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REPUBLICAN STATE TICKET.

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For Lieutenant Governor: WALTER LYON,
OF ALLEGHENY.
For Auditor General: AMOS H. MYLIN,
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For Secretary of Internal Affairs: JAMES W. LATTA,
OF PHILADELPHIA.
For Congressmen-at-Large: GALUSHA A. GROW,
OF SUSQUEHANNA; GEORGE F. HUFF,
OF WESTMORELAND.

Election Time, Nov. 6.

OUR MORNING Democratic neighbor,
The Times, need not fear that there
will be blood shed between The Repub-
lican and The Tribune. The latter is
minding its own business every secular
day in the year.

The Pullman Strike.

It is to be doubted whether all the
organizations possible to civilized man
can overcome the fact that when a la-
borer sells his labor to an employer he
enters into a contract which, in the or-
dinary course of events, can be broken
only when the conditions of the con-
tract are violated by one or the other,
or both of the parties immediately to it.
Thus when a workman at Pullman, Ill.,
enters into an agreement with the man-
agement of the Pullman Palace Car
company respecting labor and wages,
any deviation by either party from the
conditions specified in the agreement is
a proper subject for settlement at Pull-
man, Ill., and nowhere else. If a set-
tlement cannot be made there, it is the
legal right of either party to withdraw
from the compact, the one to seek work
and the other to seek workers, else-
where. This is both the common law
and the common sense of the thing,
plainly stated.

One year ago Eugene V. Debs an-
nounced that he had organized the
labor of railroads into a body called
the American Railway union, one of
whose fundamental principles was the
advocacy of moral suasion and arbitration
instead of the use of boycotts and
strikes in the settlement of wage dif-
ferences. This union embodies the
manual labor performed on 55,000
miles of American railway; and holds
subject to its will the commercial and
industrial welfare of nearly two-thirds
of this nation. Mr. Debs has never
been elected by the American people to
govern their destinies in this manner.
He has received no appointment from
them to assume a greater prerogative
than was held by Julius Caesar, Char-
lemagne or Louis the Magnificent of
France. Yet one stroke of his pen,
made because 3,000 car builders at
Pullman failed to agree with their em-
ployers as to wages, has sent into idleness
300,000 men, deprived the families of
these men of \$4,500,000 in lost wages
in one week; put a check to the industrial
movements of the inhabitants of twenty-five
states and caused inconvenience to es-
timate 40,000,000 American citizens, and
perhaps more. In this estimate we
have not computed the losses sustained
by the railways themselves, for having
simply insisted upon their right to haul
such cars as they pleased over their own
tracks by aid of the labor which they
paid for. This aggregate undoubtedly
is enormous; and is inevitably distrib-
uted not only among the "bloated bond-
holders" and "grasping plutocrats" of
whom the professional agitator speaks
with decency, but also among the well-
to-do and middle classes, whose small
savings are invested in railway securi-
ties, the moderate dividends on which
constitute an important means of sup-
port. Neither does it take into account
the friction and ill-feeling that, if en-
gendered now and restrained during
the crisis, will sooner or later find vent
to the material discomfort of all con-
cerned.

In this light the strike which Mr.
Debs has ordered becomes more than a
great mistake. It becomes almost
equivalent to a public crime. The or-
ganization over which he presides has
never been clothed with power to come
between employer and employee and
when told to stand aside, given the
delegated authority to retaliate with a
strike that has cost as much in one
week as did the war for American in-
dependence in one eventful year. He
has simply usurped this function. He
has in effect, if not in intention, put
himself above the common law, above
the courts, above the common welfare;
and has decided with extraordinary as-
sumption that he will make the Pull-
man difference a pretext for a demon-
stration of his power. Can thoughtful
labor approve his course? It is, in any
event, the men who work who must
pay for this great blunder. They must
pay for it in wages lost, in influence
sacrificed, in increased cost of railway
service, in crippled opportunities for
remunerative employment, and in the
reaction incident to trouble unreason-
ably and improperly excited. Labor
has nothing to gain and much to lose
by permitting itself to be drawn with
growing frequency into great strikes
that cost ten-fold more than they uni-
tedly accomplish. It should shun the
men who deceive it in this manner; and
study instead the peaceful and lawful
processes of the ballot and the press.

