

Democratic Ticket. For President, WILLIAM J. BRYAN...

SHREVE political observers still claim that McKinley will not get a single electoral vote west of the Mississippi...

A well advertised public meeting of the "Sound Money League," of Washington, was attended by just seven people...

The secretary of the Interior has made a requisition on the treasury department for \$10,745,000 for the quarterly payment of pensions at the leading agencies...

When William McKinley spoke at Winchester, Adams county, Ohio, several years ago, he announced himself in favor of free coinage, and in emphasizing his objection held up a silver dollar...

All that the Republican platform promises the farmer is what he is getting now. The present depressed and distressed condition of affairs is the result of the contraction of the currency...

All the bond speculators, trust beneficiaries, Wall street speculators, usurers and non producers designate the attempt to fasten the single gold standard upon the American people as patriotism. It was such a case in this, no doubt, Dr. Johnson had in view when he declared: "Patriotism is the last refuge of a scoundrel."

As a result of a failure on the part of the owners to increase the pay of mining from 18 1/2 cents to 19 1/2 cents per box the coal miners in three mines in St. Clair county, Ill., have quit work...

MINT DIRECTOR FRIESTON at Washington is advised that \$2,000,000 in gold has reached San Francisco from Australia and will find its way into the treasury. The gold is in English sovereigns, and as foreign coins are not a legal tender in the United States...

The demonetization of silver in 1873 reduced the quantity of money and we had a panic and low prices, which lasted for six years; and again in 1893 when we closed our mints against silver we have another panic and low prices which has caused untold poverty and misery to the masses...

On Wednesday evening the Democratic congressional conferees for this district met at Johnston, and after taking four ballots unanimously nominated R. C. McNamara, of Bedford, as our candidate for congress. Each county had a candidate, Cambria's choice being F. J. O'Connor, Esq.; Somerset's conferees voted for Reuben Linton and Blair county's conferees voted for Charles B. Bammgardner. All withdrew in favor of Mr. McNamara...

A CIRCULAR of the section of foreign markets, department of agriculture, compares our imports and exports for the past three years. The figures show that we exported of agricultural products \$75,000,000 less in 1895 than in 1894 and \$246,000,000 less than in 1892. That shows why we are short of money. The deficit in receipts is mainly due to the shrinkage of prices, the quantities exported remaining about the same. As against this we imported goods in 1895 to the value of \$87,000,000 more than in 1894.

So VERY encouraging are the reports of a canvass of New York, that the Democrats intend to make a determined fight to carry the state. They feel confident of success. About five hundred speakers will be put in the field. Every county in the commonwealth will be thoroughly aroused. In the central, northern and western sections of the Empire state the farmers and laboring men, regardless of previous political affiliations, are flocking to the silver standard. There are the best of reasons for believing that New York will be found in the Bryan column in November next.

SUPPOSE that in 1892 a free-silver president and congress had been elected and unlimited coinage at 16 to 1 inaugurated. Then suppose that these things had followed: The industry of the country sandbagged, workmen thrown on unemployment by the million, farmers unable to sell their produce at a profit, bankruptcy hanging over countless thousands, banks everywhere so near the verge of insolvency owing to depreciation in values that to press their debtors would mean ruin to them, lives, our bond obligations increased by \$262,000,000 to keep gold in the treasury, payment of the public debt stopped, and a deficit in the revenue of \$12,000,000 a month piled up—suppose all this under a silver administration, and who would there now be to question that our manifold calamities had been brought upon us by free coinage?

All these disasters have befallen under a gold administration, and why should not the gold standard be changed with them? Present facts are better guides than the vaticinations of prophets of evil. Let the defenders of gold monometallism tell why it is that while their money system has been in existence the country has so suffered.

As the gold men promise the people nothing more cheering than a continuation of this distress-breeding system it is not clear why the people should rise with enthusiasm to vote for another four years of the gold standard and hard times.

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That was righteous years ago, before Bryan was ever heard of. William McKinley voted for the resolution and so did Hon. John G. Carlisle, at present secretary of the treasury. And yet, men who demand that the national debt be paid in silver or "coin" are denounced as "anarchists," "republicanists" and "communists."

If it is a crime now, it was a crime then. If it is "reputation" now, it was "reputation" then. If it is "anarchy" now, it was "anarchy" then. The people are beginning to understand this question, and when they fully understand it, as they will before the day of election, let the speculators and the plutocrats take warning. "They have been weighed in the balance and found wanting."

The eminent English statistician, Mulhall, in one of his works describing this country gives figures to prove that the United States furnishes one-third of all manufactures in the world; that it does thirty-two per cent of the banking of the world; that it does more than fifty per cent of the water carrying of the world; that it has more miles of railroad than all other countries combined; that in agricultural products it is equal to Austria, Germany, Great Britain, France and Italy combined; and that in general power, resources and facilities it is equal to France, Great Britain and Germany combined. Besides we have 73 millions of the most intelligent people on earth. And yet our timid friends, called gold bugs, dare not restore our old free coinage without the consent of old mother England, whom we whipped twice while yet in our swaddling clothes.

