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SCRANTON, SEPTEMBER 29, 1894.

REPUBLICAN STATE TICKET.

For Governor: DANIEL H. HASTINGS, OF CENTER.

For Lieutenant Governor: WALTER LYON, OF ALLEGANY.

For Auditor General: AMOS H. MYLIN, OF LANCASTER.

For Secretary of Internal Affairs: JAMES W. LATTA, OF PHILADELPHIA.

For Congress at Large: GALESTIA A. GROW, OF SUSQUEHANNA.

For Congress at Large: GEORGE F. HUFF, OF WESTMORELAND.

REPUBLICAN COUNTY TICKET.

For Congress: JOSEPH A. SCRANTON.

For State Judge: ROBERT W. ARCHBOLD.

For Sheriff: FRANK H. CLEMONS.

For County Treasurer: THOMAS B. DAVIES.

For Clerk of the Courts: JOHN H. THOMAS.

For Prothonotary: CLARENCE E. PRYOR.

For District Attorney: JOHN R. JONES.

For Recorder: CHARLES HUESTER.

For Register of Wills: WILLIAM S. HOPKINS.

For Jury Commissioners: T. J. MATTHEWS.

Election Time, Nov. 6.

REPUBLICAN LEGISLATIVE TICKET.

For Senator, Twentieth District: JAMES G. VAUGHAN, of Scranton.

For Representatives: First District, JOE H. FARR, of Scranton.

Second District, ALEX. T. CONNELL, of Scranton.

Third District, FRANK J. GLOVER, of Moosic.

Fourth District, CHARLES P. O'MALLEY, of Olyphant.

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"Our protectionists have been building defenses to keep you and other nations from competing with us in our home markets. The tariff reformers are breaking down these defenses."

McKinley's Counter Attack.

When the Ohio Democratic convention pronounced for free silver coinage and bragged that it was a Democratic administration which repealed the Sherman silver-purchase clause, Governor McKinley saw a splendid chance to counter; and he has improved it by asking the Democrats what their administration has done to restore silver to its old place as a money metal. Thus he corners them and they dare not answer.

The Democracy is trying desperately to straddle this currency problem. Out in Nebraska Thursday the Democratic state convention split outright, one wing going for free and unlimited silver coinage, and the other declaring just as radically for a gold basis. In such a situation, with the Democratic president firm in favor of gold monometallism, is it not absurd for the Democracy of Ohio to try to pose as the friend of silver? What can it do for silver? What hope can it offer to the producers of the white metal?

It is noteworthy, as a trend of the times, that Governor McKinley, in nearer touch than are we with western sentiment, does not underestimate that sentiment's strength. He merely says that the Democracy is trying to deceive the west; and declares, what is clear to all fair observers, that "free and unlimited coinage of silver is not the crystallized will of the Democratic party, and it will not be. The party that has struck silver down and given it the severest blow it ever had cannot be relied upon to give that metal honorable treatment."

IN THE UTTER absence of any reason for such action, common council's threatened prohibitive tax on theatrical performances looks very much like an invitation to be "seen." Common council, it strikes us, has played this burlesque far enough.

Sophistry's Day Ended.

"It must be kept in mind," writes T. F. Monahan, "that wage earners do not sell commodities; they sell labor in order to buy commodities. If the price of those commodities are increased by protective tariffs, so-called, their wages are to that extent decreased. For instance, a workman receives \$2 a day. That is his wages in money. But money is only a medium for making exchanges. He did not actually work for that money, but for what that money would exchange for—food, clothing, etc. Now, if the things for which he exchanges his \$2 were increased in price 50 per cent, by the McKinley law, his actual wages were reduced by that measure. And that is just what McKinleyism has done for the American laborer."

Indeed? Then how comes it that the senate commission, composed equally of Democrats and Republicans, found that under the McKinley law while wages were high and labor pretty steadily employed, the prices of commodities were the lowest in our history? It doesn't take much to refute Mr. Monahan's false premise and equally false conclusions. He is dealing with a preconceived theory, to accommodate

which he distorts the facts. The American wage-earner, more practical, turns to his cash book and his ledger and finds that whereas, under the McKinley law, he got steady work at fair wages thus earning a comfortable living; since Democracy came into power those wages have fallen, that employment has slackened or stopped and it's a mighty hard struggle in many instances to get even so much as a crust of bread.

It is no time now for theoretical free trade sophistries. Since they sufficed, the people have reached the bed rock level of hard, cold experience, and are not to be fooled again in the same cruel way.

ONE YEAR AGO, Senator Voorhees, as chairman of the finance committee, was making the welkin ring with his denunciations of the free silver pirates of the west. Now, out on the Hoosier hustings, he is unleashing the scorpions of his wrath against the avicious gold bugs and heartless Shylocks of the east. Senator Voorhees never tethers himself permanently to one side of a debatable issue. All flesh is grass and all creation is his pasture.

Idyllic Innocence Abroad.

