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EDITORIAL.

GROWING BRIGHT.

Rainbow chasing is not only delusive, but provoking and unprofitable—about on a par with extracting sunshine from green cucumbers. For that reason, thus far in the campaign, we have been slow to jump at any conclusion as to the result of the election.

It requires a very small change in the percentage of the popular vote of 1896 to elect Bryan. This year it seems almost definitely settled that silver will not be the issue and the leading gold democrats of the country like Ex-Secretary Onley, Ex-Secretary Wilson, Bourke Cochran and others, who opposed Bryan in 1896, are now strongly advocating the election of Bryan and denouncing McKinley's course.

The German voters in the middle-west are a considerable factor. These people left their native land owing to the burdens of militarism and imperialism. German Bryan clubs are thick in all western towns and are also growing rapidly in the East. The same can be said of the Irish vote, as well as other nationalities.

The trusts that have grown up under the McKinley administration and monopolized almost every common product, thereby extorting from the consumers of the land unjust profits, has set most men to thinking real seriously. We have ample legislation to restrain such monsters that prey upon the resources of the people, but nothing was done.

The war of conquest in the Philippines has grown in disfavor with the people on account of the waste of millions of money and the loss of thousands of our young men from wounds and pestilence. The duplicity towards Porto Rico is not forgotten either. These and other reasons have weakened the present administration.

NOT PLEASED.

John Murray, of College township, was a recent caller at this office. Mr. Murray is a republican and for some weeks has been canvassing for the republican nomination for assembly. He says he received a notice from Chairman Reeder to the effect that Allison and Thompson would be the nominees.

Mr. Murray is absolutely correct in this position, and the people realize it whenever they size up the situation. Our friend Samuel Diehl feels about the same as Murray. He spent his good money to have his name regularly announced in the republican papers and has traveled over the county soliciting the support of the people.

No wonder that these men are provoked. They have reason for complaint, McKINLEY is wanted in the anthracite coal region to fill up the empty dinner pails.

ONE LITTLE STRAW.

The Philadelphia Ledger says: The Vermont election is not of very great service as a straw showing which way the political wind is blowing, but straws are scarce, and therefore it is worth while to see how this one points. It is favorable to the Democrats, because, according to the returns thus far received, the Republican vote fell off 10 per cent. from the state election vote of 1896, while the Democratic vote was increased 14 per cent. A corresponding change throughout the union at the presidential election in November would result in the election of Mr. Bryan without the aid of New York. Deducting ten per cent. from the Republican vote for McKinley in 1896 and adding fourteen per cent. to the Democratic vote for Bryan would leave New York Republican by 200,000, but it would turn over half a dozen other states having sixty-nine electoral votes to the Democrats, and would give Bryan altogether 243 electoral votes to 202 for McKinley. The states voting for McKinley in 1896, but which would vote for Bryan if the vote should change as in Vermont, are Delaware, Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio, Oregon and West Virginia. Iowa and North Dakota would remain Republican, but by very small majorities.

It is not believed that this result will follow, but this change is needed under the electoral system to turn some important states from one party to another. It also serves to admonish the Republicans not to be too sure of re-electing President McKinley.

THEN AND NOW.

Read what the republican candidates had to say on imperialism before their party trampled on the Declaration of Independence:

WILLIAM M'KINLEY: We are different from any other nation; and it is that difference which makes us the best. Our political system rests upon a principle different from that of any other. It is founded upon the consent of the people. If we had wanted it otherwise we would not have left home, but would have remained the obedient child of an imperious parent. We would not have turned from the mother country. We would have remained one of her dependencies. We would not have fought our way through blood and sacrifice to independence.—Speech at Georgia Chautauqua, Aug. 21, 1888.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT: Of course no one would wish to see these or any other settled communities, now added to our domain by force—we want no unwilling citizens to enter our union. The time to have taken the lands was before the settlers came into them. European nations was for the possession of thickly settled districts which, if conquered, will for centuries remain alien and hostile to the conquerors. We, wiser in our generation, have seized the waste solitudes that lay near us, the limitless forests and never-ending plains, and the valleys of the great lonely rivers and have thrust our own sons into them to take possession, and a score of years after each conquest we see the conquered land teeming with a people that is one with ourselves.—From "Life of Thomas H. Benton."

