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REPUBLICAN COUNTY TICKET.
For President Judge.
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For Member of Assembly.
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For Sheriff.
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For Congress.
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AN APPEAL TO FACTS

GRAVE QUESTION TO BE DECIDED
BY THE VOTERS.

The Conflict is Between the New
Civilization and the Old—For and
Against the Upholding of the
American Standard of Living.

Peace hath its patriotism
No less to be revered than that of war.
A savage is patriotic. But his pa-
triotism is chiefly evidenced by willing
use of spear and club against a defend-
ing or offending foe. He exemplifies
a current definition, "My country, right
or wrong," by fighting with his tribe
in any cause. Civilized man has other
foes than those who come with spear
or club, rifle or cannon, and his pa-
triotism, because he is civilized and has
advanced from the crudeness of the
savage, should impel him to confront
these other foes as readily as he leaps
at the military kind.

Tribe against tribe and nation
against nation keep the world in a
state of perpetual war. The weapons
vary, and the warfare objects vary.
Sometimes land conquest or land de-
fense is the object. Sometimes com-
mercial conquest or commercial de-
fense is the object. But the United
States is engaged in a war peculiar,
it being a defensive war, waged on be-
half of its workmen against the
workmen of Europe. It is a war of
the new civilization against the old.
It is a war for the maintenance here
of comfortable homes supported by larger
than mere "living wages," for the edu-
cation of the children of the toilers, for
the independence of that great body of
our people who create those American
products that have stormed all of
earth's countries. In short, it is a war
for the upholding of that state and
style of everyday existence which is
denominated "American!"

Some conditions are "as they are"
and cannot readily be mended. Not
even democratic stump speakers or
demagogues can mend them. The so-
cial condition, that one man is called
"capitalist" and another is called
"workingman," is of this at present
unchangeable kind. Possibly the time
may come when both of these desig-
nations, with the classes that they
represent, will be swept away. But
certainly not yet for awhile will
money thrive without a hander nor
will machinery produce without a
guiding hand. "Things are as they
are" in that respect. Here in Amer-
ica, however, they could be made much
worse for the workingman, whereas
now he is at the summit of labor's at-
tainment. And they may be much
worse unless he fights for his home
and freedom against a foreign foe who
is aided by an American political party.

"My country—the whole world!" is a
noble sentiment, but as yet it is but
sentiment. Happy it will be for all
mankind when, in the good coming
time, there are no national boundaries.
But that day has not risen, and we
must wait a little longer, acting in
the meantime as a nation should that
would keep from entrance that which
is harmful to it. And harmful and
disastrous would it be to this country
were its workmen reduced to the
condition of those of Europe. What
prevents that disaster? What else but
a protective tariff? Remove it, and
quickly the whole land would be flood-
ed with European goods, sold at a
price with which we could not com-
pete, because the American work-
man receives, and must receive, larger
wages than the European. And it
matters not to our workingman that
he himself might buy these goods
cheaper than his own employer would
sell to him, for if the competition has
closed his factory and stopped his work
and income, wherewith shall he buy?
Let an appeal to fact be made. When
political campaigns threaten the sub-
stitution of free trade for a tariff, the
business interests, long familiar with
the aims and powers of their foreign
rivals, take fright and curtail in
every possible way. Surely the men
at the compass and helm are more to
be trusted in so vital a matter than
men whose lives are spent in talk,
talk, talk, and in a fruitless fight for
office.

Under any tariff there will be inequal-
ities and injustice, and this is special-
ly true in the United States, where
there are so many conflicting com-
mercial interests. Some men will grow
richer than they ought, and others will
gain less than their due. Corruption,
too, will here and there be manifest.
But, "taking things as they are," the

American tariff is the finest creation
of our legislators. It has enriched and
exalted the nation while providing con-
tinuous remunerative employment to
our workmen. Once again the cam-
paign for its permanency is rising to a
crisis, calling once more to its support
millions and millions of patriotic Amer-
icans. Patriotism's test is being pre-
sented to the nation. It demands that
factions in party subside, that class
warfare be traced in presence of a
common foe, that every patriot be upon
the ballot firing line on voting day and
that, by every lawful means, a Republi-
can victory, an American victory, be
assured against a European invasion.
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Casualty.
Democratic casualists are earnestly
trying to make Secretary Shaw see
that prosperity for everybody would
result if those who would sell must
take low prices and those who would
buy have no money.—Brooklyn Stand-
ard Union.

