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WILLIAM M'KINLEY'S LETTER

A Presentation of the Issues of the Present Campaign.

PROTECTION, MONEY, RECIPROCITY

A Large Portion of the Letter Devoted to the Free Silver Question—He Announces Himself as Opposed to Such a Policy.

CANTON, O., Aug. 27.—Major McKinley's letter of acceptance was issued yesterday. It is as follows:

Hon. John M. Thurston and others, members of the national committee of the Republican national convention—Gentlemen: In pursuance of the promise made to your committee when notified of my nomination as the Republican candidate for president, I beg to submit this formal acceptance of that high honor, and to consider in detail questions at issue in the pending campaign.

Perhaps this might be considered unnecessary in view of my remarks on that occasion and those I have made to delegations that have visited me since the St. Louis convention, but in view of the momentous importance of the proper settlement of the issues presented on our future prosperity and standing as a nation, and considering only the welfare and happiness of our people, I could not be content to omit again calling attention to the questions which in my opinion vitally affect our strength and position among the governments of the world and our morality, integrity and patriotism as citizens of that republic, which for a century past has been the best hope of the world and the inspiration of mankind. We must not now prove false to our own high standards in government, nor unmindful of the noble example and wise precepts of the fathers, or of the confidence and trust which our conduct in the past has always inspired.

The Free Coinage of Silver.

For the first time since 1878, if ever before, there is presented to the American people this year a clear and direct issue as to our monetary system, of vast importance in its effects, and upon the right settlement of which rests largely the financial honor and prosperity of the country. It is proposed by one wing of the Democratic party, and its allies, the People's and Silver parties, to inaugurate the free and unlimited coinage of silver by independent action on the part of the United States at a ratio of sixteen ounces of silver to one ounce of gold.

The mere declaration of this purpose is a menace to our financial and industrial interests, and has already created universal alarm. It involves great peril to the credit and business of the country, a peril so grave that conservative men everywhere are breaking away from their old party associations and uniting with other patriotic citizens in emphatic protest against the platform of the Democratic national convention as an assault upon the faith and honor of the government and the welfare of the people. We have had few questions in the lifetime of the republic more serious than the one which is thus presented.

The character of the money which shall measure our values and exchanges and settle our balances with one another, and with the nations of the world, is of such primary importance and so far reaching in its consequences as to call for the most painstaking investigation, and, in the end, a sober and unprejudiced judgment at the polls. We must not be misled by phrases not deluded by false theories.

No Benefit to Labor.

Free silver would not mean that silver dollars were to be freely had without cost or labor. It would mean the free use of the mints of the United States for the few who are owners of silver bullion, but would make silver coin no freer to the many who are engaged in other enterprises. It would not make labor easier, the hours of labor shorter, or the pay better. It would not make farming less laborious, or more profitable. It would not start a factory, or make a demand for an additional day's labor. It would create no new occupations. It would add nothing to the comfort of the masses, the capital of the people or the wealth of the nation. It seeks to introduce a new measure of value, but would add no value to the thing measured. It would not conserve values. On the contrary, it would derange all existing values. It would not restore business confidence, but its direct effect would be to destroy the little which yet remains.

The meaning of the coinage plank adopted at Chicago is that any one may take a quantity of silver bullion, now worth 62 cents, to the mints of the United States, have it coined at the expense of the government, and receive for it a silver dollar which shall be legal tender for the payment of all debts, public and private. The owner of the silver bullion would get the silver dollar. It would belong to him and to nobody else. Other people would get it only by their labor, the products of their land or for something of value. The bullion owner, on the basis of present values, would receive the silver dollar for 62 cents' worth of silver, and other people would be required to receive it as a full dollar in the payment of debts. The government would get nothing from the transaction. It would bear the expense of coining the silver and the community would suffer loss by its use.

We have coined since 1878 more than four hundred millions of silver dollars, which are maintained by the government at parity with gold, and are a full legal tender for the payment of all debts, public and private. How are the silver dollars now in use different from those which would be in use under free coinage?

