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SCRANTON, JUNE 6, 1900. FOR VICE-PRESIDENT, CHARLES EMORY SMITH, OF PENNSYLVANIA.

REPUBLICAN NOMINATIONS.

State. Congressmen at Large—E. L. SHAW, A. G. ROW, ROBERT H. POERDELBER, Auditor General—E. B. HARDEBERGER.

Legislative. First District—THOMAS J. REYNOLDS. Second District—JOHN SCHREIER, JR. Third District—EDWARD JAMES, JR. Fourth District—P. A. PHILBIN.

As long ago as last January, Postmaster General Smith wrote to Director of Posts Rathbone ordering a reduction of expenses in the Cuban postal service. Had this order been obeyed promptly and in the spirit in which it was given, many of the Neely frauds would have been averted.

White for Vice President.

WE NOTICE that an increasing effort is being made in certain quarters to create a demand for the nomination of Andrew D. White of New York state for vice president.

The argument advanced in favor of Mr. White's nomination, apart from his general fitness for that or any other high position in our government, is that it would appeal with special favor to the large element of our voters who are of German extraction.

There is, however, no assurance that Mr. White would accept the vice presidency; and even if that be not regarded as a matter of great importance, the further fact exists that our relations with Germany, which seem daily to tend toward new complications, particularly in the matter of commercial rivalries, make very important for the mutual peace and good feeling of the two nations the retention of Ambassador White in his present position.

Baden-Powell did not lead the march into Pretoria, and there never was a reason why he should. But he is likely to do some handshaking in it soon; and we doubt that there's a man who will begrudge him.

Brought to an End.

THE BLOODLESS capture of Pretoria finishes the serious work of the South African war. Resistance there will be in some detached localities; for some time to come the British will need to keep mobile columns in active patrol of the outlying territory.

Now comes the wearisome part of England's task. She has virtually reconstructed an entire commonwealth—not merely its political institutions but its population. Before the dream of a British South Africa can be realized, a new people must be domiciled in the Transvaal.

High standards.

How this is to be effected is a problem well calculated to tax England's best statesmanship. Even those who have felt that England upon the whole was justified in seeking forcible equalization of political rights for the English-speaking inhabitants of the Transvaal when milder measures had failed may without inconsistency acknowledge sympathy for the Boer masses in view of the ordeal through which they have passed and through which they are now passing by reason of the invaders' presence in their former capital.

The advocates of a special kind of ballot reform in Pennsylvania should not forget that there is no patent right on the promotion of civic virtues. Modification of the law will avail little in the absence of reform in the individual.

The Voice of Oregon.

IF THERE IS any disaffection among the Republicans of the Pacific coast the vote in Oregon does not show it. In 1896 McKinley's plurality over Bryan was only 2117 in a total vote of 97,337.

The returns from Monday's election are not complete at time of writing; but if the assumption is correct that the Republican plurality for supreme court judge exceeds 10,000 on a total vote of 25 per cent, below the average, the significance of this will appear when it is understood that this year the opposition to the Republican ticket was consolidated; Democrats, Populists and Silver Republicans voting together.

This is a satisfactory outlook for what was once a hot bed of Populism and free silver. It indicates that the western opinion thoroughly sustains the expansion policy of the McKinley administration; and it offers correspondingly little comfort to William Jennings Bryan.

The attempts to imagine a vicious connection between the Cuban postal frauds and Charles Emory Smith are failures, but they show how far fellow partisanship will go.

Bryanism Is Supreme.

THE ATTEMPT of a certain element in the eastern Democracy to stick pins in the Bryan presidential boom is daily seen to be more futile. David B. Hill's failure in New York state to wrest the state leadership from Richard Croker, who for purposes of expediency has assumed direction of the Bryan forces in the Empire state, is the latest and most conspicuous illustration; and it has come about less through Croker's strength outside of New York city than because Bryanism accurately reflects the predominant spirit which actuates the Democratic masses.

Hill's failure distinguishes the last hope of those Democrats who have been trying to unload Bryan by maneuvering against him within the party. It probably is true that the nomination of some respectable Democrat not radically identified with free silver and Populism would have given the Democracy a better fighting chance next fall than it will have under Bryan's personal leadership.

