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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 Spagnehanna 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 laoor from degradation to the wage level of other lands. 2. Reciprocal agreements for open markets and discriminating dufor open markets and discriminating du-ties in favor of the American merchant marine. 3. Maintenance of the existing gold standard and opposition to free cola-age of silver except by international agreement with the leading commercial nations 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 to be controlled by the United States; the Nicaraguan canal to be built; a naval sta-tion in the West Indies. 7. Protection of American citizens and property in Turkey. 8. Reassertion of the Monroe doctrine. Eventual withdrawal of European powers 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 independ-ence to Cuba. 10. Enargement of the navy, defense of harbors and seacoasta. 11. Exclusion of illiterate and immoral im migrants. 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 of carpet-bag federal officers. 18. Sympathy with legitimate efforts to lessen intemper-ance. 19. Sympathetic reference to "the rights and interests of woman."—Con-densed by the Times-Herald.

Au honest dollar worth 100 cents everywhere cannot be coined out of 53 cents' worth of silver, plus a legislative fint." .- Garret A. Hobart in His Speech of Acceptance.

The Democratic Nominee.

On Saturday, somewhat hastily, we spoke of William J. Bryan, Democracy's new Moses, as a "blatherskite." Upon additional information and reflection, we withdraw that word, first, because it is inaccurate and secondly because It is desirable to avoid, so far as possible, in the approaching campaign, a resort to personalities.

The Standard dictionary defines a "blatherskite" to mean "a wordy, blustering, noisy fellow." Mr. Bryan is wordy to an unusual degree, but probably not more blustering or noisy than any other average young man with a rare gift of gab and an imagination prone to take fire at inadequate provocation. In fact, so far as the news papers have exploited his personal achievements and characteristics, he appears to be quite an admirable young gentleman apart from his chaotic pollties, and one who, had he been reared amid more rational and conservative surroundings, would no doubt today be one of the most eloquent and enthusiastic supporters of McKinley, Protection and Sound Money. He is obviously deficient in judgment and lacking in that capacity for a broad and liberal view of facts and men which comes from long experience in dealing with great issues. He is evidently addicted to the dangerous habit of jumping from limited premises to rash and farfetched conclusions. But we cannot with any fairness deny to him the credit of sincerity. There is a flavor and a thrill to his oratory which convince us that he imagines he means all he says and believes it, at the time. It that the next Pennsylvania legislature will be remembered that many celebrated men have had just such characteristics of unconscious self-deception. Munchausen told his biggest whoppers with the most solemn honesty and earnestness. Tartarin of Tarascon never for an instant doubted that he had done all the fabulous things of which he was wont to boast. And so, in Mr. Bryan's case, we suppose he actually deludes himself with the notion that the men of wealth in this country have secretly conspired to squeeze the poor by means of the gold standard; and in the frenzy of this delusion falls to account for the fact that under the gold standard, until interrupted by the recent epidemic of Democratic "tariff reform," the United States schleved not only its

wages, and wealth. But it it be unfair to spenk of Mr.

greatest aggregate prosperity but also

its largest per capita circulation.

phenomenally eloquent and therefore uncommonly dangerous enthusiast who coats with plausibility the grossest errors. The peculiar aptitude which he has for dressing his erratic thoughts in words that seem like the inspired outnourings of great genius renders him an exceptionally unsafe citizen of the republic. Our government stands in little hazard from hostile invasion by a foreign foe; but by reason of its broad suffrage it stands in serious menace rom mistaken political leadership. And

greater is the people's peril. Fortunately ifour months separate is from election day; and in that time the people will take pause for careful and patriotic reflection.

man who misleads the people, the

With a few scattering exceptions, very Democratic newspaper of prominence east of the Allegheny mountains has refused to swallow the Chicago platform. If newspapers reflect public sentiment, this ought to be an import-

"The money of the United States, and every kind or form of it, whether of paper, silver or gold, must be as good as the best in the world. It must not only be current at its full face ernment creditor." -- McKinley in His Speech of Acceptance.

