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MCKINLEY'S LETTER OF ACCEPTANCE.
 There has been general commendation of President McKinley's letter of acceptance of the Republican nomination. Much of Mr. McKinley's letter is naturally devoted to a review of the course which has been pursued by his administration in the matter of the Philippines. He recites the circumstances under which we became charged at Manila with responsibilities from which there was no escaping and recalls the various steps which have been taken to establish order in the Philippines, to ascertain the truth of the conditions existing there, to frame the kind of government which should best be adapted to the situation, to reassure the people of the benevolence of our intentions with regard to them, and to promote in every way the welfare of the community with a due observance of our duty, not only toward the small fraction of the Philippine population which is in arms or which is in sympathy with the insurgents, but toward the whole Philippine people, and not only toward them, but toward foreign countries having interests involved, and also toward ourselves. The demonstration made by the facts which Mr. McKinley recites is that the United States government has dealt judiciously and conscientiously with a difficult situation which was not of its seeking, but with which through the force of circumstances it was unescapably confronted and that in every step that he has taken the president kept carefully within the limits of his constitutional authority and most scrupulously avoided the slightest infringement of the rights and prerogatives of the legislative body.
 No one can read Mr. McKinley's review of recent history in the Philippines without being impressed with the spirit of candor and sincerity by which every line of it is animated.

GOVERNMENT MUST PROTECT
Speaker Henderson Wants This Republic Respected Everywhere.

Speaker of the House D. B. Henderson, in addressing his comrades at the recent Grand Army encampment, said: "Just before taking the train night before last to come to Chicago to have an all round good time with my comrades of the Grand Army I received a telegram from the president of this club asking me to take the place of President McKinley. I am not here for that purpose. No man in this republic can take the place of President McKinley. And, gentlemen, when the ballots are counted in November the patriotic and sensible people of this country will demonstrate to the world that no man will be permitted to take his place.
 "The name of Hamilton suggests three thoughts that may be appropriate to 1900; first, a strong government; second, a just government; third, a protective government.
 "In this great world of ours, full of powerful, massive, aggressive governments, this nation as a government must be strong to take care of our people and their interests. No government can be strong that is not just. We cannot hold the love and support of our people unless we are just in the enactment, in the interpretation and in the execution of law.
 "This government must protect capital and labor and give each a fair chance. It must protect the rich and the poor, the black and the white and the brown, also Mr. Bryan. Unless we have a government big enough to extend its protective power everywhere that old flag floats it will come short of its duty. Aye, gentlemen, it must be a government that will protect its citizens in the heart of Chicago or in the heart of China.
 "These doctrines of Hamilton, which I assume are supported by this club, must be the text word of the hour. I want elected a man who not only preached those doctrines, but, like McKinley, acted them from his heart, because I believe in those doctrines, and I urge the American people to support the man who believe in them. Therefore, I cry out tonight in the midst of this republic, 'Elect at the next election William McKinley and Theodore Roosevelt.'
 The address of Speaker Henderson was most happily received, and he was heartily cheered as he resumed his seat.

REEDER IS CONFIDENT.
 "Republicanism seemed to be in the air," remarked Gen. Reeder, "and wherever we went we got fresh evidence of the fact that the popular vote this year is going to be largely in favor of McKinley and Roosevelt. There is great enthusiasm for the ticket, and the only danger lies in overconfidence."
 Gen. Reeder was asked what action had been taken by the committee recently appointed by the Republican state committee on the subject of alleged party disloyalty. He replied that the situation was being carefully canvassed and that at the proper time the committee would be heard from. The work of the so-called Republicans who are in fusion deals with Democrats to defeat Republican nominees for the legislature is being carefully noted, and appropriate action will be taken in due time.

"The Republican state committee in Pennsylvania will welcome the co-operation of all Republicans," said Gen. Reeder. "It is the effort to increase the Republican delegation, and we shall encourage the activity of the young Republican club men of the State League who propose to make this part of the canvass a feature of their campaign work in the state. All Republican club men who conveniently can do so should attend the club League convention in Philadelphia on the 17th and 18th insts. and thus help inaugurate what will be one of the most effective movements in the direction of electing a strong Republican delegation to congress from the Keystone State."
WOULD HURT MCKINLEY ADMINISTRATION.
 Thus it will be seen that while Reeder is asking Republicans to desert their party nominees for his fusion legislative candidates, he is hard at work striving to defeat regular Republican candidates for congress and is using all the power of his newspaper supporters to elect a Bryanite congress.

