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REPUBLICAN NATIONAL TICKET. FOR PRESIDENT: WILLIAM MCKINLEY.

REPUBLICAN STATE TICKET. FOR GOVERNOR: MALCOLM A. GROW.

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The Republican party is in favor of the melting of mine iron, instead of the coating of more silver, as a means of restoring prosperity.

There are already indications that point strongly to a big loss in the Democratic county convention over the currency plank of the platform.

The Republicans of Shenandoah county will decline for the present gold standard. They will not tolerate a straddle to suit the views of certain candidates.

There is a Kilkenny fight in this county between the Democratic administration and anti-administration forces for control of the county convention.

A Democratic county convention will be held at Shenandoah on Friday next.

The local silverites are not using their mouths so freely, especially in Shenandoah county. A mention has taken place, and even months hence Bryson will not know he has the confidence of a party at his back.

Now that the Evening Chronicle has deserted the pro-silver Democratic ship, there is no other paper of the necessary standing and ability to represent and defend the cause.

The epithetical efforts of the Senator from the 30th district, in behalf of his friend, Congressman Brannan, are bearing fruit.

Shenandoah has four candidates whose names will go before the Republican county convention, and each one has a strong following.

There will be several state elections within the next few months, and as they occur in widely separated states the results will be awaited with more than usual interest.

If all the savings banks in the country should suspend tomorrow and give notice that they were able to pay only 50 cents on the dollar, it would certainly be considered a great calamity.

If there are gold Democrats who, in order to play their part in preserving the national credit, think that they must have a ticket to support which bears the Democratic label.

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THE BEAR RIDGE EXPLOSION.

Investigation Shows It Was Due to Unavoidable Accident. The fatal explosion of gas at the West Bear Ridge colliery, Mahanoy Plains, on Monday morning, whereby William Quinn, a fire boss, and Michael Brazill, a miner, met their deaths, was the subject of inquiry at Girardville last evening by Deputy Coroner P. O. Hoyer and a jury comprising Messrs. Alfred Kitter, foreman, John Green, Michael Gillespie, Thomas Green, James Lavelle and Thomas F. Horn, all prominent residents of Girardville and men of considerable experience in mine work.

Mine Inspector Stein was in attendance and upon request of the Deputy Coroner and jury conducted the examination of the witnesses and he made it an exhaustive one. The inquiry was conducted upon the theory that there had been neglect somewhere, but it was clear that the position could not be maintained.

John Kline, the inside foreman, was under examination for three-quarters of an hour. He was not in the part of the mine where the explosion occurred and could only give hearsay evidence of the accident. His theory was that the explosion was occasioned by two sticks of dynamite that were stale and had softened. Mr. Kline explained that these sticks were taken into the mine on the Friday before the accident. They were put into one of two holes that had been drilled in a breast and fresh sticks were put in with them. His theory of the explosion was that the fresh sticks exploded in accordance with the arrangements, but the other dynamite simply caught fire from the exploded dynamite and burned like tubular lights. This, he said, displaced by the explosion came down and ignited. After the gas exploded the charge in the second hole exploded.

Quite a discussion took place between Mine Inspector Stein and Kline as to the duty of fire bosses to keep daily records of their examinations. Kline said his fire boss reported their examinations daily to him and he kept a record of them. Inspector Stein said that was not sufficient and read from article XII, page 49, section 5, of the mine laws, which reads as follows: "Every report shall be recorded without delay in a book which shall be kept at the colliery for the purpose and shall be signed by the person making the examination."

Mr. Kline said that had not been the interpretation of the law at the colliery, but he would see that each fire boss keeps a book of his own hereafter.

Inspector Stein said it was not contended that the omission had anything to do with the accident, he only wanted to call attention to the law in that respect, since the omission had been discovered.

Joseph Foss, a miner, who was at work in breast No. 41, was the next witness. The explosion occurred in breasts No. 42 and 43, which are of a peculiar joint formation. He said himself and his buddy, Brazill, one of the victims, were working in headings, each in a different one. Brazill got a nip from the fire loss to go down and told Foss to come down if the fire loss should rap for him. Foss' story from this point was of an interesting and thrilling character. He said: "I heard a shot and then I thought to myself it was all right, then I heard a heavy fall. I became uneasy, fearing that the pillar might run through. I didn't know whether to start to run, or what to do. I picked up a pick and started at the face of the heading and just as I did, about two minutes after the shot was fired, a strong, hot breeze came. I didn't see any flame. I put my light out when I felt the breeze. I waited until it settled and then I went down the breast. When I breathed I thought something was going down my throat. I threw my lamp down and let myself fall and when I got to the roadway I thought ice water was thrown over me—it was so cold. I crawled down the heavy pitch to the gangway. I felt for the gangway door in the dark to see if there were any lights inside, but the doors were blown open, so I went back towards the bottom of the slope and saw shadows of lights. I called out and men came running in past wagons through the ditch. I asked them where the rest of the people were. Just as they jumped on a wagon to go up and see where the other men were the other shot went off. Henry Krapp and George Brannan worked in breast No. 43, but they came down to the gangway before the first shot was fired."

