than it has been given credit for having. The question is not looked upon as purely government policy, as is the tariff or coinage of silver, but as one in which deep principle of right and justice are involved, and the people of Massachusetts are not to be laughed or sneered out of their profound convictions."

That the Democratic expectation of electing a majority of the next House is not a case of rainbow-chasing must become plain to any one who will carefully study the election returns of two years ago. With three vacancies, two in Republican districts and one in a Democratic district the Republicans only have a majority of 16 in the present House and three of them were seated as the result of contests from districts, which elected Democrats and will do so again. There are twelve Republicans in the present House who were elected by pluralities of less than 1,000—one from

California with 113 plurality, one from Illinois with 242, and another from the same state with 503; one from Indiana with 252; one from Kentucky with 10; one from Maryland with 122, and another from the same state with 470; one from Minnesota with 403; one from New Jersey with 836, one from Ohio with 406, and two from West Virginia with respectively 624 and 873. If Democrats are elected from all these districts and lose none of the seats they now hold they will control the next House.

Bryan to Be Notified Aug. 8.
 WASHINGTON, July 13.—Senator Jones, chairman of the Democratic national committee, has notified the Democratic congressional committee here that the notification of Messrs. Bryan and Stevenson of their nomination for the presidency and vice presidency respectively will take place in Indianapolis on Aug. 8.

WRITERS IN THE COUNTRY.

The Best Literary Work is Done by Men Whose Homes Are Outside the Cities.

"See for a moment how the matter of residence affects literary people, with whose work, naturally, I am familiar," writes Edward Bok, in Ladies' Home Journal, of "The American Man and the Country." "Pick out the successful writers of the day and see where their homes are. Scarcely in a single instance will you find one of them living in the city. On the other hand, look at the work done by your literary denizens of the city and see how it suffers in comparison with that of the man or woman whose mind rests on God's own handiwork. Such writers are like pygmies compared to the men who with fresh minds look over God's landscape and reflect the deepest and truest thoughts of real men and women. See how an author—and this is a constant occurrence—living in some remote country place does a great piece of work, and then, allured by false prophets, removes to the city and continues his work there. Is his work the same? Verily, it is not. Degeneration takes place as soon as he removes himself from man's truest surroundings. And what is true to-day of men in literary work is equally true of men in the kindred arts. The great work of the world is being done to-day by men whose lives are spent away from the great cities."

A Southern Woman's Band.
 Opelousas, La., boasts the unique distinction of possessing one of the very few, if not the only woman's brass band in the south. The organization is known as the Opelousas Academy Ladies' brass band, and was organized one year ago, with an accomplished male musician as leader. There are 18 members and they are leading society girls of the town. After a year's training the band, it is stated, has attained great proficiency.

Electric Motors at Paris.
 Prudent persons contemplating visits to Paris this summer would perhaps do well to leave their watches at home—not because of thieves there, but because of the electric motors. The dynamo which supply heat and power to the exposition have created a wide "field of magnetism," causing violent derangement of watches coming within its influence.

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STATE NEWS IN BRIEF.

—While playing with matches on Tuesday, Esther Marks, 3 years old, was burned to death at Altoona.
 —Although 90 years of age, Mrs. Baltzer Garman, of Englewood, Berks County, works in the harvest field.
 —The body of a man supposed to be Robert Stout, of Emporium, was found in the river at Ridgeway Tuesday.
 —While carelessly handling a revolver, near Shamokin, Frank Chamberlin fatally shot his brother, Calvin, Monday.
 —Raymond, the 9-year-old son of Oliver Loucks, died at Shenandoah on Tuesday in great agony after suffering for a week from lockjaw. While celebrating the Fourth of July he accidentally shot himself in the left hand with a blank cartridge.
 —Mrs. Thomas Swain, aged 65 years, died at her home in St. Clair Wednesday from starvation. Several months ago her stomach began to contract, and early last month it was found impossible to even force food into it. She had not eaten a morsel for 23 days.
 —Made despondent by heat, Jacob Mantz, of Hickory St., Scranton, late Tuesday night attempted to plunge a butcher knife into his heart. The knife was blunt and though the frenzied man succeeded in inflicting deep and ugly wounds, he did not accomplish his purpose.
 —As Benjamin Fish was sleeping in his bed room at Shawnee, near Stroudsburg, he was badly bitten by rats. During the night he was awakened by a sharp pain in one of his legs, and found the room full of rodents which had entered the kitchen by way of the old stone fire place.