Long and Mushy.
The Democrats took their platform
on faith. No one in the convention
heard it read. Hill described it as
"long and mushy," and he was not far
wrong.—Jersey City Journal.

The Democratic talk about the tariff
being the "mother of trusts" is all rot.
There are more trusts in England than
there are in the United States.—Valley
Mills (Tex.) Protectionist.

SAME KIND OF RECIPROCITY.

That Which McKinley Advocated is
the Republican Sort.

If President McKinley had lived there
would have been an entirely different
plank on reciprocity from what appears
now in the Republican platform.—Taunton
Gazette.

We presume our contemporary bases
this assertion on President McKinley's
last speech, in many respects the most
notable one he ever delivered. He
spoke of the desirability of the Republi-
can party readjusting such tariff
schedules as might have grown out of
adjustment with existing business
conditions. He also declared that recip-
rocity was good Republican doctrine and
should go hand in hand with protec-
tion. But the Chicago platform is not
at variance with any principle or policy
espoused by McKinley. Of reciprocity
he said: "By sensible trade arrange-
ments which will not interrupt our
home production we shall extend the
outlets for our increasing surplus.

"A system which provides a mutual
exchange of commodities is manifestly
essential to a continued healthful
growth of our export trade. We must
not repose in fancied security that we
can forever sell everything and buy
little or nothing. If such a thing were
possible, it would not be best for us
or for those with whom we deal. We
should take from our customers such
of their products as we can use with-
out harm to our industries and labor."

Here is what the Republican plat-
form has to say on this question of
reciprocity: "We have extended widely
our foreign markets, and we believe in
the adoption of all practicable methods
for their further extension, including
commercial reciprocity wherever re-
ciprocally arrangements can be effected
consistent with the principles of pro-
tection and without injury to American
agriculture, American labor or any
American industry."

Wherein does this differ, except in
phraseology, from the reciprocity idea
propagated by McKinley? Only such
trade arrangements were favored by
McKinley as would not interrupt our
home production or work harm to our
industries. The Chicago platform de-
clares for reciprocity consistent with
the principles of protection, a recip-
rocity which will not injure American
agriculture, American labor or Ameri-
can industry. The platform is in en-
tire harmony with McKinley's latest
and best thought on the subject of
commercial treaties. Any attempt to
make it appear otherwise is a willful
perversion of the facts.—Springfield
Union.

Garvin's Reciprocity.

Governor Garvin of Rhode Island in
his Tammany Hall speech July 4 said:
"The Democratic party should com-
mit itself to a genuine and workable
reciprocity, not by the transfer of leg-
islative powers to the president or even
to the treaty making power, but by a
simple law declaring free trade with
the other American countries whenever
and at the same moment that any such
country reciprocates by admitting our
products free."

One can easily imagine how such a
policy would work. In the first place,
we would have to admit free all manu-
factures of iron and steel and textile
products from Great Britain; then, if
any of our industries should survive,
they would meet with quick death when
Germany and France and other con-
tinental countries came after their share
of "reciprocity." What a delusion it all
is, to be sure! Talk of reciprocity being
a step toward free trade or free
trade itself! Why, the reciprocity of
the Garvin order would be worse, far
worse, than any free trade we could
possibly enact into law.

Ahead of the Voters.

Judge Parker says he has confidence
in the Democratic party. That is
wherein he is several laps ahead of the
majority of the people of the United
States.—Burlington Hawkeye.

Deserves a Medal.

Judge Parker has won his "safe and
sane" medal simply by keeping his lips
closed. A Democrat who isn't always
talking deserves a medal.—Philadelphia
Press.

Breaking Things.

Besides breaking his silence Judge
Parker at the same time broke David
Barnett Hill's political head.—Provi-
dence News.

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