Shipbuilder Sewall's presence on the ticket is explained by the fact that it will sail up Salt creek.

An Early Guess.

At this early stage of the campaign, estimates of the November vote are merely guesses, more or less colored by hope or fear. The monetary issue, which now sems uppermost, is a new one, in the partisan sense, and consequently there is nothing whatever in he election statistics of the past to guide one to the formation of a reliable opinion. At the same time, certain general probabilites obtain, and we think a fair interpretation of them at this time will give the electoral vote of the following states to McKinley with-

out any reasonable	
Delaware 3 Connection 6	Masachusetts 13
Connectieut 6	Ohio 23
Towa 13	Oregon
Illinois 24	Pennsylvania 32
Indiana 15	
Maine, 6	South Dakota
Maryland 8 Minnesota 9	Vermont, 4
Minnesota 9	
New Hampshire 4	
New Jersey 10	Total235
New York 16	. A. A. SALE, LA PROPRIE DE LOS DOCUMENTOS DE LA CONTRACTOR DE LA CONTRACT
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than a majority of the next electoral college it is scarcely necessary to proceed with the tabulation; but as a matter of curiosity we will give below the list of states seemingly certain at the present

	writing, to go for	151	yan:
	Alabama	11	Nevada
			North Dakota
			South Carolina
	Georgia		Texas
	Idaho	3	Utah
ſ			Virginia
3	Mississippi	9	Wyoming
	Missouri	17	
•	Montana	3	Total1
	Nebraska	8	
П	Here follow the	qt	ates in which ther

seems to be a prospect of sharp fighting, with the chances too nearly even

yet to be confidently	y estimated:
California i	Washington
Kansas 10	West Virginia
Kentucky 1	
Michigan 14	Total
yet to be confident! California 5 Kansas 5 Kentucky 12 Michigan 14 Tennessee 12	
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It will be seen that if the silver Democrats carry all of these seven doubtful states they will yet lack 17 votes of shall vote next fall as they voted two years ago, the silverites will carry only one of them, Kentucky, and the alignment of forces in the electoral college would stand: McKinley, 287; Bryan, 160. It is by no means improbable that Mc-Kinley will carry the entire seven. which would give him an even 300 electoral votes to 147 for Bryan.

A good deal depends, however, upon the developments of the next month. If the Eastern Democracy shall split the sound money strength of the country by nominating a third candidate. and also f the silver craze shall continue to take hold of unthinking people at the ratio of its growth for the past six weeks, the foregoing estimates may have to be revised. We do not think, however, that McKinley stands in any serious danger of defeat, although it would be exceedingly imprudent were Republicans to rest on their arms.

Ever citizen of Scranton who disbelieves in the anarchistic Chicago platform should manifest the same by attending tomorrow evening's McKinley ratification.

Five Necessary Reforms.

At this time of legislative caucuses and conventions it is well to remember will have placed before it for consideration a number of important measures looking to the correction of notorious political abuses. Among the propositions which the legislature to be elected next November will be asked to enact into law are the following:

First-Civil service reform in the state and municipal governments and in all counties containing a population of 150,000 or over. In other words, the establishment of the public service in subordinate positions upon the merit system and the removal of it from partisan or factional politics.

Second--Personal payment of poll tax to be secured by the enactment of a law which shall in distinct terms make it unlawful for chairmen of political committes or others to pay the poll tax of any citizen unless in possession of a separate written order from said citi-

Third-Forbidding the compulsory Bryan as a "bistherskite," it will be assessment of office holders. The procontinued. In the meantime, amid the scrupulously just to allude to him as a posed act makes it unlawful for any crowding mob which clung to his hand,

representative of a political organization to collect funds for political purposes from any state, county or municipal office holder, and it is provided that whoever violates the provisions of the law shall be suitably punished. Any man who wants to contribute toward the expense of his party organization will be at liberty to do so, but he who declines will be in no danger.

