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THE REPUBLICAN TICKET.

NATIONAL. President—WILLIAM MCKINLEY. Vice-President—GARRETT A. HOBIART.

STATE. Congressmen—H. L. LARGO—GALUSHA A. GROW, SAMUEL A. DAVENPORT.

COUNTY. Congressmen—WILLIAM CONNELL, ROBERTS, GILLES, ROBERTS, AUDUBON, E. KIEFER, FRED. L. WARD.

LEGISLATIVE. Senate, 1st District—COL. W. J. SCOTT. Representative, 1st District—JOHN R. FARR; 2d District—A. T. CONNELL; 3d District—DR. N. C. MAKEY; 4th District—JOHN F. REYNOLDS.



While The Tribune has endeavored with its regular staff to arrange for a prompt collection of election returns in city and county, it will appreciate the cooperation of its friends in the different districts, especially in the county. Let a special effort be made by all concerned to put the record where it can be made known at the earliest possible moment to the greatest number of anxious people.

Vote Early and Work Hard.

This is the last chance which we shall have to address the voters of Scranton and Lackawanna county prior to the end of the most important political contest in the history of the American nation. We shall not now waste precious time in a belated argument concerning the principles at issue. It may fairly be assumed that every intelligent voter, before whose eyes these words will come, has already reached a decision with reference to the merits of the contest and is only waiting for the opportunity to register this decision at the ballot box.

What we desire to say to such voters, in the early morning of election day, is to suggest that the prompt polling of each honest citizen's vote does not end his responsibility or his duty. To give expression to one's own belief is a sovereign privilege, than which, in our government, none is higher. But there is also to be considered the necessity of urging others to fulfill this obligation, and to use every fair endeavor to influence their choice for the best interests of the whole people.

We have worked to little purpose during the past three months if we have not made plain to thoughtful readers that the true welfare of the community and of the nation requires an emphatic verdict for Protection, honest money, law and order and the sovereignty of the federal government over the anarchistic spirit of the mob. As the exponents of these principles stand William McKinley and William Connell—the one a candidate for the position of national executive, the other a candidate for the position of national legislator. Opposed to them are two men who, however respectable they may be personally, deserve no support while on their present platform. It is the duty of every patriotic voter not only to vote but also to work today for McKinley and Connell. Their election by decisive pluralities will mean much for the future of this community.

In smaller circles of influence, but not unimportant ones by any means, they stand on the Republican ticket as candidates for county executive and state legislative positions a group of men personally well qualified for the trusts to which they aspire and worthily representing the political organization which without their co-operation in minor positions would soon become powerless to win national battles. It is the duty of every consistent Republican to vote as well for these candidates as for the leaders on the ticket. It would not be a genuine victory were these men to suffer defeat. They are trusted parts of a great political mechanism which can accomplish the best results only when everywhere supported and encouraged.

Let the aim today be to make good government's triumph sweeping and complete, all along the battle line. Vote early, then, and work hard.

A dollar worth all that it says it's worth, no matter where you go with it, is the kind of a dollar that the sensible man will vote for to-day, and McKinley and Connell are the men who represent it.

There are many of us who can swim in troubled waters, but the poorest, most helpless, the men who now find it the most difficult to live, are the very people who would go down soonest in the storm. In the hideous welter of a social revolution it is the brutal, the reckless and the criminal who prosper, not the hard working, sober and thrifty. Life is often hard enough at best; it is sometimes quite as hard for the rich as for the poor, and too often the good man, the honest and patriotic citizen, suffers many blows from fate, and sees some casual and some idlers prosper undeservedly; but the surest way to increase his misery ten-

fold is for him to play into the hands of demagogues, to abandon that stern morality without which no man and no nation can ever permanently succeed, and to seek a temporary relief for his own real or imaginary sufferings by plunging others into misery.—Theodore Roosevelt.

DISPLAYING THE RETURNS.

The Tribune has leased for tonight a special telegraphic wire in direct communication with the news centers of New York. This has been connected with the building opposite its office, on the corner of Linden street and Washington avenue. An operator and a stereopticon artist, with their assistants, will receive and throw upon a large screen the earliest and fullest election returns obtainable by co-operation with the great newspapers of New York. Between bulletins, humorous and other pictures will be exhibited. The entire public is invited to witness this free display. There will be standing room for thousands on the Court House square.