There can be no particular objection to Professor Wilson feasting at the expense of the London chamber of commerce, notwithstanding the impolicy of the event; but American have a fair right to object when the professor tries to settle his score by unsetting scores of industries in this country. When free lunches have to go hand in hand with free trade, it is time we should keep our itinerant Democratic statesmen on home ranges.

Nothing else quite so idyllic; nothing quite so blissfully and unconsciously disingenuous and idiotic has been printed in several generations as is the published synopsis of Chairman Wilson's speech of Thursday evening. "I am quite sure," the generous chairman is quoted as having said, "that our protective policy has already served to promote the trade of other nations and, if continued, it would still further promote such trade and pre-eminently your own. Our protectionists have been building defenses to keep you and other nations from competing with us in our home market. The tariff reformers are breaking down the defenses. Let us compete in all the markets of the world."

This is the essence and the purport of all his long and supremely childlike address. It reveals the professor at his best as a philanthropist whose charity begins everywhere except at home; and whose idea of governmental duty takes in every nation except the American nation. We are sorry for the professor's sake that he should be thus impractically given to international good heartedness; for, if he could only be persuaded to care for his own family, his own community and his own countrymen, we are certain he would make an excellent citizen. We are sorry, too, for poor Mr. Merrifield, whose protectionist bluff is thus made twice as difficult to execute.

But when this is said, all is said. For the party and the policy that want to give other nations the oysters while Americans keep only the shells, there can be but one emotion; and that emotion, contempt.

SENATOR HILL naturally is persona non grata to the New York Evening Post. The latter's bolt, therefore, is not utterly unexpected. The mugwump indeed who could this year remain a Democrat would have no further claim to mugwumpery and would become a very common type of cuckoo.

Stop Obstructing the Streets. The streets of Scranton belong to the people of Scranton. It is to the advantage of the people of Scranton to have better street car tracks, better heating appliances, finer business blocks and all the other accessories of municipal progress. For that reason, ordinances exist giving to all who wish to obstruct the streets for advantageous public purposes, the privilege of doing so, subject to reasonable restrictions. But it was never contemplated that these obstructions should become general and permanent.

There is a tendency just now to overdo the upheaval of these streets. This tendency has become a nuisance. No doubt those responsible for it have not realized how greatly they annoy the public. But the decision of Street Commissioner Kirtz to enforce the law uniformly and consistently cannot be regarded as unfair to any particular offender; and it will be most heartily sustained by a long suffering but at last impatient public.

It would have been better for Banker Rockefeller had he made no explanation of his losses, if the one which he has written is to be accepted as his best possible effort along that line. To say that he let \$200,000 or more dribble through his fingers without knowing when, where or how it went is to confess to a degree of incompetence even further removed from business principles than Mr. Rockefeller's system was supposed to be. One could sympathize with a banker who had lost after doing his best to win, but there is little patience for the man who loses confidential deposits because too easy going to take any kind of care of them.

Dodging the Question. The Wilkes-Barre News-Dealer tries to evade the point by such sorties as this:

Equal taxation is not class legislation. When THE TRIBUNE says it is, it is simply talking for that class of people in Lackawanna county, whose incomes are anywhere from \$25,000 to \$50,000 a year. We believe THE TRIBUNE knows of such people, and if we are not mistaken some of them are stockholders in that paper. That being the case the esteemed editor is hardly to blame for defending their interests.

No one complains against "equal taxation." The income tax, however,

is unequal taxation. It sets honestly acquired wealth up as a target for special and unfair legislative spoliation. We will suppose, for sake of illustration, that the income of the editor of the News Dealer is only \$3,999 a year—of course, it really is more than that. Would he then claim it was right for him to "deadhead" his way through the tax-collector's office while his next door neighbor, whose income is a dollar greater, has under the new tariff law, to step up to the captain's office and lay down eighty hard, round dollars? Nothing can be fairer than justice. It is just for all men to be taxed proportionally. But it is not just for one class to levy legalized blackmail upon another class, simply because they have a little brief authority. The masked burglar with his pistol is in a majority when ordering the frightened householder to stand and deliver. But burglary is not justice; and the class income tax is nothing more nor less than bold burglary with the penalties temporarily left off.

POLITICAL NOTES.

Referring to the enthusiastic endorsement by the Twentieth district senatorial convention of Lieutenant Governor Watres for the United States senate in 1897, the Philadelphia Times says: "Mr. Watres represents the younger and more progressive elements of the Republican party in Pennsylvania, and is a thoroughly capable man of that class. He twice carried Lackawanna county for senator when it was regarded as much more Democratic than now, and was chosen senator in 1897, four years ago by a large majority when Delaware, the head of the Republican ticket, was defeated. During the eight years' service of Mr. Watres in the senate he commanded the highest respect of both political friends and foes, and was an important factor in shaping our legislation on the most practical and beneficent results. Although representing a section that is much disturbed by agrarian outcroppings, he has always been a conservative and intelligent legislator, and he has presided over the senate as lieutenant governor with a dignity and impartiality that commanded for him the confidence of senators of every political faith. Lieutenant Governor Watres is in a good position to be made a formidable candidate for United States senator two years hence. His high character, creditable attainments and clean record would be much in his favor in these days of degenerate politics, and his active participation in all the great contests of his party has kept him in touch with the vital forces of the organization. He has a strong popular following, and it is not only possible but probable that he will be a formidable candidate for senator to succeed Cameron in 1897."

