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THE REPUBLICAN TICKET.

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

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. Penalties 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.

cracy at Chicago. In it occur these words, now sounding more like irony than the creed of a young and ardent apostle filled to the full with enthusiasm and hope:

We remember that the party he (Jefferson) founded has had an unbroken life of a hundred years; that it has controlled the national government for more than one-half of its duration; that it has victoriously led our people in all our foreign wars; that under its aegis our national domain was extended along the Gulf and the Mississippi and clear to the Pacific slope; that it fathered the settlement of the great Northwest and the upbuilding of a mighty nation.

The death of an honest man is always a national loss. William Eustis Russell was more than an honest man; he was an honest and an able man. He lived true to his convictions and he dies all too soon.

Mr. Bryan is undoubtedly a very earnest young man; but the harder one works who is working the wrong way, the greater the mischief done.

"The mooney 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."

The Scranton Times denies that it favors free trade. Doesn't it endorse the Chicago platform?

Bryan and the Farmer. The Erie Dispatch, published in a district which suffers keenly from Canadian competition in certain agricultural products, has been looking into the facts as to Mr. Bryan's repeatedly proclaimed solicitude for the American farmer.

As a member of the ways and means committee which drafted the Wilson bill, Mr. Bryan made a special hobby of free wool. Well, free wool was adopted. What was the effect? Half of our domestic fleeces had to be sent to the butchery.

Attention is directed to the formal call, in another column, for the next Republican county convention. Primaries for the election of delegates will be held on Saturday, August 1, and the convention will assemble at the court house on Tuesday, August 4.

William E. Russell. To the Democracy of the East. William Eustis Russell, whose startlingly sudden death is chronicled in our news columns, has for several years stood in much the same relation in which William Jennings Bryan now stands to the more Populist Democracy of the West.

The distinguished characteristics of Mr. Russell's public activities in a political direction have been his loftiness of ideals, his sincerity of purpose and his courage. He was a Democrat whom Republicans could respect.

Nevertheless, his temperament was impetuous, and a signal illustration of this fact comes to mind with almost tragic distinctness. The leading article in this month's Forum was written by him. It was a study of Jefferson, made for the guidance of Democ-

to them in crisp cash. Would they want any such risky experiment as free silver coinage? Not a bit of it.

The latest organized Democratic bolt is way out in Missouri. It is nice for Bryan to talk about invading the capitalistic East, but if he wants to have a corporal's guard in the next electoral college he had better watch his fences in the Populistic West.

The Next Senate. One of the arguments employed in support of the silver movement is that even though McKinley should be elected, the senate would for four years remain in control of the silver forces, thus effectually checkmating any attempt at tariff revision except when coupled with a free coinage rider.

The Cleveland World explodes it by pointing out that there are four states where it seems that Republican senators will next year succeed Democratic members. This does not include Ohio and Maryland, where Republican senators have already been chosen to replace Democrats.

But this is not all the story. By the time McKinley shall be duly settled in the White House, Pennsylvania will have chosen a sound money Republican to succeed J. Donald Cameron, who is now numbered among the free silver obstructionists of the upper chamber.

Few newspapers have risen to an emergency so well as did the Washington Post during the recent presence in its city of the Christian Endeavor convention. The Chicago Democratic convention, which was in simultaneous progress, made an extraordinary demand upon the newspapers of all cities; but the Post not only reported every feature of it fully and finely but also daily gave from ten to twelve pages over to the visiting Endeavorists.

"It is desirable," says Senator John Sherman, "to have more silver money, but the Chicago platform does not point out the safe way to get it." Silver cannot be coined without limit at an artificial price without the corner of it sooner or later getting hurt.

THE MAN FOR CONGRESS. From the Olyphant Record. From present indications, William Connell will be the nominee of the Republicans of this district for congressman next term.

AN EXPLANATION. Several correspondents have asked us to explain what the free coinage of silver means, and, generally, what effect legislation establishing it would have upon the business of the country.

of this coinage scheme would be to make dollars containing a little over three-quarters of an ounce of pure silver, each equal in debt-paying power to gold dollars.

The price of articles exported would also rise in the same way. Wheat and wheat flour would double in price, and so would pork, beef, butter, lard, petroleum and all other necessities.

THE SPIRIT OF UNREST. From the Buffalo Enquirer. The spirit of unrest and discontent that did much to nominate and elect Mr. Cleveland in 1892 is behind Bryan. Then the war cry that arrayed class against class and section against section was, "Down with the Robber Barons of Protection!"

AFTER THE LANDLORDS. From the Wilkes-Barre Record. The man who knowingly rents property for immoral purposes is not a wiser landlord than his wretched tenants.

JUDGED BY IT'S COMPANY. From the Washington Post. Ex-Governor Leach has turned in for Bryan and so has Penoyer. It is generally safe to judge a presidential boom by the company it keeps.

DAILY HOROSCOPE DRAWN BY ANACONDA. The Tribune Astrologer. Astrological cast: 2.33 a. m., for Friday, July 17, 1896.

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