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NATIONAL CONVENTIONS

A Variety of Platforms and Candidates this Year

10 TICKETS IN THE FIELD

Much Interest is Being Shown in the Presidential Campaign of 1900—Two More Conventions will be Held During July.

Eight National conventions to nominate candidates for President and Vice President have already been held for the campaign of 1900, and two more will be held in the next fortnight.

The first convention was held by a branch of the People's party at Cincinnati on the 5th of September, 1898, and nominated Wharton Barker, of Pennsylvania, for President and Ignatius Donnelly, of Minnesota, for Vice President. The fusion element that claims to act under the People's party held a national convention at Sioux Falls on the 9th of May, 1900, and the Middle-of-the-Road element of the People's party called another convention to meet at Cincinnati on the same day. The Cincinnati convention renominated Wharton Barker and Ignatius Donnelly, and the fusion element at Sioux Falls nominated William Jennings Bryan, of Nebraska, for President and Charles A. Towne, of Minnesota, for Vice President.

The Socialist political elements have been very much in evidence in this campaign as they have already held three national conventions. The first was called by the Socialist Labor party, met at Rochester on the 27th of January, 1900, and after seven days consecutive sessions, including Sunday, nominated Job Harriman, of California, for President and Max S. Hayes, of Ohio, for Vice President. The Socialist Democratic party met at Indianapolis on the 6th of March, 1900, was in session four days, and nominated Eugene B. Debs, of Indiana, for President and Job Harriman, of California, for Vice President. At this convention the Socialist Labor party and the Socialist Democratic party were united.

The DeLeon Socialists, claiming to be the Simon pure Socialist organization, met at New York May 23, 1900, and nominated Joseph F. Maloney, of Massachusetts, for President and Valentine Remmill, of Pennsylvania, for Vice President.

A new national party injected itself into the Presidential field by a convention held at Rock Island, Illinois, May 1, 1900, with the title of the United Christian Party, and nominated Rev. Dr. S. C. Swallow, of Pennsylvania, for President and John G. Woolley, of Illinois, for Vice President.

The Republican national convention met at Philadelphia, on the 19th inst. and remained in session three days, but without developing any important discussions or contests. President McKinley was renominated, receiving 926 votes, being the full number of the convention. Governor Roosevelt, of New York, was nominated for vice President, receiving 925 votes, being one less than the vote for McKinley, as Roosevelt, being a delegate, declined to have his vote recorded for himself. It was the largest and most imposing political national assembly that was ever held in the country.

Two important national conventions are yet to be held. The Prohibitionists will meet at Chicago this week, where it is probable that they will nominate Rev. Dr. Swallow for President, who has already been nominated by the United Christian Party.

The Democratic national convention will be held at Kansas City July 4, and its proceedings will be looked for with unusual interest. The renomination of William Jennings Bryan for President is a foregone conclusion, and he will doubtless be presented by acclamation. There will be an earnest struggle to conserve the radical Democratic platform of 1896, and the strength of its candidates in the national contest will be determined very largely by the platform to be adopted in Kansas City. If it shall be conservative, there will be a desperate and probably a doubtful contest for President. If radical and revolutionary, the re-election of McKinley will be assured.

Protect the Dangerous Places.

The supreme court has again rendered a decision that dangerous parts of roads must be supplied with guard rails, in the absence of which townships and road companies will be held responsible for damages if accidents happen.

Arm Caught in the Machinery.

While Frank Snyder was working in Long's saw mill in Cogan valley, his left arm was caught in the machinery, rendering amputation necessary at the Williamsport hospital.

WHY WHEAT WENT UP.

Comment by Dun's Review on Price and Crops this Season.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade says:

The damage to the wheat crop of the northwest is the event of chief importance. How expensive the loss may prove in view of widely conflicting accounts can only be judged from the speculative market, in which information gathered at the west has caused a remarkable advance, at Chicago 10 cents in ten days, and the price here has advanced 9 cents per bushel, though for the September option only 8 cents. The belief is that so large a part of the spring wheat has been killed as to reduce a yield expected to be close to the largest on record to considerably less than the world has required during the crop year now ending.

