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THE REPUBLICAN TICKET.

NATIONAL: For President, WILLIAM MCKINLEY, of Ohio. For Vice-President, GARRET A. HOBART, of New Jersey.

STATE: Congressmen-at-Large, CALUSIA A. GROW, of Susquehanna. SAMUEL A. DAVENPORT, of Erie. Election Day, Nov. 3.

THE REPUBLICAN PLATFORM.

1. Tariff, not only to furnish adequate revenue for the necessary expenses of the government, but to protect American labor from degradation to the wage level of other lands.

"Good wages paid in good money" is the Republican watchword. It has a winning sound.

Quay Probably Misquoted.

Several newspapers throughout the state are disposed to magnify the importance of an assertion publicly credited to Senator Quay.

That there is a strong sentiment in this region in favor of bimetallicism is true. It exists principally among three classes: (1) the farmers, who think that the restoration of silver to its original function as primary money would bring better prices for the produce of their farms;

Very few of these men, however, are free traders. Not one in twenty-five today regards prosperity as possible of achievement under a tariff system which permits England to do our manufacturing and condemns home labor to whole or partial idleness.

It must be embarrassing to the Wilkes-Barre Record's well-known modesty to have to re-iterate daily the purity of its motives and the self-sacrificing honesty of its intentions.

And so it appears that while Lord Salisbury was talking sweetly in public about the delights of peaceful arbitration the British government had on the sly sent a force of surveyors down into the region in dispute between Venezuela and Guiana, to lay out military

and have been regretting it every day since. They will not permit themselves to be fooled twice in succession by the same party. Even though they believed implicitly that the United States alone could coin free, at an arbitrary ratio fifty per cent. less than the commercial ratio, all the silver of all the world without suffering disastrous consequences, they would not have faith in the Democratic party's ability to superintend the experiment and would a great deal rather trust their future in experienced and capable Republican keeping, in the hope that some day the Republicans might become a silver party.

No one can dispute that Brother Thomas Platt is a master of terseness. Witness this excerpt from his Carnegie hall speech: "They say that if you will make a law declaring that 50 cents worth of silver shall be as competent for all purposes as one hundred cents worth of gold, the creditor class will lose its advantage over the debtor class, and everybody will have enough. My friends, there is nothing in it. When you can legislate sense into the heads of fools, virtue into the hearts of knaves and peace into the souls of the restless and unhappy, then, and not till then, you will be able to equalize the conditions in which the human lives. Pending that time I want the dollar that my employer gives me for my labor to be as good as a dollar he exacts from me for rent and food and clothes."

Unhappy Cuba Again.

Although Consul General Lee has made official denial of the report that he had sent an important communication to the state department relative to the situation in Cuba, he has made certain informal and unofficial statements which corroborate much that had already been printed in this country with reference to the wanton barbarity of the Spanish troops.

The Washington correspondent of the Philadelphia Press, Mr. Gibson, has seen a private letter from General Lee to a relative living at the capital, in which the statement is made that the Spanish "do not regard the laws of modern war nor the usages customary among civilized nations at all."

No doubt it was undiplomatic for our consul general at Havana to write such statements in a private letter, but it can hardly be said that Spain herself has set a very good example of scrupulousness in the observance of diplomatic traditions.

Under the act of 1874 boroughs in this state were authorized to issue bonds up to an amount equal to 7 per cent. of their assessed valuation. The legislature, in 1885, passed an act intended to modify the rate of taxation prescribed by the act of 1874 in cases where the full limit of indebtedness was reached, but through a mistake, the latter act made it appear that boroughs could only borrow up to 2 per cent. of their assessed valuation.

The Toronto Globe, in a column review of American politics, reaches the solemn conclusion that the Democrats at Chicago will nominate Cleveland on a straight-out declaration for gold. It will not be long until the Globe's prophecy will be put to the test.

It must be embarrassing to the Wilkes-Barre Record's well-known modesty to have to re-iterate daily the purity of its motives and the self-sacrificing honesty of its intentions. Our neighbor's virtue is altogether too defensive.

Already the Populists and the free silver Democrats are quarreling among themselves as to which shall be known as the senior partner in the contemplated coalition. It is easy to foresee their utter disintegration.

And so it appears that while Lord Salisbury was talking sweetly in public about the delights of peaceful arbitration the British government had on the sly sent a force of surveyors down into the region in dispute between Venezuela and Guiana, to lay out military

roads. This pretty little trick might have gone through without soul being the wiser had not Venezuela accidentally discovered it and put the marauding surveyors under arrest. It looks very much as if John Bull in his treatment of this whole Venezuelan question was slowly planting the seeds of an almighty licking.

The Cleveland Leader calls the anthracite coal combination a scheme to "rob the American people of millions of dollars." The Leader seems to forget that every ton of anthracite which is sold makes more valuable every unsold ton, because it reduces the limited supply. With a decreasing supply and an increasing demand could not the price of anthracite go up?

Playwright Belasco's recovery of \$16,000 from Soap Maker Fairbank for services rendered in making Mrs. Leslie Carter a star actress is small enough. The work required was worth twice the wage.

If Spain shall ship 100,000 new troops into Cuba, it will only mean 100,000 new reasons why this government should recognize the insurgents' belligerency.

It is unkind in Charles Emory Smith to so rudely snatch the golden pillow from under the falling form of the Honorable Thomas Platt.

Every gold Democrat save one will be welcome after July 7 to enter the Republican tent. But we draw the line on Grover.

The Washington Post insists that the tariff is not an issue. The Post will find out otherwise on the morning of Nov. 4.

Competition is the rule in every other line of business. Why not in the street railway business?

The Conservative party in Canada earned its defeat.