Fourth-Forbidding pernicious partisan activity by public officers and making it unlawful for any office-holder to attend a political convention as a delethe more gifted and captivating the

and detailed statement of expenditures by candidates, chairmen, of political committees, members of said committees, agents of candidates, or others, whether at the primaries or at the general elections.

timent everywhere. They would perhaps not be followed by the millenium in politics, but they would at least be steps in the right direction and would stigmatize as illegal many practices follows them with intense delight. The which now obtain mainly because there is no statute to prevent them. The en-actment of these propositions into law be the most efficient alies of anarch; and repudiation. By dividing the hones money strength in close states it would would give good citizenship tools with which to work for bettered civic conat par in any and every commercial ditions. Consequently honest electors would be not merely imberdility, but treachery; would unio all that has been should everywhere be on the alert to to the farmer, the wage-earner and the pensioner must continue forever next state legislature as will possess pardonable betrayal of every principle for equal in purchasing and debt-paying the intelligence, character and determipower to the dollar paid to any govnation to put the foregoing propositions ing opponents. To attempt it is to play into stiff and stringent law.

> If the New York Sun were honest in its politics it would lose no time in apologizing to Major McKinley for the shabby manner in which it treated him only a few weeks ago.

On the 4th day of next November Mr. William Jennings Bryan will not only be older than he is today but he will this way? also know more.

The sound money Democrats who talk of nominating a third ticket should not forget that that would be just what Bryan and Sewall desire.

The objection to the McLean "barl' eems to have been that it refused to guarantee an unlimited tap.

Sibley couldn't have first place and hence he wouldn't play at all.

HOW BRYAN WON.

The most picturesque and vivid descripmost admirable as specimens of accom-plished journalism that have recently appeared in any newspaper, so far as we know, have been the telegraphic letters supplied to the Washington Post by its alert "Capitol man," Harry L. West, Mr. West thought nothing of sending nightly 5,000 words of matter that was not only as newsy as could be found, but also dressed in language fit to set before a high court of rhetoricians, Mr. West's description of Bryan's great speech is a good speci-men of his skill at fluent narrative writing and one of sufficient interest still to warrant repetition. We quote part of it

"All that had gone before was as placid millipond to a surging sea compared to what was to come. The hour and the man were about to combine, and William Jennings Bryan, of Nebraska, was his name. The country for some time past has known of Bryan. He rose to the surface in the political cyclone of 1892, buoyed by a genial presence, tactful ways, and a real and genuine talent for oratory. Smooth of face and equally smooth in method, Mr. Bryan has managed since his first entrance into political life to insinuate himself into popular favor, and he knows well how to occupy the center of the stage. His dramatic and theatrical entrance into the hall yesterday was but part of a well-laid plan to stampede the convention for him, and this programme was carried out today to its fullest devel-opment. There is no doubt that however much of the demonstrative welcome which greeted him as he appeared upon the a majority. If, however, those states platform might have been manufactured for the occasion, he proved himself worthy of it. The opportunity was his, and he fitted the opportunity. He held all the trump cards of the pack. He was inspired with the possibilities which the occasion meant for his future, he knew his subject, he had the popular side of the con-troversy, he felt himself among friends. Combined with this, he had the rhythm of language, grace of oratory, and picturesqueness of presence.