Henry Krapp was called as a witness before the jury, but was not under examination long before it became apparent that he was under the influence of drink and he was ordered to leave the room. Krapp made such an unfavorable impression upon the jury that it was decided to strike out his evidence. Later in the evening Krapp made application for re-admission to the room in order that he might make a statement, but the jury refused to comply with the request. Krapp then got into an argument at the door with the Deputy Coroner, claiming that that official had no authority to exclude him; that the Mine Inspector was conducting the inquiry. The Deputy Coroner ended the controversy by the official closing the door and Krapp went away in disgust.

George Brannan, Krapp's buddy, made a statement in which he flatly contradicted Krapp and said on the morning of the accident William Quinn, the fire boss, locked the safety lamps and told the men the places were all right.

The evidence showed that the places were free from gas and gas that ignited must have been circulated by the first shot; that if all the dynamite in that shot had exploded and part of it had not burned there would have been an explosion. The shots were exploded by fuses from 10 to 12 feet long. It was admitted that had Quinn and Brazill descended to the gangway they would not have met death, but this action the witnesses said was only a matter of judgment. Some experienced miners might consider it unnecessary to descend to the gangway and had not some of the dynamite been left to explode the gas Quinn and Brazill might have remained in the heading and they would have escaped the deluge from the shots with safety. This opinion was expressed by Edward Davis, a former fire boss of the colliery, who has been mining for fifty years. He was a witness before the jury.

The jury rendered a verdict, finding that Quinn and Brazill met their deaths by accident. The funerals of the victims took place at Girardville to-day.

What Do You Prefer. In a large majority of cases of diphtheria death is sure to follow. Absolutely stating the facts as they are, there is no reason under the sun for a single individual to die from diphtheria, croup, quinsy, or any known throat affection. Thompson's Diphtheria Cure has never failed to cure every case where the directions for use were strictly carried out. Now do you prefer to die or have your friends die when 50 cents expended in time will save life? This is the exact fact in the case. Sold at Kirt's drug store at 50 cents a bottle.

If you want a fine wedding cake, let Otto make it for you.

YESTERDAY'S BASE BALL GAMES.

National League. At Cincinnati—Cleveland, 6; Cincinnati, 1. At Boston—Baltimore, 7; Boston, 6. At Brooklyn—Brooklyn, 3; Washington, 0. At Pittsburgh—Chicago, 9; Pittsburgh, 6. At Philadelphia—Philadelphia, 15; New York, 9. At St. Louis—St. Louis, 5; Louisville, 4.

Eastern League. At Albany—Albany, 7; Wilkesbarre, 1. At Syracuse—Springfield, 9; Syracuse, 6. At Buffalo—Buffalo, 4; Scranton, 3. At Providence—Providence, 3; Providence, 3.

A Warning to Railway Mail Clerks. WASHINGTON, July 30.—Postmaster General Wilson has issued an order to all railway mail clerks, directing them not to take any active interest in the political campaign, such as would be involved in their attending political conventions as delegates, making political speeches or assisting in the management of political campaigns. The postmaster general's circular expressly states that he does not desire to control their opinions on political matters. The formal order was brought about by complaints against some of the clerks. A general order will be issued to all postal employes later on.

To Tunnel the Quaque Mountain. HARRINGTON, Pa., July 30.—Coxe Brothers & Co have completed arrangements for driving a tunnel through the Quaque Mountain to their mines at Beaver Meadows. The tunnel will be a mile and a half in length, and will give a natural drainage to all mines in the basin. It will take two years to complete the work, and from an engineering standpoint will compare with the famous Jeddite tunnel.

Will Vote on Prohibition. PIERRE, S. D., July 30.—The supreme court yesterday handed down an opinion in the case of the state of South Dakota vs. Thomas Thorsen, secretary of state. This is the case involving the validity of the act reestablishing the prohibition clause of the constitution. The court refused the application to restrain the secretary of state from providing that the question should be placed upon the ballots on the ground that at the present time the court had no jurisdiction to review the case and pass upon the questions involved.

Mercer Striker Must Hang. SAN FRANCISCO, July 30.—S. D. Warden, the railroad striker, charged with smothering the railway bridge near Sacramento two years ago and thereby causing the deaths of Engineer Clark and three United States soldiers, must hang. The supreme court yesterday handed down a decision in which it affirmed the judgment of the superior court.