The Dollars Compared. They are to be of the same weight and fineness; they are to bear the same stamp of the government. Why would they not be of the same value? I answer: The silver dollars now in use were coined on account of the government and not for

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YESTERDAY'S BASE BALL GAMES.

National League.
At Philadelphia—Philadelphia, 10; Cleveland, 1. At Brooklyn—First game: Brooklyn, 9; Louisville, 2. At Boston—Chicago, 11; Boston, 7. At Baltimore—Baltimore, 14; Cincinnati, 3. At Washington—Pittsburg, 4; Washington, 3. At New York—New York, 11; St. Louis, 4.

Eastern League.

At Scranton—Scranton, 11; Scranton, 3. At Wilkesbarre—Wilkesbarre, 11; Wilkesbarre, 10. At Providence—Providence, 10; Toronto, 2. At Springfield—Springfield, 9; Buffalo, 3.

Atlantic League.

At Hartford—Lancaster, 5; Hartford, 0. At Paterson—Newark, 11; Paterson, 8. At Wilmington—First game: Athletic, 7; Wilmington, 6. Second game: Wilmington, 10; Athletic, 5.

A Family's Narrow Escape.

READING, Aug. 27.—A family, comprising father, mother and son, had a miraculous escape from instant death, in walking across the Lebanon valley railroad bridge. They had reached the centre of the bridge from the west side, when a passenger train, which had just left the depot in this city, and was going west, came along. Bonnevile Klemmer, the engineer, took in the situation, and blew the danger signal and put on the brakes. The family stopped in the eastbound truck, when they found a Reading and Columbia train backing down upon them. They stopped back again, just as Engineer Klemmer's train was brought to a stop, a few feet from them. Had they been struck they would have been hurled into the Schuylkill, 100 feet below.

Patriotic Order Sons of America.

ALTOONA, Pa., Aug. 27.—At yesterday morning's session of the Patriotic Order Sons of America it was announced that the election of Tuesday had resulted in no choice, excepting Herman A. Miller for state inspector, J. Oscar Long, of Reading, state guard, and H. J. Stanger, James Kenny and William Wound state trustees. It was decided to hold the state camp next year in Reading, and the semi-centennial committee submitted a program for the celebration at that place. It will occupy an entire week. A resolution recognizing the single star of Cuba in the constellation of nations was adopted. At the afternoon session it was announced that A. J. Colburn of Scranton had been elected state president, over H. M. J. Reed of Philadelphia, by a majority of twelve. The evening session was held at Duketown park, where Clara M. Taylor of Huntington was elected state vice president; A. L. Eckert of Pottsville, state master of forms, and F. W. Smith of Philadelphia, state conductor. The officers were publicly installed and the state camp adjourned finally.

Don Cameron Not a Candidate.

NEW YORK, Aug. 27.—United States Senator J. Donald Cameron, of Pennsylvania, is in the city on private business. He was asked if there was any truth in the published statement that he had recognized his announcement, made a year ago, that he would not again be a candidate for United States senator. "There is absolutely no truth in this report," said Senator Cameron. "I am still firm in my intention not to be a candidate for re-election. I have not nor will I reconsider my determination. You may say most positively that I am not a candidate."

Four Men Arrested.

CHESTER, Pa., Aug. 27.—The police have arrested four men charged with the murderous assault on Lee Wing, the Upland laundryman. They are John P. Devlin, John M. McCreary, George West and Frank Hamilton. One man is at large. Lee Wing is said to be badly injured, and will die if the internal hemorrhages cannot be stopped. He was kicked and beaten by his assailants, and two eye witnesses have been held for their appearance at the hearing.

Evangelical Lutheran Synod.

ALTOONA, Pa., Aug. 27.—The fifty-fourth convention of the Pittsburgh synod of the Evangelical Lutheran church met here yesterday. About 500 ministers and delegates were present. The synodical address was delivered by Rev. J. C. Krutzman, president of the synod of Pittsburgh.

At Breen's Rialto Cafe.

Oyster and clam soup will be served as free lunch to-morrow morning. Plenty for everybody. Meals served at all hours.