A vote for Alex. Connell is a vote for the kind of representation that Scranton ought to have, and a vote for his opponent isn't.

Don't Heed Last Cards.

It ought scarcely to be necessary to warn voters not to pay any attention whatever to eleventh-hour campaign lies. It has for several years been a favorite artifice of the Democratic managers in this county to put out vicious circulars and elevate slanderous rumors against the leading Republican candidates on the eve of election, knowing that by so doing they shut off denial. This dodge has been worked so often in times past that intelligent voters should by this time be able at once to understand its significance, and treat it with the contempt it deserves.

We understand that several of those cowardly stories are being used against Mr. Connell and that some of them are also being aimed at Representative Farr over in the First district. They are not of sufficient importance in themselves to merit notice, inasmuch as the records of them and of the other Republican candidates have been before the people too long to be seriously injured by "last cards" which are notoriously false and deceptive. But it is well for every Republican today to be on his guard for these lies and to do his utmost to see that no unwary voter shall be influenced by them.

The local canvass in the main has been gratifyingly decent. We are sure that no Republican speaker or newspaper has spoken a word which would give him offence to either Mr. Merrifield or any of his associates on the Democratic ticket. And while some of the orators on the other side have not been so considerate, and while the Free Press as a regular thing and the Times upon occasion have given publicity to gross abuse, not only of Mr. Connell but also of several of the other Republican candidates, this was perhaps to be expected. We do not charge this against the Democratic party, and we have no doubt that the better members of that party strongly disapprove of such methods.

The thing to do today is to stamp out these false stories and to roll up a rousing plurality for the entire Republican ticket.

Send John R. Farr back with a majority equal to his worth.

Wage-Earners Should Remember—

That in the language of the Times-Herald, you can't start the woolen mills of the country by manufacturing a lot of yardsticks with which to measure the cloth.

That you can't start any of the mills by creating more of the instruments with which the value of the products of the mills is measured.

That you can't create more work for wage earners by increasing the number of the things by which the value of work is measured when it is done.

That you can't increase the market for the farmer's wheat by increasing the number of bushel measures or sacks.

That the government cannot create a demand for silver by stamping it any more than it can create a demand for wheat by certifying to the quantity of wheat in each sack that is brought to the treasury.

That the free coinage of silver at 16 to 1 by the United States alone would indefinitely postpone the adoption of international bimetalism which is so earnestly desired by the true bimetallists of this country.

That the men who work in the mills are the backbone of our industrial prosperity.

That when they are idle there is general stagnation in business, capital flees in the vaults, merchants have diminished sales at close profits, enterprises languish, railways pay no dividends, and the farmer finds a dull market for his products.

That under the tariff law of 1890, which Mr. Bryan helped to destroy, and the gold standard which he wants to destroy, the reports from 75 cities to the census bureau showed an increase of \$1,522,745,594 in the capital employed in manufacturing, an increase of \$2,024,236,166 in value of product, an increase of \$677,942,929 in wages earned and an increase of 855,029 in number of wage earners employed.

That under the McKinley law in 1892 forty new cotton factories, forty-eight new knitting mills, twenty-six new woolen mills, fifteen new silk mills,

four push mills and two new linen mills were built.

That the consumption of Southern cotton under the McKinley law increased in one year 185,000 bales.

That when Mr. Bryan and others repealed the McKinley law there were, according to the report of Special Agent Ayer, of the treasury department, thirty-two companies manufacturing tin, and ten plate in the United States, and fourteen companies building new works for such manufacture, representing an investment of \$5,000,000 and a production of 200,000,000 pounds per annum.

That the report of Labor Commissioner Peck, of New York, showed that under the first year of the McKinley law the net increase of value of manufactured product in that State was \$31,353,130, and an increase of \$5,577,925 in the amount of wages paid.

That the report of the commissioner of labor for the State of Massachusetts shows that during the first year of the McKinley law in the State there was an increase of \$3,353,945 in value of manufactures, and an increase of \$9,932,490 in the amount of capital employed, and an increase of 7,246 in the number of wage-earners employed.

That for the first twelve months under the McKinley law the production of pig iron in this country was 9,710,819 tons, the largest annual production ever attained in the United States, and also an increase of 189,710 gross tons of Bessemer ingots.

That the total value of our foreign trade under the McKinley law in 1891 was \$1,857,580,010, an increase of \$128,283,604 over the previous fiscal year, and that in 1892 there was an increase of \$100,258,291 over 1891, an increase of 27.47 per cent.