Until the past three years it would have been reasoned that any material advance in price would neutralize the foreign conditions which had caused exports of about 180,000,000 bushels wheat four included, in the closing year, after 222,000,000 bushels in the previous year and 217,000,000 bushels in the year 1898, besides exports of 213,000,000 bushels corn in the closing year against 177,000,000 last year and 212,000,000 in the previous year. But the facts seem to indicate a more extensive and lasting increase of foreign demand than has been considered probable. Other sources of heavy export have been found disappointing. The United States continues to show enormous power of increase if supported by prices which until recent years would hardly have been regarded remarkably high. If the coming crop falls much below expectations, the demand for it may prove surprising, even though prices average more than has been expected.

Found a Cave.

While the employees were working the limestone quarries at Salona Wednesday, they put off a blast. After the broken stone and earth were removed they discovered the opening of a cave in the side of the hill, which opening is about ten feet from the level of the quarry.

James Caldwell and Clair Kessinger made an exploration. After entering the opening they proceeded a short distance, when their path suddenly dropped about forty feet. Afterwards they made their way to the lower level and found an ordinary sized cave, which ran back in one direction about 300 feet. The men also saw several cleared spaces, but did not explore them all. In many places of the interior huge stalactites hang from the ceiling. A spring of good water was also found. The air is delightfully cool and in some places the cave is very damp.

After the two men made their explorations several other men went through the cave.

Big Shipment of Postal Cards.

A large shipment of postal cards was made from the United States postal card factory at Piedmont, W. Va., Saturday. That day 24,000,000 cards were shipped, filling six large box cars, one of which went to the Philadelphia office, and contained 4,000,000 cards. The shipments are worth to the government \$240,000. The demand for postal cards continues to increase and the shipments each month grow heavier. The force of hands will have to be increased to keep the output equal to the demand.

Child Nearly Drowned.

The little 4-year-old daughter of Frank Crawford, of Lamar, had a narrow escape from drowning in the "big spring" at that place Tuesday. The little one's cries for help attracted the attention of postmaster Myers who came to her assistance. When rescued the child was in a greatly prostrated condition.

Son and Father Dead.

William Kranzler, a farm hand, died at the Williamsport hospital Friday from injuries caused by a vicious horse kicking him in the abdomen. Seven hours later his father, John Kranzler, fell dead of apoplexy at the St. Elmo hotel. The latter was 70 years old and was a victim of alcoholism.

Drowned at Snow Shoe.

Last week a Hungarian named Andrew Hinnick went bathing in the creek at Clarence, and drowned. The body was not recovered until the next morning. It is supposed that he was taken with cramp while in the water. No one was with him at the time.

Spots On the Sun.

A French astronomer has discovered a remarkable spot on the sun which will grow and soon be visible to the naked eye. He predicts the appearance of spots on the sun and that they indicate great heat during July, August and September.

DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION

To Be Held at Kansas City Next Week

BRYAN TO BE NOMINATED

Hill is Prominently Mentioned for Second Place—Much Interest in the Platform—Reasons Why the Democracy is Hopeful.

Next week the National Democratic Convention will be in session at Kansas City and the result of its deliberations can not be forecast definitely. There is little doubt but that Wm. J. Bryan will be the unanimous choice for the presidency, but as to who will have the second place, there is the greatest uncertainty at this time. Many names are mentioned, but few will be acceptable. While the matter of the vice-presidency is of importance, yet greater interests attached to the platform that will be adopted on that occasion enunciating the issues upon which the democracy will go before the people this coming campaign. That it will be open and pronounced against the trusts, imperialism, militarism, and entangling alliances with other nations, there can be no doubt. It will also oppose tariff systems built for the enrichment of one class at the expense of others, and all other forms of class legislation. As to what position they will take on the money question, remains unsettled. There are many eastern democrats who favor a moderation from the Chicago platform so that all democrats can get together this time, and unite on other and more important issues.

It remains to be seen as to what can be accomplished along this line. True it is that the money question has caused a great division of sentiment in the party, and at this time it can hardly be termed one of the leading issues of the campaign as legislation now on this point cannot be altered or changed by the next administration.

There is no doubt that Bryan has grown in popularity with the masses and that on the question of imperialism he voices the sentiments of many who voted against him four years ago. Our people are growing tired of the Philippine blunder and the colonial policy of the republican party, as well as their perfidy in the treatment of Porto Rico. All these things are a violation of all the sacred traditions of the Government from its inception. The people know this full well. They know that the present administration is under the control of mercenary men like Hanna, who know no other creed or doctrine than greed and gain.

