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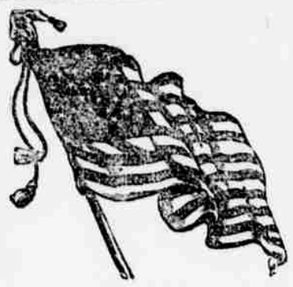

The Tribune acknowledges with pleasure the numerous compliments bestowed upon it for the excellence of its three editions of election news yesterday, and begs simply to say that at a future day it will do the same thing over again.

Looking Ahead.

We must confess that we have some curiosity to know what the future of the two wings of the Democratic party will be. It is clear unless signs deceive that Tuesday's vote split that party irreconcilably asunder. We know that the Democratic party is an elastic organization which long after its usefulness seemed to have departed managed somehow to keep a hold on life and at times to wax strong. But never before in its history, so far as we are familiar with it, was there a situation parallel to the one which confronts it today. Will it fail to survive its present anomalous condition or will it slump for the future into Populism and make way for a substantially new political structure upon its former foundations?

Definite answers to these questions cannot yet be forthcoming. We shall have to await developments for a time before speaking with confidence on this point. But there is one particular concerning which we are more free to prophesy; and that is as to the continuance of the agitation symbolized by Mr. Bryan. Our reading of the signs is that that agitation will not pause. It may cast about for some new catch-words whereby to make a further appeal to the fancy of emotional persons who are not strong on careful thinking, but we should consider it false security on the part of the Republican party if it were to imagine that its striking triumph of Tuesday was more than the beginning of a period of unusual responsibility made still more grave by the possibilities latent in this self same unrest.

The Republican party has won a noble victory and we are all glad. But in our hour of triumph let us be prescient and prudent. Let us frankly confess to ourselves and fashion our actions to the lessons of that confession that unless we prove equal to the new obligations and responsibilities which that victory carried with it, the next quadrennial election, instead of bringing a result again replete with jubilation, may carry one full of mortification and chagrin. For the morrow let us look to it that no step shall be taken in the direction of giving the semblance of justice to the cry of the Populist that this is a victory of the capitalist and corporate classes. While the Republican party must not rail at honest enterprise nor join in any maudlin movement for the crucifixion of thrift and success, it must not on the other hand forget that there can be abuses of privilege and illegal aggression among the rich no less than among the turbulent and discontented classes of the poor.

We wish especially to have it remembered that while there are Altgelds and Tillmans and Bryans who deserve censure because of their appeals to the coarser and baser instincts of the mob, there are not less culpable managers of great institutions and much lauded captains of industry and enterprise who do their share, too, toward the creation of class prejudices when they barter for special legislative favors or prostitute their high influences to ignoble and illicit ends. The men who bribe councils, corrupt legislators, and even go so far at times as to lay the hand of venality upon the spotless ermine of the courts are not all followers of Bryan; and while we rejoice in the defeat of the latter and think it highly deserved, let us not be betrayed into too intimate partnership in the iniquities of the former nor get in such relationships with them that it will be difficult to enforce the law on the big criminals as well as upon the little.

The confidence which we have in the strong moral fibre of the great majority of those who constitute the membership of the Republican party leads us to trust it without hesitancy or reserve. We do not believe that it has entered into any dark alliances or that it will swerve from the line of future duty. The millions of honest and thoughtful men who are behind it; the personal worth and unsullied character of its new standard bearer, the eminent leaders who guide and guard its destinies will not let it go astray. But we want it to feel that it will soon have something more serious to think of and to prepare for than the acclamatory celebration of victory at the polls, and we hope to see it get ready for its coming trials in the spirit which imparts hope and confidence.

Chairman Jennings, as a political prognosticator, seems to have been very much out of practice.

A pleasing feature of the many compliments showered upon the Tribune's midnight election edition is the assurance that the people of the Lackawanna valley are ever wide-awake and quick to recognize enterprise. They evidently fully appreciated the efforts of The Tribune management to give them a most complete and accurate news service.

