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EFFECTS OF STREET IMPROVEMENTS.

The importance of having a street law which will admit of improvements when a reasonable number of property owners desire them is best shown by consideration of what was accomplished under the act of 1887, which the Supreme Court has just declared unconstitutional because of its limitation upon legislation strictly from the standpoint of the law.

First—We believe in honest money. We believe in securing the adoption by the chief commercial nations of the world of a fixed rate between gold and silver. We believe in the conservative regulation of the currency.

Second—We believe in a protective tariff that would equalize the labor cost of production and to develop American resources and to protect our industries.

Third—We believe in the extension of American commerce and in placing it on an equal footing with foreign shipping in the struggle for the carrying trade of the world.

Fourth—We believe that selection for the public service should be made on the basis of merit and not of party affiliation.

Fifth—We believe in the restriction of immigration to the United States to those of the European continent who are fitted for the duties of American citizenship.

Sixth—We believe in the preservation of our public schools and in the improvement of the welfare of the State depends upon the intelligence of its citizens.

Seventh—We believe in a pure ballot and an honest count of every polling precinct in the United States. There should be no restriction of the suffrage except by law.

Of course there will be some derision of these conceptions of the young Massachusetts Republicans on the ground that they are "impractical politics." That objection is, perhaps, their best recommendation.

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