These are reasons why the republican party may awake from their intoxication of power and find themselves mightily mistaken after the coming fall election. They must reckon with the people for the past. They must explain away the trusts who seek protection from that party so that they can siphon the people by unjust profits.

Anyone who thinks that it is useless for the democracy to place a ticket in the field may be woefully mistaken when results are known. For these reasons the deliberations of the leader of the democratic organization, at Kansas City next week, are of great import.

A SUDDEN DEATH.

Last summer William A. Sloat, a widower, 31 years of age, a cigar-maker at Elizabethtown, Lancaster county saw an advertisement in a matrimonial paper of "Husband wanted" by a young girl, Miss Swires, of Milesburg, this county. Sloat answered the advertisement, a correspondence following and last November Sloat came to Milesburg, met the young woman and the two were married. After a week Sloat went home, leaving his bride with her parents.

Saturday the 16th he came to Milesburg to take his young wife home. After a brief visit with her family, Sloat complained of not feeling well and came to Belleville Thursday toward evening to see a physician. He was treated, started home, became unconscious at the railroad depot and was carried to a nearby hotel, where he died at 2 o'clock Friday morning. A post-mortem revealed the cause of death as heart failure superinduced by internal hemorrhages. The remains of the deceased were sent to his friends at Elizabethtown Saturday morning.

Want Money Paid for Fines.

Enterprising school directors will be interested in the action of the school board of Athens boro which has notified the police authorities of that town that they will expect hereafter to receive \$2 for each person arrested and convicted for intoxication. A section of the school law, it is said, provides for a fine of \$2 to be so paid.

BLOOM REUNION.

The second annual reunion of the descendants of Henry Bloom was held at Bloomsdort on Thursday of last week with five generations present. Fully one hundred and fifty people gathered around the festival board.

Then a general council was held which resulted in the organization of an association to be known as the "Henry Bloom Family Reunion." Then resolutions were passed that hereafter the association should meet annually some day during the month of June in Bloom grove on the old homestead in Ferguson township.

The officers for the ensuing year were then elected as follows: President—D. L. Dennis; Vice President—Harrison Bloom; Secretary—B. F. Homan; Treasurer—Henry Bloom.

After the election the secretary read the minutes of the previous year and the following history was reported:

The head of this family, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bloom, settled in Centre County 75 years ago when there was nothing but forests in this section of the county, locating at a point now known as Bloomsdort. There were ten children born into this family all of whom have since been laid in their last resting place except Mrs. Sallie Moore, of Boalsburg, aged 83 years and two months, who owing to her age, was unable to be in attendance.

The names of the children were John, Catherine, Susanna, George, Henry, Hannah, Sallie, William, Elizabeth and Samuel. There were eleven grandchildren present, namely, Mrs. Fry, Mrs. Mary Gates, Mrs. Rebecca Gates, Mrs. Elizabeth Dennis and Henry Bloom, descendants of Mr. and Mrs. John Bloom.

Mrs. Albert Hoy, descendant of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bloom. Mrs. Margaret Danley and D. L. Dennis, descendants of Mrs. Susanna Bloom. Adam Bloom, Harrison Bloom and Mrs. Agnes Smith, descendants of William Bloom.

Principal among the speakers were Rev. Aikens, of Pine Grove Mills, and Revs. Leisher and Black, of Boalsburg.

SUICIDE NEAR HOWARD.

Wednesday morning the news reached Howard of the death of Wm. H. Masden, who resides about one mile north of that place, in Howard twp. For sometime Mr. Masden had been in poor health and this is supposed to have caused despondency and was the result of him taking his life. The particulars of the affair are brief. Wednesday morning Mr. Masden arose at the usual time and built the fire while his daughter went to the barn to do the milking. When she left for the barn her father was sitting by the stove. Upon her return he could not be found and a search was made by her at once and resulted in her finding him in the garret; his lifeless body suspended from the rafter by a tie strap from a bride. Life was extinct when discovered.

Mr. Masden was a man of about 55 years of age and leaves a wife and four children, the oldest of which is 15 years. He was a farmer and of moderate means. The interment will take place Friday morning.

The children are Harry, Josie, Maggie and Lulu. Two brothers, Alexander and Joseph Masden, who reside back of Beech Creek also survive him. A half brother James and a half sister Jennie, of Clinton county also survive.

