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REPUBLICAN STATE CONVENTION.

To the Republican electors of Pennsylvania.

The Republicans of Pennsylvania, by their duly chosen representatives, will meet in state convention Thursday, April 23, 1896, at 10 o'clock a. m., in the opera house, city of Harrisburg...

Attest: Jere B. Rex, W. R. Andrews, Secretaries.

Candidate Morton and his boom are now in the golden age.

A Proper Sound Money Plank.

If the Republican national convention at St. Louis wishes to adopt a common-sense money plank it should incorporate into its platform something like this: "The Republican party always has stood, stands today, and always will stand for sound money; but it sees no reason why it should be expected to dig its knife into the vitals of the men who believe in its declaration, at Minneapolis, in 1892, in favor of honest bimetalism; and it expressly repudiates the idea that it is for the interest of the American people, who are the largest producers of silver in the world, to try to depress the commercial value of silver bullion by a political warfare on all who hope once again to see silver elevated, by international agreement, to a parity with gold."

A plank like this might not please the extremists, who seem just now to be doing most of the shouting on this subject, but it would express what we believe to be the sentiment of three-fourths of the great middle classes, which carry in their keeping the fate of our political parties. Among this middle class there is absolutely no sympathy for either gold or silver monometallism, either of which would mean the doubling of the wealth of the rich and the multiplication by two of the debts of the poor. The people are satisfied with the American money of the present time. They realize that when they get a dollar now it means 100 cents, the world over; and they don't care to make that dollar one cent cheaper or one cent dearer.

Should a time come, however, when the older nations of Europe should feel that they have not a sufficient quantity of gold to serve as the basis of their money issues and should want us to join with them in a rehabilitation of silver, this class of American citizens would not expect the government at Washington to turn a deaf ear to the invitation, but would favor a speedy and a sincere acceptance, to the end that our natural stock of silver ore might be worth as much in proportion to gold as it used to be worth before the creditor nations conspired to demoralize silver and thus make it twice as difficult for those who owed them debts to liquidate that indebtedness. In other words, the great mass of the plain people of the United States are bimetalists in theory, and are firmly opposed to the artificial fluctuation of either metal by political agitation for the purposes of speculation.

Brother Bayard's frantic appeal to the Almighty to help the country which objects to paying \$17,500 a year to an ambassador for trading it abroad simply superadds irrelevance to asininity.

American Sympathy for Cuba.

We cannot agree with the views of a correspondent who writes, on another page, that the motives of senators favorable to Cuba arise from a covetousness of Cuban territory. So far as we have followed the recent discussions of the Cuban revolution in congress and in the press we have not seen an intimation that the American people covet the island of Cuba.

In the fulness of destiny Cuba will undoubtedly become a part of these United States. By position it is logically ours. The wish of a majority of its educated native citizens probably is for incorporation with this republic. But this question has not yet been reached. It may not be reached for centuries. Many difficulties intervene, entirely apart from the claims of Spain. The race problem in Cuba would under most favorable conditions be for many years a barrier. Under the sway of Spain, Cuba has had no free schools. The mass of her poorer population is ignorant, in the extreme. Before this large element could be accepted into American citizenship, it would need to be educated and civilized. The admission of the colored race to citizenship prior to its qualification for such privileges has taught Americans the wisdom of caution in such wholesale experiments with the franchise.

At the present time, the sympathies of the American people are with the

Cubans because they recall that in the declaration of their own independence their fathers set forth as inalienable certain rights which Spain has for years ruthlessly denied to the people of Cuba. The American who does not sympathize with Cuba's aspiration for home rule is false to the principles upon which his own government was founded. The question of territory pales into insignificance beside the immeasurably paramount question of the right of the 2,000,000 inhabitants of the island of Cuba to govern themselves in their own way, free from outside interference or dictation.

The time will probably come when the small-gauged political faddists who are busy just now dogging the heels of real statesmen like Senators Chalmers and Davis will be glad of a chance to lick their hands.

Fighting Jack Robinson.