Yet so long as the great majority of the Democratic voting strength is inculcated with the radicalism of which Bryan is easily the most ingenious and industrious exponent, so long as it is wedded to the belief that ownership of property is somehow a crime calling for condemnatory resolutions in party platforms and justifying attacks upon thrift and enterprise, that long will it be proper for Bryan to stand as the party standard-bearer, and effort to dislodge him will partake of the nature of treason to the principle of majority rule.

A Hunt That Failed.

THE HUNT for issues in the present congress has been a disappointing one for the Democrats. With the aid of a handful of anti-imperialists outside of their party, they counted on gaining numerous advantages.

The predicted "disruption of the Republican party," as the result of the acts of the president and of congress, has not come and will not come. The Dingley tariff is no longer an object of attack, its fruits of prosperity rendering it unassailable. The new financial legislation has strengthened public confidence and for the first time in many years trade is not depressed because of an approaching campaign.

When contemplating the events following the St. Louis street car strike, one does not feel like criticizing the Chinese government for inability in suppressing the "Boxers." It must be rather humiliating to the Hon. David B. Hill to realize that he is not a bigger man than W. Jennings Bryan in the Empire state.

Washington View of Topics of Interest.

SENATOR LODGE is one of the most careful and thorough investigators of the expansion question in all of our hearings. He has just been examining the growth of our trade with Hawaii, and finds that five years ago, in 1895, the total Hawaiian trade with the United States amounted to \$1,800,000.

Comparisons with countries on the American continent show that Hawaiian trade with the United States is equal to 30 per cent of our trade with the whole Dominion of Canada. It is nearly 150 per cent greater than our trade with all the Central American states. It is 63 per cent as large as our trade with Mexico.

He then makes comparisons with countries across the Pacific and he finds that our trade with Hawaii is within six million dollars of being as large as our trade with the empire of China. It is more than three times as large as our trade with Hong Kong. It is nearly half as large as our trade with all the British, Dutch and French East Indies, which send us such large supplies of sugar.

The result of the Brown-Potter divorce case was dismissed in Associated Press dispatches in four lines. A few years ago the affair would doubtless have been given as many columns. The Brown-Potters are certainly out of date.

STEPHEN CRANE.



Stephen Crane, the famous novelist and war correspondent, who died at Hackettstown, N. J., yesterday, was well known by many residents of this city. He was a grandson of the late Rev. Dr. George Peck, and was therefore a cousin of W. H. Peck, George M. R. Peck, Misses Sarah and Harriet Peck and other members of the family so prominently identified with Scranton.

June 15th. It is expected that this will increase the imports from the United States, as we now have less than half the trade of the island. A previous reduction of the duty of foodstuffs and live stock has not lessened the cost of food for the consumer, so that no changes are made in the revision in the food duties, except to reduce the duty on flour from \$1.30 to \$1 a barrel, and on salt cod and stock fish from \$2 to \$1.50.

It was under the last Democratic administration and the last free trade tariff that the farmer could exchange his pound of wool for a pound and a half of sugar. But under the McKinley administration his wool was worth more, while sugar was cheaper, and the pound of wool brings four pounds of sugar.

The foreign vessels sailing from the ports of the United States for Europe during last year carried 98.70 per cent of the exports of the United States. A Democratic candidate for the presidency one time remarked that the tariff was a local question and a good man Democratic manager now feel that silver is also a local affair.

Bedroom Suites.

Advertisement for Bedroom Suites, featuring illustrations of furniture and text describing the products.

Advertisement for 1901 Calendars, listing various designs and prices.

Advertisement for Lewis & Reilly, featuring 'You Know We Grow Enlargement Sale of 50c School Shoes For Boys and Girls.'

Advertisement for Sterling Silver, Rich Cut Glass, Clocks, Etc., from Mercereau & Connell.

Advertisement for The Hunt & Connell Co., featuring heating, plumbing, gas fitting, and electric work.

Advertisement for Dupont's Powder, featuring various types of explosives and cartridges.

Advertisement for Reynolds Bros., featuring stationery and engraving services.

Advertisement for an elderly seaman, featuring a portrait and a testimonial about his health.