Fire at Boalsburg.

Tuesday morning a fire broke out in the barn of Mrs. Caroline Fisher, at Boalsburg, caused by some little folks throwing fire crackers around and one landed in some straw. The fire spread rapidly until six barns and stables were destroyed. They were owned as follows: Mrs. Caroline Fisher, A. Hosterman, Lot Kimpfort, Alexander Kuhn, Mrs. Cooper and David Keller. During the progress of the flames quite a number of houses were on fire, but each time the blaze was extinguished without serious damage.

All the horses and cattle were removed in time. The fire destroyed poles and wires for both the telephone companies and communication was cut off for a day.

Jay Cook Stricken.

Jay Cook, the well known Philadelphia financier, last week spent several days at his mountain cottage, Ogontz lodge, near Salladaysburg, Lycoming county. Saturday morning he was found in bed suffering from a stroke of apoplexy. He recovered sufficiently to be taken to his home at Elkins, Pa.

Mr. Cook is known the world over as the famous financier who, through his financial failure in 1873, caused the great panic of that year. He also holds the distinction of having saved the government in several critical financial stages during the Civil war.

WARFARE IS DESTRUCTIVE

What Some Wars Have Cost the Vanquished

IMMENSE INDEMNITIES PAID

The Cost in Expensive Armaments and Extravagant Expenditures Often Not Known—Reasons Why This Country Should Avoid Wars.

Wars are the insanity or drunkenness of nations unless in self-defense or to maintain essential principles. That has always been held. But a change has come over the spirit of people, and we now find in the world pervading war crazes, wars advocated as a profitable business by a leading English journal. "Cassell's Journal" advances the proposition that "war, if waged successfully, is one of the finest methods of national money-making it is possible to conceive," and it is further declared by the same authority that "in most wars that have happened during the last 20 or 30 years the victorious nations have at the close been able to regard their banking accounts with a considerable degree of complacency."

This novel theory is presented by the London paper with a certain superficial force. Japan's war with China cost the former power \$30,000,000, and China paid an indemnity of \$185,000,000. This seems to show a profit to Japan of over \$150,000,000. Germany spent about \$575,000,000 in her brief but terrible war with France. She collected \$1,000,000,000 from France as an indemnity and besides got Alsace and Lorraine, estimated to be worth over \$300,000,000. Counting in the value of French property otherwise captured or appropriated and taken home by the Germans, "Cassell's Journal" estimates that the total profit to Germany was something in excess of the whole amount of the huge indemnity. Another instance to which it points is the war between Prussia and Austria, which lasted only a month, when an indemnity of \$40,000,000 was paid over by Austria to her conqueror.

This takes no account of the fact that the cost of war, in increased armaments, public demoralization inducing reckless extravagance, can never be known until long after the war is over and accounts apparently squared. Take our own pension system as an illustration with its \$150,000,000 annual expenditure bound to last until the twentieth century has run half its course. Where does the profit of our Philippine war come in? It is costing us another \$150,000,000 a year and thousands of lives. Yet it is none the less an evil and wrong to the Philippines, to the American people and to civilization.

Where is England to make gains by the South African war, financially or morally? It has had to create an army of 200,000, and for years will require 50,000 or 60,000 men to hold the conquered territory. It has expended \$300,000,000, has created or promises to create a new Ireland in the dark continent, with a heritage of anger and possible rebellion at any time. Wars precipitate their evils into the future in an endless chain. Charles Sumner once advanced the extreme statement that "there can be no war that is honorable; there can be no peace that is dishonorable." There are exceptions, of course, but it is nearer the truth than the English paper's claim that war may be made a source of gain and profit. Nemesis is sure to come along, sooner or later.

The Presidential Succession.

The presidential succession is fixed by chapter 4 of the acts of the Forty-ninth congress, first session. In case of the removal, death, resignation or inability of both the president and vice president then the secretary of state shall act as president until the disability of the president or vice president is removed or a president is elected. If there be no secretary of state, then the secretary of treasury will act; and the remainder of the order of succession is as follows: The secretary of war, attorney general, post master general, secretary of the navy and secretary of the interior. The acting president must, upon taking office, convene congress, if not at the time in session, giving twenty days' notice. This act applies only to such cabinet officers as shall have been appointed by the advice and consent of the senate, and are eligible under the constitution to the presidency.

