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EDITORIAL.

LINCOLN'S PROPHECY IN 1865

"I see in the near future a crisis approaching that unnerves me and causes me to tremble for the safety of my country. As a result of the war, corporations have been enthroned, and an era of corruption in high places will follow, and the money power of the country will endeavor to prolong its reign by working upon the prejudices of the people, until all wealth is aggregated in a few hands and the Republic is destroyed. I feel at this moment more anxious for the safety of the country than ever before, even in the midst of war."

THE strike is over same as the war in the Philippines is over.

THE Daily News announces "republican victory in the air." Yab, it's all air with these gentry-millionaire.

CENTRE COUNTY should assert her home pride and give her sons, Hall for congress and Meek for auditor-general, a good send off with their votes.

If it were possible for the machine to defeat Hall for congress (which is out of the question) the soldier would lose one of his best and most useful friends.

TOM REED sneered at the idea of McKinley making three-quarters citizens out of the Porto Ricans. Don't forget that Tom Reed is three quarters and two eighths anti-McKinley.

It is stated in the Eastern papers that the Standard Oil Company, which is not a trust, if we are to believe Mr. Hanna, is about to declare another dividend of 8 per cent. making a total for this year of 50 per cent. or \$47,000,000.

DEMOCRATS, independent republicans, get out the whole vote for Bryan, Hall, Meek and the entire ticket. The skies are bright, and a full vote will be the downing of the trust machine and the millionaire sharpers who are looting the people.

WETZEL AND KEPLER will not vote for an increase of salaries, not in favor of creating new offices, nor favor padded pay rolls, nor vote against any proposition to insure honest elections and to balk ballot box stuffing and fraudulent registration.

ALONG Peens creek and on the Susquehanna fishermen use crabs for bait under the musical name of "hoofers." We know of no term which more fittingly applies to McKinley than "hooper"—he has hoofed out of every position he has yet taken on any political question.

THE republicans ask Centre county voters to support Clearwater because he is a Sunday school man. That's clever—but if that is to be the issue for congress-man, and they were sincere, why didn't they take Crittenden, of our own county, who has a tenfold better record as a Sunday school man, than Clearwater?

KEPLER is gaining friends right along; he is one of the rank and file and naturally is in sympathy with whatever conduces to the public weal. Of Wetzel it is sufficient to say that he has been tried and not found wanting. Quayism will be given a wide berth by these men of the people and they will support no legislation detrimental to the interests of the taxpayers.

THE republican gimlet politicians are trying to bore holes for their candidate for congress because his name has the high sounding jingle of "Clearwater." They have nothing, it would seem, to fall back on but that. A man might be called "murkywater" and be a very estimable man for all that, whilst some other fellow might bear the name of Clearwater who, if stirred up by even a little stick would show up murkyness over the whole pool.

NUGGETS FOR FARMERS.

The past two or three years the crops have been a failure. In years previous when there were such failures, it is a well known fact that the farmer was compensated by an increase in price—the scarcity put up the price. Then why is it that the old rule no longer comes to the unfortunate farmer's relief? Now every farmer in Centre county and in the United States knows and feels this to be a sad truth. The thing is worse than reversed: it is low prices, be his crops large or small. Beggarly prices meet him in all he has to sell, whilst higher prices have been set up against him for all he has to buy. One hears the farmer making this his every-day complaint and while he prays for relief he helps on the wrong by voting wrong. The trusts have brought this unfortunate state of affairs upon him. The trusts control the prices of his crops and in their unholy greed keep the price down that they may reap a rich harvest from the toil of the agriculturist and then double up the wrong on him by making him pay double and treble for all he buys from them, and that means all he needs—for it is a notorious fact that the trusts control all that is in the markets including the farmer's crops. These trusts are the offspring of the republican party, now the party of the rich and the creator of the millionaires who amass their millions from the sweat of the agricultural and laboring classes.

