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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.

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For Auditors, A. E. KIEFER, of Scranton, FRED L. WARD, 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.

The Issue Well Stated.

"Do you consider the financial question the main issue?" was recently asked of Mark Hanna. "When the other is repudiation, yes," Mr. Hanna replied.

The following declaration by the Republicans of Wisconsin will bear thoughtful study. It is true as gospel: "We believe that in the restoration of power in national affairs of the party that stands for a sound and stable currency—honest money with which to pay the wages of labor, buy the products of the farm and factory and carry on the business of the great country—and for a fair and equitable protective tariff that will protect all the people in every section of the country, give employment to American labor, preserve American producers the first chance in home markets

and at the same time give us enough revenue to pay the necessary expenses of carrying on the government, lies the only hope of a return to our former prosperity."

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

The Chicago Times-Herald now joins The Tribune in emphasizing the tariff as really the chief issue. It truly says: "Increase the tariff so that it will yield adequate revenue and protect lanthorn industries and the gold reserve will stand above the natural limit and capital will seek new channels of profitable venture, furnishing employment to thousands of idle men, thereby creating new markets for the products of the soil at prices that always follow a brisk demand."

The Third Ticket Movement. By what process of intuition the so-called Sound Money Democracy whose representatives met last week in Indianapolis has reached the conclusion that it will contribute to Mr. Bryan's defeat to split the strength of his opponents in two of the doubtful states we know not. Nor do we have any trustworthy method of ascertaining. The ways of Democracy have always been full of mystery, and this characteristic is evidently going to descend to all the offspring fragments of the parent wreck.

But while on its surface this singular determination of the Indianapolis dissenters looks like nothing else so much as a specimen either of deliberate treachery or of almost incredible folly, yet we will not be in the least discouraged. We have little right to offer advice to Democrats. Their conduct in a national emergency is their own to govern as they shall see fit.

STOP CALLING NAMES.

From the Times-Herald. Our advice to our allies in the fight for honest money to deal gently with the erring has been generally taken in good part. We may even indulge the conceit that it has greatly softened the asperities of the campaign. The very estimable New York Evening Post, which likes to prove its "doctrine orthodox by apostolic blows and knocks," admits that Mr. Bryan is a man of excellent character and not a "boss blatherskite," and other valued journals which in the first flush of anger were disposed to treat the silver men as if they had seceded from the Union have settled down to decorous argument.

Fortunately the Republican party is strong enough, in its own name and in its own might, to elect McKinley president, with votes to spare. Hence it will not really matter what the other fellows do.

It is proper that David Martin should be heard in his own defense in reference to the charge of councilman bribery lately disclosed in Philadelphia before the Andrews committee. Only one side of the case has yet been presented. The presentation of the other side may modify materially the present ugly appearance of things.

Involves a Moral Principle.

A private letter recently received from Judge Alfred Hand, who is passing the summer at Cottage City, Mass., contains a thought upon the money question worthy of reproduction. "It needs," says he, "to be recognized as a fundamental fact that the Almighty has made any kind of fiat money dishonest, and therefore in the end impossible of success. As between silver even at 53 cents in the dollar and greenbacks, if I was a miser to hoard I would salt down greenbacks in preference, because greenbacks are the promise of the United States government to pay a dollar, and the dollar of the fathers was a gold dollar, worth at the time they fixed its value \$1.63 in silver."

"The fathers," he continues, "never stamped a coin less than it was worth in order to make it worth more. They stamped it if it became worth at least that they wanted to issue 53 cents and call it a dollar. What is this but an attempt to cheat? If he wants to make a dollar of the fathers' now, he must make it worth a dollar, and worth the best dollar, else it will be a cheat dollar. This is a law of finance fixed by the Almighty in human minds, as inextensible as the law of gravitation. The reign of the Almighty extends to moral laws as well as physical, and the people of the United States will find it out in this crisis of their history as they did during the war."

It would be pleasant, no doubt, for borrowers to get the chance to repay loans on the basis of 53 cents on the dollar; but unless the option comes voluntarily from the lenders of money it becomes fundamentally dishonest. Can a dishonest proposition long receive the approval of a majority of the American people?