That notwithstanding this enormous foreign trade there was a decrease in the value of imports of \$17,548,754, which meant an enormous saving to American wage-earners.

That the value of the products sold to Europe in 1892 was \$1,030,278,118, exceeding the value of the goods we imported from Europe by \$92,875,986, the largest exports and the largest trade balance in the history of the government.

That the aggregate traffic on our railroads under the first year of the McKinley law was 794,298,699 tons, an increase of 13,634,172 tons over the previous year.

That the deposits of wage-earners in the savings banks in 1891 under the law which Mr. Bryan thought was too good for American workmen amounted to \$1,623,970,749, the highest figure ever attained in the history of this country.

Make sure of the commissioners' office being run properly. In other words, re-elect the Robertses.

An Unprecedented Campaign.

As little as we think of Mr. Bryan's political theories, there is a deal of truth in one thing which he said a few days ago. Just before departing from Chicago, in a public speech he remarked:

I desire before going to express my appreciation of the country which has been shown me not only by political friends but by political opponents as well. I have been very much gratified to notice during the progress of this campaign how little there has been that is really subtle and just criticism in the action of the people of this country in their dealing with their opponents. You must remember that in our campaign men's hearts are stirred as seldom before. You must remember that feeling is running much higher than it usually does. You must remember that our candidates are deeper this year than they are on most occasions, and yet, in spite of the deep feeling, in spite of the earnestness of purpose, there has actually been very little of railing or altercation between the opposing forces. I speak so because I think it speaks well for the self-restraint of the American people in exercising their opportunity for self-government. It also demonstrates their love of fair play and free speech. It demonstrates their confidence in the ability of the American people to take care of themselves and to press their own ideas and to express themselves. I want to thank my opponents for the courtesy which they have uniformly extended to me during this campaign.

While this thought is not original with Mr. Bryan, he has exercised that in its expression, and his words will tend to promote a pleasant feeling after this. It is very true that this most remarkable of campaigns has been in nothing else more remarkable than in its freedom from personal violence or abuse. The minor instances of turbulence, such as the two egg-throwing episodes and the attack out in Missouri upon General Palmer, have been so promptly and emphatically disapproved and condemned by all shades of political belief that we may fairly attribute to them simply as exceptions which signalize the rule. A cleaner canvass was never waged than the one which will draw to a close tonight.

We expect to see Mr. Bryan overwhelmingly defeated, as on the issues of his choosing he deserves to be. But we will remember with pleasure that both he and Major McKinley throughout an exciting three months of impetuous political fighting, kept their tempers cool and their hands clean.

There is one safe principle to go on when you are discussing what is going to happen and that reliable is to say nothing that is not going to do anything that is injurious to them if they know it.—W. J. Bryan, at Lincoln, Ill.

Right you are, that is exactly why they are not going to collect Bryan or fool with his free silver ruin-breeder.

TOLD BY THE STARS.

Daily Horoscope Drawn by Aiacchus The Tribune Astrologer.

Astrological cast: 2:31 a. m., for Tuesday, November 3, 1896.

In the opinion of a child born on this day the ideal monarch, or even the contributor to the Times "Forum of the People" is really a better citizen than the individual who imagines that he is too good to vote.

At six o'clock this evening it is probable that Billy Bryan will in the matter of importance resemble a last year's base ball pitcher with a lame arm.

It is possible that some of the anxious election gamblers about us have been getting tips on the sly from "Samuel" and Pussy Baldwin.

The clock work in the heads of the fellows who have "kissed" the ruler for the past few days, will need an application of buttered oil tomorrow.

After today "Prop." McAnulty will cease to shine as the "Hot Tamale Sal" of Lackawanna politics.

Aiacchus' Advice. Remember that a vote for free silver today is also a vote for FREE TRADE. N. B.—This is no joke.

work fighting a new series of decisive battles.

Governor Altgeld is said to be far from a bad Chairman Jones because the latter did not claim Illinois. After to-day, though, he will have time to cool off.

We renew our invitation to the reading public to get all the real news of the result in to-morrow morning's Tribune, which will again lead the field.

Chairman Hanna claims 31 electoral votes sure for McKinley and Chairman Jones only 255 sure for Bryan. As a claimer Jones is evidently weakening.

Keep the dollar honest and also vote to put it in honest circulation. Vote to-day to open the mills.

