

McKINLEY'S SITUATION.

St. Louis Globe Democrat

There are certain politicians who refuse to believe that McKinley will be nominated, notwithstanding the manifestly decisive drift in his favor. They cite precedents to prove that his superior strength is likely to become a source of weakness when the convention meets by causing a combination of all of the other candidates against him. He is now, they say, much in the position of Seward in 1860, of Blaine in 1876, and of Grant in 1880. But these cases are not analogous. The conditions that now prevail are significantly different from those which then existed. There was a strong and bitter personal antagonism in all of the three instances mentioned, as well as a pronounced feeling that defeat would follow the nomination of the men in question. There is no such opposition to McKinley. Those who prefer other candidates are not hostile to him in any malicious sense, and are not saying that the success of the party would be imperiled by his nomination. They honor and admire him, and are ready to give him their enthusiastic support in the event that he carries the convention. The precedents of the defeat of leading candidates do not count against him, therefore, and may as well be dismissed from consideration.

It is well to keep in mind the fact, furthermore, that McKinley has a large reserve power as a second choice candidate. The states that are committed to Reed, Allison, Morton and Quay can not be combined on anybody for the purpose of beating the Ohio man. They are all friendly to him, and a majority of their delegates will vote for him whenever they are released from their obligations to local favorites. This is not a matter of conjecture, but of positive information. It is reasonably certain that he will have a majority of the votes of the convention on the first ballot; but if he shall happen to come short of the requisite number, they will soon be furnished. The conditions are such that there can be no "dark horse" trotted out to beat him. His strength is of the kind that is sure to attract the votes of unpledged delegations, and to prevent stampeding in any other direction. The sentiment of the party throughout the whole country is unquestionably in his favor; the people are for him in an earnest and insistent way. In so far as a thing can be settled before it has actually occurred he is a winner, and all talk to the contrary is simply the idle speculation of politicians who are slow to acknowledge the failure of their attempts to nominate somebody else.

The ninth annual session of the Beatrice Chautauqua assembly will be held June 16th to 28th, inclusive, and will besides include a special Fourth of July program of very great interest. Dr. W. L. Davidson, the well known Chautauqua worker, will have charge of the program and will manage the platform. This means that it will be well done. For twelve days there will be instruction along important lines of study, including music, Sunday school normal work, elocution, physical culture, children's work, ministers' work, W. C. T. U. work, C. L. S. C. work and many other lines. Prof. C. C. Case, a prince among chorus directors, will have charge of the chorus, and will besides conduct classes in sight reading, harmony and voice culture. In addition there will be the Schumann male quartet, the Sunflower male quartet, and the Tyrolean Troubadors, from the Tyrol mountains, dressed in their native costumes, give their famous Swiss warbling. Elmer P. Ransom will mystify with his wonderful feats of magic. The lecture platform will include Rev. Robert McIntyre, Col. Geo. W. Bain, Dr. Eugene May, the famous knapsack traveler; Jahu DeWitt Miller, Leon H. Vincent, Frank Roberson, C. H. Fraser, Rev. Geo. M. Brown, Dr. M. M. Parkhurst, and many others. Splendid facilities for camping, at very low rates, can be furnished. City boarding houses and hotels make special rates. Reduced rates on all rail roads.

For all information and a detailed program, address R. C. HOYT, Secretary, Beatrice, Neb.

NEW YORK VINEYARDS.

Grape Culture in the Lake Region of the State.

The best table grapes in the United States are grown in that portion of New York state known as the "lake region," which comprises the country round four big lakes—Keuka, Canandaigua, Seneca and Cayuga. This is the land of vineyards. There are about 32,000 acres of vines in this lake country. Here perhaps are grown more and better varieties of table grapes than elsewhere on the continent; here also are produced the light, delicate table and sparkling wines that may yet make the New York lake district as famous as the champagne district of France.

