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EDITORIAL.

M'KINLEY CANNOT BE RE-ELECTED.

The New York World, which is not particularly friendly to the renomination of Mr. Bryan, says that events are plainly making for democratic success this year, and it points to the following facts and conditions as the reasons why Mr. McKinley cannot and should not be re-elected.

A conspiracy for looting the postal revenues of Cuba by the chosen agents of the administration—the greatest scandal since the star route frauds—is disclosed within less than a month after Porto Rico was put under a vice-regent of McKinley, "outside the constitution."

The Philippine war is no nearer an end than it was year ago. There have been more losses of American soldiers and property and greater slaughter of the natives since March 1, than in any previous equal period of the war of subjugation. Another rainy season is approaching, with the natives everywhere implacably hostile.

McKinley's policy of militarism has increased the standing army threefold and trebled the cost of the navy.

Not a single war tax has been abated or will be by this congress. The Republicans must go into the campaign exposed to the charge of maintaining taxation for surplus and protection for trusts.

Organized monopoly has increased manifold since McKinley was inaugurated, and his party has done nothing to prevent or punish its criminal exactions.

By adopting England's imperial policy and refusing even a word of sympathy with the Boer republics that are fighting for freedom and independence the administration has alienated large bodies of voters.

As Dr. William Everett, a representative reformer, says, the president "has allowed the war office to be dragged through the mire of nepotism and jobbery, and given the merit system the heaviest blows, to the encouragement of the spoilsmen, that have been dealt since Garfield's murder."

M'KINLEY MAY LOSE OHIO.

Ex-Attorney General Frank S. Monnett, of Ohio, in a recent interview says Ohio will be lost to the Republicans this fall.

"I do not see how the Republican party can escape punishment this fall," said he.

"The platform of the Republican party in Ohio strongly condemns the trusts and their unlawful methods. I was elected as attorney general of Ohio on such a platform, and as the officer of the state and the representative of the party, I carried out as best I could the platform of the party. Yet I was not supported in this by many of the leaders, and the party organs criticised me for doing just what the platform of my party pledged me to do. Newspapers of the state, about 110 of them, printed paid articles criticising my action and they, too, party newspapers.

"This is not all. The legislature which has adjourned, killed the Russell bill and the maximum freight bill, and that too by almost a strict party vote. Will not the people punish the party for such actions upon the part of its servants? The party, as such, is not in sympathy with such methods. Although the Russell bill was bill No. 10, it was side tracked by the trust lobbyist and held back until near the adjournment and then over the protest of some of the best men of the party, and almost all of the Democratic members, it was defeated. This was a repudiation of the party platform and the sentiment of the party. I cannot believe that we will escape punishment, and I believe it will come this fall. Why should not the party be punished when the men who control its actions disregard the will of the people?"

It is not clear that the fighting is over in the Transvaal. President Kruger occupies a position on the road to Lorenzo Marques, whereby, if hard pressed, he can escape to such neutrality as Portugal offers. The British feel about him just as Mr. Lincoln felt about Jefferson Davis. They have no desire to capture the elephant, and would be glad if he would leave South Africa, which Kruger is not likely to do. He is shipping gold to the Portuguese town, from where it can easily be sent to Europe.

EXTRAVAGANCE.

The Democratic leaders have managed to place in the Congressional Record a statement showing the amount of money spent by the administration in connection with the large number of commissions and special commissioners appointed by the President since the beginning of his term. The Democrats think the people have a right to know what these various bodies have accomplished and whether the game was worth the candle. There have been 22 separate commissions with a total personnel, including clerks attaches and experts of various kinds, of probably 1,000. The following is given as an approximate, but conservative estimate: William J. Calhoun, special commissioner to Cuba, \$10,000; Monetary Commission, \$50,000; Queen's Jubilee Commission, \$25,000; Special Commissioner M. P. Handy, Paris Exposition, \$10,000; Reciprocity Commissioner Kasson, \$20,000; Commissioner to Japan in connection with seals, Hamita, \$10,000; Commissioner to Russia in connection with seals, Foster, \$10,000; Paris Peace Commission, \$150,000; Cuban and Porto Rican Evacuation Commission, \$65,000; War Investigation Commission, \$100,000; Philippine Commission, \$150,000; High Joint Commission \$100,000; Commission to Disarmament Conference, \$25,000; Samoan Commission, \$25,000; Nicaraguan Canal Commission, \$250,000; Isthmian Canal Commission, \$1,000,000; Hawaiian Commission, \$25,000; Paris Exposition Commission, \$950,000; Tariff Commissioner to Cuba, R. P. Porter, \$5,000; Industrial Commission, per annum, \$100,000; Insular Commission, \$25,000; Present Philippine Commission, \$150,000; Total \$3,305,000.

"EXTRAORDINARY EXPENSES."

