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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. GALUSHA A. GROW, of Susquehanna, SAMUEL A. DAVENPORT, of Eric.

THE REPUBLICAN PLATFORM.

Election Pay, Nov. 3.

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. 2. Reciprocal agreements for open markets and discriminating dutles in favor of the American merchant marine. 3. Maintenance of the existing gold standard and opposition to free colagold standard and opposition to free cola-age of silver except by international agreement with the leading commercial hations of the world, 4. Pensions and preferences for veterans of the Union army, 5. A firm, vigorous and dignified foreign policy "and all our interests in the western hemisphere carefully watched and guarded." 6. The Hawaiian Islands to be controlled by the United States; the Nicaraguan canal to be built; a rayal sta-Nicaraguan canal to be built; a naval station in the West Indies. 7. Protection of American citizens and property in Turkey. 8. Reassertion of the Monroe doctrine. Eventual withdrawal of European power from this hemisphere and union of all English-speaking people on this continent, 9. The United States actively to use influence to restore peace and give independence to Cuba. 10. Enlargement of the navy, defense of harbors and seacoasts. 11. Exclusion of illiterate and immoral immigrants. 12. Reapproval of the civil service law. 13. A free ballot and an honest count. 14. Condemnation of lynching. 15. Approval of national arbitration, 16. Approval of a free homestead law. 17. Admission of the remaining territories, representation for Alaska and abolition carpet-bag federal officers. 18. Sympathy with legitimate efforts to lessen intemper ance, 19. Sympathetic reference to rights and interests of woman,"-Condensed by the Times-Herald.

Cleveland has gone to Gray Gables. Cuba, congress and the American people can go to Halifax.

Mine Inspection and Accidents.

According to Ellas Davis, a prominent resident of Schuylkill county, the laws governing the inspection of anthracite mines are all right as far as they go, but they do not go far enough. "What is needed," he says, "is a responsible head to whom the several inspectors shall report, and who will have the authority to make them do their duty thoroughly."

We do not believe that the creation of a state department of mining would the present system. State supervision through the person of a chief mine inspector serving by gubernatorial appointment is an attractive thing in theory, but in practice the chances are wheel to a wagon. Most of the present mine inspectors in the anthracite region are capable, fearless and conscientious men. We do not at this moment think of one who has recently neglected any duty or failed in any particular to do his work promptly and impartially. These men are not infallible nor are they gifted with omniscience. Accidents are bound to happen in spite of their watchfulness. They cannot be in every mine in their especial district all the hours of every day in the year, and if they were able to reach such a degree of omnipresence accidents would continue to occur just the same. It is easy for men sitting in comfortable chairs at mahogany desks hundreds of miles away from mine shafts to theorize concerning what ought and what ought not to be done in regulation of the anthracite industry, but the subject presents itself in a less ideal aspect when practical miners who have passed their lives tolling underground and studying subterranean phenomena are suddenly caught, as Superintendent Langan and his associate overseers and subordinates were caught in the Twin shaft, by a casualty of which all their practical skill had failed sufficiently to forewarn them. The idea that any mine inspector would have been better qualified to judge of the risk to life from such an enterprise as these men were engaged in than those men themselves were after having worked in the mine for years and years is simply preposterous on its face, and those who argue to this effect show that they do not know

what they are talking about. Equally absurd is the idea that the owners of the Twin shaft were indifferent to human life. They have not profited by this accident. At the lowest calculation it will cost them thou-

ers of or the workers in the Twin shaft of about one-third of the total. In would have taken Sunday's frightful forty years there has been practically risk if they had adequately foreseen it. or that, not having foreseen it, any American trade to the total of our benefit can now come to any interest by foreign commerce. In 1855 our dealings hounding them because they were less all-wise? Any sensible man who is willing to look at this deplorable occurrence fairly and rationally must ac- in 1865 our South American trade quit the management of this mine from negligence or indifference. The fact that the company's immediate representative was himself numbered among the victims ought to be sufficient to establish that there was no conscious lack of any requisite precaution and that the fall which crushed superintendent, foremen and miners alike was as unexpected to the one as to the

We expected columns of twaddle on this sad affair from novices in disrent happenings; but it sounds somegive utterance to opinions that, when simmered right down, have no practiand hurtful prejudice.

Some rules refuse to work both ways. McKinley won his nomination by keeping perfectly quiet. But Adlai Stevenson, who has been as mute as a mummy, doesn't stand the ghost of a show.

"The money of the United States, and every kind or form of it, whether value at home, but it must be counted at par in any and every commercial center of the globe. The dollar paid to the farmer, the wage-carner and the pensioner must continue forever equal in purchasing and debt-paying power to the dollar paid to any gov-Speech of Acceptance.

The question before the house-Is David B. Hill still a Democrat?