The Washington Journal which ar-
gues for a new White house should not
forget that we also used a new presi-
dent.

The assertion in Sunday's dis-
patches that all the trade unions in
Chicago, and possibly all in Illinois,
contemplated going out on strike out-
of sympathy with the Pullman strik-
ers, is incredible. Here are 150,000
busy artisans with no disputes of
their own to settle and with nothing
greater than fraternal sympathy to
warrant their desertion of employ-
ment and consequent vast crippling of
trade. What would it profit them to

leave work also, merely because 2,500
Pullman car builders have left it?
What good would it do for the earlier
strikers? No doubt among the execu-
tive officials of these Chicago unions
there are some who are knavish and
many who are foolish; but we cannot
yet believe that among the rank and
file there is sufficient folly to warrant
a strike of such magnitude and cost
upon literally no provocation at all.

THE WORLD will never be reformed
by clubs or bombs.

WHEN FIFTY-FIVE thousand miles of
railway have to be tied up for weeks to
settle a trifling wage difference in one
car shop, something is manifestly out
of alignment in the forces of civiliza-
tion. Strikes, to win respect, must not
be positively silly in their origin.

THE PERSON with a future in Ameri-
can politics is the man who carries his
sovereignty under his own hat.

One Magnificent Investment.

The next two months will be months
of maximum mortality among infants.
It requires the utmost care and many
facilities to successfully bring the wee
ones through this heated term. Many
mothers, oppressed by poverty and the
cares of a large household, are unable
to give to their infants the indefatiga-
ble nursing that is necessary to their
preservation. Even where some
mothers have the time to watch over
their babes, financial considerations
prevent the giving of needed atten-
tions, such, for instance, as a trip to
the country and a sojourn out in the
fresh air.

This, however, is an opportune time
for charitably inclined Scrantonians to
remember those local agencies which
supply facilities for the proper nurture
of infants and which make a specialty
of providing free summer homes for
the little children of the poor. There
are a number of these beneficent agen-
cies in successful operation among us.
One, the St. Stephen's summer home
at Dalton, is familiar through its ad-
mirable ministrations that have re-
sulted in untold good. Before going
away on his annual outing the well-to-
do Scrantonian ought to write out a
nice check and mail it to the treasurer
of the Dalton home fund; or, better
still, he ought to write out a number of
checks and mail one to each of the
treasurers of these various local insti-
tutions of summer relief, all of which
are pursuing a noble work.

The excursionist who shall do this
prior to his own vacation will enjoy
himself better, get more fun out of his
pleasure trip, and come back with a
healthier expression on his countenance
than he could possibly experience on a
basis of complete selfishness. We have
no desire to sermonize. We are speak-
ing merely of a first class business in-
vestment.

KEIR HARDIE told the naked truth;
and conventionality is correspondingly
shocked and indignant. Convention-
ality admits it was the truth; in fact,
that's why it's mad.

Looking Ahead.

That was an interesting canvass
which a St. Louis paper made of the
preferences of the delegates to the
Denver Republican league convention
for president in 1896. Out of 896 who
named their choice Governor McKinley
of Ohio, got 557; ex-Speaker Reed 143,
including forty from Pennsylvania;
ex-President Harrison twenty-three;
and Senator Cameron twenty-eight;
besides several scattering choices.
The most noteworthy feature of this
poll is the small vote recorded for
General Harrison. Whether this was
due to his expressed refusal to be con-
sidered a candidate or to a belief that
his renomination two years hence
would be inexpedient may be left to
the reader's individual judgment.
The main fact is that if this canvass
fairly represents party sentiment at
this time—and the delegates were
evenly distributed over all sections—
General Harrison will not figure in a
decisive manner in the national con-
vention two years hence.