The Cuban scandal grows, says the World. The secretary of war's official statement to congress of the public receipts and expenditures of the island during last year shows that out of a total revenue of \$14,000,000 over \$4,000,000 was disbursed for salaries and \$1,377,000 more on the "labor pay-roll."

This enormous disbursement of more than \$5,377,000 was entirely for civilian employes and laborers, and does not cover the pay of the army officers in Cuba. And it is to be remembered that our government in Cuba has been in theory at least a military government. A mass of items footing up a total of nearly \$500,000 are charged as "extraordinary expenses ordered by the military governor," but just what they were incurred for is not stated.

Behind these figures many secrets are concealed. Among them are Estes G. Rathbone's gorgeous life in one of Havana's finest mansions, conducted on a scale of \$20,000 a year; Charles F. Neely's sudden rise from poverty in Indiana to affluence and grandeur in Cuba, and, more splendid, still, the career of the North American Trust Co., the government's "fiscal agent for Cuba," with Fletcher S. Heath, brother of First Assistant Postmaster-General Heath, as one of its directors.

No wonder senators at Washington are amazed at the size and plain significance of these figures. No wonder there is a demand for a thorough and rigid investigation.

The looting of Cuba is the scandalous climax of an administration that has been most prolific in scandals.

CANNOT AFFORD TO BE TYRANTS.

The Democratic party has never acquired an inch of territory that it did not sign and seal a covenant with its inhabitants that they should have all the rights of American citizenship and that their territory should be finally admitted as states of the Union. The Republican party was the only party in this country that has ever proposed to hold vassal provinces, and the Democratic party wanted no share of the honor. If a people were not fit for free institutions, our free institutions were not fit for the government of such people. We could not afford to become tyrants on the ground that another people were not fit to be free.—Hon. R. Carmack, Tennessee.

REMARKABLE FEATURE.

The Bellefonte Republican in speaking of the Democratic county convention, says:

"The resolution presented by Hon. Fred Kurtz, of the Centre Reporter, and adopted by a unanimous vote, calling for the impeachment of Governor Stone, may be regarded as the most remarkable feature of the convention's session. It has occasioned wide-spread comment and is generally accepted as a just and well merited condemnation of a public servant whose official department has been and is of a character scarcely calculated to inspire the respect and confidence of a people who esteem the laws of the Commonwealth and revere its constitutional mandates."

In New York City a big fight is on against the Ice Trust that was recently formed and has put up the price of that article. The matter has been taken into the courts by the leading democratic papers of that city and some of the men who are in the trust are prominent Democrats like Mayor Van Wick. But that does not prevent them from following the trust to the finish, for the cornering of one of the necessities of life and advancing the price until it becomes extortion and robbery. If Mayor Van Wick is a democrat and has been guilty of using his office to further the schemes of a trust, he should be made to suffer the penalty of the offence, no matter what penalty may be. It shows that the democrats will fight trusts, even if democrats are in them. The party is opposed to trusts.

AS OTHERS SEE HIM.

It may be a bit of interesting reading to compare the following editorials on John Hamilton, who is the oleo-tainted official in Gov. Stone's cabinet. They are selected from Republican papers in Bellefonte of recent issue. In one instance he is sinner, and the other saint, but the whitewash in the latter is too thin to be effective.

THE SINNER.

From Bellefonte Republican:
The're after me, the're after me.
To have me fined seems everyone's desire;
The're after me, the're after me,
Mine is the scalp the farmers all require.

True it is, Mr. Secretary Hamilton, they are after you. Do not hug to your hungry heart the vain delusion that the clamor for your official head comes only from a political faction opposed to the machine you represent and, alas, too faithfully serve, or from a mere handful of the Grange leaders in the State. The hundreds of resolutions of censure and condemnation of your administration of the State Department of Agriculture, passed by as many Grange organizations and agricultural societies in the State, indicates very distinctly a firmly established and wide spread opposition to your retention as Secretary of Agriculture that can only be repressed by your voluntary or enforced retirement from the official position you hold but, for reasons best known to yourself, you fail most deplorably to fill.

No one believes for a moment that you will, of your own volition, resign the position you sacrificed so much to secure. It is needless for you to iterate and re-iterate your intention to hold your "job." Those who are familiar with your past political convictions, who have listened to your oft repeated denunciation of Quav and Quayism, who have applauded to the echo your forcible and impressive arguments in favor of honest elections, clean politics and fidelity and integrity in public officials, know that for your present official distinction you trampled under foot the principles you once defended and upheld, and espoused the cause of those whose depraved and dishonest political intrigues you so frequently in the past made the subject of impassioned discourse, whose official corruption you denounced in private and on public occasions. You sold out to the enemy, John, and you burned your bridges behind you when you deserted from the camp of your former allies.

Keep the position for which you have paid so dearly, John; that is, keep it as long as you can.

The're after you, John, and there will be no let up until your official head pays the penalty for your sins, sins of omission rather than sins of commission.

