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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4, 1900.

Democratic Ticket.

NATIONAL.

FOR PRESIDENT, WILLIAM J. BRYAN, of Nebraska.

FOR VICE PRESIDENT, ADLAI E. STEVENSON, of Illinois.

STATE.

FOR AUDITOR GENERAL, P. GRAY MEEK, of Centre Co.

FOR CONGRESSMEN-AT-LARGE, N. M. EDWARDS, of Lycoming Co. HENRY E. GRIMM, of Bucks Co.

FOR PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS-AT-LARGE, A. H. Coffroth, of Somerset. Francis Shunk Brown, Philadelphia. Andrew Caul, of Elk. Otto Germer, of Erie.

FOR DISTRICT PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS, Hugh Moore, Henry Fernberger, Mathew Dittman, W. Horace Hoskins, Adam K. Walch, S. M. Ellis, Albro H. Kneule, David J. Pearse, L. W. Reiff, Dr. McCormick, Joseph O'Brien, Thomas Maloney, Michael Mellot, James Bell, W. S. Hastings, R. Scott Ammerman, Dr. Dallas Barnhart, Harvey W. Baines, Warren W. Girtin Bailey, Wesley H. Guffey, Samuel W. Black, John F. Panley, J. C. Kelly, John T. Brown, J. S. Carmichael, J. P. Ritchey, S. P. Kimball.

COUNTY.

FOR CONGRESS, RUFUS K. POLK, of Danville.

FOR REPRESENTATIVES, WILLIAM T. CREASY, (South Side) of Catawissa Twp. FRED. IKELER, (North Side) of Bloomsburg.

FOR SHERIFF, DANIEL KNORR, of Locust Twp.

FOR CORONER, DR. B. F. SHARPLESS, of Catawissa.

FOR JURY COMMISSIONER, DAVID A. SHULTZ, of Madison Twp.

To The Voters of Columbia County.

It is urged by your County Chairman that you organize "Bryan and Stevenson Clubs" in every election district in Columbia County. Do this at once. C. A. SMALL, County Chairman.

The Paramount Issue.

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.—From the Democratic Platform.

A STARTLING NEW DEPARTURE.

The Philadelphia Times is for Bryan and the Whole Democratic Ticket.

The most interesting and startling feature of the campaign in the Eastern States is the announcement by the Philadelphia Times of its purpose to advocate the election of Bryan and the whole Democratic ticket, national, State and local. There is no better newspaper in the United States than the Philadelphia Times. It has one of the finest newspaper plants in America, and a staff of editors, reporters, special contributors and correspondents unsurpassed in enterprise, ability and dash. It is bound to make things lively and it will be a powerful factor in the campaign. Every Democrat will read the Times, and Republicans who want to keep abreast of things cannot well do without it. The Times is the only Democratic newspaper south of New York, north of Baltimore and east of Pittsburgh having the full Associated Press service, and as a newspaper covering every field of human interest it has no superior.

The strike is no nearer the end than it was a week ago. An offer of ten per cent. increase in wages has been offered the miners, but they refuse to accept until further concessions are made. Another week may see the end of the strike.

The man who never reads a local paper, or has no use for it, has no business to dictate how such a paper should be conducted. A local paper that can survive without his financial help, can also survive without his advice.

Halt Imperialism—Elect Bryan.

Either William J. Bryan or William McKinley will be elected President of the United States in November. There are other organizations and candidates which may command hundreds of thousands of the popular vote, but they are not reckoned in considering the ultimate issue of the contest.

The battle of 1896 was fought and largely decided on an issue that has been entirely overshadowed by the assertion of a new and most dangerous policy to the tranquility and safety of the Republic. Centralization has been appreciated by intelligent political observers as the great peril to the Republic ever since our civil war; but it has been wholesomely restrained by the people, and never reached the appalling attitude of positive imperialism until President McKinley proclaimed it and enforced it, regardless of the wise limitations upon Executive authority.

The paramount issue between the two great parties to-day is that of imperial prerogatives against the true Jeffersonian theory of government by the people; and it must now be obvious to all intelligent voters that there can be no hope of halting the present reckless and riotous spirit of imperialism in any other way than by the election of William J. Bryan as the next President of the United States. It is the vital, the paramount issue, and it must triumph whenever the people of the nation appreciate their sovereign power and assert the majesty of popular rule.

We are now engaged in a costly and bloody struggle in the Philippines that could and should have been avoided by recognizing the right of the people to rule themselves; and under the imperial policy, now for the first time proclaimed to the country and the world, the President inaugurates war in the far distant East, without the authority of Congress and in defiance of the supreme law of the nation; and has made and prosecuted war, and proposes to make peace, with all the authority of the Czar of Russia.