President Harrison's administration paid \$28,192,800 on the public debt, and left in the treasury, when it went out of office, a clean surplus of \$124,128,087. Yet President Harrison's administration was conducted on the gold standard. Evidently the gold standard was all right then. Why has trouble since arisen? Simply because Protection

was assailed. Of course the tariff is the issue.

The report has been revived that Senator Cameron will be a candidate for reelection; but we see no reason yet to call him, as this report in effect does, a liar. Let us believe the best of him until the worst is proved.

Cause and Effect.

The New York World remarks: "A Republican candidate for congress in Pennsylvania accepts the nomination with the assertion that the tariff and not the currency is the main issue. This is not the way to win sound-money Democratic votes to McKinley. Without a large accession of such votes it is now conceded that the Republican ticket cannot be elected."

By whom is this conceded? We have heard of no such concession. The Republicans won the congressional elections of two years ago without the help of the free traders, and the case in their favor is even stronger today than it was then. The Republican party has never intimated to anybody that it would in this campaign swallow its convictions on the tariff question; and if some of our Democratic friends have assumed that it would they have done so on their own responsibility.

The Republican candidate for congress who calls the tariff the main issue speaks the truth, whether he live in Pennsylvania or in Florida, in Maine or Texas. When the tariff was right the money system was right, too, and prosperity was general. Just as soon as the one was tampered with the other got out of order. Consequently it would be absurd to say that the effect is the cause, when every sensible man knows that it isn't.

Restore protection and the money problem will solve itself.

"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.

The New York Sun suggests that the energy and space now wasted on hypothetical estimates of the result of the next election could better be employed in the presentation of honest arguments. The point is well taken; still, we reserve our right to venture an occasional modest guess.

WANTS THE BEST.

From the Times-Herald. There is no foreign domination in the government of this country—never has since 1821, and never will be. Uncle Sam runs his own household and makes his own rules. He is able to control his own currency, and naturally, being in position to get the best, he considers the best just barely good enough for him.

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A WAR ON LABOR.

From the Railway Age. The campaign for free silver is of its essence a war on the wage earner. The advocates of free silver are not well tremble for the future of republican institutions. Thank heaven, it is not true! It exists only in heated brains and reckless lips. The election in three months of. In the meantime the energies of both sides could not be better employed than in cultivating the amenities of debate among civilized tribes. "Keep cool!" should be the motto of the hour.

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tempting promise of an increase in the price of his products. With the wage-earner the case is different. Every article which the advocate of free silver addresses to the agricultural cuts precisely the opposite way with him. There is nothing to tempt the worker in the cities, on the railways and in the shops and factories, in a promise of highest prices for all that he has to buy with a certainty of lower wages with which to do the buying.

ROOT OF THE TROUBLE.

From the Philadelphia Press. Price has steadily fallen in this country since January, 1894, when the country was on the crest of the wave of prosperity due to the McKinley tariff. Price has fallen because consumption has been reduced. Bradstreet's table of prices shows that hides and leather are the only articles higher than then. On the average, taking ninety-nine articles of leading consumption, prices are 78.81 per cent. of the prices ruling January 1, 1894. The two reasons are plain. Tariff agitation has destroyed the returns as to come in. These two causes have reduced consumption on a vast scale, and reduced consumption has reduced prices. The way to restore prices is not to double dollars, but to double current industry by restoring protection and giving currency a sound basis by electing McKinley and Hobart.

SENATOR QUAY'S QUESTION.

"Penn." in Philadelphia Bulletin. In 1888 when Senator Quay was surrounded by parasites at the national headquarters, and he was hailed as the greatest chairman the party ever had, he told a visiting party of his Philadelphia one day that just as likely as not he would be forgotten in the course of a few years. "By the bye," he said, in his dry quizzical fashion, "since you are all talking about this place, can any of you tell me who had it when Garfield was elected?" And there was only one of the party that could recall the name of Marshall Jewell without a nonplussed scratching of his head. It was Quay's philosophic way of slaying the short-lived parasites of the men who play the part of generalism for presidential candidates.

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Lackawanna Bryanites probably hesitate about forming campaign clubs because they do not know whether the tail of the ticket should read Watson or Sewall.

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