Nonsense at Chicago.

There is a good deal of latent absurdity in the furious threshing of words which is just now in progress between leading gold and silver Democrats. For example, Mr. Whitney charges Mr. Boles with "forsaking the fundamental principles of the Democratic party," and Mr. Boles replies in polite language to the practical effect that Mr. Whitney lies. Both gentlemen, and a host of their respective retainers, are filling the air with loud talk about something that does not exist except in the highly-colored Democratlaying up necessities for an abundance And all to what purpose? We cannot | American commerce.

Looking at the subject from a disinterested and unbiased standpoint, we can say that a careful study of the socalled fundamentals of Democracy has failed to disclose to us any reason why the contemporary followers of that political faith should not take any posi tion on any public question which appears to commend itself to them as attractive or wise. Neither the Democratic nor the Republican party is a chartered institution with a rigid constitution and inexorable by-laws. As conditions change it is wholly proper that the views of parties should change with them, otherwise parties would cease to have practical value and become mere reminiscences. When any considerable element in one party does not like certain opinions engrafted by the majority on the party platform, it can choose for itself between bolting lead to better results than characterize the whole platform or subordinating its few disappointments to its admiration for the remaining principles with

which it is in thorough accord. To make practical application of these remarks, Mr. Whitney has no that it would be like adding a fifth more right than Mr. Boles or any other Democrat to set up as a supreme authority on Democratic fundamentals. He is not the official interpreter of his party's past. Let him go out to Chicago like a man and make his fight against free coinage. If he wins, all right. If not, he can then decide whether he will wish to remain a Democrat and vote the Democratic free-silver presidential ticket or transfer his suffrage during the present alignment of national politics to the Republican organization. This is a simple, straightforward and easy way out. Its adoption would comport with the dignity or sane men much better than meaningless gabble about something deader than Jefferson or Jackson.

> A good way to show patriotism at this particular season of the year is to exercise a little respect for the rights of others. The man who forgets his neighbor's comfort in his own civic enthusiasm has one or two degrees yet to take in the patriotic fraternity.

Capturing Southern Markets. A committee of the National association of Manufacturers is now on its way to Brazil, Uruguay and the Argentine republic, in which countries it hopes to stimulate a demand for American-made goods and foster the sentiment which, thanks to the late Mr. Blaine, already exists in favor of reciprocity. The committee includes some of the best-known business men in the United States, and its mission will be greatly aided by the near prospect of a restoration in this country of the Republican policy, with its special stress upon advantageous reciprocal trade agreements.

Just before setting sail from New York on this useful summer excursion President Search, who accompanies the committee, made a speech in which he presented some interesting statistics. sands of dollars, and it may cause the He showed, for instance, that all South utter loss of their mine. Does any sen- America figures in the foreign trade sible man suppose that either the own- of the United States to the extent only

no change in the relation of our South with South American countries constituted \$39,770,349 out of a total of \$476,-718,211 of trade with the entire world; amounted to \$42,699,522 out of a total foreign commerce of \$494,774,833; in 1875 it was \$97,234,442 out of \$1,046,448,147; in 1885 it was \$92,257,137 out of \$1,319,717,084. and in 1895 our trade with South America was \$145,415,351 out of \$1,539,508,130.

"As American merchants and manufacturers we count ourselves," said he, as pretty shrewd traders, and, therefore, we find everywhere in our dealings with the South American countries one point which troubles us sorely. We are buying more from those nations tant cities who make a living by writ- than we are selling to them. Further ing what they don't know about cur- than this, our purchases from them have been increasing more rapidly than what strange to hear experienced men our sales to those countries have been in the heart of the anthracite region growing. In 1855 our exports to South America amounted to \$12,461,040 and our imports were \$27,209,309. Last year we cal meaning and which have the un- sent to South America \$34,642,315 worth wholesome effect to stir up undeserved of our merchandise and bought \$111,-939,466 worth of the products of that continent. While the United States is by far the best customer Brazil has, that country buys more from Great Britain, France and Germany than from us. That is not reciprocal trade.

"We can never hope to increase our

trade in Latin-America to any great degree," Fresident Search added, "so of paper, silver or gold, must be as long as we work at long range. To esgood as the best in the world. It must tablish our trade there we must do as not only be current at its full face our competitors have done so successfully-go down there, stay there, live among the people with whom we want to do business, study their wants and be willing to adapt ourselves to their requirements. We need international banking facilities which will enable us ernment creditor." -- McKinley in His to settle our trade balances direct without dependence upon banks of the competing nations. We need better tramsportation accommodations between our scaports and the markets of South America. The profits of carrying our goods to foreign markets and conducting our international financial transactions ought to be carned by American capital. But above these and the many other obvious needs of our South American commerce I place the need of more intimate knowledge of those markets, the people of those countries and the requirements of their trade. Such knowledge comes only by personal observation and investigation."