The nation is thus in peril from the threatened subversion of the sovereign power of the land that is supporting the concentration of capital against the interests of labor; that is debauching our political system by the open collection of millions of money from protected trusts to expend in the national political contest and that has inaugurated a reign of reckless profligacy and extravagance unexampled in the history of the nation. It must be halted by the people if they would preserve their own government "of the people, by the people and for the people;" and it can be done only by the election of William J. Bryan as the next President.

The Democrats of Pennsylvania have a great duty and a great opportunity in the present contest. They can become an important, indeed a controlling, factor, and not only in restoring Pennsylvania to a purer political system and better administration, but in gaining for themselves and for all good citizens, an honest ballot and fair representation of all parties in the national and State Legislatures. Democrats have the cordial co-operation of Independent Republicans, and they must be false to themselves if they fail to control both branches of the Legislature, and thus place the Democracy of Pennsylvania in a position to command the confidence of the people and win future victories, because they shall deserve the victory.

Halt Imperialism—elect Bryan.—Phila. Times.

The Milton Daily Standard, in speaking of the Democratic candidate for Congress, in this district, says: "Rufus K. Polk, the nominee, is a descendant of President James K. Polk, of Tennessee. He was born in that state thirty-three years ago, and came to Pennsylvania when he was fifteen years old. He graduated from Lehigh University and fourteen years ago located in Danville, in the employ of the Montour Iron & Steel Company. He held a number of positions while in their employ and in four years' time was made assistant superintendent. He afterward resigned that position to be superintendent of the North Branch Steel Works. Four years ago the firm of Howe & Polk was formed and the Mahoning Rolling Mill bought, which plant is still operated by the same firm. Mr. Polk was the Democratic nominee for Congress in 1898, against Mr. W. H. Woodin, of Columbia county. He was elected by 2305 plurality over Mr. Woodin."

A Wilkesbarre woman has brought suit against a young man because the latter told the former before a male friend that she was "50 years old and dyed her hair."

"He That is Warm Thinks All So."

Thousands are "cold" in that they do not understand the glow of health. This implies disordered kidneys, liver, bowels, blood or brain. Hood's Sarsaparilla gives all who take it the warmth of perfect health. Get Hood's because



Amidst Prosperity (?) Men Strike to Avoid Starvation.

It is a bitter commentary on the vaunted prosperity of the McKinley administration to record the fact that, to-day in Pennsylvania, there are more laborers facing the want and impoverishment of strikes than was ever known at any one period in the history of the Commonwealth. On Monday last 142,000 Anthracite coal miners were forced to quit work because the wages paid were insufficient to afford the scantiest living. On Tuesday 600 men, employed by the Danville Steel Company refused to accept a reduction of 25 per cent. in wages and were compelled to seek other employment or starve. At other labor centres the same condition of affairs exists.

In the face of these facts we are told the country is prosperous. Republicans would have us believe that the people are happy and contented, and that plenty awaits all who care to enjoy it.

This may be true of those who are the fortunate beneficiaries of tariff protected trusts. It may be a fact, so far as that class of people, who neither labor nor produce, are concerned, but with the others—the toiling millions—the weary workers—whose only hope is to earn enough to furnish a meagre living to those dependent upon them, the conditions that force them to strike, write it down as a plain, intentional falsehood.

Men do not risk the privations, the sacrifices and the dangers of strikes without reason. The man who must depend upon his daily work for his daily bread does not abandon his job and face starvation for himself and family without cause. Nor can there be cause for such conditions if the country is prosperous, as Republicans are constantly telling us ours is now.

Surely, there is something wrong in public affairs when the drones in the industrial hives, and the speculators in our commercial marts, are glorying in the profits they are pocketing and the prosperity that crowns their efforts, while those whose labor produce the wealth of the country are compelled to strike to escape starvation.

But so it is. Under the guiding hand of William McKinley: Trusts have prospered. Syndicates have flourished. Peculation has thrived and the rich and the indolent have been happy.

But what of the workers and the common people? What of the great masses who earn their bread by the sweat of their brow?

Where is the prosperity for them? Let the strikes that are paralyzing business and starving labor answer this.—Dem. Watchman.

Thursday evening Mrs. W. P. Zehner of Mainville, lighted a lamp in the kitchen and went in another part of the house. Seated on the floor was a little two years old daughter amusing itself in childlike fashion. During the mother's absence the little one made its way to the matches which lay incased in a small box on the table, and began to eat the heads off of them. The combustible substance of twenty-five had been swallowed, when she was taken suddenly and violently ill. Medical aid was summoned, but it was too late. Death came Friday morning after the child had suffered great agony.

The "Farm Journal" is choke full of gumption and has the largest circulation of any farm paper in the world. It is good everywhere. We offer it in connection with our paper to advance-paying subscribers, that is both papers at the price of the COLUMBIAN; our paper one year, and the "Farm Journal" nearly five years, remainder of 1900, and all of 1901, 1902, 1903 and 1904, both for \$1.00. Pay in advance—that's all.