When the writer visited the Lake Keuka vineyards he found the story of the grape written all over the land. The lake is shaped like a badly formed Y. At the base of this Y, in what is called Pleasant Valley, is the quaint little village of Hammondsport. It was here that grape-culture took root nearly 50 years ago, when the first outdoor grapes that found their way to the New York city market were sent by way of the Erie canal.

Of course the best time to see these beautiful vineyards is during the vintage, when the vines are being plundered of their clusters of luscious fruit.

"Every season hath its pleasures; Spring may boast her flowers prime, Yet the vineyard's ruby treasures Brighten autumn's soberer time."

In September and early October, then, the vineyards look their best; big bunches of grapes of exquisite tint and color shine through the leaves, which are turning brown and yellowish-brown. The vintage begins when the early varieties, as Delawares and Concord, are ripe, and it ends with the picking of the late varieties, as Catawbas and Niagaras. So from the first of September till the middle of October the grape harvest gives employment to a small army of people. The majority of the workers are women, who become most expert in the picking and packing of grapes. Girls in their teens, rosy-cheeked maidens, and gray haired mothers flock to the vineyards from the neighboring farms and villages.

The bunches of grapes are cut from the stems by shears which have a coiled spring in the handle. The fruit is laid carefully in boxes, which, when filled, are carried to the end of the row. The boxes are gathered two or three times a day and taken to the packing-house. Here the clusters are sorted over, damaged or imperfect berries are removed, and unripe fruit set aside. The grapes are packed in five and ten pound baskets. Just as it takes a woman to stow away a whole wardrobe in a Saratoga trunk, so it requires feminine fingers to pack ten pounds of grapes into a nine-pound basket. It is surprising how many bunches of grapes can be pressed tightly yet tenderly into such small space.

The number of baskets of grapes sent annually from the New York lake region is enormous. A modest estimation of the grape crop places it at about 20,000 tons, or 40,000,000 pounds. This will require about 2,500 cars for transportation, and as each car holds about 2,500 baskets, the reader can readily figure that 7,000,000 baskets is not an over-estimate of the number sent to market. The bulk of the New York lake grapes is shipped to eastern cities—to New York, Boston, Philadelphia and Washington. It is sent by fast freight, the rate being 35 cents per 100 pounds. Markets for New York grapes are now being opened in the west and northwest. Grapes are shipped by car-loads to Chicago, St. Louis, Kansas City, St. Paul, and even as far as Winnipeg, Manitoba. —Harper's Weekly.

Novel Headache Cure.

The latest "cure" suggested for the relief of headache is a haircut. A certain physician in London has met with great success lately in his treatment of persistent cases of "nervous" headaches and he has finally disclosed the secret. In each, he says, after the patient had laid bare a long tale of woe—of sleepless nights and miserable days—he prescribed, briefly, a simple haircut. It is not necessary that the hair should be cropped off short after the fashion of convicts. The curative property of the treatment is based on the fact that the tube which is contained in each single hair is served in the process, and the brain "bleeds," as the barbers say, thereby opening a safety valve for the congested cranium. A commentator in the London society press, in referring to this cure, says: "Try the cure when next attacked by headache, and if the result be not satisfactory rest assured that it is not the fault of the prescription, but that the head is so wooden that it wooden't act." —Chicago News.

Rust-Covered Gold.

According to a report of the United States geological survey the gold found in the Cripple Creek district occurs sometimes in particles too small to be seen with the naked eye, and at other times in plates and spongy masses, some of which are as much as a quarter of an inch in diameter. The gold is generally coated with a rusty, yellow-brown film composed of some compound.—Youth's Companion.

—I will not be as those who spend the day in complaining of the headache and the night in drinking the wine that gives the headache.—Goethe.

It behoves every citizen in city, town and country to keep posted on the stirring events that will occur in this country and in the old world within the next nine months. The results will affect all, personally, directly or indirectly. This nation is on the eve of the most exciting presidential campaign in its history, European politics are in a very complicated state, and scientists are applying their discoveries to many lines that will produce startlingly new things.

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