Every toiler feels there is something wrong and out of gear. Put the blame where you will and it will never fit otherwise than as above stated. Before the day of the trusts there existed no such opportunities for the rich few to impoverish the toilers of the land and reduce them to the condition of serfs and slaves. The trusts will be strangled if William J. Bryan becomes the next president. If the farmers vote to continue the McKinley-Hanna regime another four years, then the millionaires and trusts remain on top and the toilers, the bone and sinew of the land, will be the under dog.

DISCOVERED IN CUBA.

The expedition sent to Cuba by the Smithsonian Institute to collect strange animals and plants has returned loaded down with specimens and with tales of adventure more strange than the freaks they brought with them.

Rats of an edible species—some three feet long, including the tail, and weighing eighteen pounds—were captured, but none were brought back to this country alive. All were eaten by the hungry adventurers. These rats—and the snakes on the islands, none of which are venomous—have nearly all been eaten by the famished Cubans and are very scarce.

There are rats around Washington that beat these all hollow—only they are not edible; but the opposite, they eat. They belong to the Hanna family of rodents, are over five feet in length and weigh from 180 to 300 pounds—and originally came from Ohio.

THE CURRENT.

The New York Journal now estimates that Bryan will carry New York State by at least 27,000 majority. German-Americans in New Jersey are rallying to the support of the democrats by joining the Bryan and Stevenson Clubs. On the roll of the Hoboken Club are many wealthy Germans, one half of whom voted for McKinley four years ago. Thousands of republicans all over the country, are opposed to the imperialistic doctrine of the administration and its leaders. Among these may be mentioned, notably, ex-Governor Boutwell, Massachusetts; General John Beatty, Ohio; Senator Wellington, Maryland; late Assistant Secretary of the Interior, Webster Davis; Joseph D. Buery, Republican Elector-at-Large, West Virginia, and many others we might mention. Notably ex-President Harrison, who pronounces McKinley's policy wrong.

A FEW FACTS.

"The republican party spends its time congratulating itself upon the existence of things which it did not cause and shirking responsibility for things which it has done."

"We are not opposed to that wealth which comes as the reward of honest toil, and is enjoyed by those who give to society something in return for that which society bestows upon them. The democratic party is not only not the enemy of honest wealth, but the democratic party is the best friend of that wealth that represents ability of muscle or of mind employed in its accumulation."—From Bryan's Madison Square Speech.

CLEARWATER is being run for congress on the Sunday school hobby with the hope of drawing attention from his being a dyed-in-the-wool machine man and consequently will support Hanna's 270 million subsidy steal and cast his votes in favor of keeping up the gigantic trusts. This district does not want that brand of Sunday school man to represent it in congress.

THE tariff makes the trusts—put every trust article on the free list and the trusts are halted at once, no need of waiting five years for a constitutional amendment in which time the trusts would have raked in what little value the consumers have left.

THE BALLOT THIS YEAR.

At present the presses in this office are hard at work turning out the ballots for use in Centre county at the coming election. It will be a larger sheet than usual on account of the presidential ticket, making the ballot 20x23 inches when torn from the stub, and will require over a half ton of book paper for the job, there being about 18000 official and 4000 sample ballots. There will be seven columns and six tickets as follows: Republican, Democratic, Prohibition, Socialist Labor, Peoples and Socialist and then the blank column. Each ticket contains 32 names of the different presidential electors and that is what makes it so large, while the county nominees only take up a small portion at the bottom.

The prohibitionists in this county failed to file their nomination papers for the office of Assembly, within the proper time in the state department at Harrisburg, and in consequence the same are omitted from the ballot, and the prohibition voters will have to write the names in the blank column at the right of the ticket. Their nominees are John D. Gill, of Philipsburg and the Rev. Jezrell Womelsdorf, pastor of the Evangelical church at this place.

In Millheim there will be two election ballots, and a separate ballot box where they vote on the question of erecting water works in that place.

In the adjoining column we give the exact reproduction of the Democratic ticket as it will appear on the official ballot this year. The Republican ticket is the same in size, only there are different names in the various blanks. It will aid you in voting by carefully studying the same, and reading the following instructions which are different from former years, in the matter of the presidential electors. Read these instructions carefully, and be sure then that you will know how to vote the ticket:

"A Cross (X) in the Large Square at the right of the Surnames of the Candidates for President and Vice-President at the head of the group of Presidential Electors shall be equivalent to a mark opposite every name of the group of electors."