Ex-Mayor Bailey, of Scranton, has admitted that he received \$1000 for affixing his signature to an ordinance giving the Barber Asphalt Company a ten year contract for repairing the asphalt pavements in the streets of that city.

Are you going to the Fair? If so do not fail to see J. H. Mercer's exhibit of lamps. They are worth a five minutes look.

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WASHINGTON.

From our Regular Correspondent. Washington, Oct. 1, 1900.

President McKinley's extraordinary and apparently unaccountable friendship for China, which has been so plainly shown from the beginning of the trouble down to his abandonment of the allies and the order for the sending of the American troops in China to the Philippines, has caused a lot of thinking. Attention has been called to the fact that the Republican platform failed to say a word about the continued exclusion of Chinese laborers from the United States, although it must have been well known to the makers of that platform that the present Chinese exclusion law will expire by limitation in 1902, and unless it is extended by Congress our ports will then be open to Chinese coolie laborers. It has been noted also that the Chinese Minister to the United States has done considerable talking of late about the probability of the increased friendship between his government and ours, resulting in the removal of immigration restrictions. That large employers of unskilled labor in this country, not to mention the sugar planters trust of Hawaii, are anxious to see the restrictions on Chinese immigration removed is well known. By putting all these things together President McKinley is placed in a suspicious attitude toward American labor. Perhaps, mention of Chinese exclusion was purposely left out of the Republican platform, in order to justify the Republican Congress in not renewing that restriction, and the re-election of McKinley may mean the flooding of this country with cheap Chinese labor. The existence of such an intention would account for McKinley's Chinese policy. It should not be overlooked that the Democratic national platform contains this clause: "We favor the continuance and strict enforcement of the Chinese exclusion law and its application to the same classes of all Asiatic races." It is not surprising that those who are interested in the welfare of American labor are doing some deep thinking. It is time for them to think and to act.

Senator Morgan, in a speech before the Jackson Democratic Association devoted himself to the financial question, which, he declared, was the most interesting topic to him. He said: "The only way to settle the financial question is to pay the public debt, and it would be very easy to do so by saving some of the wild expenditures we are now making. In the course of a few years we could save over \$100,000,000, and we should commence to-day in order to save the interest which the people are paying. The system created by the last Congress is designed to increase the national debt, and under that legislation the debt cannot and will not be paid, but will be increased from year to year. The payment of the debt would not underpin the national banks, but would force them to the old Jacksonian idea of a specie basis, and we would not be dependent for a circulating medium on government bonds. When that is done the financial question will be settled, and settled right."

Mr. Jackson H. Ralston, of Maryland, made this reference to our trade with the Philippines, in a speech last week to the Bryan and Stevenson Club: "Our exports to

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- BLACK DRESS GOODS. Plain Cheviots, 56c to \$1.50. Storm Serges, 50c to \$1.20. Camel's Hair Suitings, 50c to \$1.40. Zebelines, \$1.50 and \$2. French Poplins, \$1.00. French Melrose, \$1.29. Broadcloths, 75c to \$1.30. Venetian Cloth, \$1.10 to \$2.25. Plain Granites, 56 to 75c.

OUTING FLANNEL NIGHT ROBES. You can make yourselves comfortable these cool evenings if you buy some of our Outing Flannel Night Robes. We have them, for ladies and gentlemen, and we have not forgotten the children, and at prices it won't pay you to make them.

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This is housecleaning time and you may want some Bed-Room Furniture, or a Sideboard to brighten up your dining room, or some other Furniture. Don't forget, if you will give us a chance we can save you money on these goods. Let us prove it to you.

F. P. PURSEL.

the Philippines have been \$5,000 men, at a cost of \$120,000,000. Our imports from the Philippine Islands have been 25,000 maimed, diseased and crippled American citizens."

Mrs. S. F. Norton, treasurer of the newly organized Woman's Bryan Anti-Trust and Anti-War Club, made a ringing speech at the first meeting of the club, in which she said: "It behooves every man who is suffering from the results of combined capital to vote for that candidate who at least promises to destroy those conditions which oppress him. Every man whose living is earned by the sweat of his brow is to-day the slave of the money power. Vote for the man who believes trusts exist and promises to crush them, who pledges himself in no measured terms to the protection of your interests."

Ex-Senator Gorman, whose political judgment is conceded to be as good as that of any man in the country, was in Washington last week, and said of the outlook: "There is a drift—a very decided drift—in favor of the Democrats, which justifies the hope that Bryan will be elected. Political conditions seem such as they were in 1892. The men who are managing for the Democrats in New York say that they are going to carry the State. They are sincerely confident. They believe they are going to succeed. The Democratic managers generally feel confidence in the general situation and believe that Mr. Bryan is going to be elected. The drift is strongly in that direction."



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