The following is from the Pennsylvania Republican platform adopted at Harrisburg, September 5th, 1887: "Resolved, That the long and successful existence, under the laws of congress, of the gold and silver standard, warrants us in demanding the early repeal of the legislation which demonetized silver, and established an almost exclusive gold standard; and we therefore favor a return of the free and unrestricted coinage of the dollar of 1798 and its restoration to the position it held as a legal tender during the 80 years of our national existence, thus preserving the equality of the commercial value of the silver dollar with the gold dollar, keeping both in circulation."

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DURING a fight in the Republican county convention at Salt Lake, Utah, on Saturday, over a committee report, ardent silver men jumped onto the platform, and, seizing a large portrait of Major McKinley which adorned the chairman's table, proceeded to tear it to pieces. The McKinley followers rushed to the rescue of the picture and a free fight followed which the sergeants-at-arms were powerless to stop. Finally some of the ring leaders were ejected from the hall and peace was restored.

It is something of a spectacle to see the eminent sound money Democrats of this state joining hands with Quay to elect a Republican president. Yet it isn't the first time a number of them have consorted with Quay.

Washington Letter.

Washington, Sept. 13, 1896.—Several important Democratic conferences were held in Washington and vicinity during the present week, and the precautions taken to keep the subjects thrown on unemployment by the million, farmers unable to sell their produce at a profit, bankruptcy hanging over countless thousands, banks everywhere so near the verge of insolvency owing to depreciation in values that to press their debtors would mean ruin to them, lives, our bond obligations increased by \$262,000,000 to keep gold in the treasury, payment of the public debt stopped, and a deficit in the revenue of \$12,000,000 a month piled up—suppose all this under a silver administration, and who would there now be to question that our manifold calamities had been brought upon us by free coinage?

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A Tourist in Hard Luck. Bern, Switzerland, September 21.—A mistake on the part of the Swiss detectives has caused great annoyance to Mr. George F. Curtis of Washington, an assistant librarian of the American Congress. When Mr. Curtis arrived at Grindelwald he was pounced upon by detectives who mistook him for a criminal searching for him. Mr. Curtis was locked up in spite of his energetic protests, but later the production of his passport and other documents convinced the police that they had made an error. He was thereupon released and profuse apologies were made to him for the unfortunate mistake.

Fell into Sulphuric Acid. Woodbridge, N. J., September 21.—"Kill me! Kill me! Put me out of this misery!" This was the agonizing cry of Anton Dusback, who up to yesterday was employed in the Guggenheim Smelting Works, near this place. Dusback was working near a tank of sulphuric acid. He lost his balance, and with a scream, plunged head foremost into the acid. He was pulled out in a few moments, but he never regained consciousness. He is still in a hopeless condition, but in such agony that he prays for death constantly. His eyes are badly burned and his hair is eaten off.

Cut His Wife's Throat. Cleveland, September 20.—The greatest excitement prevails in Bedford, a small town in the western part of this county, over the attempt this afternoon to finish the murder of Mrs. Mary E. Miller by James McMillen, formerly of Pittsburgh, a young laboring man, who recently married the handsome daughter of the town. The couple had not got along happily, and not long ago the wife, who is hardly 21, left her husband and went to live with her father. This afternoon McMillen called at the farm house of his father-in-law and got his wife into a buggy and started for the woods, where he tried to kill her by cutting her throat. She asserts he was joined in the woods by an assistant, but does not name him. Her outcry brought assistance and McMillen and his companion jumped into the buggy and escaped. They are still at large.

Pulled the Burglar's Leg. Newark, N. J., September 20.—If the burglar who took two gold watches, \$30 in cash and jewelry from the home of James McMillen, had pulled the leg of the woman whose trunk he had broken into, he would have found the money he sought. The burglar's leg was pulled by Mrs. McMillen, who was in the room when she saw the burglar. She caught hold of the leg and pulled it out from under him. The burglar fled in a hurry and was arrested shortly thereafter.

Destroying Toll Gates. Springfield, Ky., September 21.—The free turnpike mob destroyed five toll gates Saturday night and three last night. These two roads lead to five gates in Washington county, and the raiders had destroyed forty-three in all. Saturday night the mob rode up to the Tick Creek pike gates while they were guarded by twelve men. The leader of the mob was ordered to take his men away or go to jail. The mob then leaped into the gates and destroyed them with their axes. The mob forced the guards to count the gates down and drove them back to town. Two of the raiders were in court to-day on the charge of destroying toll gates, but nothing could be proved against them and they were discharged.

Poisoned With Paris Green. Wilkesbarre, Pa., September 23.—Charles Richards, of Exeter borough, was seen to fall suddenly this afternoon while at work in the garden. Friends went to his assistance and, exhibiting symptoms of poison, he was at once given an emetic. He finally recovered sufficiently to explain that he had been sick since drinking his coffee at noon. An examination showed a quantity of Paris green in the coffee, enough to kill persons. He had trouble with his wife, who often threatened to poison him if he did not leave the home. Richards, who is a German, was reticent about giving other details. Steps have been taken for the arrest of Mrs. Richards.

Passenger Train Derailed. Athens, O., September 23.—Baltimore and Ohio southwestern west bound train No. 13 was derailed near this city this afternoon by a broken wheel, and the rear coach, filled with passengers, rolled over the embankment. Several persons were injured, one of whom, D. B. Breckinridge, will probably die. He was on his way to Amesville, near this city, where he was to have been married to-morrow. F. D. Hahn, a traveling salesman, of Albany, N. Y., was badly cut about the head and face but will recover.

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