It is not necessary to inform the voters of Lackawanna county of the political astuteness of John H. Thomas, but the splendid recent vindication of his work as county chairman deserves at least a brief compliment. He has our congratulations.

A Wonderful Campaign.

The campaign just closed, says the Chicago Times-Herald, will pass into history as the most remarkable political contest in the annals of the republic. The post-bellum campaigns may hae been marked with more pyrotechnics, more torchlight processions, and more martial music, but no previous campaign ever appealed with such forceful directness and power to reason and popular intelligence. That the campaign on the part of the sound money advocates was predicated upon a sublime confidence in the patriotism and intelligence of the people was attested by the distribution, at enormous expense, of millions of leaflets and pamphlets on the currency question. It must always be said to the everlasting honor of the adherents of Major McKinley that they staked their hope of victory on the proper presentation of their cause to the reading masses of the country; that they appealed to reason instead of prejudice, to patriotism instead of stupidity.

It is an augury of a hopeful and happy era in American politics when the managers of a great party decide to invade the homes of thirteen million voters through the agency of the printing press. It is a cheering and uplifting portent of more rational political methods when a great party champions issues that can be safely intrusted to the critical analysis of sharp logicians and the keen scrutiny of clever scholars and recondite historians. These are the tests which the Republicans have met. They have challenged the scholars, the financiers, the men of the market-place and the toilers. Their defenses have been impregnable.

Not the least remarkable features of the great battle of '96 which will make it memorable in the history of our politics are the speech-making records of the two leading candidates. Each has conducted a campaign without parallel in any previous contest. From his own dooryard in Canton Major McKinley has addressed visiting delegations from every section of the country, numbering thousands of voters and representing nearly every form of productive industry. These visitations have been continuous and uninterrupted, sometimes numbering as many as twenty-four speeches in one day. To each delegation Major McKinley has had something to say. To each he has made a masterly appeal, constructed with special reference to the needs and interests of the industry represented. His never-failing response to this daily exaction has furnished an astounding revelation of the remarkable resources of the man. Rich in historical allusion, abounding in sparking metaphor, pregnant with solid and unassailable logic, defended by statistics of high authority, his appeals stand unmatched in the history of American campaign oratory for faultless rhetoric or for lofty and dignified argumentation. Mr. Bryan's rear-platform speech-making tour, in which he made over 557 addresses in twenty-nine different states, traveling thousands of miles, furnished an exhibition of marvelous physical endurance unprecedented in the campaigns of this country.

It has been a wonderful campaign—wonderful for the intense zeal of the plain people, wonderful for the active participation of the business and professional classes, wonderful for its peaceful arbitrament of a great economic controversy involving the welfare of 70,000,000 people.

It is probable that on March 4 Chairman Jones may be persuaded to concede McKinley's election by a small plurality.

What Others Think.

Philadelphia Press: How this matchless victory lightens and lifts the American heart! How it rifts all the hanging clouds and floods the country with the golden sunshine of hope and promise! How, above all, it justifies faith in American intelligence and integrity, and reaffirms the capacity of the American people for self-government. It is the best blow for free institutions which has been struck since Gettysburg and Appomattox. It is a majestic uplifting of true American spirit for true American principles and a true American leader. Grand as is this national assertion, William McKinley is eminently worthy to be its representative. Pure, noble, heroic, a lofty patriot and a wise statesman, rising and broadening with the great responsibility, a man of the people and conspicuously the people's man, his dignified bearing, his unerring words, and his enkindling leadership in this unexampled campaign have endeared him to his countrymen. He is equal to the great trust.

Philadelphia Times: The election of McKinley is not a partisan triumph. True, he is a Republican; an earnest, unfaltering Republican. The administration will be distinctively Republican; his patronage will be awarded to his Republican friends; but above all, he will stand firm as a rock in the execution of the imperious mandate of the nation to maintain its integrity, its dignity, its honor and its matchless advancement. While the triumph carries with it all that is involved in a Republican victory, it is more distinctly a victory of the patriotic people of all parties of the nation over elements which have impaired our credit, paralyzed our industries, brought stagnation upon our commerce and trade, made capital retire from active enterprise, and sought to sow the dragon's teeth of sectional and class hatred among the people, who have overwhelmingly declared for a common brotherhood.

