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The Tribune is the only Republican daily in Lackawanna County.

REPUBLICAN STATE TICKET.Congressman-at-large,
GALUSH A. GROW, of Susquehanna,
SAMUEL A. DAVENPORT, of Erie.
Election Day, Nov. 10.

The Allentown platform's financial plank calls in effect for a one-third further contraction of our already contracted currency. It makes the common mistake of supposing that money can be made sound by being made scarce.

McKinley's Great Victory.

The Illinois battle has been fought and McKinley has won. This probably means that the presidential nomination will go at St. Louis to the Ohio candidate, if not by acclamation, then not later than the second ballot. The people of every section appear to be for him, with an enthusiasm which not even the politicians, with all their effective political mechanism and command over the arts of manipulation, can suppress or ignore.

It will hardly be claimed by the supporters of Major McKinley that the amazing popularity of his candidacy rests on personal grounds. As a man he is amiable, courteous, and unquestionably honest. No syllable of scandal has ever been whispered against either his private or his official life. He has emerged from a score of years' activity in politics under circumstances which leave no doubt as to his entire integrity and conscientiousness. In his daily intercourse with people he attaches men to him, and so far as we know he is almost wholly without personal enemies.

Yet it is not alone the personal quality of the man which can account for the remarkable present demand for his nomination.

To attempt to explain that demand in all its bearings would be to exceed present limits; but the chief reason very obviously is that McKinley's candidacy has filled the public imagination with the notion that the surest way to undo, in 1896, the mistake of 1892, will be to honor the man whose prosperity-creating handiwork was then rejected and reviled. The man is identified with the idea; the popularity of the one is the vindication of the other. As has been appropriately remarked, the people recognize that in William McKinley they have a candidate for president whose very name is an all-sufficient guarantee.

Persons close to the speaker intimate that Mr. Reed would, at a pinch, be quite satisfied with the vice presidency. Let us hope the pinch will come.

"Progressive Republicanism."

Senator Davis of Minnesota delivered before the American club of Pittsburgh on Monday night a powerful speech upon the subject, "Progressive Republicanism." Every word of it went straight to the mark of political common sense, but there were one or two paragraphs which we deem worthy of special notice. For his central theme he chose the idea of protection—not along the levying of revenue duties on imports so as to discriminate in favor of the home manufacturer, but consistent, progressive, all-round protection for American as against foreign interests. Said he:

"I would protect the shipping interests of the United States on the high seas until the constellated glories of that flag should blaze once more in skies from which they faded long ago. We have protected our coastwise marine until its tonnage is the greatest in the world. Is it not worth of attention that the tonnage in ship construction on the great lakes under protection to our coasting trade, is nearly equal each year to that on the whole length of our 12,000 miles of ocean coast? The freight money of our coasting marine is paid to American owners, masters and seamen. Why not protect those who go down to the great deep in ships and flee, as with the wings of the morning, to the uttermost parts of the sea? Why not pay to the citizens of the United States the scores of millions of dollars in gold which are now annually drained from us into the coffers of foreign shipowners and underwriters?"

"I would protect agriculture to the utmost limit. I do not believe in sending most way around the world to Australia for the fleece of a sheep, the expense of its production having been paid to Australian farmers and laborers, to be transported in an English vessel to an English factory, woven there by English laborers, and thence in its finished form brought by ship and rail 4,000 miles to the Minnesota farmer, to be paid for by Minnesota wheat transported to Liverpool in a foreign vessel, the wool, cloth and wheat each paying paid to foreigners the tax of freight."

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Upon the currency question Senator Davis took the position that under present conditions the only safe plan for this country is to maintain the gold standard, and predicted that the Republican party would place its nominee "upon an unequivocal declaration for sound, honest money, which shall be of equal and invariable purchasing and liquidating power throughout the world," adding:

"There was a time when the currency question did not vex us, when discussions concerning it were scholastic disputes respecting the possible contingencies. It was the time when the United States had more gold than any other nation, except France; when our treasury contained \$21,000,000 gold over and above the \$60,000,000 reserve; when an issue of bonds to the amount of \$100,000,000 was undreamed of as another seven or eight years. This surplus of gold was a portion of the surplus revenue produced by the administration of James Buchanan, and next, almost continuously, during the present administration of Grover Cleveland. The national bond issue has increased with the last three years \$200,000. The government is compelled to take the guaranty of Rothchild that the gold in its treasury shall not for a stated period be loaned to certain states. These bonds can run for thirty years. The interest upon them will nearly equal the principal. Five hundred millions of dollars will be paid by the American people as the immediate consequence of abandoning the Republican policy of adequate protection."