REPUBLICAN REVOLTS.

From the Washington Post: While the bolt of the silver men at St. Louis, under the lead of Teller and Dubois, is the first time delegates to a Republican national convention have actually walked out of the convention on falling to secure the platform or candidate of their choice, it is by no means the first time there has been a revolt in the ranks of the Republican party.

The next revolt in the Republican party was in 1872, when the opposition to president Grant's re-nomination, under the assumed name of "Liberal Republicans," and led by such men as Charles Sumner, Carl Schurz, Andrew G. Curtin, Lyman Trumbull, George W. Julian, Horace Greeley, Murat Halstead, and others, met at Cincinnati on May 1 and nominated Horace Greeley for president and B. Gratz Brown for vice-president. It was the hope and intention of most of the leaders of this movement to nominate Charles Francis Adams for president. The Republicans met at Philadelphia on June 3, and answered this challenge by re-nominating General Grant unopposed. The Democrats met at Baltimore on July 9, ratified Greeley's nomination, and adopted the Liberal Republican address and platform. The election resulted in the overwhelming defeat of Greeley and Brown.

In 1881 the Republicans met at Chicago, and after a long session nominated James G. Blaine and John A. Logan for president and vice-president, respectively. The opposition to Mr. Blaine was led by George William Curtis, a delegate from New York, after the convention he held, carrying with him a large number of Republicans and Harper's Weekly, of which paper he was the editor. There were also delegates from the Democratic ticket of this year, Cleveland and Hendricks. These defections were the most numerous and pronounced on both sides in New York and Massachusetts, but apparently the Republican losses were greater than the Democratic. Anyway, the Democratic ticket was elected, having carried the decisive state, New York, by the narrow margin of 1,141 plurality. The campaign was largely conducted on personal grounds, political principles being to a considerable extent lost sight of. General Butler ran as the candidate of the Greenback party, after having gone as a delegate to the Democratic convention, and proved a disturbing element.

Aside from these instances of revolt against the action of Republican national conventions there are many cases of revolt against the action of state conventions of that party. Thus, in 1882, there was a revolt all along the line against regular Republican nominees for governor. In Massachusetts the Republican nominee was defeated, and General Butler elected. In Pennsylvania Robert Pattison was chosen governor over General Beaver; the latter was, however, again nominated in 1886, and elected. Pattison was nominated again in 1890. The Republicans named Mr. Delamater, a revolt ensued, and Pattison was again elected. In 1882 the Democrats of New York named as their candidate for governor, Grover Cleveland, then mayor of Buffalo. The Republicans named Charles J. Folger, secretary of the treasury. A general revolt of Republicans followed, and Mr. Cleveland was elected by a plurality of 32,000. This stupendous victory led his party to nominate him for president in 1884. In fact, it made him president twice out of three nominations. Three years before this, in 1879, New York was the scene of a double revolt. The Democrats nominated for governor Lucius Robinson, who had succeeded Samuel J. Tilden in the gubernatorial chair. The Republicans nominated Alonzo B. Cornell, who had the year before been removed from the office of the collector of the port of New York by President Hayes on the recommendation of Secretary of the Treasury Sherman. The administration Republicans immediately bolted Cornell's nomination. John Kelley was then the leader of Tammany. He and his followers left the convention which nominated Robinson, with whom Kelley and Tammany had a quarrel to the death. They held another convention at which they nominated John Kelley for governor. Kelley was elected by about 40,000 plurality. Perhaps this instance of the power of a single man in politics was never surpassed, unless it

was when Carter Harrison ran for mayor of Chicago, without a party and without a nomination, and came within an ace of being elected.

In 1867, R. M. Bishop, Democrat, was elected governor of Ohio because of a revolt led by General John Beatty, of Columbus, who resented President Hayes' conciliatory policy toward the south. In 1872 Thomas M. Brown, Republican, was defeated for governor of Indiana, and Thomas A. Hendricks, Democrat, elected, because a section of his party resented Brown's nomination, the rest of the Republican ticket being elected. Again, in the same state in 1878, the Republicans nominated Alonzo S. Orth for governor. A revolt, led by some of the most powerful Republican newspapers in the state followed. In the midst of the campaign he was withdrawn and Benjamin Harrison substituted, only to be defeated with his party. Two years ago in California, the Republicans nominated M. M. Eves for governor. The whole state ticket was elected by a large majority except him. There was a revolt directed against him and it defeated him, electing his Democratic opponent, Governor Budd.

These instances might be multiplied, but enough has been cited to show that the Republican party has not been free from disaffection as to its national and state tickets, that it encountered in 1861 and 1872 against revolts apparently more serious than that now led by Teller; that it survived the personal defeat of its candidate in 1884; that it has reclaimed states lost through apathy or disaffection of both among its members and the Republican party has been described by its opponents as the best disciplined political organization in the world, but the record, hastily noted here, shows that it has had its share of discord and disaffection, mutiny and rebellion.

TOLD BY THE STARS.

Daily Horoscope Drawn by Jacobus, The Tribune Astrologer. Astrological cast: 1:30 a. m., for Thursday, June 25, 1896.

In the opinion of a child born on this day Mr. Burke ought to celebrate the coming holiday by placing at least one pack of fire-crackers in Collector Herring's stocking.

The high school graduates who remarked the other night that it is no easy matter to round-up the Democratic party.

Before William Whitney gets through with his present mission he will doubtless be convinced that it is no easy matter to round-up the Democratic party. It seems that the St. Louis platform was a Tom Platt-form after all.

The situation as Hanna-ized at present looks favorable to a victory for protection.

Ajaceus' Advice. Always bear in mind that it is often an easy matter to warp yourself in trying to shape public opinion.

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