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THE REPUBLICAN TICKET.

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COUNTY. Congress—WILLIAM CONNELL, ROBERTS, A. E. KIEFFER, FRED L. WARD.

LEGISLATIVE. Senate, 21st District—COL. W. J. SCOTT. Representative, 1st District—JOHN E. PARR; 2d District—A. T. CONNELL; 3d District—DR. N. C. MACKAY.

In this campaign the real working-men are doing their own thinking. It is not being done for them by such men as Sovereign, McBride and Debs.

On Deceptive Foundations.

On Saturday at Chicago Governor Altgeld made an elaborate reply to Bourke Cockran and Carl Schurz. It is no more than fair to the governor of Illinois to say that whatever may be his defects as a political leader, he is evidently a man of much greater intellectual ability than is generally credited to him by the newspapers.

But his interesting superstructure is belittled throughout on utterly deceptive foundations. Its fundamental proposition is that there is not to lay in the civilized world, money sufficient to permit a fair and equitable transaction of the business of the world.

And this, after all, is about what this silver movement amounts to. It is nothing more nor less than an organized contradiction of facts, held together in hope of some form of personal gain. To the silver mine-owner it holds out the prospect of temporary and undeserved profit.

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applause from the more respectable element, the majority of whom were on the ground floor.

This turbulence began long before Mr. Powderly appeared and kept up long after he had finished speaking. It was not aimed at him personally, but was rather designed to convey the impression that the labor element is out of sympathy with the McKinley campaign.

Such tactics as that employed by the Popocrats at Cleveland will not help Bryan. It will not hurt McKinley. It will only recoil on its designers and bring upon them the contempt of all fair-minded men.

If you ask a business man what he thinks will "make business pick up," the chances are sixteen to one he will tell you: "The election of McKinley."

Let Quackery Alone.

It is worthy of remembrance by those who wish to see a renewal of prosperity in this country that the United States, in all its history, has never been so prosperous as when on a Protective basis. Between the years 1870 and 1888 the foreign trade of Great Britain, a revenue tariff country, increased 25 1/2 per cent.

In 1880, according to Mulhall, Great Britain commanded 27.2 per cent. of the commerce of the world; but by 1870 it had fallen to 24.5 per cent., and in 1860 it was only 21.2 per cent. Now witness the percentage figures relating to the United States. In 1830 we had only 3.7 per cent. of the world's commerce. In 1871 we had reached a place where we commanded 9.2 per cent., and in 1880 our percentage had reached 11.5 per cent.

There is not a direction in which the statistician can turn that does not bring him directly to the fact that the greatest development this country has witnessed in point of material advancement has been coincident with the maintenance of Protection and sound money.

Mr. Bryan, with glibness of tongue and small scruple in the excitement of class prejudices, may come among us and lend the charm of his oratory to the championship of free silver just as four years ago he lent it with seductive blandishments to the championship of free trade.

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Jones as an "Old Slueth."

One can imagine the overblowing eagerness with which Chairman Jones rushed to the newspaper correspondents with the information that the McCormick Harvester company had been caught distributing sound money literature.

On another page we print today the text of the speech delivered Saturday night at Cleveland, O., by ex-Governor Master Workman Powderly. From copies of the Cleveland papers which reached us yesterday we learn that the disturbance mentioned in the press reports of that meeting was begun during the speech of the gentleman who called the meeting to order.

The Democratic committee had filled the galleries with the most turbulent and anarchistic rowdies that could be found in the city. With no call whatever they began a terrific uproar with the sole purpose of not allowing the meeting to proceed.

Levy aside, it is not time that the public took the measure of the political sagacity of a campaign which tosses its hopes on such a ridiculous triviality as this?

Some Reflections as to Libel Suits

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Why He is Silent.

The American Protective Tariff league has undertaken an interesting investigation of the number of wage earners employed, and the amount of their earnings, during the months of July 1892 and 1896, these dates being, respectively, two years after the enactment of the McKinley and Wilson tariffs.

The amount of wages paid, in July, 1892, to the 114,231 hands aggregated \$2,927,290. But the pay rolls for last July, after two years of the Democratic tariff, aggregated only \$2,469,712. The monthly average rate of wages has declined from \$24.50 to \$21 among those who are at work.

