

# MR. M'KINLEY'S LETTER

## Formal Acceptance of Republican Presidential Nomination.

### PRESENTATION OF THE ISSUES.

#### The Philippine Question Treated at Length—Self Government to Be Given the Filipinos as Soon as They Are Prepared For It.

Washington, Sept. 10.—The letter of President McKinley accepting the nomination of the Republican national convention for the office of president of the United States has been made public.

It is an exhaustive document covering in detail the issues of the pending presidential election from the Republican viewpoint.

The question of finance is first presented at considerable length, regarding which the letter says:

"The stability of our national currency is therefore secure so long as those who adhere to this platform are kept in control of the government. In the first battle, that of 1896, the friends of the gold standard and of sound currency were triumphant, and the country is enjoying the fruits of that victory. Our antagonists, however, are not satisfied. They compel us to a second battle upon the same lines on which the first was fought and won. While regretting the reopening of this question, which can only disturb the present satisfactory financial condition of the government and visit uncertainty upon our great business enterprises, we accept the issue and again invite the sound money forces to join in winning another and we hope a permanent triumph for an honest financial system which will continue inviolable the basic faith."

#### The Tariff Policy Reaffirmed.

Passing to the general policy of the Republican party, the letter says: "The Republican party remains faithful to its principle of a tariff which supplies sufficient revenues for the government and adequate protection to our enterprises and producers and of reciprocity which opens foreign markets to the fruits of American labor and furnishes new channels through which to market the surplus of American farms. The time honored principles of protection and reciprocity were the first pledges of Republican victory to be written into public law.

"The present congress has given to Alaska a territorial government for which it had waited more than a quarter of a century, has established a representative government in Hawaii, has enacted bills for the most liberal treatment of the pensioners and their widows and has revived the free homestead policy. In its great financial law it provided for the establishment of banks of issue with a capital of \$25,000 for the benefit of villages and rural communities and bringing the opportunity for profitable business in banking within the reach of moderate capital. Many are already availing themselves of this privilege.

#### Favors Isthmian Waterway.

"A subject of immediate importance to our country is the completion of a great waterway of commerce between the Atlantic and Pacific. The construction of a maritime canal is now more than ever indispensable to that intimate and ready communication between our eastern and western seaports demanded by the annexation of the Hawaiian Islands and the expansion of our influence and trade in the Pacific.

"Our national policy more imperatively than ever calls for its completion and control by this government, and it is believed that the next session of congress, after receiving the full report of the commission appointed under the act approved March 3, 1899, will make provisions for the sure accomplishment of this great work.

"Combinations of capital which control the market in commodities necessary to the general use of the people by suppressing natural and ordinary competition, thus enhancing prices to the general consumer, are obnoxious to the common law and the public welfare. They are dangerous conspiracies against the public good and should be made the subject of prohibitory or penal legislation. Publicity will be a helpful influence to check this evil. Uniformity of legislation in the several states should be secured. Discrimination between what is injurious and what is useful and necessary in business operations is essential to the wise and effective treatment of this subject."

#### Our Occupation of Cuba.

Concerning our relations with Cuba the letter says: "We have been in possession of Cuba since the 1st of January, 1899. We have restored order and established domestic tranquility. We have fed the starving, clothed the naked and ministered to the sick. We have improved the sanitary condition of the island. We have stimulated industry, introduced public education and taken a full and comprehensive enumeration of its inhabitants. The qualification of electors has been established, and under its officers have been chosen for all the municipalities of Cuba. Those local governments are now in operation, administered by the people. Our military establishment has been reduced from 43,000 to less than 6,000. An election has been ordered to be held on the 15th of September under a fair election law already tried in the municipal elections to choose members of a constitutional convention, and the convention in the same order is to assemble on the first Monday of November to frame a constitution upon which an independent government for the island will rest. All this is a long step in the fulfillment of our sacred guarantees to the people of Cuba.

