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THE REPUBLICAN TICKET. NATIONAL. For President, WILLIAM MCKINLEY, of Ohio.

THE REPUBLICAN PLATFORM. 1. Tariff, not only to furnish adequate revenue for the necessary expenses of the government...

Why should any street railway company have a monopoly of the streets of Scranton? The Canadian Elections. The result of yesterday's general election in Canada will be both directly and indirectly of interest to the United States...

For eighteen years the Conservatives have had uninterrupted control of the dominion's affairs. In that time the public debt has increased to \$50 per capita; the drain of immigration into the United States has doubled and tripled...

In 1890 the province of Manitoba abolished its state-aided Catholic schools. The Canadian federal government last year ordered them re-established. The provincial government refused. The Conservatives yesterday went before the people on the platform that Manitoba should be coerced to establish separate state schools...

While I occupy a seat in this house, whenever I fill the position that I hold, whenever it shall be my duty to take a stand on any question whatever, I shall take that stand, not from the standpoint of Catholicism nor from the standpoint of Protestantism, but I shall take it from motives which appeal to the consciences of all, independently of their religion...

from motives which should animate all men loving justice, freedom and toleration. This expression, moderate as it seems to American readers, displeased the Catholic bishops, and one of them, Bishop LaFleche, of Trois Rivieres, replied as follows: Here is the most categorical affirmation of the liberalism condemned by the church that has ever been made...

As a result of Mr. Laurier's patriotism in declining to bind himself in advance to promote, as a legislator, sectarian interests, the influence of Catholicism was massed almost solidly against him at yesterday's polling. At the same time the Liberal leader wielded tremendous personal influence. As one observer says: "He is the foremost orator in Canada, a man of spotless character, and the esteem in which he is held personally by English-speaking Canada heats into fire among all French-Canadians except bigoted conservatives and ultramontanians..."

To Scrantonians who heard Col. McClure argue against McKinley in this city four years ago, the present spectacle of the colonel ranged foremost among McKinley's champions renews the thought that this is a world of change.

In No Danger. Since the Teller bolt at St. Louis we have read with redoubled interest our far western Republican exchanges. Only two or three of them have been radical in approval of that act of political secession. The tone of the majority of them, while regretful that the free coinage cause did not receive some token of recognition, has been moderate and conciliatory. This is especially marked in the case of the Salt Lake Tribune, whose editor, Judge Goodwin, has for nearly two generations been prominent among the brave and able makers of western history. While the judge personally will not vote for any nominee for any office who runs upon a gold standard platform, the paper over which he presides has already reached the following pacific conclusion: "All the indications now point to the election of Major McKinley as president of the United States. We reason from the standpoint of what can be done by sheer force. We expect that when the Democratic convention meets in Chicago the result will be practically a gold platform, and a gold candidate named on it. If there was anything except silver that they could hope to win on we would be certain of it. With that done, there will be a little bolt, but we know something about the discipline of the Democratic party, and if that should be the case, we then will expect that nearly the solid South will support the regular candidate on the regular platform, so that about all the strength that will go to the silver candidate, whoever he may be, will be the Western states and such Republicans in the east as will break away from their party allegiance. Reasoning that way, Mr. McKinley will be elected, but by the time that is done, the people of this country will realize that the silver question is not a craze; that it is not something that can be easily done, or done at all until it is settled rightly, and we shall expect then a determined effort to have the question settled by international agreement. That might have been done in any month of the last session of congress if President Cleveland had been desirous of having it done. We understand that the proposition for an international silver conference was interjected into the Republican platform merely as a sop for silver men, and without any intention of pressing it in case of the triumph of the party. But as things will culminate between now and November, those in charge of the Republican party, in case it shall be triumphant, will make that the very keystone of the arch."

It will be seen that while the foregoing citation voices serious regret and disappointment it by no means indicates irreconcilable hostility. If a comment like the foregoing could be written immediately following the first charge of defeat in convention, there is reason to hope that as the campaign progresses the disappointment of the great majority of the silver men will subside and they will again take their place in the party ranks, among the other ardent supporters of protection. If the newspapers of the remote west accurately echo public sentiment on the silver issue, the Republican party is in no danger.

Says Marcus Hanna: "There is going to be a big crop this year and big prices, and that will do more to solve the currency problem than all the political conventions and elections and legislation you can imagine. The nomination of McKinley and the adoption of a gold platform are going to stimulate industry and restore confidence in financial and industrial circles. Money that was withdrawn from the United States by foreign investors who were frightened about the silver craze is coming back. New enterprises are going to be started...

that will give employment to idle men and a market for material that is now unsalable. I am personally aware of several enterprises representing \$5,000,000 or \$6,000,000 that have been held up awaiting the St. Louis platform, and if you will go among the banks and trust companies, the big contractors and other circles where such things originate you will find that what I say is not only true, but that the facts are a thousand times more significant than I have stated. These things will elect McKinley, and with good crops and good prices the bottom will fall out of the silver movement, which is only superficial, and the direct result of hard times. I tell you that the rains and sunshine that have followed each other this spring have been providential, and that by the first Tuesday in November this will be the most prosperous and contented country on the earth." Nobody will pray for Mark's prophecy to fail.

reading public will no doubt draw a sigh of relief, also, that the curtain has been drawn upon the lurid accounts of the trial that have disgraced some of the Scranton papers. I have doubts about the propriety of extended reports of cases of this nature even in a mild form, but some of the efforts of descriptive writers, who leave nothing to the imagination, have been of a style shocking to the modesty of any one who can lay the slightest claim to decency. Let us hope that the efforts of the Police Gazette reporters of Scranton may be edited a little more carefully in future.

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