Noted Italian Banker Dead. ROME, July 30.—Signor Bernard Tanlongo, formerly governor of the Banca Romana, is dead. Signor Tanlongo was the central figure in the Banca Romana scandals, which was to Italy what the Panama canal scandal was to France and which caused the overthrow of one ministry, tarnished the fame of many men in public life and sowed widespread suspicion of corruption and dishonesty throughout Italian public life. Governor Tanlongo was accused of having fraudulently appropriated \$3,000,000 francs from the banks. He, with other bank officials, was tried in 1884, and all were acquitted.

Death of Ex-Congressman Wheeler. DETROIT, July 30.—Judge Harrison H. Wheeler, United States pension agent at Detroit, died Tuesday night at Farmington, Mich., where he had been for several weeks past. About ten weeks ago he was stricken with paralysis and had to give up work. Judge Wheeler was born at Ludington, Mich., March 22, 1839. He was a member of the Fifty-second congress, and has served as a circuit court judge in Detroit.

A New Two-Year Old Record. PORTLAND, Me., July 30.—The fastest four-hoop trotting race of the season in the United States was made by Page over the High park yesterday. Page also took from Arion the 2-year-old record of 2:10 1/2 by making 2:09 1/2. The race was in the 2:14 class, for a purse of \$500. Page won the second, third and fourth heats in 2:09 1/2, 2:11 and 2:13 1/2.

Colorado's Straightout Republicans. DENVER, July 30.—By a vote of 48 to 25 the Republican state central committee yesterday adopted resolutions providing for a straight Republican ticket headed by Republican electors, who will cast their vote, if opportunity offers, for McKinley and Hobart.

Stock and Produce Markets. Closing Quotations of the New York and Philadelphia Exchanges. New York, July 30.—The stock market today was fairly active and the trading was comparatively well distributed.

General Markets. PHILADELPHIA, July 30.—Flour weak; winter wheat, \$1.00 1/2; do, extras, \$2.15 1/2; do, do, straight, \$3.35; western winter, clear, \$2.75 1/2. Wheat dull; July, 81 1/2; corn steady; July, 59 1/2.

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GORMAN IN THE CAMPAIGN.

He Will Give Counsel and Advice to Democratic Chairman Jones. WASHINGTON, July 30.—The location of the national Democratic headquarters will be decided in a few days. Senator Jones, chairman of the committee, is expected here today or tomorrow. There is a strong disposition at present to locate the headquarters here, and unless Senator Jones trips to the west has changed his ideas on the subject it seems reasonably certain that Washington will be selected. Although the location of headquarters at Washington would be an entirely new departure, there are many reasons, with the conditions which hedge about the campaign, which point to this city as the most available from which to conduct the coming campaign.

Comparatively little aid is expected from New York or Chicago. Besides, the committee of the Silver party has already selected Washington as headquarters, and all the indications are that the Populist committee, with Senator Butler at its head, will also locate here. If the Democratic headquarters were located in this city the three committees could so cooperate to a certain extent in conjunction for the union of the silver forces and the missing of their strength. Such fusion of electoral tickets as may be necessary to accomplish this result could also more easily be directed if the several committees were working side by side.

But more important than all is the fact that Senator Gorman, whose long experience as a campaign manager would make his services almost invaluable to the new committee, has agreed to give Senator Jones the benefit of his counsel and advice. He does not, however, it is understood, desire any official connection with the committee, but if the headquarters are located here he will be constantly in close touch with the work as it progresses.

Populist Demands in Alabama. BIRMINGHAM, Ala., July 30.—General James H. Weaver of Iowa, was in conference yesterday with the Populists with reference to the state elections to be held next Monday. General Weaver telegraphed National Chairman Jones, of the Democratic committee, to come here at once and use his efforts for the Goodwin ticket, in order to hold the Alabama Populist line for Bryan. Populist leaders confidently expect that Senator Jones will come. Populists will demand the removal of the several gold standard electors if the further price of Populist support of that ticket.

The Penny Reducing Expenses. PHILADELPHIA, July 30.—Because of the general depression in business the Pennsylvania Railroad company yesterday decided to stop all work on its line wherever possible, in order to reduce expenses. At the same time it was ordered that all contemplated improvements should be laid aside for the present. For some time past the company had been retrenching, and only a few weeks ago orders were issued restricting all new work. Last yesterday's order is more drastic, its effect being to stop all work except at Mount Joy, Pa., between Lancaster and Harrisburg, where a cut-off is being constructed.

A Fruitless Conference. NEW YORK, July 30.—After a five-hour conference yesterday afternoon between the contractors and the tailors Benjamin Driesen, leader of the Contractors' union, announced that nothing had been accomplished. He said that the question of the contractors' settling and signing agreements was discussed at the conference. The strikers refused to listen to any arrangement whereby the contractors could settle individually, but the Brotherhood of Tailors was willing to deal with the contractors' association as a whole. Another meeting will be held, when the subject will be further discussed.