Pittsburg Times: Every art of the demagogue, every argument of the knave, every appeal to prejudice, every incitement to hate, every effort to array the poor against the rich, have been used in this campaign. If for a time there may have been signs of wavering; if, for even a brief space, there was room for doubt or fear as to the result, it needed but an honest appeal to the conscience and common sense of the American people to dispel doubt and banish every fear. Reason, judgment, honor, all came to the rescue, and the victory is so overwhelming as to be decisive. Yesterday's victory is not merely a triumph for the Republican party and its glorious leader, William McKinley, of Ohio. It is the triumph of the American people. It is the crowning vindication of free institutions, based alone upon the people's will, and founded on faith in their honor, honesty and patriotism.

Philadelphia Record: Business will now be resumed. Every dollar in circulation will have behind it the pledge of the ballot. Credit will creep out of its skulking places, and confidence will spread over the land like sunshine, making all things smile again.

Washington Post: The vote which elected Mr. McKinley was the "silent vote" of which we have heard so much during the past few weeks and as to which the party managers have been so utterly bewildered. It was the vote of the thinkers, the quiet, patient workers, the yeomanry, the bone and sinew of the land—the vote of sturdy men who wanted nothing of parties or politicians, who answered the promptings of their own consciences without external aid, who thought of their country first and of themselves afterward. No committees, no spell-binders, no party henchmen framed their views. They decided in the silence of their thoughts, and they voted as they would have fulfilled a solemn vow.

Rochester Democrat and Chronicle: The appeal was to the people. The people have spoken. Their voice is heard, strong and true, keyed to the deep, rich notes of manhood, of honor, of patriotism and of loyalty to the eternal principles of righteousness. Again in a supreme crisis the American people have proved themselves true to the sublime and sacred trust of self-government.

If the esteemed Wilkes-Barre Record had used the summary of Lackawanna results sent to it by this paper it would not have fallen into the error of conceding the election of Koehler and La Bar, nor of estimating McKinley's plurality at only 1,500. The lesson of its mistake is obvious.

Four Promising Legislators.

One of the most gratifying features of the recent election from a local standpoint was the choice of a solid Republican delegation to Harrisburg. Now that the campaign hurrah is over, it might be well for those voters who look at such subjects seriously to reflect for a moment upon the importance of the work which has to be done at Harrisburg and upon the equal importance of keeping as representatives there men who are especially well qualified to do it.

The political solidification of the last delegation at the state capital gave it a recognition not previously accorded to a delegation from Lackawanna county, and the same degree of influence, if not more, may be expected to be wielded by it next winter. We do not argue that the state of politics which measures a legislator's usefulness to a large degree by his partisan affiliations is ideal at all; but it is the fact which has to be taken into account at Harrisburg if a community would receive satisfactory attention there, and while this is true, Lackawanna county does well to see that her legislative interests are as ably and effectively cared for as are those of any other county in the commonwealth.

We have no doubt whatever that in Messrs. Farr, Connell, Mackey and Reynolds this county will enjoy a representation among the very foremost at the state capital. This is not said for campaign effect. The need for that has passed. It is a simple deduction from the past good records of three of these gentlemen during prior terms of service and from the bright promise of the fourth. Under the circumstances the people of Lackawanna ought to feel on excellent terms with themselves over the outcome of Tuesday's balloting, no matter from what standpoint they scrutinize the result.

No one will begrudge Mr. Bryan the few crumbs of comfort which are falling to his feet as the later returns come in. His defeat is still impressive enough to make for national confidence and prosperity.

In view of the results recently indicated by stereopticon bulletins, searchlights and press dispatches, the president's Thanksgiving proclamation today seems singularly appropriate.

From spring to fall in '96 seems to have been a far step in Scranton politics, and according to our notion (not unnaturally) a step in the right direction.

THE FIRST IN THE FIELD.

From the Scranton Times.