For Drunkard Pensioners.

The pension department has ruled that "Any pensioner, the victim of strong drink and dissipated habits, who makes a public nuisance of himself, may be investigated by Uncle Sam, and if found guilty is likely to be dropped from the pension rolls."

FACT, FUN AND FANCY.

Bright Sparkling Paragraphs—Selected and Original.

APROPOS OF THE SEASON.

'Tis no wonder we feel squirmyish
When the men of wedlock prattle;
An engagement's but a skirmish,
But a marriage a pitched battle.

O mild June, balmy June,
You've come in time to see
The sprouting corn, the clover blown,
The leaf on bush and tree.
You've brought the glowing sunshine
With pleasure multiplied;
And happy is the man who knows
"Where speckled beauties hide."

PORTO RICAN ANTHEM.

My country, 'tis of thee,
That set Hawaii free,
Of thee I sing!
I am a slave no more,
I've dumped the load I bore
And ceased to kneel before
A queen or king.
Land of the brave and just,
Land of the Sugar Trust,
How sweet to be
Held up outside the gate
And made to pay the freight!
I tell you what, it's great
And tickles me!

SINCE PA GOT INTO POLITICS.

I bet there ain't a family
That's flyin' half as high as we
An' slingin' airs at every turn
With money in the house to burn.
We're livin' now in sumptuous style,
An' ma says of'n with a smile,
There ain't none of us got no kicks
Since pa got into politics.

When he was poor an' had to work
To make a livin' like a Turk,
He used to say this ole world were
A vain delusion an' a snare!
It tuk all he could scrape an' get
To feed an' dress us, but you bet
He ain't in that orful fix
Since he got into politics.

He says the man that labors is
A chump that isn't onto his biz,
An' hasn't sense 'nuff in his brains
To chose him indoors when it rains.
He used to be that way, but tuk
A tumble, an' the best of luck
Falls his way like a thousand bricks
Since he went into politics.

He's wearin clothes that's mighty ripe
An' smokes seggars 'stead of his pipe,
An' gits shaved at the barber's where
They squirt pompadour on his hair,
He talks about coonjines and rings
An' fusion an' some other things,
An' says he's onto all their tricks
Since he got into politics.

Pa used to be a Christian and
Could sing an' pray to beat the band,
An' jest to guide our footsteps right
Had family prayers every night;
But now we're all in bed when he
Comes home at night, and ma says she
Imagines pious things won't mix
In corjial way with politics.

Ma asked him once if it was right
To help the corporations fight
The bosses' people an' he cliked
Some dollars in his hand an' winked.
An, said she musn't chaw the rag
'Long as he stands and holds the bag
Whilst he climbs up the tree and picks
The golden plums of politics.

Liberty belles—old maids.
Public gatherings—the census.
To cover one's shortcomings—a wig.
The tenor of a singer's conduct should
never be base.

Sunshine will eventually puncture the
thickest cloud.
A corkscrew isn't required to pull a
man's cork-leg.

Perhaps Lot's wife got tired of being
told that she was to fresh.
Even the standing bookkeeper's work
is mostly "settling down."

The prosperous rum-seller does not
advertise his big bar-gains.
Wine is a mocker, and the label on
the bottle is often a mockery.
The truth that lies at the bottom of a
well never gets into the milk.

The hard-working members of a brass
band are "horney sons of toil."
No one knows how bad the good might
become if they didn't die young.

People sometimes rehearse a wedding,
but one hearse does for a funeral.
It's the hunger of the cannibal that
spoils the missionary's indignation.
Some of the most disgraceful acts are
performed by the most graceful sinners.

Even the silver-tongued orator may
sound the praises of the gold standard.
Some men talk more religion in ten
minutes than they practice in ten years.
You cannot have a baker arrested be-
cause he gives you "dough" that's no
good.

People don't go to the seashore so
much to see the shore as they go to see
the sea.
The ice cream manufacturer has no
compunctions against causing a coolness
between friends.

Did You Ever—

Get bruised from feeling rocky?
Get preserved from being jarred?
Get a fall from being called down?
Get crusty from being a "lobster"?
Get tired from having a walk-over?
Get burned from having a hot time?
Get effervescent from being over-
worked?
Get pneumonia from receiving the
cold shoulder?
Get a raise in the world from being
done up?—No Never.