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SCRANTON, AUGUST 6, 1896. THE REPUBLICAN TICKET.

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

STATE. Congressmen-at-Large, GAILUSHA A. GROW, of Susquehanna. SAMUEL A. DAVENPORT, of Erie.

COUNTY. For Congress, WILLIAM CONNELL, of Scranton. For Commissioners, S. W. ROBERTS, of Scranton.

LEGISLATIVE. For Senator, Twenty-first District, COL. W. J. SCOTT, of Nesquehock. 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.

quired strength as it went and carried with it peoples, parliaments and governments. It has grown in England, in Belgium, in Germany and in America.

The significance of this to Americans at this time consists of the fact that a false step by this country might sacrifice the whole prospect of international action. It is no longer denied in any quarter that the attempt by this nation to solve the silver problem independently would throw us upon the silver basis, drive our gold over to Europe, thus ending Europe's strain, and destroy perhaps for generations the conditions that are now making for international concurrence in silver's restoration.

In other words, bimetalists in this country are asked to choose between the advice of men like McKinley, Harrison, Reed, Allison, Cullom and Sherman—statesmen of demonstrated wisdom and varied experience—on the one hand, and that of men like Tiltman, Aitgeld, Waite, Coxey, Watson and Bryan on the other. Can any thoughtful voter hesitate over such a choice?

The Scranton Times complains that under the last year of Harrison's administration there was a deficit of \$5,000,000. Six years ago it found fault because there was a surplus. It is hard to please.

"The Republican party stands for honest money and the chance to earn it by honest toil." WILLIAM MCKINLEY.

We understand that ex-Factor Inspector Watchorn predicts Bryan will carry New York by 200,000. We trust for Mr. Watchorn's sake that our information is incorrect.

Go'd Standard and Labor. An excellent expose of the fallacy of the arguments of the silver men in relation to the workingman is contained in the following table giving the nominal and the actual value of the money units employed by silver-standard countries:

Table with columns: Country, Monetary Unit, Actual Value, Gold Value, Silver Value, Total Value. Lists countries like Great Britain, United States, Germany, France, etc.

In these countries the wages of labor are paid in silver. If those wages were double those paid in gold-standard countries, there might be some point to the demand of the supporters of Mr. Bryan for a cheaper dollar in this country.

Table titled 'SILVER STANDARD COUNTRIES' comparing skilled and unskilled labor wages in various countries like Australia, Brazil, Belgium, etc.

Compare these wages with the wages paid in gold-standard countries, and note the difference: It will be seen that not only do wages in gold-standard countries average much higher than in silver-standard countries, but that the purchasing power of those wages is nearly double that of the wages paid in silver-standard countries.

It will be seen that not only do wages in gold-standard countries average much higher than in silver-standard countries, but that the purchasing power of those wages is nearly double that of the wages paid in silver-standard countries. In other words, labor gets nearly twice as much pay in gold-standard countries as in silver-standard countries, and that pay in turn buys twice as much, making labor four times better off where gold is the standard than where silver is.

claim that the American workingman would be benefited by having his dollar debased fifty per cent, and the prices of the articles that he buys multiplied by two?

Our good friend, Ben Johnson, informs the public that he doesn't think the tariff is the issue. Mr. Johnson is one of the men who used to say that if the Democrats could just get one nice whack at Protection there would be no end of prosperity in consequence.

"The money of the United States, and every kind of 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.

The free silver orators and editors still fail to explain how the free coinage of the white metal would benefit the workingman. If the latter owned silver bullion in large quantity, as the western mine-owners do, we could see how it would be to his interest to have fifty-three cents' worth of that bullion coined into a dollar but inasmuch as he would have to work hard for his wages in any event, the benefit to come to him from being paid for such work in inferior dollars is not discernible by us.

The Civil Service Reform Association of Pennsylvania announces that it gives its cordial approval to the main features of the civil service bill recently drafted at Senator Quay's suggestion. It will suggest some amendments, notably one extending the system to any city, county, township or borough; but for once it finds occasion to extend its approval to a policy originating with the state's junior senator. This fact is of sufficient importance to warrant conspicuous mention.

The government spends \$27,000,000 annually on salaries for clerks who reside in Washington. If free silver would cut the purchasing power of these salaries down one-half, how would this effect the merchants of Washington? The same question is applicable to all cities where there are wage earners at fixed salaries. Let the clerks of Scranton think it over.

Philadelphia Press: "Candidate William Connell, nominated Tuesday in the Eleventh district, will be a useful and valuable representative, both for the district and the state. His election is certain and the district is to be congratulated on placing Mr. Connell in service."

Senator Quay says: "This silver craze is only a bubble. It won't be very long before it bursts, and by the middle of September the whole country will know that McKinley will be elected." We don't think the country has much doubt on that point to-day.

Our Democratic neighbor is unable to understand why The Tribune did not quake with fear over the result in Alabama. It evidently thinks that the carrying of that state by the Democrats was the most wonderful victory since the Dutch captured Holland.

THE REPUBLICAN TICKET.

As Viewed by the Enemy. Scranton Times (Silver Dem.): "No gold soldier ever came to battle the strength of the enemy with whom he is to do battle. The records of war and politics are strewn with stories of defeat caused by every confidence which little damage is done to follow an overestimate of the opposing forces. It is well, therefore, to look squarely at the fact that the ticket nominated by the Lackawanna Republicans does not lack in elements of strength and that in order to achieve a notable victory at the polls the Democrats must put forward their best men and work harmoniously together until election day.

