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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 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. 2. Reciprocal agreements for open markets and discriminating duties in favor of the American merchant marine. 3. Maintenance of the existing gold standard and opposition to free coinage 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 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 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 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 of carpet-bag federal officers. 18. Sympathy with legitimate efforts to lessen intemperance. 19. Sympathetic reference to "the rights and interests of woman."—Condensed by the Times-Herald.

Despite Bryan's loquacity it is money that talks, and the Bryan style of dollar is 47 cents shy.

Tonight's Ratification.

It is desirable that every Republican living within convenient access to Scranton should attend tonight's ratification of the nomination of McKinley and Hobart. As the first formal recognition locally of the importance of the approaching presidential campaign, tonight's celebration should be as enthusiastic and as largely attended as possible. It will be, in itself, an occasion of unusual interest. The oratory, the parade, the music and the fireworks will combine to give it many features of a grand public entertainment, so that wholly apart from its political significance it will merit the observation of every admirer of pleasing and picturesque spectacles, and every lover of wholesome excitement.

But it will especially appeal to Republicans and to those who intend this year to co-operate with the Republican party, because it will be in commemoration of the most popular presidential candidacy upon the grandest declaration of political principles in the recent history of American politics. If there is any locality in the United States which has reason to feel an especially warm interest in the present platform and nominees of the Republican party it is the Lackawanna valley. The workers in our mines and mills, the tradesmen who do business with the families of these wage-earners, and the employers and investors whose possessions are represented in the industries of this valley, each and all have real and palpable interest in the success of Major McKinley's candidacy and in the restoration at Washington of the ideas which he and Colonel Hobart so brilliantly represent.

During the past three years every one of these men has consciously suffered loss, and that loss has rapidly diffused itself throughout the whole community. It may have been through compulsory wage-reduction under the stress of Democratic manipulation with the tariff; or through curtailed profits or through lessened sales and a restricted volume of cash receipts, but in some way, clearly defined and painfully felt, the loss has pressed itself home, and it has been a loss which would never have occurred had the prosperous conditions of the McKinley tariff remained undisturbed by the advent to national power of an administration pledged to overthrow that tariff and substitute in its place the doubt-breeding, debt-creating, deficit-producing monstrosity which Democratic incapacity subsequently spawned.

The march of events is rapidly bringing to the people of this region an effective opportunity to pass judgment on their maltreatment by the present free trade regime; and at the same time to express their opinion of the new concoction of anarchy, repudiation and solicited disaster which the Populistic successors of the free trade wreckers have just dished up at Chicago. That opportunity will not be reached in fullest amplitude until the 3d day of next November; but the demonstration of this evening will give to the voters of Lackawanna county a good chance to practice in the direction of their anticipated activity on that final day of political judgment. Therefore, every friend of Protection, every believer in Sound Money and every admirer of prosperity in these parts should make sure to be on hand tonight, ready for business.

Both Bryan and McKinley are of Scotch-Irish extraction. But just about there the marked similarity ends.

"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 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-earner and the pensioner must continue forever equal in purchasing and debt-paying power to the dollar paid to any government creditor."—McKinley in His Speech of Acceptance.

Mr. Bryan may be a glib talker, but what the people want in the White house is a safe and sound thinker.

Foreign Ignorance of America.

In the light of last week's developments at Chicago it is exceedingly droll to follow M. Paul Leroy-Beaulieu, the French economist, through the article which he has contributed to the July Forum on "The Presidential Outlook as Europeans View It." M. Beaulieu apparently takes his knowledge of American politics from the New York Evening Post or some other equally delusive Mugwump source; for the whole burden of his argument is that if McKinley is elected, Europeans will suffer, first from a renewal in this country of the high tariff of six years ago, and secondly, from the free coinage of silver. He swallows the whole Mugwump fiction that McKinley favors unsound money and makes that the basis of eight pages of doubtless sincere but certainly ludicrous philosophizing.