This explains fully the purpose of the present voyage of commercial exploration and discovery. Americans regardic imagination, and some of them are less of political ties will unanimously hope that the results of the inquiry will of unpleasant crow-eating later on, redound to the distinct advantage of

> Word comes from York state that the Republican opponents of Thomas C. Platt intend to put up a general and animated fight on that interesting gentleman this autumn, the objective point being the capture of the party organi- \$1, 1.50 and zation; but the fight will be kept strictly within party lines. That is the way for good Republicans who differ to settle their differences. This is no year for bolters.

Just why some people should be so inordinately anxious to see a human being hanged is beyond our power of explanation. Are men instinctively like flies, which appear fairly to enjoy watching other files go through the death agony?

It begins to look like Bland.

TWIN SORROWS.

Names of some of the men entombed in

M. J. LANGAN, mine superintendent and mayor pro tem of Pittston, marriel,

leaves wife and ten children; 415 North Main street. JOHN HART, footman, single THOMAS CARDON, assistant fire boss,

married, leaves a wife. JOHN SYLVESTER, married, three chil-JOHN AND THOMAS GAFFNEY, brothers, former single, latter married, seven children.

There's a world of pain in the roll of the Who sleep in the deep-down grave, Where the Death Sprite entered and lingered again Ere the Heavenly stroke of its merciful

Had banished the torture and brightened the den Of the hapless, yet the brave. Ah, ves! It lingered-and lingered for ill-

Ere it soothed the suffering heart; While its minions of Hunger, of Thirst, and of Chill, Of Sadness, and Sorrows' disconsolate thrill.

Now toy with the toilers-as Death always When the fiend is sure of its art.

There's the name of the man who is husband to one Who mourns in the darkness of day; And the list melts to tears as the To the fatherless "daughter" and father-

less "son," Who weep, though they know not the cruelty done;

But a ray of cheer falls fair on the page Where "single" is placed near a name. No children or Wedded Ones' grief to assuage-But a mother! now broken by ravishing

They weep-'tis their mother's way.

age; And a father!—the shadow's again on the The "single" has lost its flame.

And the man who is wedded-is reveling yet
In the Honeymoon's gentle glow—
For him there's a cheek that is fevered

There's a heart that is crushed—he tries to And wishes to God that they never had Oh, this passage from bliss to woe!

And there in the tomb that is shrouded in Sleep the dead in their red-run cave,

While the weird sounds of rescue-the use less attack-And the cries of the orphaned and Love Lost come back;—
There is meeting of sorrows and heart's

painful wrack-The mourners and mourned in one grave. -Emerson D. Owen. Scranton, July 1.

THE PITTSTON DISASTER.

From the Pawtucket Post

The Scranton Tribune, the best authority in the Lackawanna and Wyoming coa elds and one of the most widely circulat ed papers in Pennsylvania, gives the num-ber entembed in the Twin shaft cave-in disaster at Pittston, Sunday morning, as between seventy and eighty. Eighty hu-man lives blotted out as in a twinkling is a most appalling and dreadful affair. The Tribune well says: "Let those who speak of the coal trade as an extortion look on this piteous picture of its in-expressible cost and bethink where else in the whole realm of peaceful industry the parallel to it can be found."

TOLD BY THE STARS.

Daily Horoscope Drawn by Ajacchus The Tribune Astrologer. Astrolabe cast: 2.18 a. m., for Thursday, July 2, 1896.

ME 3 A child born on this day will wonder if children who have not been taugh the alphabet will be able to digest the high

school curriculum. The affair of '76 is beginning to look small beside the momentous question of arranging the Scranton marchers in line for parade of Saturday,

The rockets of the Pattison boom ap

Out at Chicago it looks like 16 Blands to

pear to be water-soaked. Answers to Correspondents.

Willie.-The Fourth of July was insti-tuted as an occasion for letting off firerackers, getting drunk and playing base ball. If the noise of Saturday renders sleep impossible after 12.30 a. m., and the old man becomes sufficiently loaded, and Scranton beats Wilkes-Barre both games, the day may be considered a success Otherwise it will not be up-to-date,

Eliza.-Bicycle bells are made for orna ient only. Do not ring until you have struck something. In case you succeed n knocking some one down on the street it is well to sound the alarm. It will save you the trouble of singing: "Just Tell Them That You Saw Me. Mac.-It is better to chew mint gum.

The odor will keep up the agony of those you are obliged to ear you whenever stop and rest your jaws. John.-Court plaster will not heal blasted affections. Get acquainted with her

George Washington actually did make the remark: "I cannot tell a lie." Circumartial evidence was so strong against him that it would have been useless to at-tempt an alibi or deny the ownership of

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