There are reasons for this that in-
volve no reflection upon the ex-presi-
dent's character, ability and thorough
devotion to high civic ideals. In the
first place, his overwhelming defeat,
two years ago, after an administration
of exceptional solidity and cleanliness,
involves in many minds a serious, if
not fatal, loss of availability. There
is no use denying that that defeat, in
some of its aspects, was deliberate.
The American people do not, even in
moments of craze and delusion, ad-
minister to faithful officials the rebuke
that was administered to President
Harrison without having some real
ground of complaint. It is probably
true that they resented the interfer-
ence of southern office holders in the
Minneapolis convention—office holders
who, although lacking in Republican
constituents and unable to promise a
single electoral vote, nevertheless held
the balance of power and used it to
pay off debts of personal gratitude re-
gardless of the wishes of the chief
Republican states. The break with
Mr. Blaine, too, following in a long
train of apparently studied snubs of
the great state secretary, perhaps had
its influence. Added to all was a lack
of party enthusiasm and a failure to
inspire popular confidence which, it
is somewhat inexplicable, were neverthe-
less powerful, as any study of the re-
turns will show. While it would be
possible to elect General Harrison in
1896, or any other Republican, it is
doubtless the feeling of a majority of
Republicans that he has had his turn
and that there are other leaders,
equally wise, good and strong, who
have deserved high honor from their
fellow citizens.

The marked preference for Governor
McKinley exhibited at Denver is not
surprising. It is the logical outgrowth
of his prominence in the fight for pro-
tection to home industries, of his per-
sonal purity and high sense of honor
and of the great reaction which has
been caused by Democratic misgela-
tion. Many Republicans feel under
personal obligation to Major McKinley
for the spectacle he has given them of
a man in public life who can be poor,
true and honest without losing either
influence or popularity. In days of
jobbery, spoils and corruption his clean
personality, surrounded by all the
quiet attributes of reputable manhood
and surrounded by high ability, looms
up as the bay tree in a desert. Even

if they never elect him president, they
have built a monument of gratitude to
him in the respect which they every-
where feel for him which abundantly
recompenses him and provides an im-
portant legacy to coming generations.
The robust leadership of Mr. Reed,
peerless in congress and fearless on the
battlefield, may yet recommend itself
as most advantageous. But there will,
even in the event of Mr. Reed's nomi-
nation, be a popular admiration for
Major McKinley which few men have
claimed and fewer still so well de-
served.

ILLINOIS DEMOCRATS are boasting so
loudly because it would take a 40,000
Republican majority to smash their re-
cent gerrymander that the people of
the Sucker state are more than likely to
provide the 40,000 together with an ex-
tra 10,000 for exemplary purposes.

FOR AND
About Woman.

A funny incident occurred the other day
on a Danmore suburban street car which
caused a ripple of fun and clearly fo-
shadowed the coming woman. A bright,
manly looking miss hailing it sprang out.
The jaunty hat, immaculate shirt front,
the perfect four-in-hand tie, completed a
most striking tout ensemble. And the
pulled down vest was, as the boys say,
"out of sight." There was plenty of
standing room inside the car. There were
the usual number of tired looking men
sitting side ways with faces buried in the
evening paper, and the same sprinkling of
callow youth gazing into vacancy. The
lonely strap hung invitingly. The bright
miss, looking in, took in the situation, and
coolly planted her natty body firmly
against the door jam on the platform. The
don't-offer-me-a-seat look was enough.
No one did. The conductor—well, he was
distracted. His arm would reach forth
to come back without touching her. He
dared not, as she eyed and bounced, as
the car bounced, as only Scrantonians
can. Poor conductor. He dared not come
inside to collect fares, he dared not touch
but watch. She—well, her manly ab-
straction was lovely and how it deepened
as we passed the curb heap. We could
fancy her planning a "voracious coal."
As we whirled round a corner the anxiety
became painful. The tiny form braced
itself against the bottom step ready for a
spring. The conductor made a frantic
dive for the bell rope as the chic creature
glided off and waived away with that
deliciously nonchalant air which only a
woman can assume under the most trying
circumstances. The conductor gasped.
"Well, I never!" The men looked thought-
ful. And we women—we saw the sign of
the times.

CAR FARE:

Have you ever watched the warfare
of two women? Each with her own
Each with her own generous feeling;
Each inspired with gentle horror
Lest the other should pay for her,
But take note—the more insistent
Of the combatants persistent,
She whose hand most promptly snatches
At her pocketbook's stiff catches,
She who murmurs, "Don't be strange,
dear,
It's all right, I've got the change, dear!"
She—though I am sad to say it—
Always lets the other pay it!"