"Certain it is that his speech was the only one of the whole convention to thrill electrify, stir, and sway the throng. He struck fire with every word. Earnest as Savonarola, cloquent as Ingersoll, burning with flery conviction, able enough to emphasize the points which would stick like ours, artfully modulating his musical coice until it played like the wind upon acolian strings, he stimulated and swelled the enthusiasm until the great audience was absolutely under his persuasive, yet powerful domination. Of his speech it is enough to say that demagogic and full of sophistry as it was, it suited the sentient and temper of his audience, and near. ly every sentence was wildly cheered. His tribute to the farmer, his plea for consideration for the wage-earner, his sentence that while protection had slain its thou-sands, the gold standard had slain its tens of thousands his dramatic appeal for the coming of a second Andrew Jackson to break down the conspiracy of the banks. all this was sweet and delicious music to en imbued with the fever of revolution His assertion that though cities might be burned they would be built again, while with farms destroyed grass would grow in the city streets, caused the old gray headed sons of the soil to shout with joy. The peroration evidently memorized with studied care, flowed from his lips with syrupy ease. 'You shall not,' he exclaimed in conclusion, stretching out his arms as if in benediction and voice trembling with passionate thrill, 'place a crown of thorns upon the brow of labor or sacrifice mankind upon your cross of gold!

"The scene which followed beggars de scription. Words may tell what actually happened, but words cannot impart the strange and curious magnetism which filled the atmosphere. Bedlam broke loose delirium reigned supreme. In the spoken word of the orator thousands of men had heard the unexpressed sentiments and hopes of their own inmost souls. The great mass of humanity threw forth the flery lava of its enthusiasm like Vesuvius in eruption. The yells were so deafening that only at irregular intervals could the music of the noisy band be heard, the stamping of the feet was as the roll of thunder among the echoing Alps, and the hurricane of sound almost caused the steel girders of the roof to tremble with its perceptible volume. Every man in the vast audience climbed upon his chair and, infected by the cyclonic frenzy of the mo-ment, seemed absolutely oblivious to what he did or what he said. Words canno picture the awful tumult but the almos lunatical excitement was shown by the in

'The Boy Orotar of the Platte' smiled, half-daged, as though semi-intoxicated at the stupendous reception accorded. Hill was forgotten; Altgeld was lost from view, and Jones and the rest of the senatorial syndicate were as if they had never bee

THE FOLLY OF MADNESS.

From the Commercial-Advertiser, When the cannon shot of trease knocked at the gates of Sumter hundreds of thousands of men forgot that they were Democrats and remembered that they were Americans. Now, when all the alies and abhorrent forces of this cosmopolitan and riot under the fiery flag of the com mune and the leadership of demagogu-who disgrace the American name-who Fifth—The publication of an itemized the once great Democratic party has sold and detailed statement of expenditures itself to anarchy for thirty pieces of silver and forsaken every tradition and princip that gave it cohesion or standing-when not merely the honesty of our dollars, but the stability of our institutions, the au thority of our highest tribunals and the ened by revolt as dangerous as the upris These reforms are necessary. They ago, the sons of the war Democrats of are demanded by intelligent public sencannot evade without cowardice nor shirk without shame.

Talk of an independent sound currency Democratic ticket is the folly of very madness. Such a ticket would fill Alt geld, Tillman and the variegated mob that be the most efficient allies of anarchy which the eastern Democrats have condirectly into the hands of the foes of American credit and American government. It should not be suggested not even thought of.

THE QUESTION PRESSED HOME.

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TOLD BY THE STARS.

Daily Horoscope Drawn by Aj acchus The Tribune Astrologer. Astrolabe east: 3.18 a. m., for Monday, July 13, 1896,

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A child born on this day will notice that the average Democrat is very much in the position of a Texas calf that has not been

The Bryan-Sewall ticket has been indorsed by Mr. Merrifield, of this city. This seems to remove any doubt that might have existed regarding the certainty o

It is stated that the original silver man tions of the proceedings of the St. Lovis of Scranton expects to have the gold filling and Chicago conventions, and withal the pulled out of his teeth if his ticket is deof Scranton expects to have the gold filling feated.

The success of the silver ticket means return to two-tined steel forks and wooden spoons. Everybody owning silver forks and spoons will take them down to Washington and have them coined and get two dollars for one, or something of the sort. The eastern Democratic papers evidently have not heard the "boy orator" talk.

Speaking of cabinet arrangements for the Bryan-Sewall administration, what does Mr. O'Brien get? Ajacchus' Advice.

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warm this weather engage in an argument

on the currency question

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