Colonel Chris Magee, of Pittsburg, has had rare sport of late. "The regular roosters and ruffians" break of Commodore Singery brought one juicy opportunity to his printing press, and the rebuke of Major Albert Barr, of Pittsburg, Post editor afterward brought another. Colonel Magee promptly bundled up a file of Barr's Post, and sent it to Singery, with the injunction that he should "never again learn much that will be of use to him in his business. He will observe that Barr's Post gaged at nothing that could be of service to the public. He will observe that then complimented the senate for wiping up the floor with it; it gushed when President Cleveland denounced his new love as a vicious, petty party politician; it dishonored; and wept with delight in admiration to see it made into a law without striking out a word of the peridy or a figure of the language. By a careful study of this lesson Commodore Singery was told he was expected to learn "how a truly great paper should behave when its chief shifts the pen to the left hand so that the right may make free with the great bag." Whereupon the frolicsome Christopher evolved a loud guffaw.

Ex-Collector Thomas V. Cooper tells the following good story on Senator Quay, whose penchant for Florida tarpon fishing is well known: "The railroad now runs from Jacksonville down to Titusville, thence all the way down the Indian river, beyond St. Lucie, the point where our most distinguished fisherman has his cottage. It is the Flagler road, mainly owned by the Standard Oil prices. While in course of construction, Quay suggested a station at St. Lucie. The obliging railway officials asked him to indicate the spot, size, etc. which he desired. This was finished and Quay was sent the bill for the entire cost—\$1,500—which, upon reflection and some wild theories as to the varied forms of the bugaboo, he paid. Sober reflection and history combined to show that he was the only customer for the station, and it is hardly likely that there will ever be another."

Secretary McBryde, of the United Mine Workers, pays General Hastings this fine compliment: "It is not often that a candidate for governor does as much honor to his party as his party does to him; but this can safely be said of General Hastings, the Republican candidate for governor in Pennsylvania. General Hastings is thoroughly in accord with organized labor. As a coal operator he always preferred to do business with the officials of the union, and a difficulty 'bar' was helped the boys to smooth over. He has always been an inveterate foe of the 'black' system, and would have none of it about his works. He always paid his men semi-monthly in cash. Whoever in the Republican party may be assailed, its candidate for governor of Pennsylvania is above reproach in the eyes of a coal miner."

It is to the credit of most Democratic newspapers in Luzerne county that the scurrilous attack upon John Leisenring while the latter was absent on the sea and journey which called him over sea to his brother's bier has not been repeated. The News-Dealer, to its credit be it said, took no hand in this ghoulish work, but was mainly sought to ask: "Wouldn't it be just as well to wait until the remains of E. H. Leisenring properly and finally cared for, before entering into a wholesale abuse of his brother, who is charged with the crime of wanting to be the next congressman from this district? Even in politics a little decency ought to be observed. It would retain the confidence and esteem of the public and that is a big factor in a fight of that sort."

The Philadelphia Press pays this tribute to a well-known Scrantonian: "Major Warren, the president of the Republican Club league of the state, is stirring up various club organizations, and argues the formation of new clubs where none now exist. This is an effort that should be supported by Republicans everywhere and work done by the various organizations to get before people who have been accustomed to vote the Democratic ticket all the political and business credit be it said, the place of the falsehood with which the Democratic newspapers team on to take credit."

Candidates Love and Lovell made an effort Thursday to break the deadlock in the Forty-ninth judicial district conference. They both agreed that Judge John Simonton, of the Delaplain county bar at Harrisburg, was to be the referee to decide the contest. Messrs. Love and Lovell went to Harrisburg to consult the judge, but they found that Mr. Simonton had not yet returned from his summer vacation at the Adirondacks. They will, it is said, devise some other means to break the deadlock.

The registration of voters of Fayette county has closed. The books show about 1,000 more voters in the county than ever before, the total being 19,253.

WILKES-BARRE RECORD. The flatterer and Lovell made an effort Thursday to break the deadlock in the Cambro-American quartette in Wales is a

source of great satisfaction to the friends of the singers in this city. Whosoever they have sung so far the most enthusiastic plaudits have greeted them, every number being encored and the people insisting upon return dates. These tokens of appreciation in a land famed the world over for its musical culture certainly indicates that the American singers have reached the high standard of excellence required by Welsh audiences. Wilkes-Barre feels proud of her contingent across the sea.

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