During a libel suit recently brought
against her before Judge Putnam, of Bos-
ton, by Representative Elijah Moore, Helen
M. Towner was forced to admit that in the
last presidential campaign she received
\$5,000 for fifteen speeches. In 1890 she re-
ceived \$1,000 from the prohibition party
for speaking at the state of Indiana for Blaine
and Logan in 1884, but only received \$100
for speeches outside the state. She also
stumped the states of Wisconsin, Illinois
and Kansas for Blaine and Logan in 1884
and received pay.

The emotional man, as a rule, is not
given to extraordinary demonstrations of
affection, and the particular specimen of
the genus encountered in the following
narrative from the Detroit Free Press
was no exception: The prosecuting
attorney in the breach of promise case
thought he would make life a burden to
the unfortunate young man who was the
unwilling defendant. "Do you mean to
say," he asked after a lot of embarrassing
questions, "that after you had been
absent for an entire month you did not
kiss the plaintiff, to whom you were en-
gaged to be married, when you first saw
her on your return?" "I do," responded
the defendant firmly. "Will you make
that statement to the jury?" "Certainly,
if necessary." "Do you think they would
believe you?" "One of them would, I
know." "Ah, indeed. And why should
he pray?" "Because he was present when
I first saw her. He was at the gate when
I rode up, and she stuck her head out of
the second story window, and I told her
how I'd, and said I'd be back in a
half an hour. I'm no grafter, and every-
body in the court room smiled except the
attorney."

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—Moderate activity in congenial em-
ployments.
—Caltness and method in the perfor-
mance of household duties.
—Determination not to get into a pre-
mature perspiration out of needless anxiety
to know "how high the thermometer
registers" and if it "is hot enough for you."

GOD IN NATURE.

FOR THE TRIBUNE:
Over the fair earth a holy stillness reigns,
As fair Aurora stole the gates of day;
Forth on his car, o'er meadows, fields and
plains,
Young Helios starts along his sunlit way.
The golden orb sublimely rolls along,
Athwart great clouds of rolling, cease-
less snow;
And nature smiles triumphant, as each
song
Of praise arises from the earth below.
God, Thou art great, mysterious and di-
vine;
Unfathomable grandeur wreathes Thy
name;
Through those dark mists Thy wonders
ever shine,
Which huri the works of man to wreck
and ruin;
Oh, great creation, wonderfully made,
Out of the deep and vasty nothingness;
The tree, the rebebed and each grassy
blade,
Forever speak of Thy great mightiness.

It was but yesterday I saw a bird
In the last world's throne of deathly pain;
Although I heard it breathe a tender word,
I bended low; and heard the word again.
It whispered "God" in accents sweet and
low,
As on its tiny form a sunbeam played;
It seemed to think; and greater, seemed
to know,
That the sheen of death its form ar-
ranged.
I've seen Old Winter on his frozen car
Hurling the cold blasts through the
woodland fair,
And smiling Spring diffusing from afar,
Her rays of gladness on the chilly air.
I heard the river as it sweetly sang—
"Where art thou bound, Oh nymph, so
full of grief?"

She answered back; and voiceless echo
rang—
"Mortal, to God and dim eternity."
I strolled along where fragrant flowers
grew,
In wondrous clusters, beautiful and fair;
I stood, I marvelled; saw them softly
blow
Their pleasing fragrance on the dewy
air.
How fair, how varied nature's stencil
gleamed
On every petal, wonderful and true;
Heaven's transcendent rays incessant
seemed,
To mingle sweetly with their beauteous
hue.
Last night I gazed upon the welkin dome,
Unpillared wonder, boundless, vast and
dim;
The amber clouds, the moving sea of foam,
Seemed to my soul the counterpart of
him.
I laid me down to sleep. I dreamt I laid
"Twixt life and death in some enchanted
grove;
Anon! athwart the scene a vision strayed;
And whisp'ered softly to me, "God is
love!"
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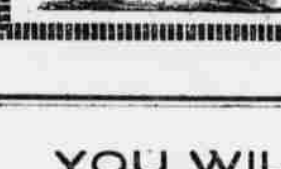
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