We read constantly in the columns of the trust organs of full dinner pails. This may fit the owners of the trusts who are bloated into millionaires by their profits. It may apply in a scant degree to the employees of the trusts, but as for the great majority, the empty dinner pail is found all around. The farmer carries an empty pocket book. The laborer outside the trusts has nothing in sight to fill his pail, and it stands upon the shelf bottom up. If in this campaign the empty dinner pails are shown up in the Bryan parades, there will be 500 empty to one full dinner pail. Bring out the empty dinner pails!

From Washington comes the intelligence that there will be no war upon China and there will be no more hostilities in China. There will be no dismemberment of the Chinese Empire and there will be no demands for Chinese territory this year, in the belief of the administration, and there will be a unanimous agreement of the Powers and Japan and the United States for the peaceable settlement of the Chinese question on the lines of our policy, while the "open door" will be preserved.

On Saturday the republicans must go to the primary election and vote as they were notified by county chairman Reeder—for Allison and Thompson. If the chairman of the democratic county committee were to attempt any such a course in this county, there would be such an uprising as to drive him from office. Democrats would not tolerate it—no sir.

The McKinley organs talk of the full dinner pail, but it is not shared in by 75 per cent. of the people of the United States, who are as badly served as the soldier boys when the administration fed them on embalmed beef.

There is a likelihood of all the miners in the anthracite coal regions of this state going out most any day on a strike. That sounds strange when we hear so much of the full dinner pails and McKinley prosperity.

The real truth of the matter is, there is nothing cheering turning up in favor of McKinley, and besides, Teddy, the hopeful one, is dimming his laurels by his speeches.

Among some of the republicans here in town Sam. Diehl's candidacy for legislature only provokes a smile. Sam. says when the returns come in something will drop.

REPUBLICAN PARTY AND THE TRUSTS

The Standard Oil Company and Carnegie Distance All Others in the Race For Wealth.

During the past 30 years the wealth of the nation has increased a trifle over 300 per cent. Under these circumstances it is folly to talk "hard times." There may be some few individual instances of poverty, but as a people we are in better shape than we have ever been.

Not only are we as a people in better financial shape, but the large business interests are all prosperous, still for the benefit of the few doubting Thomases we will cite one or two instances in support of this position:

In 1870 the Standard Oil company had a capital of \$1,000,000. Now its capital has increased to the respectable sum of \$110,000,000. It is true that a large portion of this increase is "water," yet so long as the company earns dividends whose business is it? From 1882 to 1891 the Standard Oil company paid dividends averaging 5 1/2 per cent. In this year of our Lord they pay dividends amounting to 48 per cent, or \$52,800,000.

On Aug. 8, 1900, the quotations of the stock of the Standard Oil company was 53 1/4. In other words the Standard Oil company has an earning capacity of \$587,400,000. The wealth of the Standard Oil company has therefore increased over 58,700 per cent in the last 30 years. Surely the shareholders have no reason to grumble.

The Carnegie company will this year clear \$42,000,000 on a nominal capital of \$25,000,000. Their dividends will amount to 168 per cent, or, on a 4 per cent basis, their earning capacity is really that of \$1,050,000,000. The wealth of the Carnegie company has therefore increased 4,200 per cent in the last few years. They should certainly be satisfied.

But, if the wealth of the entire nation has only increased 300 per cent in the last 30 years, and these corporations have increased 58,700 and 4,200 per cents, how much is there left to be divided among the people of the nation?

It is true that the shares of most of the trusts have been listed at the Stock Exchanges, and they are being sold on the open market, and, as the defenders of the trusts sometimes say, there is nothing to prevent the employees of the trusts from buying the stock of the trusts, and thus becoming their own employers, but before we accept this proposition, let us look into it. The average employe of the Standard Oil company, other than those who are largely interested in the company in a financial manner, is receiving the sum of \$1.70 cents per day, \$19.20 per week, or \$530.40 per year. The Standard Oil company employs 35,000 men, and it would therefore take these 35,000 workmen, supposing that they had no live on nothing, and that they had no families, just 31 years and 150 working days in which to save enough to become their own employers. But before we get ready to salute the year 1931 as being the last in which trusts shall hold undisputed sway over this land, we must consider that during the last ten years the increase of the wealth of the trusts has been on the geometrical plan, and that under present conditions these 35,000 workmen, after working for over 21 years, saving every cent they received, would still be unable to purchase the stock of the concern, for by that time the capital, at the present rate per cent of increase, will have amounted to \$352,440,000,000, and so you see the trust is still ahead of the game, and the 35,000 workmen are still behind.