Another New Cycling Record. LIMA, O., July 30.—The Harman twenty mile handicap road race drew out a large crowd yesterday. The first place was won by C. C. Cowles, of Lima, a limit man, in 1 hour and 35 seconds. The time prize was won by E. L. Leflower, of Dayton, in 54 minutes and 45 seconds, breaking his own record made last year and breaking the world's record. In the half mile open professional race Tom Cooper won, with Conn Baker second and Otto Ziegler third, time, 1:07 1/2. The one mile open, professional, was won by E. C. Bald, with Tom Cooper second and Arthur Gardner third, time, 2:15 1/2.

Steel Billet Manufacturers to Meet. NEW YORK, July 30.—The Advertiser publishes the following. The special meeting which has been called by the steel billet manufacturers at the Hollidaysburg for tomorrow promises some important developments. It is stated that threats of secession from the combination have been made, and that it is to consider a more equitable division of the work that the meeting has been called. The estimation of affairs as described by a large dealer is that the steel billet trade has been much duller than was expected since the organization was made.

Withdrawing Gold for Hoarding. WASHINGTON, July 30.—While the export of gold seems to have been completely checked for the time being at least, there are signs that hoarding is still going on to some extent. Yesterday's statement of withdrawals for instance, shows that of the \$241,000 of gold taken from the treasury \$205,000 was in coin and only \$36,000 was in bars for use in the arts. During the day \$50,000 in gold coin was received at the treasury, making the balance stand at \$160,300,74.

NUGGETS OF NEWS. The Irish land bill passed its third reading in the British house of commons yesterday. William Klink, an aged butcher, was run down and killed by an unknown woman cyclist in Chicago.

Arrests of single tax advocates for obstructing thoroughfares continued Dover, Del. Fifteen are now in jail. John Clark Ridpath, the historian, has been nominated for congress by the Democrats of the Fifth Indiana district.

The New York World says that the marriage of Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jr., and Miss Grace Wilson will take place next Saturday.

The German cruiser Itis was lost on July 25 in a typhoon off the Shantung promontory, in China. Seventy-five men are reported to have been drowned.

At Texarkana, Ark., Colonel John Hallem, a well known Arkansas attorney, shot and fatally wounded Rev. W. A. Forbes, a prominent Baptist minister, when Hallem charged with alienating his wife's affections.

Keynote of hour. Be sure that the name LEBBE & BARN, Ashland, Pa., is printed on every sack.

Special Favors for Aristocratic Convicts.

LONDON, July 30.—Dr. Jansson and his fellow prisoners, Major Sir John Willoughby, Colonel Edmund Gray, Colonel H. P. White, Major White and Captain Henry F. Conventry, who were convicted and sentenced for violation of the neutrality laws in invading the territory of the South African republic in December last, have been made first class inter-departments, which allows them to have their meals from outside Holloway jail, to dress in their own clothes, to have their normal work done by the other prisoners and to have a small allowance of beer or wine.

Death of a Noted Southern General. RICHMOND, Va., July 30.—General R. E. Colston, who was an officer in the Confederate army and at one time commanded the Stonewall brigade, died at the Soldiers' Home here yesterday. He was in his 71st year. General Colston served six years in the Egyptian army, and received the decoration of the knight commander of the Turkish Order of Osmaniah for distinguished services. General Colston was born in France. His father was an American, who married a French lady. The family early came to this country, and young Colston finished his education at the Virginia Military institute. He was elected a professor in that institution, and served there for ten years prior to the war. Stonewall Jackson was a member of the faculty all this time.

Mutinous Convicts Overpowered. LEAVENWORTH, Kan., July 30.—While a gang of thirty prisoners from the United States penitentiary at Fort Leavenworth were being worked on the prison farm a mutiny broke out among them. At a signal from George East, an Indian Territory desperado, the men broke for a cornfield. The guards began firing with shot-guns and all the prisoners but three surrendered. East was shot six times before he gave up. He was fatally wounded. Sam Mills and S. Dove were also badly, but not fatally wounded. When the prisoners were run into the penitentiary yard, where 300 convicts were hawking pork, there was an ugly demonstration and a second attempt at mutiny, which was quickly suppressed.

A Naval Sentence Disapproved. WASHINGTON, July 30.—The secretary of the navy has disapproved the proceedings, findings and sentence of dismissal imposed by court martial held at Mare Island, Cal., recently upon Passed Assistant Paymaster Edwin B. Webster, lately attached to the Yachtclub on the China station. The officer was accused of having retained a bond exacted from his pay clerk, W. J. Tobin, after having dismissed the clerk. The secretary finds that there were grave informalities in the proceedings of the court which convicted the officer, and inclines to the belief that the name was technically a loan and not a bond.

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