The Frenchman's first grievance is that "if, under the lead of Mr. McKinley, the United States shall increase decidedly the import duties on European merchandise, it will unquestionably give a strong stimulus to European protectionism." And he adds: "No one can deny that this would check the progress of the United States," a statement to which we take direct exception, for the sufficient reason that what Europe buys from us she has to buy, and will not, therefore, be so self-punitive as to tax it by the imposition of import duties which her own population would, in the long run, have to pay.

The second article in M. Beaulieu's creed of discontent is that "Mr. McKinley passes for a partisan of silver. His election would appear as a triumph of bimetallism." That belief evidently causes the French economist grief because he declares, with the next breath, that the re-establishment of bimetallism, if it could be brought about—a contingency which he thinks impossible—"would plunge all civilized nations into one of those profound monetary crises that throw exchange and production into confusion for a long series of years." "If Mr. McKinley attains the presidency of the United States," our Paris friend adds, "he may be able to disturb his country, to break up the steady current of its business, to bring on a credit crisis; but it must not be thought that he would have the slightest chance of securing an international agreement for the restoration of bimetallism."

All of this, of course, sounds irresistibly funny to the American who knows that the candidacy of Mr. McKinley stands for none of these perils, but, on the contrary, is daily receiving the endorsement of thousands of Democratic business men who view it as the country's one alternative from a disastrous panic. Yet funny as it undoubtedly is as an exhibition of foreign ignorance concerning American conditions, it also has a more serious aspect. The man who wrote the Forum article, who thought he knew enough about our politics to instruct us concerning them, is one of the leading economists of Europe, and the editor of the most influential journal of economics in the world. It is his business to study the politics of the leading nations and to comment upon them. Not only foreign thinkers in the various learned professions but also foreign statesmen and foreign financiers draw their conclusions largely at second hand from the writings of such men as M. Beaulieu. When he shows such radical ignorance in a comment designed for American perusal, how can they be expected to have rightful views of us who receive them through the medium of his more careless and presumably still more ignorant ordinary comments upon American themes?

Since it has apparently come to pass that prosperity in the United States is conditioned to a considerable extent upon the state of foreign opinion respecting our legislation and our securities, it is devoutly to be wished that foreigners might learn the truth about us and not be led through false information to make our prosperity their football.

"Our trouble is not with the character of the money that we have, but with the threat to debase it. We have the same currency that we had in 1892—good the world over and unquestioned by any people. Then, too, we had unexampled credit and prosperity. Our difficulty now is to get that money in circulation and invested in productive enterprises which furnish employment to American labor. This is impossible with the distrust that hangs over the country at the present time, and every effort to make our dollars or any one of them worth less than one hundred cents each only serves to increase the distrust."—McKinley to the Foraker club.

"Our creed embraces an honest dollar, an untarnished national credit, adequate revenue for the uses of the government, protection to labor and industry, preservation of the home market, and reciprocity which will extend our foreign markets."—McKinley to the Foraker club.

The Newspaper Bolt.

The following Democratic and Independent papers refuse to support the Chicago platform. In the East—