The pay roll of this concern last year amounted to \$18,564,000, about one-third of the amount distributed in dividends. The same conditions prevail in other trusts. When a few men are compounding their incomes at the rate of 50 or 100 per cent, and the masses of the people live from hand to mouth, saving nothing, it does not take a very extensive mathematical calculation to show that the few will soon own all the wealth of the country.

The Democratic party in this campaign has laid out a plan of attack whereby the advantages gained by the trusts by unfair and illegitimate means will be destroyed. At present, under Republican rule, they are permitted to tax the people of the entire land by means of the tariff; they are allowed to stifle competition through railroad discrimination, and it is these things which the Democratic party intends to stop.

On the other hand, what position is taken by the Republican party?

Duke Gave Two Fingers to Research Christiania, Sept. 8.—Further details regarding the Arctic expedition of Duke of Abruzzi, on board the Stella Polare, whose safe return was reported Thursday from Tromsø, Norway, show that the expedition last year, through Nightingale Sound and the British canal, reached as far north as 82 1/4, but finding no wintering harbor it returned to Teplitz bay. Crown Prince Rudolph's Land, where the Stella Polare was frozen in about Sept. 1. The Duke of Abruzzi's fingers were frost bitten on a trial sledge trip at Christmas, and two joints were amputated, obliging him to remain for several months in his tent.

THE CONTEST IN THE TWENTY-SEVENTH.

The most curious contest in the state is that in progress between Joseph Sibley as the Republican candidate for congress and Lewis Emery, Jr., as the Democratic candidate in the Twenty-seventh district of this state. Sibley is not a Republican, and until within a year pretended to hold in abhorrence everything which that party stands for. Emery is not a Democrat, and never was, but holds in utter detestation the methods and frauds of the machine which control the party to which he has always belonged. The Democrats are supporting Emery with great earnestness and enthusiasm, and the Republican machine is trying by every expedient known to modern political chicanery to drag Republican voters into the support of Sibley.

If the district were not overwhelmingly Republican Sibley would be defeated by a majority anywhere between 6,000 and 10,000. As it is he is practically certain to be beaten by 1,500 to 2,000 majority. In the face of his record during the last dozen years his claim that he is a Republican must be laughed at. But thanks to the Republican machine, Sibley has a place on the Republican ticket, and will get the votes of many men who despise him for that reason. Besides, the Standard Oil company, a potential factor in the politics of that section, is for Sibley and against Emery and the agents of that atrocious trust will move heaven and earth to elect their favorite.

But notwithstanding this preponderance of odds against him the friends of Mr. Emery are confident of his election by a good, safe majority. This opinion is based on rational grounds. He has lived in the district for many years and has been one of the leaders in the development of the resources of the country. In public and private life he has been a model of fidelity to the interest of the people. For nearly a quarter of a century he has maintained a consistent and effective opposition to the Standard Oil company, and he has been as generous in benevolence as he has been faithful in his obligations. In every respect he has been the opposite of Sibley, and the people will reward him by an earnest support at the polls.

ROOSEVELT AS AN ORATOR.

Teddy Roosevelt's speeches are the wonder of the age. When he gets on "the stump" and out of reach of Hanna's voice he cuts loose and makes the fur fly. At Minneapolis a few weeks ago he spoke an hour, and Hanna was occupied two weeks in apologizing to one element and explaining to another. He made another speech in Saratoga the other day equally as rank. In that he declared that "every vote not cast for McKinley is a vote for repudiation and disorder." Hanna will be obliged to put him under discipline again. The New York Journal summarizes one of Mr. Roosevelt's speeches as follows, and as they are all alike the summary will do for either of them:

- We can lick anybody.
I can lick anybody.
I can lick Chinamen and Spaniards and bears and wolves and Democrats.
I am glad I am running.
"Trippe, trappe, trappe."
Hurrah for America.
Hurrah for me.
Hurrah for blood.
Hurrah for fists.
I can cinch ponies.
I can brand cows.
The time for thinking has gone by.
This is the time for licking.
I lick some one every day.
Hear my teeth snap. Every one is sound. I could bite off a coyote's head.
I saved the nation.
I licked Spain.
MY cowboys, MY ancestry.
MY-MY-MY-I-I-I-ME-ME-ME.

WORKING THE TREASURY.