#### The Government of Porto Rico.

"We hold Porto Rico by the same title as the Philippines. The treaty of peace which ceded us the one territory to us the other. Congress has given to this island a government in which the inhabitants participate, elect their own legislature, enact their own laws, provide their own system of taxation and in these respects have the same power and privileges enjoyed by other territories belonging to the United States and a much larger measure of self-government than was given to the inhabitants of Louisiana under Jefferson. A district court of the United States for Porto Rico has been established, and of local courts have been inaugurated, all of which are in operation. The generous treatment of the Porto Ricans accords with the most liberal thought of our own country and encourages the best aspirations of the people of the island. While they do not have instant free commercial intercourse with the United States, congress com-

plished with my recommendation by removing on the first day of May last \$5 per cent of the duties and provided for the removal of the remaining 15 per cent on the 1st of March, 1902, or earlier if the legislature of Porto Rico shall provide local revenues for the expenses of conducting the government."

Mr. McKinley then takes up the Philippine question, which is presented at considerable length. The events which led to the acquisition of the Philippine archipelago are recounted, and the instructions to and reports from American officers and commissioners in the islands are presented, showing what has been and is being done to bring the benefits of liberty and good government to these wards of the nation.

Continuing, Mr. McKinley says: "The American people are asked by our opponents to yield the sovereignty of the United States in the Philippines to a small fraction of the population, a single tribe out of 80 or more inhabiting the archipelago, a fraction which wantonly attacked the American troops in Manila while in rightful possession under the protocol with Spain, awaiting the ratification of the treaty of peace by the senate and which has since been in active, open rebellion against the United States. We are asked to transfer our sovereignty to a small minority in the islands without consulting the majority and to abandon the largest portion of the population, which has been loyal to us, to the cruelties of the guerrilla insurgent bands. More than this, we are asked to protect this minority in establishing a government and to this end repress all opposition of the majority. We are required to set up a stable government in the interest of those who have assailed our sovereignty and fired upon our soldiers and then maintain it at any cost or sacrifice against its enemies within and against those having ambitious designs from without."

"No government can so certainly preserve the peace, restore public order, establish law, justice and stable conditions as ours. Neither congress nor the executive can establish a stable government in these islands except under our right of sovereignty, our authority and our flag. And this we are doing.

#### Self Government Promised.

"We could not do it as a protectorate power so completely or so successfully as we are doing it now. As the sovereign power we can initiate action and shape means to ends and guide the Filipinos to self development and self government. As a protectorate power we could not initiate action, but would be compelled to follow and uphold a people with no capacity yet to be alone. In the one case we can protect both ourselves and the Filipinos from being involved in dangerous complications, in the other we could not protect even the Filipinos until after their trouble had come. Besides, if we cannot establish our own government of our own without the consent of the governed, as our opponents contend, then we could not establish a protectorate without the like consent, and neither the majority of the people nor a minority of the people have invited us to assume it. We could not maintain a protectorate even with the consent of the governed without giving provocation for conflicts and possibly costly wars. Our rights in the Philippines are now free from outside interference and will continue so in our present relation. They would not be thus free in any other relation. We will not give up our own to guarantee another sovereignty.

"Our title is good. Our peace commissioners believed they were receiving a good title when they concluded the treaty. The executive believed it was a good title when he submitted it to the senate of the United States for its ratification. The senate believed it was a good title when they gave it their constitutional assent, and the congress seemed not to have doubted its completeness when they appropriated \$20,000,000 provided by the treaty. If any who favored its ratification believed it gave us a bad title, they were not sincere. Our title is practically identical with that under which we hold our territory acquired since the beginning of the government and under which we have exercised full sovereignty and established government for the inhabitants.

#### Must Accept Obligations.

"There were those who two years ago were rushing us on to war with Spain who are unwilling now to accept its clear consequences, as there are those among us who advocated the ratification of the treaty of peace, but now protest against its obligations. Nations which go to war must be prepared to accept its resultant obligations, and when they make treaties must keep them.