Obituary.

The nine-month-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lewis, of 221 South West street, died last evening from brain fever. The parents have the sympathy of a large circle of friends in their bereavement.

Brennan's New Restaurant.

Baked fish to-morrow morning.

Malletts Mischiefs.

Joe and Edward Malletts and Harry McAndrew, three youths of the First ward, were before Justice Lawlor yesterday afternoon on complaint of Mrs. Mary Walsh, who charged them with continually annoying her and breaking the windows and doors with stones. They were required to furnish bail for trial at court.

Bickert's Cafe.

Our free lunch to-morrow morning will consist of nice clam soup.

Board of Health Notes.

The placard at the residence of Herman Frits, of West Apple alley, was removed by Health Officer Conry, this morning. Miss Annie Roberts, of 205 East Lloyd street, was also reported as suffering from diphtheria.

Violin, Mandolin, Banjo, Guitar and Auto-harp strings and trimmings at Brumm's.

Assessors Appointed.

The County Commissioners have made these appointments: Fred. Bishop to be assessor in the North ward of Tannaqua, vice J. D. Kershner, resigned; James Kinney was appointed to the same in the Second ward, Ashland, vice Charles Yoho, resigned; Henry Becker was appointed in the borough of Yorkville, vice John Deasey, deceased.

BURGESS BURNS A BIFFER.

The Official Too Much For a First Ward Man.

BUTLER WENT DOWN THREE TIMES

He Blackguarded the Burgess Because the Official Refused to Pay Him a Fee—The Official Says It is One of the "Dollar Snapper" Cases.

An unusual scene was witnessed at the corner of Main and Centre streets last evening and for hours after it was the subject of discussion among the citizens. The scene was a personal encounter between Chief Burgess James Burns and a resident of the First ward named Michael Butler. Of course the more the matter became discussed and the wider the story spread the more the facts in the case became distorted and on this account the chief officer of the town was subjected unjustly to rather severe criticism for his action in the matter. One of the stories that gained circulation was that the Chief Burgess was intoxicated and assaulted a citizen without provocation. The Burgess subsequently ran down this story and the party who was responsible for it made a retraction in the presence of a reporter and number of citizens.

The Chief Burgess was standing at the corner of Main and Centre streets at about 5:30 o'clock last evening when Butler, accompanied by a friend, approached and demanded a fee of \$1 for having assisted in making arrests in the First ward a few weeks ago. The Burgess replied that there was no fee due Butler and the latter called the official a liar. The Burgess paid no attention to the challenge and Butler then called the Burgess a ——— of a liar. This was too much for Burns and he struck out. Butler was evidently ready for fight and for a minute or two there was a pretty hot bout, but the Chief Burgess was by far the heavier of the two and Butler went down three or four times under the strong arm of the law before Special Officers Salsky and Kane ran up. They took Butler into custody and escorted him before Justice Lawlor upon instructions from the Burgess. When before the Justice, Chief Burns said it was not his desire to prosecute the man if he would promise to behave himself. Justice Lawlor thereupon advised Butler to go home and the office was cleared of the crowd that had assembled.

It was subsequently learned that Butler's claim is a branch of a matter that was brought before a meeting of the Borough Council recently, when Councilman Coakley stated that several special police complained that they had not been paid for assisting in making arrests. Chief Burgess Burns was present at the time and stated that in the case referred to thirteen men were arrested in the First ward for making a disturbance; that several served time and only \$13 had been collected in fines and costs, but an army of special officers were clamoring for fees. Council took no action in the matter.

Chief Burns and other officials say that the whole trouble arises from a desire on the part of some people to try and make a living by acting as special police and in a great many cases where fees are asked the service has been purely voluntary. It is known in some cases that three, and as many as four men have gathered about a prisoner and escorted him when one officer was sufficient. These over-zealous people have become known through a remark made by Councilman Englert, as "dollar snappers," which of Police Tush speaks of one case in which he and Policeman Lee were obliged to fight a crowd in a house and only one man from a mob of about 250 assembled outside volunteered to assist the officers, but as soon as the prisoners were brought out on the pavement a crowd rushed forward and in a trice there were three to four officers for each prisoner.

