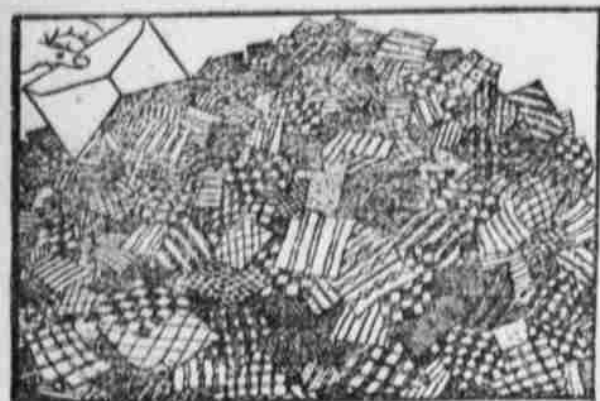


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1860—Republican, Chicago, May 16; Lincoln and Hamlin. Democratic, Baltimore, June 18; Douglas and Johnson, and Breckinridge and Lane.

1864 — Republican, Baltimore, June 7; Lincoln and Johnson. Democratic, Chicago, August 29; McClellan and Pendleton.

1868—Republican, Chicago, May 20; Grant and Colfax. Democratic, New York, July 4; Seymour and Blair.

1872—Republican, Philadelphia, June 5; Grant and Wilson. Democratic, Baltimore, July 9; Greeley and Brown.

1876 — Republican, Cincinnati, June 14; Hayes and Wheeler. Democratic, St. Louis, June 27; Tilden and Hendricks.

1880—Republican, Chicago, June 2; Garfield and Arthur. Democratic, Cincinnati, June 22; Hancock and English.

1884—Republican, Chicago, June 3; Blaine and Logan. Democratic, Chicago, July 8; Cleveland and Hendricks.

1888—Republican, Chicago, June 13; Harrison and Morton. Democratic, St. Louis, June 5; Cleveland and Thurman.

1892—Republican, Minneapolis, June 7; Harrison and Reid. Democratic, Chicago, June 21; Cleveland and Stevenson.

1896—Republican, St. Louis, June 16; McKinley and Hobart. Democratic, Chicago, July 7; Bryan and Sewall.

1900—Republican, Philadelphia, June 19; McKinley and Roosevelt. Democratic, Kansas City, July 4; Bryan and Stevenson.

1904—Republican, Chicago, June 21; Roosevelt and Fairbanks. Democratic, St. Louis, July 6; Parker and Davis.—Sioux City (Ia.) Journal.

THE TRAGEDY OF MOTHERHOOD

A sweet young wife gave up her life in Mt. Sterling the other day in the final act of motherhood. Just as the tiny babe gave the first, faint cry which is the sign and signal of a new life, the young mother passed into the Valley of the Shadow, which we call death—an uncomplaining martyr to the sometimes inexorable demand of motherhood.

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The young wife of whom we write was well enough aware of the dangers which lay along the path to motherhood, yet how bravely and how resolutely, how happily and how joyously she went along the way. For her's was a child of love—the crowning product of two loving souls. A Child of Love! What a glorious inheritance to be thus conceived, thus nurtured under a woman's heart, and thus brought forth! A Child of Love! How deeply and how truly a woman must love a man when she feels in her heart that she would like to be the mother of his child. This is the supreme test of a woman's abiding love. And no woman

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Some there may be who will say that such writing as this should not be done for the daily press. But why not, pray? In writing thus, we write straight into the heart of humanity—into the very citadel of Life and Love. Motherhood is as common as men and women; it is the crowning act of excellent nature; the perfect fruit and flower, the finished product of creation—without which this world would have been made in vain. Why not write of it?

God forbid! that only the trivial things of life should be treated of in the columns of the press, and that the weightier matters of the law, the vital questions that touch our lives, to make or mar them, should be passed by unnoticed and undiscussed. Not along that path doth either wisdom or duty lie.—Quincy (Ill.) Journal.

THE REPUBLICAN DILEMMA

Since it is settled beyond any reasonable doubt that William J. Bryan will be the democratic standard bearer in the pending presidential campaign, interest naturally turns to the identity of the republican nominee. There is a familiar sneer to the purport that democrats have no trouble in electing their candidates a year before the presidential polls open, and that their confidence diminishes about in proportion as that event draws near. There are indications that this condition will be reversed this year, and the faith of the minority party has substantial foundation.

Roosevelt has split his party with a cleavage so wide that no candidate of his choosing or that of any convention can unite the two factions. There is no common ground on which the conservative and the radical republicans can meet. The radicals will insist on the renomination of Roosevelt, and not until some other candidate has actually won the coveted honor will the suspicion be removed that this modern Caesar will raise no hand to remove the crown which frenzied followers may thrust on his head.

The danger which most seriously menaces republican success is found in the fact that the radical faction has not thrust forward any candidate save Roosevelt. If that strenuous executive keeps his word and positively refuses to accept the dictum of a stampeded convention, what, then, will the corporation-hating republicans do? Many of them will decline to bow down to Taft, even though their political god bids them follow the plume of the fat man from Ohio. The day is past when the republican ranks can be held intact for a man who rose to political power up the cushioned and velvet-covered steps marked "corpor-

ation lawyer" and "injunction-issuing judge."

There are those who insist that Grover Cleveland has wept no bitter and scalding tears over the successive defeats of democrats who aspired to his succession, and, by the same token, it may be possible that Roosevelt would not retire to a hermitage and pine away over the downfall of a Taft. In any event, it will be amusing to watch the corporation-fattened Taft posing as a substitute Roosevelt, and to hear him hurl defiance at the Morgans, Harrimans and the other representatives of the

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