"Those who profess to distrust the liberal and honorable purposes of the administration in its treatment of the Philippines are not justified. Imperialism has no place in its creed or conduct. Freedom is a rock upon which the Republican party was built and now rests. Liberty of the great Republican doctrine for which the people went to war and for which a million lives were offered and billions of dollars expended to make it a lawful legacy to all without the consent of master or slave. There is a strain of ill concealed hypocrisy in the anxiety to extend the constitutional guarantees to the people of the Philippines while their qualification is openly advocated at home. Our opponents may distrust themselves, but they have no right to us credit the good faith and patriotism of the majority of the people who are opposing them. They may fear the worst form of imperialism with the helpless Filipinos in their hands, but if they do it is because they have parted with the spirit and the will of the fathers and have lost the vitality of the founders of the party which they profess to represent.

"The Republican party does not have to assert its devotion to the Declaration of Independence. That immortal instrument of the fathers remained unexecuted until the people under the lead of the Republican party in the awful clash of battle turned its promises into fulfillment. It wrote into the constitution amendments guaranteeing political equality to American citizenship, and it has never broken them or consorted others in breaking them. It will not be guided in its conduct by one set of principles at home and another set in the new territory belonging to the United States."

#### Rochester a Cool School.

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#### Weather Forecast.

Fair; temperature moderate; westerly winds.

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## BREVITIES.

Rev. J. T. Griffith, one of the former pastors of the English Baptist church of Freeland, has resigned his charge at Lansford. Next November he will remove his family to Bethlehem, where he will make his future home.

Miss Annie Dever, a popular young lady of town, was received into the Order of Sisters of Mercy at Hazleton convent this morning. She will be assigned, during her novitiate, to St. Ann's convent at Woodside.

Thomas Campbell leaves on Wednesday to resume his studies at Villanova college.

William Rinker, of Delano, has been appointed section foreman by the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company to succeed James Gillespie, whose resignation was necessary on account of ill health.

One of the most successful lawn parties ever conducted in town was held on the lawn of St. John's Reformed church Saturday evening.

Gentlemen, for hats and caps go to A. Oswald's. He has a nice variety.

True bills have been returned by the grand jury against Tony Lombardo and J. Spalone for murder and against Michael Decomas as accessory after the fact in the case of Joseph Modena, who was murdered near Drifton last April.

A little daughter arrived yesterday morning at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Burger, North Centre street.

The Butler township property and farm lands of George and Annie Sauer were disposed of at sheriff's sale at Wilkesbarre on Saturday. The purchaser was Mrs. Herrman Holland, of town.

Try Keiper's ice cream soda.

The Citizens' band, of town, has been engaged to play for the Hazleton fire department on Firemen's Day, September 19.

Mrs. Edward Murphy and Misses Rose Gillespie and Mary McGill and F. H. McGroarty enjoyed a drive to Buck Mountain yesterday.

A labor meeting will be held at Drifton tomorrow evening and another at Highland Thursday evening.

The members of the Upper Lehigh Valley Pastoral Association are in session today at the home of Rev. J. J. Kuntz, pastor of St. Luke's Lutheran church.

Miss Jennie Carlton, of Lehigh Taney, formerly of town, will be married at her home today to John Krall.

Buy your ice cream at Keiper's.

The picnic of the Park M. E. Sunday school at the Public Park on Saturday gave a number of people an opportunity to spend a pleasant day at Freeland's pleasure ground.

A glee club is being organized at the Y. M. C. A. All singers, whether members of the association or not, who wish to try for the club, should leave their names at the rooms not later than Saturday next.

A new fifteen horse-power engine has been placed in position at the Salmon Iron Works.

The Junior Mechanics of town will hold their annual banquet on the 25th inst.

The Harvest Home services at St. John's Reformed church attracted many people yesterday, the attendance in the evening being especially large.