Boston Herald, Ind. Dem.
Boston Globe, Dem.
Providence Journal, Ind.
Hartford Times, Dem.
New Haven Register, Dem.
Manchester, N. H., Union, Dem.
New York Sun, Dem.
New York Times, Dem.
New York Herald, Ind. Dem.
New York Post, Ind. Dem.
New York Staats Zeitung, Dem.
New York World, Dem.
Philadelphia Record, Dem.
Philadelphia Times, Dem.
Buffalo Courier, Dem.
Buffalo Inquirer, Dem.
Syracuse Courier, Dem.
Elizabeth, N. J., Herald, Dem.
Trenton Times, Ind.
Trenton American, Dem.
Brooklyn Eagle, Dem.
Utica Observer, Dem.
Newark News, Dem.
New Haven News, Dem.
Troy, N. Y., Press, Dem.
Hartford Telegram, Dem.
Lewiston, Me., Sun, Dem.
Newark Sunday Call, Dem.
Bridgeport Evening Farmer, Dem.
Buffalo Demokrat, Dem.
Easton Express, Dem.
In the West—
Chicago Chronicle, Dem.
Chicago Staats Zeitung, Dem.
Detroit Free Press, Dem.
St. Paul Globe, Dem.
Sioux City Tribune, Dem.
Davenport, Ia., Demokrat, Dem.
In the South—
Petersburg Index-Appeal, Dem.
Baltimore Sun, Dem.
Baltimore News, Dem.
Richmond Times, Dem.
Charleston News, Dem.
Louisville Courier-Journal, Dem.
Louisville Post, Dem.
Louisville Times, Dem.
Richmond State, Dem.
St. Louis Anzeiger des Westens, Dem.
Nashville Banner, Dem.
Memphis Scimeter, Dem.
Chattanooga Times, Dem.
New Orleans Picayune, Dem.
Galveston News, Dem.
Dallas News, Dem.
Austin Statesman, Dem.

Bryan and Sewall have only one prominent newspaper organ in the east, the New York Journal, and it condemns the sixteen to one plank in the Chicago platform.

The Troy Times, in an eloquent leader, nominates Congressman Frank S. Black of that city for governor of New York. Mr. Black rose to public fame in connection with the prosecution of Bat Shea and the cleaning out of Senator "Ed." Murphy's organized gang of ballot box stuffers and repeaters. He was counsel to the Committee on Public Safety, and to the Senate committee which probed into Trojan municipal rottenness, and later was chairman of the Rensselaer county Republican committee. He is an active, energetic and progressive Republican, and his nomination at Saratoga would give the Empire state a magnificent executive.

"Not content with the inauguration of the ruinous policy which has brought down the wages of the laborer and the price of farm products, its advocates now offer a new policy which will diminish the value of the money in which wages and prices are paid."—McKinley to the Foraker club.

If Bryan wins, it is said Altgeld is to be made attorney general and Pitchfork Tillman secretary of state. This is one of several thousand reasons why Bryan will not win.

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

"In this contest patriotism is above party, and national honor is dearer than any party name. The currency and the credit of the government are good now, and must be kept good forever."—McKinley, to the Foraker club.

"Silver-tongued" Breckenridge, of Kentucky, has announced his congressional candidacy on a gold platform. And yet some folks say bimetallism is impossible.

It is said that Mrs. Bryan writes most of her husband's speeches. The Republican nominee can do his own thinking.

NO JOINT DEBATE.

Major Handy, in Times-Herald.

Personally Bryan is a winsome man on a first acquaintance, but there are those who say that he does not wear well, and others who predict an immediate enlargement of his head. He will, no doubt, make a picturesque and rather effective campaigner. Nothing indicates his sublime confidence in himself more than his already expressed determination to challenge Major McKinley to take the stump with him. He thinks it would be a fine thing for him to play David with the Goliath of protection and sound money. No doubt the performance would be interesting, but it is not at all likely that Major McKinley would lend himself to any such scheme to magnify the boy orator and his cause. Major McKinley is many years past the boy orator stage of existence, and is out of practice in moot courts and young men's debating societies. The contrast of their candidacies will be sufficient. The old soldier has little time or inclination for going through the manual of arms. I think Mr. Bryan will have to do his campaigning without the advertisement of McKinley's presence on the same stump.

IDEAL CANDIDATES BOTH.

McKinley and Hobart are the highest types of American citizenship. They stand for honesty, for integrity, for loyalty to every American interest, for the protection of every factory, every farm and every fireside. They stand on a platform which means that every industry in the land will receive the protection necessary to its existence and extension; a platform that declares in unmistakable terms for a currency based on an unvarying standard; a platform that promises a re-enactment of reciprocity; a development of our sugar industry; an adequate duty on wool and woolens; a platform that discriminates in favor of American shipbuilding, just pensions, a vigorous and dignified foreign policy, a sympathy with downtrodden people of less fortunate nations; for a free ballot; for arbitration; for temperance and morality.—From President George E. Green's Address to Republican League of New York.