The Republicans have put to the front as a candidate for congress the acknowledged leader of the party in this county, Mr. William Connell. This is no surprise to the voters. For several weeks his nomination has been a foregone conclusion and the active felt to him without opposition and without protest. The divisions that wrecked the party last spring if they still exist, are latent. They do not appear on the surface and the indications are that the Democracy will stand face to face with the united Republican party or so much as remains of it after the advocates of Bryan and Sewall have finished their missionary work. \* \* \* Of course there are varying opinions of Mr. Connell personally, as may be demonstrated during the campaign. He has great apt of his active life in Scranton and it would be lying in the face of facts to say that he has not a large number of friends. \* \* \* To sum the matter up it must be acknowledged that he is a strong candidate."

An Independent View. Scranton Truth: "The nomination of Mr. William Connell for congress by the Republican convention of Lackawanna county, was a fitting tribute to a representative citizen of brains, energy and principle, who by sheer force of character and unceasing diligence has risen above the 'iron fortune' of adversity and pushed his way through many obstacles to a position of honor. The sterling qualities of mind and heart that enabled Mr. Connell to rise, from the humble position of a poor driver boy in the mines, to that of an employer of many men and the guiding spirit of numerous industries, cannot fail to make him a man of influence in congress. In the course of his busy life he has run the gamut of practical experience from a mine boy to a millionaire coal operator, and there are no idle days in his calendar. Many men of affluence use their wealth to purchase leisure and social enjoyment, but Mr. Connell is not of that class. His dollars are as active as he is in the promotion of various industrial enterprises, and to his practical, purposeful energy the city of Scranton is largely indebted for its progress. Mr. Connell has mingled with the people from boyhood, as breadwinner and employer, and he thoroughly understands their needs and aspirations. On the question now before us, the public mind his views are similar to those we have frequently advocated in the Truth. He is a firm believer in Protection and sound money, and we are confident he will have in him an earnest and effective supporter in the national house of representatives. Never in the history of the country was there greater need, in the national legislature, of men of practical experience and sound views than there will be in the coming congress, and the Republicans of Lackawanna county are to be congratulated, therefore, on the nomination of Mr. Connell, who is so admirably equipped to meet the exacting requirements of the situation. In addition to his indefatigable energy and personal familiarity with affairs, Mr. Connell is a man of broad and liberal views on all questions affecting the welfare of the human family, and should he be elected, the interests of this growing city and section will be well cared for in congress."

IN THE SAME BOAT. From the New York Sun. This is a campaign for self-preservation. Democrats and Republicans are in the same boat, whether they like the situation or not. They must pull all together in this emergency to escape common destruction. However far apart they may have been, they are now united by the same self-interest to work in unison. The questions to be decided are whether the national honor and credit shall be preserved or sacrificed, and whether every man's dollar shall be kept at its full value or be reduced by about one-half. When it comes to a matter of that sort people don't stop to quarrel over trifles. When a man is selling his goods or his labor or is lending his money he does not inquire whether the buyer or the borrower is a Democrat or Republican, but only whether he is a good pay or has good security.

Bryan calls himself a Democrat and McKinley a Republican; but of what worth are mere party names in this campaign? McKinley and Bryan are only the heads of two opposing policies. If people want their dollar cut in two, they will vote for Bryan. McKinley simply stands for financial honesty and business security. The party name amounts to nothing. If you want to save your property and prevent the reduction of the purchasing power of your wages you will vote for him. If your devotion to the mere name of Democrat is so strong that you are determined to stick to Bryan, though he has sold out the Democracy in this campaign, it is for you to make the sacrifice of half your property in property accumulated or in marketable labor. The money is your own, and you can burn it if you think best. The saving of your money is more generally popular. Getting it is heard enough, and keeping it is harder; and people are not accustomed to throw it away simply to gratify the vanity of a Populist candidate for the presidency. But, as the wise Book says, a fool and his money are soon parted. The only course for sensible men to follow in this campaign is to beat Bryan in order to save themselves, using the best means for the purpose they have at hand. It is no time for howling and strapping, and for superlatives about the puerilities of political etiquette. Bryan for his own part, has not been squeamish about allying himself with the Populist regulators, and he does not cry about it. He is a rough-mannered lot. He is trying to get into the white house, and he does not stop to trouble himself about the opinions of the Democracy. Generally they are a rough-mannered lot. He is trying to get into the white house, and he does not stop to trouble himself about the opinions of the Democracy. Generally they are a rough-mannered lot. He is trying to get into the white house, and he does not stop to trouble himself about the opinions of the Democracy. Generally they are a rough-mannered lot.

PROTECTION'S WORK. From the Manufacturer. Last week, in the columns of this journal, we showed how the United States, a few years ago far behind Great Britain as a producer of pig-iron, has now overtaken that country, and become the foremost among the nations in manufacturing that article. The figures which represent the forward movement of this country as a producer of steel are equally remarkable. England had a long lead in the beginning of the race, but by 1885 the production of Bessemer ingots was proportioned between the two countries as follows:

Table titled 'PRODUCTION OF BESSEMER INGOTS' comparing Great Britain and United States production in 1885 and 1895.

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