Hannah, the five-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Meehan, died on Friday at the family residence on Adams street. The funeral took place yesterday afternoon. Interment at St. Ann's cemetery.

George Shambora, who recently retired from the grocery business, is pursuing a course of studies at the Freeland School of Music and Languages. Mr. Shambora is a bright young man who is destined to make his mark in one of the professions.

#### Prominent Republican Dead.

Oneonta, N. Y., Sept. 10.—Major C. P. Root, a prominent Republican and owner of 20 butter and cheese factories in this county and well known to all produce merchants of New York city, is dead at his home in Gilbertsville, aged 69. During the civil war he was recruiting officer at Norwich, N. Y., and later commissioned by Governor Seymour to go to Vicksburg, Miss., and secure recruits among the blacks and disaffected whites. His record shows him to have been one of the most successful officers in the government service.

#### Woman Killed by Train.

Rochester, Sept. 10.—Mrs. Nellie Hough, aged 32, was struck and instantly killed by an east bound freight train on the New York Central at Field's crossing. Mrs. Marguerite Guyon, a cousin, who was crossing the tracks with Mrs. Hough at the time, was also struck, but escaped with a broken rib and internal injuries. Both ladies had been in the city on a shopping tour and were returning home.

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## THEATRICAL.

Harry Martell's big southern production, "South Before the War," will be the opening attraction at the Grand tomorrow evening. This play is entirely different from anything of its kind that has been produced. The combination of darkys, big and little, numbering fifty people; the performance embracing a great variety of music, buck and wing dancing, camp meeting scenes, superb singing by four quartets with a chorus of forty voices; a genuine cake walk which creates uproarious laughter, are some of the features. A carload of new scenery depicting a cotton field in full bloom, Frog Island and the old Mississippi steam-boat, Robert E. Lee, and several new ones that will be a surprise, by their true realism, and is a revelation in the art of stage craft, making the production the most realistic and to those of the younger generation who have often heard what a plantation was in ante-bellum days, this play will give a most comprehensive idea. There is also a parade at noon tomorrow, and to miss it will be missing a treat.

Joe W. Spears will present the well known Irish comedians, Murray & Wesley, at the Grand next Thursday evening. In their latest success, "The Irish Pawnbrokers," it is promised full of color, movement and melody. As farce comedy stars Murray and Wesley have been counted among the best, and they have always been surrounded by a large and capable company, this season being no exception to the rule. As in the past they will introduce many specialties, both concerted and individual, almost every member of the company being a performer of more or less prominence. No pains or expense have been spared to make their new comedy the "hit" of the season in its line, special attention having been paid to the scenic and mechanical effects, adjuncts not usually found with a farce comedy, but which work wonders in the way of augmenting the attractiveness of a play or comedy of any kind.

## ROUND THE REGION.

The Luzerne County Democrat gives notice in advance that it will not support Judge Woodward if he receives a renomination, because, as it alleges, he did not support Bryan in 1896 and has given no assurance that he will do this year.

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The United States recruiting station at Shenandoah has succeeded in securing only two volunteers in three weeks.

Large sun spots, astronomers say, caused the extreme heat this summer, and doctors declare nearly all the prostrations were induced by diarrhoea. Kodol Dyspepsia Cure digests what you eat. If you have indigestion or dyspepsia it will quickly relieve and permanently cure you. Grover's City drug store.

The census shows Scranton's population to be 102,026, an increase since 1890 of 26,815, or 35.65 per cent.

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One Fare to Philadelphia and Return Via the Lehigh Valley Railroad, account State League Republican Club's meeting, September 17 and 18. Tickets on sale September 15, 16 and 17 for all trains except the Black Diamond express, good for return to September 22 inclusive. For further information consult Lehigh Valley ticket agents.

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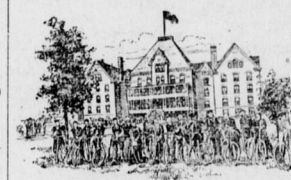
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