"Jack" Robinson is a candidate for United States senator in, in all candor, not the highest conceivable exponent of the possibilities of Pennsylvania politics; but "Jack" Robinson, in his way, is nevertheless a good bit of a man. Because we cannot endorse his senatorial candidacy is no reason why we should fail to recognize and to applaud his frankness and his manliness as a political fighter. These qualities are not new to the public, but they are conspicuously re-demonstrated in the manner in which he accepts the verdict of the Blair county primaries.

Interviewed Tuesday at Washington Mr. Robinson said: "Of course, I did not expect to be defeated by as large a majority as I was, and I flatter myself that had I been on the ground personally I would have received a much larger vote. I trusted too much to others, and besides had my own district convention to attend to. But Mr. Wanamaker is a hard candidate to run against. He is deservedly popular among Republicans, as he has been a faithful party man and has done excellent service for the party. He has many friends and in certain localities is very strong. I admire him very much for his pluck in entering the popular contest. I hope that other candidates for the senatorship who have been in hiding and have declined to submit their names for a popular vote at the primaries will imitate the example of Mr. Wanamaker and come out and fight in the open. I am willing to abide by the decision of the Republicans as expressed at the primaries."

This is the talk of an outspoken and candid man; a man who does not fear to speak his thought or to go fairly before the people when he wants anything from them. It is the talk of a man who always is found when wanted; who does not sit on the fence or wait until he can pick out the winning side before declaring himself. We don't think "Jack" Robinson is the man for senator; we don't think he stands the ghost of a show of being elected to that position, but we do think him the kind of a fighter in politics whom people can respect, regardless of whether he be friend or foe.

The way the American people flop back and forth from quasi-free trade to ultra protection would be amusing if it were less serious.

The Right Kind of President.

The voice of the people is said by a familiar adage to be the voice of God, but no observer of political movements can reconcile this theory with a reverent view of the Creator. The people are often fooled. They seem at times to take a kind of mild delight in being humbugged. The pendulum of their folly is seldom at rest; most of the time it is marking off vagaries and denoting the rise and fall of fads.

If this characterization seems severe, just take a look through political history. Find how many times the people have chosen the qualified man for the responsible place and how many times the fascinating figurehead whose alluring presence is made ironical by his mediocre brain. Comparisons are odious; yet it is sometimes necessary to make them; and to those who are fond of history we commend a study of the political conventions of the United States from the earliest time down to the present, with especial attention to the proportion of really great nominees to the merely average and less than average but eminently respectable nonentities. Let this lesson of the past apply to the immediate future. Let the Republican party decide to choose not its weakest sister, but its strongest and ablest man.

The people do not need a one-idea president. Theirs is a government the executive end of which is too complicated, too exacting, too diversified for that. The man who knows only one subject may make a good professor at a university, a good lecturer or a good cabinet officer, but he would be beyond his depth and out of his element as president. We need, for president, a man of wide and ripe experience; a master of affairs and of men; a diplomatist, a statesman and a politician combined. Can such a man be found? We believe so, and we hope that the people will take no other.

Nevertheless and notwithstanding, Thomas C. Platt yet boasts a record-breaking grip.

Governor Morton's Candidacy.

It is fortunately not the belief of any considerable number of Republicans outside of New York state that the presidential candidacy of Levi P. Morton is intended seriously. We call this fortunate, because that candidacy represents few things which the Republican party or the country at large wants, and many things which as a matter of hard fact, it does not want.

Mr. Morton, to be sure, is an amiable and estimable banker of large wealth and advanced age for whom, personally, there is much respect. His record is honorable, if not brilliant; his abilities are creditable, if not extraordinary, but his entire circle of political affiliations is limited to a section of the country which to the great mass of the American people, rightly or wrongly, stands for money-making, and for that alone. His name is not identified with any great principle appealing equally to the mill worker of New England and to the mine worker of Colorado, and to the wool-grower of Ohio and the sugar-grower of Louisiana, to the

manufacturer, the mechanic and the farm hand. It is not identified with any broad policy of statesmanship nor with any grand achievement of successful legislation. It is a name utterly devoid of the national meaning and significance attaching, for instance, to the names of Allison, Culom, Reed or McKinley; a name honorable enough and clean enough but not broad enough to fit the circumstances and the traditions appertaining to the nomination of the Republican party for the presidency of the United States.