It will be observed that the gentleman from Minnesota follows Major McKinley in the argument that the currency problem will begin to adjust itself the moment there is such an arrangement of the American tariff as will throw the balance of trade in our favor. Thus he holds that the paramount duty of the Republican party is to restore reciprocity and protection, and wait until the benefits of that restoration, as they shall diffuse among the people, will render it safe for congress to undertake to make conservative modifications of the present defective currency system. While this line of counsel will probably dispel the extremists of all kinds, it is but a fleeting show.

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Dallying With Cuba.

It is a significant fact that no person who has lived or traveled in Cuba takes stock in the hypothesis that the rebellion on that island can be terminated by the granting by Spain to the Cubans who are now in arms of certain rather high-sounding but practically meaningless political concessions.

Every evidence before the American people from competent witnesses tends to prove that Cuba can place no reliance upon Spanish promises, and that therefore the insurgents will continue the present war either until they succeed in wresting Cuba wholly from Spanish control or until they are themselves hopelessly crushed.

This being true, how absurd becomes the reported overture of President Cleveland to Spain politely suggesting that the two parties to the Cuban war submit their grievances to him for peaceful adjudication. The resolution recently adopted by congress called, it is true, for the proffering by the American executive to Spain of his peaceful offices in behalf of Cuba, but it said, in plain if in unwritten words, that the failure of a peaceful overture would be the signal for such a recognition by this government of the struggling patriots of Cuba as would soon bring their battle for freedom to a successful close.

Conventionality in diplomatic intercourse requires between governments a certain delicate indirectness of language, but in the present case the terms of this republic, underneath the soft phrases of its diplomacy, is for prompt and effective assistance of the Cuban insurgents.

It is possible that Mr. Cleveland wishes by a show of obedience to the letter of the Cuban concurrent resolution to evade obedience to its palpable spirit. In that case, the only thing which the country can do is to await with such patience as it can summon the advent next March of a president not superior in his conceits to the plain mandates of his countrymen. But if the present executive be really solicitous to do his full duty, let him desist from his rainbow-chasing in the impossible direction of arbitration, and proclaim at once the official recognition of the fighting Cubans as belligerents.

In relation to the American, Hammond, who went down to the Transvaal, intrigued against the government, got caught and is now sentenced to death for treason, Senator Hill and a few other public men are disposed to become excited, but the majority of the people of this country, we observe, are keeping quite calm. They reason it out that if Hammond doesn't have sense enough to behave himself in a foreign country his American citizenship affords no sufficient excuse why he should not suffer the consequences.

That delegate of the international arbitration conference who wanted to return a \$1,000 contribution from Carnegie because Carnegie manufactures armor plate had a nose for logic like the trunk of an elephant.

The effort which is being made to save Murder Holmes' neck will, of course, fail. It is true that Holmes was not convicted on evidence but on prejudice; yet the proof of his all-round innocence is sufficient to make it the law of right.

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Congressman Leisenring is learning the ropes rapidly. He has already given two elaborate dinners to fellow members from Pennsylvania, and the gubernatorial season is still young enough to accommodate several more.

Another street car strike in Philadelphia would mean another period of business disturbance, public inconvenience and private loss. The losses would be a dozen times outweigh all the possible gains.

The president of the United States has taken a stand contrary to that of a great majority of the people and of congress. The president may be right, but the friends of Cuba consider it the method by which he has reached his conclusion. Since congress "mediated" he has listened to but one side of the argument. He has not sought to get full discussion with the Spanish minister here. It was suggested that a friendly spirit might be shown. There was nothing in it to which Spain objected. There is small chance that it will amount to anything. So far as the president is concerned, his policy of "getting ahead of congress" appears to have led him into an attitude which the people are not likely to endorse. At the present time, however, it is difficult to say that he believes the Venezuela affair with Great Britain should be disposed of before we seek any new intervention. The president, however, may be far from being a statesman.

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