Christian Science.

Two Christian Scientists were found guilty Saturday at Milwaukee, of practicing medicine in violation of the State medical law. In his decision Judge Allen quoted the decision of the United States Supreme Court in the Mormon case, holding that a man's religion is subordinate to the laws of the land and that he cannot go contrary to the laws of the State.

The street commissioner is responsible for no path of duty but his own.

THE SAINT.

From the Gazette:
The exposition of the oleomargarine frauds by the Philadelphia North American has been attracting widespread attention, and the paper is doing a great deal of good in cleaning out a nest of law violators who have been preying upon the farmers of the State by selling the stuff in violation of the law and through it hold down the price of butter.

It is no wonder that the people are angry about it and demand redress in the dismissal of all connected with it, but it is not well to be too hasty, to strike blindly at the offenders and censure the innocent alike with the guilty.

We must not forget that there is politics in it and that the professional politician with a grievance avails himself of just such an opportunity to get even, who then under the cloak of loyalty and patriotism, beneath which diverse crimes are committed, strikes violently while he thinks the iron is hot, and if perchance, he succeeds he will have one more stepping stone upon which to elevate himself.

The name of John Hamilton has been prominently mentioned in connection with these frauds, and while we are not here to defend him, we do not propose to sit in silence and see a man dragged behind the chariots of men who are not worthy to untie his shoe laces and whom no one would trust further than he could throw a four-hundred pound bull by the tail.

John Hamilton is an honest man. No one who knows him will dispute it, and though by virtue of other work he may have been derelict of his duty—an omission which is censurable equally with a commission, but which has by no means been established—yet he is a thousand times safer than some of his critics, and it is due him that his long life of upright-ness and honor, his faithfulness to every interest of the farmer be not now forgotten and the counsel of political chameleons accepted, who, clothed with authority of the farmers, rush in with resolutions to undo him for personal and revengeful reasons.

The Pennsylvania farmers are a sturdy, reliable, safe-going class, and left to themselves will forge out justice with an iron hand, but it is equally dangerous with them as with others to yield to the ambitions of leaders who have a grievance and who build watch fires out of public sentiment while they "gather in" the plunder.

Fire at Eagleville.

Thursday morning shortly after midnight the steam saw mill, grist mill and planing mill of Frank Kessinger at Eagleville, Clinton Co., was destroyed by fire. Four men who were sleeping in the mill had a narrow escape from being burned up and had barely time to escape with a few of their clothes. The origin of the fire is not known. There was no insurance.

A tipsy toper may still be proud enough to look a man in the face.



The laundress is sure of satisfactory results in her work if she uses Ivory Soap. Linens are of immaculate whiteness; no dirt or streaks anywhere. There's no room for criticism in the work when brought home. Ivory Soap is cheaper than common soaps in the end.

A WORD OF WARNING.—There are many white soaps, each represented to be "just as good as the Ivory"; they ARE NOT, but like all counterfeits, lack the peculiar and remarkable qualities of the genuine. Ask for "Ivory" Soap and insist upon getting it.

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COMMISSIONERS MUST ACT.

State Forestry Commissioner Rothrock has decided to begin proceedings against all county commissioners who refuse to comply with his request to appoint detectives to ferret out and prosecute those guilty of causing the burning of timber lands. Deputy Attorney General Elkin advises Dr. Rothrock that the commissioners who disregard his request are guilty of a misdemeanor and that it is the duty of the district attorney to prosecute the offending officials upon information furnished by the forestry commissioner, or his agents.

"In view of the importance of this question," says Mr. Fietz in an opinion on this subject to Dr. Rothrock, "and the wisdom the legislature has exercised in passing these various acts to afford a complete system for the detection and punishment of all persons, who in any way set fire to the timber lands of the state, I again advise you that it is your duty to proceed vigorously in all cases that the destruction of the forests by fires may be effectually stopped."

Lumbering in Sugar Valley.

Edgar Hall, of Northumberland, has commenced lumbering operations in the Heckman woods in Sugar Valley, and is now erecting a saw mill. The mill will be equipped with band saws, circular saws, shingle mill, planer, jointer, cut-off and other machinery necessary to manufacture all kinds of pine, oak, and hemlock lumber, from the heaviest railroad bill timber to the lightest furniture slats and chair rungs. The mill is being built in the heart of the forest, and is not far from Loganton.

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200 Men's Fancy Worsteds Suits, with double and single-breasted vests, in stripes and checks; actual value \$10 to 12, my price—
\$5 TO \$7.50. | Lot No. 2.
300 Men's blue, black and novelty Suits, with single and double breasted coats and vests. Others' price \$12 to 18; my sale price
\$7.50 TO 11. | Lot No. 3.
75 Young Men's Suits in blue, black and novelties, single and double-breasted vests. Prices range from
\$4.00 TO 11.50. | Lot No. 4.
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\$1.15 TO 3.75. |
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