Chairman Babcock needs to devote considerable attention to the fusion schemes at present being carried on in all parts of this state. Mayor Ashbridge is right in insisting that the committees represented by Mr. Hanna and Mr. Babcock should go to work at once, and if possible put an end to these fusion movements.
 To fuse with the Democratic party in the present important crisis is to give incalculable aid and comfort to the enemies of the Republican party. It places the administration of President McKinley in jeopardy. No Republican who values his party principles or his country's welfare will lend himself to fusion in any way.
CLUBMEN WILL HELP.
 The State League of Republican Clubs proposes to make the congressional situation in Pennsylvania a feature of its convention of the 17th and 18th insts. in this city. President J. Hampton Moore has received a letter from Congressman Henry C. Loudenslager, who is in charge of the eastern headquarters of the Republican congressional committee at Washington, concerning the congressional situation in Pennsylvania.

Among other things Congressman Loudenslager said:
 "I have written Babcock urging him to be with you on the 17th. I notice in the Philadelphia papers the publication of his letter to you containing suggestion about the Third district. I sincerely hope that the matter of congressional elections in Pennsylvania will be given much more of a place in this campaign than it has received up to this time. There is no reason why with united efforts on the part of the Republican managers in the state of Pennsylvania we should not reclaim at least six districts now represented by Democrats, and it ought to be the desire of every earnest man residing within the limits of that state to do whatever is within his power to secure this additional support in the house of representatives to a continuation of Republican administration of affairs. I shall endeavor to be present with you on the 17th if possible."
ASHBRIDGE TAKES A HAND.
 Congressman McAleer, who desires to succeed himself in the Third district, called on Mayor Ashbridge last week and was in close conversation with him for quite a while. After he had gone the mayor was seen and asked as to the cause of the Democratic congressman's visit. Mayor Ashbridge in response said: "Mr. McAleer called on me for the purpose of soliciting the support of my administration in his canvass for re-election. I told him that while I had no personal interest in the candidate for congress in any of the districts, that I had been asked several times by Chairman Mark Hanna to do all I could to elect a Republican in the Third congressional district. That in addition to that both Chairman Babcock and sub-Chairman Loudenslager had seen me several times in relation to the matter and had urged upon me the necessity of sending a Republican from that district.
 Continuing the mayor said: "In my talks with Mr. Babcock he told me that the Republican party expected to gain at least six congressmen from Pennsylvania, and I have told him that unless he and Mr. Hanna put a stop to the work of some of their alleged friends in this state we were more likely to lose three or four congressmen instead of gaining six."

BRYAN AND THE FARMERS.

Senator Scott's Comments on the Silver Man's Speeches in Maryland and West Virginia.
 Members of the Republican national committee have expressed surprise at Mr. Bryan's speeches in West Virginia. It was expected by the committeemen generally that the burden of his discourses in the east would be the "imperialist issue," but he has taken another tack in Maryland and West Virginia. In conversation on the subject Senator N. B. Scott said:
 "Mr. Bryan has shifted his ground again and put another slide into his magic lantern. We thought this was to be his week for imperialism, but instead of that he has switched on to the farmer issue and has informed the farmers of West Virginia how they have suffered under the McKinley administration. He tells them that the times are hard, and that they haven't got any money, or if they have it is not due to the Republican policy. He also promises to give them more money, but neglects to say that this new money will not be worth half as much as their present money. To be sure, he says it has happened that the farmers have never had better crops of a better demand for them at home or abroad and that money is pouring into this country from Europe; but this only happened—the Republicans had nothing to do with it. And so forth. It really is an interesting question whether Mr. Bryan or any other sane man can actually believe that the intelligent farmers of America take any stock in such transparent nonsense as this, when the simple fact is that the farmers are in much better condition than they were four years ago, and, indeed, were never so well off as now. This is the universal testimony of the farmers themselves in all sections. Here are a few figures

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