JUSTICE AT LAST.

From the Pawtucket Post.

The coal barons of Pennsylvania are a distinct class in themselves and they are not in business simply for the fun of it. Great coal interests are concerns that require master minds in the handling, and many thousands of accounts are open on the books of the coal companies. It means very much when there is even but a slight rise in coal prices and when the basis figures are reached then is the time when the miner begins to receive some fair return for his labor. It is merely the truth to say that the coal barons, so-called, are the very life-blood of the great anthracite coal fields, and as they find room for investment and the development of their territory, they are engaging in enterprises that give employment to very many thousands of people.

It is a fact that in any material increase in coal prices the miner has a share, even though it may not be a large one, but the pro rata is, as a rule, a fair one, and the fair thing to do in matters of this kind is to give the coal baron his due.

THE POPOCRAT PLATFORM.

From the Times-Herald.

Down with the national government!
Down with the Supreme court!
Down with national banks!
Down with national credit!
Down with civil service!
Down with statesmen and statesmanship!
Down with the wisdom of the fathers and the traditions of the past!
Hurrah for "states' rights!"
Hurrah for repudiation and dishonest money!
Hurrah for free coinage of the world's silver at our expense!
Hurrah for panic, general bankruptcy and irreparable disaster!
Hurrah for plunder, for "to the victors belong the spoils!"
Hurrah for the degenerates and the conspirators against stable government and established order!
N. B.—If you don't like the platform you may go to —!
P. S.—Cleveland be —!

THE REAL ISSUE.

From the Times-Herald.

There is no question of the west against the east or the east against the south. The issue is between honor and dishonor, the debt-paying classes everywhere against the repudiationists wherever found.

SHOULD RECIPROCATE.

From the Philadelphia Record.

The Chicago platform extends sympathy to Cuba; and enlightened Cubans will reciprocate when they shall have read the whole document.

READY FOR WAR.

From the Washington Post.

The next bulletin from Hon. J. Sterling Morton's department will advise that this is the time to dig up the buried hatchets.

THEY WILL OBJECT.

From the Times-Herald.

The 750,000 pensioners have a chance to say whether or not they want their monthly stipend cut in two.

THE DIFFERENCE.

From the Times-Herald.

Bryan was the whim of a reckless convention. McKinley the deliberate choice of the people.

HIS FATE FORECASTED.

From the Times-Herald.

Mr. Bryan will be known in history as the man who ran against McKinley.

VERY MUCH EASIER.

From the Philadelphia Record.

It is easier to stampede a convention than to stampede "all the people."

WHO NEVER WON.

From the Philadelphia Record.

Bryan magnetic? Undoubtedly. So was poor Blaine!

TOLD BY THE STARS.

Daily Horoscope Drawn by Ajacchus The Tribune Astrologer.

Astrolabe cast: 3.23 a. m., for Tuesday, July 14, 1896.

It will be apparent to a child born on this day that chronic debaters on the currency question seldom convince anyone beside themselves.

If "Boy Orator" Bryan fulfills Mr. Boland's predictions about "sweeping the country," it is to be hoped that he will send sprinkler ahead before he arrives in Scranton. The street commissioners' gang raises all the dust required in this city.

It is a pleasure to note that the Pattison boom returned from Chicago in good condition with none of the varnish knocked off.

Democracy seems now to be in the state that would be characterized on Professor Coles' calendar as the "low ebb."

The Pennsylvania farmer is in doubt as to whether it is the army worm or the "gold bug" that is most to be feared this season.

The Scranton Times in free silver garb looks very much like a man with his coat on wrong side out.

All men are created equal in the eyes of every one save the tax collector.

Ajacchus' Advice.

This is a good year for the prudent Jeffersonian to be "out of politics."