Elect John F. Reynolds to the legislature and let the Fourth district have some show.

Let rash experiments alone to-day, and trust once more in the grand old party.

Let the "hat card" campaign liar lie his cause to death to-day and pay no heed.

Vote to-day to give business a chance.

A NOMINEE OF THE PEOPLE.

From the Carbonade Herald.

In the whole political history of Lackawanna county there cannot be found the name of a candidate who appealed more strongly to the people for their support than does the present nominee of the Republican party for congress, William Connell. He is essentially a man of the people. Like thousands of others in this county, he is a native-born boy in the mines. It is altogether unlikely that in his humble position he ever dreamed of being one of the representatives of his fellow citizens in the halls of the national legislature, just as it is unlikely that Lincoln in his lowly calling as a farm laborer, ever thought that he would become the leader of the people and the emancipator of ten millions of slaves.

But William Connell like his great prototype did with his best efforts what he found to do, and did it so well that he raised himself from a position of poverty to one of affluence and power. There is in the heart of human nature an insatiable admiration for the man who by his own efforts overcomes the obstacles of poverty and lowliness, and lifts himself to the level of a leader among men. But that admiration is multiplied tenfold when his effort is one who has not only his intelligence and power, never forgives his origin or least his sympathy for his fellow sufferers. Such is William Connell. Today he is not an ambitious man, but a man who has been when he toiled in the mines. His sympathies are just as warm, his bias just as broad and liberal, his heart just as free and his heart just as generous. It is for this reason that William Connell has such a following among the toilers of every party and every denomination in this county. Without solicitation on his part they rally to his support at every occasion, and long since would have thrust honors upon him that he would not take.

William Connell unlike many men who have gained riches in this vicinity, always remained at home to spend his money or to invest it. There is no other individual in the county who has done so much for its industrial advancement as he. His own efforts have contributed so largely to the prosperity of Northeastern Pennsylvania. He has made his own interests and those of the people identical, and no one associated with him more than the people. He is pre-eminently a business man versed in the wants of this great industrial community which he did not neglect, and which, in the of guarding its interests in the halls of congress, the people will make no mistake when they choose William Connell as their representative in Washington.

THE MAN FOR CONGRESS.

From the Dunmore Pioneer.

A majority of the well equipped old pro-visionary majorities received by candidates in Lackawanna county is about the size that awaits William Connell, the Republican nominee for congress on to-day's vote. There is every reason in the world why Mr. Connell should be elected to congress, and we have as yet seen not one single reason advanced why Mr. Merrifield should receive the support of the people. Here are some reasons why Mr. Connell will be elected, and nobody can rightly be gainsay them.

Mr. Connell is a representative man; He knows the needs of his constituents, and has the power and the manhood to back up his knowledge; He would work in the house of representatives. He would never be the instrument of schemers and wire pullers, and the public know that will for the people. He would be in harmony with a majority of his fellow-men, and in close touch with the president himself, for there is not a shadow of doubt of the overwhelming election of Mr. McKinley and a large majority of Republican congressmen. It would be a very, very bad thing to send a man to Washington to represent Lackawanna county who was out of harmony with the majority.

How about Mr. Merrifield? Personally we have no objection to his being elected; but we honestly believe that were it possible, it would be a mistake to send him to congress—for several reasons. The only reason we have thus far for his election is that "he is a clever fellow," and "he did what he could to secure Lackawanna county." The "woods are full of clever fellows," but that is no sign they should be sent to congress; and few indeed were the men in Lackawanna's boundaries who did not talk, or write, or vote for the new county. We can't send 'em all to congress for that you know. Mr. Merrifield would be powerless in congress, and when he would like to do good he would not be able to carry a single point. A vote for Mr. Connell will be a safe vote, a wise vote, and a vote you will not have cause to regret hereafter.

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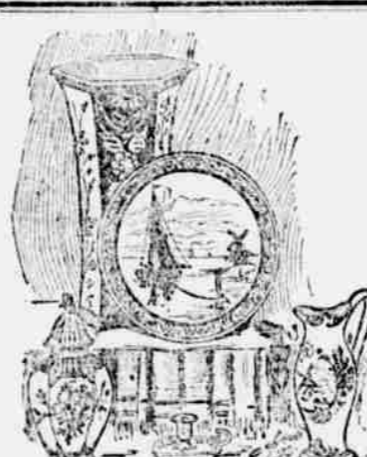
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