The Times quotes from the Salt Lake Tribune six propositions relative to the superior prosperity of silver standard over gold standard countries and claims they knock Carlisle's five propositions, quoted yesterday, "into smithereens."

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All accounts agree that Senator Quay's utmost influences are being exerted in Philadelphia in the interest of party harmony. As a result, while a few marplots hold out, fearing loss of employment with the subsidence of factional strife, the great mass of the party in that city is already a long way toward reconciliation and unity of purpose.

That is a fine tribute to the Republican commissioners of this county which the Democratic organ pays when it reluctantly admits that during their administration of the county finances "there have been no serious scandals."

With Postmaster Bogert's paper practically calling Appointer Cleveland a political traitor for not supporting Bryan, there ought soon to be a condition of interest in the Democratic politics of Luzerne. But perhaps Bogert thinks what he loses by abusing Grover he will win back by cottoning to the Boy Orator. If that be so, alas for his delusion.

The charges are multiplying so rapidly against Minister Terrell that something ought soon to be done in the direction of an official investigation. However, it will not be long until there will be a decent administration in control of the American state department, and then perhaps public sentiment will stand some show.

It strikes us that the Scranton Times descends to small business when it allows Mr. Scragg for having dared to follow his convictions. It will not help its cause by such tactics.

Governor O'Ferrall, of Virginia, one of the stoutest of Democrats, repudiates Bryan and declares for sound money. Let the good work go on.

Restore public confidence in this country and there'll be no lack of money. On the contrary, we will soon have "money to burn."

Affairs locally having recently been a trifle dull, the advent of Bryan will be welcome, if only for variety's sake.

John Thacher, too, seems reconciled to the prospect of being sacrificed on a "golden altar."

Bardsley was evidently fortunate in having a friend at court.

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Yet on the face of the facts as they are known to us, it is a strange proceeding in favor of Miles, as a plaintiff, who has apparent ground for his suit. The article of which he complains is calculated to produce a bad impression on the minds of all the facts that are known of his career can be justly construed, even from an unfriendly standpoint, so as to warrant this sweeping talk of him in a merely general communication allowed to the press in discussing the fitness and desirability of a candidate for office.

I am one of the comparatively few who think that the famous \$45,000 verdict against the Times, now before the Supreme court, was excessive, even with all allowance for the wrong or injury that may have been done to ex-Mayor Smith.

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The hortfulness of this style of discussion to the press in general is to be found in the difficulty which is experienced in inducing legislatures to relax those features of the libel law which bear heavily on the newspaper.

THE MORTGAGES' OWNERS. From the Philadelphia Press. When Mr. Bryan charged "those who hold fixed investments" as "the only potent force" in favor of the existing gold standard, he probably had a vague idea in his ill-formed mind that they were few in number.

ORIGIN OF POLITICAL PHRASES. The origin of the phrase "mending his fences" is said to be as follows: Immediately prior to the meeting of the Republican national convention in 1880 John Sherman, known to be an aspirant for presidential honors withdrew from the senate to the seclusion of his farm at Mansfield.

UNDER WHICH FLAG. From the Syracuse Standard. The silver-using countries are Mexico, China, Japan, Russia, India, the Straits Settlements, the South American States, and the Central American States.

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was a common occurrence. Before the burial of a murdered man the grida was celebrated. This word, which literally means a crying aloud, may be translated a "wake." The body of the victim was laid upon a plank; his useless firearms were piled near his hand and his blood-stained shirt was hung above his head.

partment gives the "amount of money in the United States, per capita, \$22.96" and the "money in circulation in the United States, per capita, \$12.10." Placed side by side, these facts stand as follows:

NATURALLY SO. From the Times-Herald. The people apparently prefer to stand with England, Germany and France rather than with China, Siam and Mexico.

SECOND THE MOTION. From the Times-Herald. Now let Allison's state do as well as Reed's.

THE COMING HERO. The base ball season's nearly o'er, But what of that? The college boy has hair galore Beneath his hat.

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