On the contrary, Governor Morton's name so far as it has political significance in this campaign, stands rather for the aims of the great corporations and financial institutions of Wall street; for the ambitions of the immense syndicates that alternately fill and empty the treasury of the United States at generous commissions on each transaction; for the economic propaganda of the middle class who hope to control the nation's commerce on the gold which they control; and, finally, for the personal ambitions of the most daring political "boss" in the history of American politics, who is generally credited with using the venerable governor as a shield to hide ulterior purposes. The nomination of such a man by a national convention of the Republican party is as preposterous in conjecture as it would be hazardous in realization.

Announcement is made that representative women of the Presbyterian church will issue, on April 30, for the benefit of the million-dollar fund, a woman's edition of the Presbyterian Journal. This edition, it is explained, will present the needs of the various missionary boards of the Presbyterian church. All the work upon the paper, and everything incident to its publication, including the illustrations and the management of the editorial, publishing, advertising, and circulation departments, will be conducted by women. We trust that the experiment will fulfill every expectation.

GOOD SOUND SENSE.

Writing in the Bachelor of Arts concerning the Monroe doctrine, Theodore Roosevelt enters these virile and appropriate remarks: "Love of country is an elemental virtue, like love of home, or like honesty or courage. The useful member of a community is the man who first and foremost attends to his own rights and duties, and who thereby becomes a benefit to all. The useful member of the brotherhood of nations is that nation which realizes most fully its rights as a nation and its duties to its own citizens."

Every educated man who puts himself out of touch with the current of American thought, and who on conspicuous occasions avenges an attack on the interest of America, is doing what he can to weaken the influence of educated men in American life. It is an admirable thing to possess refinement and cultivation, but the price is too dear if they must be paid for at the cost of the rugged fighting qualities which make a man able to do a man's work in the world, and which make his heart beat with that love of country which is shown not only in readiness to try to make her free, but also in readiness to defend her when her honor and influence are at stake in a dispute with a foreign power."

Speaking of this tendency in highly educated men, Mr. Roosevelt goes on to say: "The educated man must not be misled by the sneers of those who always write 'patronism' between inverted commas. Timidity, timidity, is a peculiarly developed among educated men whose object it is to make them over-cultivated and over-sensitive to foreign opinion. They are generally men who undervalue the grivance of the masses, and on which no nation can ever rise to the first rank. When a question of national honor, or of national independence is at stake, no question of financial interest should be considered for a moment. Education shows itself in the way in which a man's mind is trained, and in the way in which he strives to do good to the country from which he has received his education. It is not a matter of degree, but of kind. The man who forgets that a real education must include the cultivation of the fighting virtues is sure to manifest this tendency to mediocrity. It is exhibited on a national scale by the educated men who take the anti-American side in international questions. The anaemic man of refinement and cultivation, whose intellect has been educated at the expense of his courage, and whose shrines from all those struggles through which alone the world moves on to greatness, is inclined to consider any expression of the Monroe doctrine as truculent and ill-advised."

Finally, he must have had the typical Mugwump in his mind when he penned this paragraph. He might as well have placed a kind of milk-and-water cosmopolitanism. These good people are never men of robust character or impressive personality, and the plea itself is not worth considering. Some reformers may urge that, in the aged, distant future, patriotism, like the habit of monogamous marriage, will become a needless and obsolete virtue; but just at present the man who loves other countries as much as he does his own is quite as noxious a member of society as the man who loves other women as much as he loves his wife."

CUBA'S CASE.

From the Rochester Post-Express. The letter of T. Estrada Palma to Secretary Olney seems to be a fair presentation of the case of Cuba, and certainly if the facts it presents cannot be controverted, the granting of favored rights to the insurgents is fully justified. The impetus of the rebellion is in the island, and the promise which Spain has long extended over the island, the revolution, which lasted from 1895 to 1898, and in the promise of Spain that she would grant the reforms demanded and would remove all just causes of complaint against the government on the part of the Cuban people. The promises have been utterly disregarded, and the outrageous 'straw' has been placed on the back. Excessive taxes have been levied, and out of 20,000,000 collected, 17,000,000 have been devoted to internal improvements. The most of them have come to the Spanish treasury and to the salaries of Spanish officials. The commerce of the island, except with Spain, has been crippled by restrictions. Public schools are not provided for the masses. The people have no security of person or property. Military tribunals override the orderly administration of justice, and can be ordered at any time by the captain-general, and there is freedom neither of speech, of press, or of religion. This is no severe indictment as that which the American provinces pressed against the king, and in which was the warrant for the declaration and the inspiration of independence.