The Tribune was first in the field with election news last night. Before midnight it issued an edition correctly stating the result, and its later editions contained tables giving full returns for the county districts outside the city remarkably near to completeness. It was a splendid journalistic feat and reflects credit both on the editorial and mechanical departments of The Tribune establishment.

BALLOT NEEDS.

From the Philadelphia Bulletin.

The ballot should be made up hereafter that the voter may vote for his national ticket, his state and his county ticket in three separate parts, so that no one will either help or prejudice another, and so that any individual candidate may be scratched or voted for without confusion.

Moreover, in the name of common sense, let us have a compact and portable ballot, and not a sheet bigger and not less wordy than a deed of a real estate transfer or a medical diploma.

TOLD BY THE STARS.

Daily Horoscope Drawn by Ajacchus The Tribune Astrologer.

Astrolabe cast: 1.16 a. m., for Thursday, Nov. 5, 1896.

It will be apparent to a child born on this day that Attorney Replogle's copyrighted ship must have slipped her cable during the recent storm along the banks of the Lackawanna.

People who have been hoarding gold may as well unload. United States money in any form is good today.

The man whose face reaches from his hat brim to his shirt bosom these days can be placed in the Bryan column without question.

The Times "Formu of the People" might now be utilized in educating the public on the Kinsley investigation.

Ajacchus' Advice.

Do not expect to become suddenly rich on account of McKinley's election, unless you hustle for the dust

Local Opinions On the Result

Scranton Times: "We regret the defeat of Mr. Edward Merrifield, the Democratic candidate for congress in this district. He has rendered the public many valuable services. He is able, honest and trustworthy, and he represented true Democratic principles. But the returns which we print on other pages of the Times today indicate that he was not the choice of the majority of the voters of Lackawanna county, and we must abide the result. To Hon. William Connell, Mr. Merrifield's successful opponent, the Times extends its congratulations. It was not in his favor in the campaign which has just closed. It gave a square and manly support to Mr. Merrifield. But it did not, The Tribune to the contrary notwithstanding, at any time during the campaign, resort to personal abuse. It never questioned the ability of Mr. Connell to intelligently represent this district in congress. It opposed him on principle, as it may have occasion to do again should this honor bestowed upon him be but the beginning of a long congressional career, or should he aspire to higher offices. We are free to say, now that the election is over, that Mr. Connell will make a most creditable representative of Lackawanna county at Washington. His great success in his private business was not the result of chance or fortuitous circumstances. It was brought about by a keen mind which saw the possibilities which escaped others, and an active, energetic body which acted promptly when others lagged. A man so successful in his private business may well be trusted with public affairs. With Mr. Connell in congress, there is no danger that any local interests will suffer. No man in the county has a greater interest in its welfare. The returns indicate that there will be a large Republican majority in the next congress. Mr. Connell's prominence in state politics will give him greater prestige than will be enjoyed by most new congressmen, and there is little doubt that he will be an active and useful member. The Times hopes that Mr. Connell will enjoy a pleasant time during his sojourn at the national capital for the next two years, and when he does a creditable act is will not omit to give him full credit."

Scranton Truth: "The election of our esteemed townsman, Mr. William Connell, to congress by the magnificent majority of nearly eight thousand votes, is a splendid tribute to his personal worth, and attests more eloquently than words the great esteem in which he is held by his fellow-citizens. The Truth takes much pleasure in congratulating Mr. Connell and the industrial district of Lackawanna county on such a handsome result. It shows that real merit cannot be obscured by the fogs of falsehood, even in an exciting political campaign, and that the intelligent people of this community are able to do their own thinking and their own voting. Mr. Connell's decisive majority also indicates the position of Lackawanna county on the vital issues of protection and sound money. It is proof that the people of the district cannot be deluded by the ignis fatuus of free trade or the misleading glitter of the fifty-cent dollar. The district has done itself great credit in yesterday's election."

ARE THEY SO BAD.

From the Harrisburg Patriot.

The Philadelphia Telegraph denounces one of the distinguished editors of that city as a "chief of the rounders," a "constitutional inriguer" and a "professional licker of worthy men" too degraded for reputable men to have aught to do with.