Closing out all of our Russet Shoes and Oxford ties at less than first cost now is your time to buy them cheap at WHITELOCK'S SHOE STORE.

The Lyon-Dunn Contest.

The Lyon-Dunn judicial contest court continues to drag along and will continue in session for four weeks. Judge Craig said that in order to facilitate matters, continuous sessions will be held hereafter with a view of reaching an early termination of the contest. These sessions would begin at 2 p. m. every Tuesday, and close Friday afternoons at 4 o'clock. This, as Judge Craig thought, would give the counsel Mondays and Saturdays to prepare anything they had to offer in the case. Nothing of particular interest developed to-day, the time of the court being occupied in examination of witnesses and election officers and identifying the ballot boxes.

At Kepelinski's Arcade Cafe.

Grand Army bean soup to-night. Hot lunch to-morrow morning. Meals served at all hours.

Property Sold.

The property on East Coal street, occupied by John Ramage and belonging to the estate of Mrs. Mary Ramage, deceased, has been sold to Mrs. Margaret Cogle, of West Coal street, for \$1,300.

Kendrick House Free Lunch.

Hot lunch to-morrow morning. Deviled crabs, 10 cents. Hard shelled crabs, 5 cents.

The Sprinter Won.

James Mader ran a race against a bicycle at the Trotting park yesterday afternoon. John Stein was on the bicycle and gave Mader a start of 25 yards in 100. Mader won by 4 yards.

Children's School Shoes Sold Cheap at WHITELOCK'S SHOE STORE.

Final Rehearsal. The following members of the Grant band will attend the final rehearsal of Prof. Jones' orchestra of 15 pieces at Harris' hotel, Mahanoy City, to-night: John, Peter and Harry Schoppe, Benj. Daddow, Warren Porta and O. C. Thomas. These gentlemen have been engaged to play at the opening of Kaiser's opera house next Tuesday evening.

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TWO WEDDINGS.

Councilman Gable Married in the German Lutheran Church.

Councilman A. D. Gable and Mrs. Elizabeth Griffiths were married at noon to-day in the German Lutheran church on West Cherry street. Rev. John Gruber, pastor of the church, officiated at the ceremony. Louis Gable, a brother of the bridegroom, was the groomsmen and Miss Gertrude Phillips, sister of the bride, the bridesmaid. The HENRARD joins the many friends of the bride and bridegroom in extending congratulations.

The wedding bells were ringing merrily this afternoon at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. James Neary, on West Oak street, when their daughter, Emily, was united in wedlock to John Bohman, of Blackwood. The ceremony was performed by Rev. D. I. Evans, of the Welsh Baptist church. The groom was attended by Matthew Bohman, his brother, and the bride was supported by Miss Bertha White, of town. After the wedding the guests partook of a sumptuous wedding supper. The couple were the recipients of a large number of beautiful presents. They left on a wedding trip to Philadelphia and Atlantic City, on the 4:10 p. m. Pennsylvania train. Upon their return they will take up their residence in Blackwood. The following guests were in attendance at the wedding: Mr. and Mrs. James Neary, of town; Mr. and Mrs. William Bohman, of Blackwood; Misses Salfie, Jennie and Sadie Bohman, of Blackwood; Mrs. John Bunn, Shenandoah; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Suddon, Mahanoy City; William Francis, St. Clair; Mrs. John O. Griffiths and daughter, Mary, of town; Mrs. Fritsch Pfler, Blackwood; Miss Corn White, Mrs. Benjamin Motz and Alexander Lorch, of town.

WHITELOCK'S SHOE STORE sells Ladies' velvet house slippers at 30c valued at 50 cents at other stores.

No Fish Sale.

The sale of the Atlantic Fish Company announced for to-morrow morning will not take place, on account of the car failing to arrive.

Fresh Pies and Cream Puffs daily at Scheider's Vienna bakery, 22 E. Centre street.

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