WHAT NEWSPAPERS MAY PUBLISH.

From the Argonaut. On mercantile principles, a newspaper is warranted in printing whatever will sell, but noble activities is limited by the criminal laws, and it ought to be further limited by a decent regard for public morals and the taste of the civilized portion of a community. Matter that is more than half nasty and wholly untrue may be popular, but its publication creates the habits of its readers and hurts character. There is no question about that.

HOW WAS IT LAST TIME?

From the Lebanon Daily News. When the Senate declines to ratify the successor of Donald Cameron may, if the machine can make it without too great a struggle, be trusted to elect a person like the Hon. J. Donald Cameron himself? "The machine" cannot do this, for the people do not want it to do so. The Tribune knows very well that the people nominate and elect the members of congress and that in their turn elect the United States sen-

ator. If the Republicans do not desire the re-election of Mr. Cameron they can instruct their representatives. If Mr. Cameron is elected that fact is simple evidence that the people want him. There is much talk about the "machine" doing this and that, but that does not amount to anything and is frequently done only for effect. We repeat, that if the Hon. J. Donald Cameron succeeds himself, which is not at all certain at this time, it is because the Republicans of Pennsylvania are satisfied to have him represent the state in the national legislature, machine or no machine.

MUCK RAKE JOURNALISM.

From the Chicago Times-Herald. It would be an assertion on American civilization to say that we believe the New York Sunday newspapers (except the Tribune, Times and Sun) represent any considerable number of the people of that city. Yes, how can we account for these monstrous uncles who accept the theory that New York contains a larger proportion of vicious and immoral newspapers readers than the statisticians of American urban populations have ever suggested? The only alternative is that the directors of these papers are insane.

It will be interesting to observe the effect of the campaign of indecency upon the "muck rakers" who are so busy to understand how this species of "journalism" can be tolerated in any community. We believe that it will be tolerated. If there is no power in the statesmen's hands to suppress what amounts to a national scandal.

DEMOCRATIC APOTHECISM.

From the Rochester Post-Express. A few popular proverbs are revised and amended by Grover Cleveland and John Griffin Cardozo. The result is as follows: "Borrow as you go."

A deficit is rather to be chosen than great riches.

An income in the bank is worth two in the hand.

In debt every man something.

To have your own expenditures exceed your income is the best policy.

An empty treasury makes the mare go.

HE IS SCARCE.

From the Washington Post. The ideal editor is the one who knows just what to keep out of his newspaper.

TOLD BY THE STARS.

Daily Horoscope Drawn by Ajaiazas, The Tribune Astrologer.

Astrological cast: 125 a. m., for Thursday, March 26, 1896.

A child born on this day will notice that Willie McKinley evinces a disposition to play in the back yard of every presidential candidate in the country.

Cuts of General Baugh-Tucker, with the "Fruit of the Loom" cotton head, have been quite serviceable to the press recently in illustrating the features of Slatin Pasha, the Sudanese ambassador.

McKinley's boom will need to take a breathing spell for a few days and give Mrs. Columbus Truxton a chance.

We would respectfully suggest Dunmore as the most favorable location for Uncle Joe's military fort.

Individual Horoscopes.

Bill K.—You were born at an unfortunate time. There are so many applicants for all the city offices that a porous plaster pull will avail nothing in your case. Do not be discouraged, however. A very blue sky often assumes a rosy tint at sunset, and you should always keep in mind the adage that "every dog has his day." You are a tender plant, Bill, and should avoid excitement and labor.

If you cannot secure a wife with money or muscle enough to support you, enter journalism. Lots of fellows who have failed at everything else have succeeded in newspaper jobs.

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