The following is an extract from a letter now on file in the treasury department at Washington. It was written for the purpose of requesting a favor in violation of law, but which gave the bank a bonus of several millions of dollars:

The National City Bank, New York, June 5, 1897.
My Dear Mr. Gage: If you will take the pains to look at our list of directors you will see that WE ALSO HAVE VERY GREAT POLITICAL CLAIMS IN VIEW OF WHAT WAS DONE DURING THE CANVASS LAST YEAR. Yours, very truly, A. B. HEPBURN.

Hon. Lyman J. Gage, United States Treasury, Washington, D. C.

In order to properly understand this letter it must be remembered that the Standard Oil company owns ten large bank and trust institutions, with annual deposits of over \$400,000,000 and annual loans of over \$340,000,000. One of these banks is the National City bank, of New York city, and Mr. Hepburn is the vice president, and this Standard Oil company bank feels that it is in a position where it can write letters to a Republican secretary of the treasury, preferring requests, and basing those requests on the political actions of the directors of the institutions. It is almost useless to state that Mr. Gage, the Republican secretary of the treasury of the McKinley administration, promptly acceded to the request of the Standard Oil company.

Does anyone imagine for a moment that the Standard Oil gang have lost their interest (and their pull) in politics?



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.

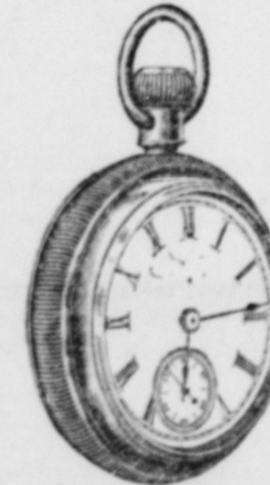
Ask for Ivory Soap and insist upon getting it.

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100 WATCHES GIVEN AWAY.

The proprietor of this paper recently purchased, at a great bargain, 100 fine watches which he has concluded to distribute to boys and girls under 18 years of age in this county. The plan is to give a watch to each boy or girl who will take a bit of interest in getting a few new subscribers for this paper in their locality.

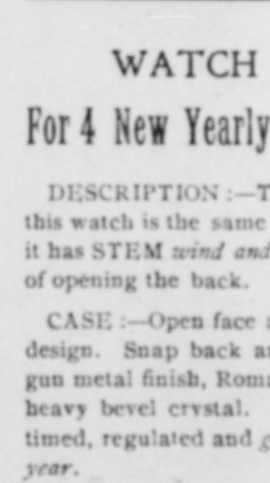
We have three different styles of watches and three different propositions, and you can take your choice:



WATCH No. 1:- For 3 NEW YEARLY CASH NAMES:

DESCRIPTION:—Plain, nickel finish, open face case, Roman or Arabic dial; winds, sets and regulates in back without the use of key.

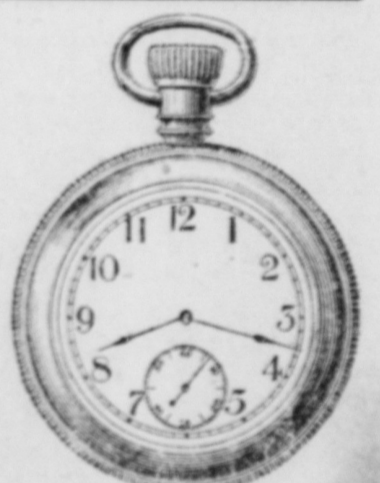
MOVEMENT:—Lantern pinions; American lever escapement; 240 beats per minute. Polished spring, encased in barrel, quick train. Short wind and long run; runs 30 hours, weighs, with case, 3 ounces. Timed, tested, regulated and guaranteed for one year.



WATCH No. 2:- For 4 New Yearly Cash Names:

DESCRIPTION:—The movement in this watch is the same as No. 1, except it has STEM WIND and stem set, instead of opening the back.

CASE:—Open face and is also finer in design. Snap back and front, silver or gun metal finish, Roman or Arabic dial, heavy bevel crystal. Movement tested, timed, regulated and guaranteed for one year.



WATCH No. 3:- For 6 NEW YEARLY CASH NAMES:

DESCRIPTION:—This is a small, Ladies Open Face, Nickel-Silver watch. Stem wind and stem set, nickel movements, escapement full jeweled, porcelain dials, highly finished throughout. Cases are solid nickel (not plated on brass.) This is a fine timekeeper, and handsomely made.

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If you want one of these watches you must first make application to this office, giving your name, parents name, your age and post office address. We will then send you a blank order which you must use.

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Yours sincerely, CENTRE DEMOCRAT, Bellefonte, Pa.