Of another of these distinguished journalists our contemporary declares that he attempted by methods "which he would not dare to reveal to the people of Philadelphia" to get the Telegraph and "other Philadelphia journals" to support a disgraceful job "which broke down under the weight of its manifest corruption."

The Inquirer assures the public that one of the Philadelphia newspapers is "corrupt," conducted by "a stripling who knows nothing of journalism" and "whose career had been one which, should it be made public, could not be read in public society."

Of another distinguished Philadelphia editor the Inquirer says he is a "blackguard," a "miserable slanderer" "without common decency," "forced to accept boodle," full of envy, jealousy and malice, and "a liar."

This gives us the records of four distinguished Philadelphia editors. They seem to be a bad lot.

STAGE GOSSIP.

The music critic of the Tagblatt of Ulm has been condemned to a fine of 50 marks by the tribunal of Ulm, because he spoke irreverently in his paper of a concert singer, as "a damsel who sings like a rooster."

At Hammerstein's New York Olympia, balls, after the style of those popular at Moulin Rouge, Paris, will be given in the Winter garden, nightly, from 11 p. m. to 2 a. m., led by a troupe of French quadrille dancers.

Maud Adams' mother was married about five months ago. There is no truth in the report that Maud was "furious" that Mr. Drew had taken the mother's part, and that hence Mr. Drew and Miss Adams were to part company at the end of this season.

A telephone society of Buda Pesth has obtained permission to establish direct communication with the Royal Opera house, so that now the telephone company's subscribers, to the number of about 3,000, can hear at their homes what is being sung at the opera.

The fact that a large number of first-class stars and sterling companies play one-night stands this season is an evidence of the fact that they pay. Small towns yield a larger revenue in one night than many large cities, especially when the proper plays and the proper stars are announced.—Dramatic News.

Duprez, the almost forgotten French tenor, whose death in Paris, in his ninetieth year, was recently recorded, was one of the first, if not the very first, of the high-priced tenors—which is equivalent to saying that he had very high notes in his voice. Half a century ago, Ronzi, who was not at all liberal with his money, paid Duprez $150 a night to sing Arnold in Rossini's "William Tell."

In his production of "The Queen of Brilliants" Abbey lost $50,000, and it was said that between this opera and "The Talisman" the Lillian Russell company cost him $150,000. This speculation was the one blow from which our impresario could not recover. It was the beginning of the end. However, it came about, says Hilary Bell, Lillian Russell not only topped over the proud structure of the Metropolitan Opera company, but brought its manager to irretrievable disaster. With the failure of that enterprise Abbey was a changed man. His head, once held erect, began to droop, his face became pale and pinched, his step lost its elasticity, his eyes lost their lustre. Mrs. Abbey left England on Saturday, the very day that her husband died.

THE HEROIC NEEDS.

He speaks not well who doth his time deplore,
Naming it new and little and obscure,
Ignoble, and unfit for lofty deeds.
All times were modern in the time of them,
And this no more than others. Do thy part
Here in the living day, as did the great
Who made old days immortal! So shall men,
Far-gazing back to this receding hour
Say: "Then the time when men were truly men;
Though war grew less, their spirits met the test
Of new conditions; conquering civic wrong;
Saving the state anew by virtuous lives;
Defying leagued fraud with single truth,
Not fearing loss, and daring to be pure.
When error through the land raged like a pest,
They calmed the madness caught from mind to mind,
By wisdom drawn from old, and counsels gone;
And as the martyrs of the ancient world
Gave Death for man, so nobly gave they Life
Those the great days, and that the heroic age."

—The Century.

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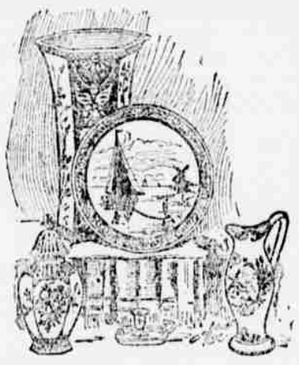

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