Died for Another's Crime.

Many of our readers, no doubt, can recall San Francisco's murder case of 1898, for which Theodore Durrant was arrested, tried, convicted, and finally executed, though protesting his innocence to the very last. The victims of the most foul and atrocious crime were two pretty young ladies—Blanche Lamont and Minnie Williams. Both disappeared about the same time. A diligent search was conducted for several days, which resulted in the discovery of the bodies—one in the church belfry and the other in the library of the church. And now, after two years, when the people had concluded that the verdict of the jury was a correct one, though loathe to accept it as such at the time, the whole state is thrown into excitement by the statement of the preacher in charge of the church at that time, Rev. Gibson, who, on his death bed, confesses that it was he, and not Durrant, who criminally assaulted his beautiful parishioners. It will be remembered that Rev. Gibson was one of the leading witnesses in the case, and gave what was considered weighty evidence against the accused. The confession, it is said, releases Durrant from any complicity in the crime whatsoever.
 This is an example of how very easily a jury can go wrong when circumstantial evidence is all it has to rely on.

The following letters are held at the Bloomsburg, Pa., postoffice, and will be sent to the dead letter office July 31, 1900. Persons calling for these letters will please say "that they were advertised July 19, 1900":
 Mrs. F. Evan, Mr. William Morton, Mr. William Hoaglam, Miss Viola Smith, Miss Lula Waginer. Cards, Miss McAlpin.
 One cent will be charged on each letter advertised.
 O. B. MELLIICK, P. M.

The Big Sale And Its Meaning.

The Summer Clearance Sale is the one event of the season, when every department is thoroughly gone through; when complete lines of wanted merchandise are shorn of profit. It is an event that must needs appeal to your economy. We prepare for it in open-eyed, business-like manner. Mark the goods with a full knowledge of the loss to be sustained, fully believing, and in fact, knowing from experience, that a liberal price reduction at this time means the turning into money much that might otherwise be carried to another season. These goods you want now. You can buy them now at lower prices, much lower prices than at the beginning of the season.

Big Reduction in Lawns, Pique, Pique Skirts and Silks.

The best chance of the season to get a nice Summer Dress cheap. All our 25c. Dimities and Lawns we will sell at 12 1/2c. a yard this week.

Pique.
 15 and 18c. Pique, in stripes and polka dot, in all the different colors, reduced to 9c. a yard.

White Pique Skirts.
 Skirts ready to wear. Made of White Pique, some plain and some trimmed with insertion. We will sell this week at half price.

Silks.
 The Silks we offered last week are about gone, but we have found some others; we think, better values than the ones we offered last week. They are Crepon Silks, in light colors. 1st lot we will sell at 25c., 2d lot at 35c. If you are in need of a Summer Waist, you can get it, and it won't take much money.

F. P. PURSEL.

An Important Bank Decision.

A recent decision by the Supreme Court is of interest to persons who have money in saving banks. A depositor lost her book, which was found by another woman who took it to the bank, and being able to answer all the questions put to her succeeded in drawing the money. The rightful owner brought suit against the bank and the court now decides that the bank had acted in good faith and that the depositors have received abundant warning in a by-law which states that the bank must not be held responsible for any money paid in good faith to the wrong person presenting a bank book.

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The New Five-Dollar Bill.

The first of the new five-dollar silver certificates have been printed and are in the treasury for circulation. From an artistic point of view they are said to be among the prettiest ever printed. The face of the bill bears the portrait of the typical Indian of other days. On one side of this portrait is the blue seal of the treasury and on the other a big letter V and the word "Five." These are printed in blue. The figure 5 is repeated over the bill. On the front of the obligation it is found in each corner. The back of the bill contains considerable scroll work, two large open spaces and the usual lettering.

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