"A Cross (X) marked in the Square at the right of the name of each Candidate inside the line enclosing the column indicates a vote for each Candidate thus marked."

"If a Cross (X) be marked within the Circle at the head of the column it will be equivalent to a mark opposite every name in the column."

FULL DINNER PAIL X-RAYED.

A western newspaper exposes the fallacy of the "full dinner pail" argument of Senator Hanna in a clever cartoon, showing an X-ray picture of the dinner pail. The X-ray reveals the contents of the pail in the shape of small cards marked:

- Cost of flour increased 20 per cent.
- Cost of meat increased 30 per cent.
- Cost of sugar, coffee, salt, increased 25 per cent.
- Cost of rent increased 30 per cent.
- Cost of clothing increased 20 per cent.
- Cost of shoes increased 15 per cent.
- Cost of medicines increased 20 per cent.
- Cost of matches increased 40 per cent.
- And so on through the long list of everything a workingman needs for himself or family.

BRYAN'S POSITION.

In his speech last week at Gloversville, N. Y., Mr. Bryan said that he would, if elected, immediately give independence to the natives of Philippine Islands and then protect them from outside interference. He referred particularly to the danger of Glove Trusts, affecting the county of Fulton in a large degree. In response to inquiries he said that he would destroy trusts by removing the tariff from all goods which they manufactured in order to prevent an increase in prices at home, and so they could not sell goods abroad in competition with foreign manufacturers.

TWO SIDED.

McKinley is two sided all around. He was two sided on the silver question.

He was two sided on the Porto Rico question.

He was two sided on a matter of "plain duty!"

He was two sided in his Cuban policy.

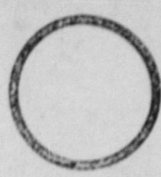
He was two sided in his Philippine policy.

With him it has been all things to every body, and nothing for any body to safely swear by at any time.

And that's all there is about Bill McKinley.

THE deserving soldier has found a true friend in congressman J. K. P. Hall. Mr. Hall has secured more pensions for deserving soldiers of this district than any of our former congressmen. Bear this in mind, soldier boys, when you vote and let gratitude lead you to cast your ballots for your sincere friend, J. K. P. Hall, for congress.

FOR A STRAIGHT TICKET



MARK WITHIN THIS CIRCLE.

DEMOCRATIC.

For President and Vice President:

BRYAN AND STEVENSON.

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS.

(Mark 2.)

Otto Germer, Sr.,	
Alexander H. Coffroth,	
Francis Shunk Brown,	
Andrew Kaul,	
Hugh Moore,	
Henry Fernberger,	
Matthew Dittmann,	
W. Horace Hoskins,	
Adam K. Walsh,	
Nathaniel M. Ellis,	
Albert Kneule,	
David J. Pearsall,	
Lot W. Reiff,	
Daniel R. McCormick,	
Joseph O'Brien,	
Thomas Maloney,	
Michael Mellot,	
James Bell,	
Frank P. Kimble,	
Hiram S. Hastings,	
R. Scott Ammerman,	
Dallas S. Bernhart,	
Harvey W. Haines,	
Warren Worth Bailey,	
William L. McCracken,	
Wesley S. Guffey,	
Samuel W. Black,	
John F. Pauley,	
John C. Kelly,	
John T. Brew,	
James S. Carmichael,	
Thomas F. Ritchey,	

AUDITOR GENERAL.

(Mark 1.)

P. Gray Meek.

REPRESENTATIVE-AT-LARGE IN CONGRESS.

(Mark 2.)

Harry E. Grim,
Nicholas M. Edwards.

Representative in Congress.

(Mark 1.)

James K. P. Hall.

Representative in the General Assembly.

(Mark 2.)

J. H. Wetzel,
J. W. Kepler.

Jury Commissioner.

(Mark 1.)

Frederick Robb.

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