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For President.....

.....WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN

For Vice President.....

.....CHARLES A. TOWNE

For Congressman 1st Dist.....

.....G. W. BROWN, Lincoln

Mark Hanna is making immense preparations in every state in the union to poll a majority of votes for a cow boy's hat. McKinley will not be mentioned.

The delegates from Hawaii to the democratic national convention have been instructed to vote for Bryan. They say they don't want Hawaii put outside of the constitution.

The delegates to the democratic national convention from Washington and Oregon, after casting a complimentary vote for a man from the coast, will all vote for Towne. There are many democrats who are as anxious to see Towne nominated as are the populists.

In a conversation at the Lindell hotel last week ex-Congressman Hainer said: "There is no use in denying the fact. Bryan will be elected and the republicans won't elect a man on the state ticket." Hainer is an uncompromising republican, but he sees that the republicans "ain't in it this time."

That the ratio at which silver and gold will circulate can be fixed by law is shown by the British government. It has fixed the ratio in India at 22 to 1 and gold and silver at that ratio is a legal tender in India. All business is done under that ratio and has been since the order in council was issued.

Morton devotes much space in his last paper to telling of the blessings bestowed upon this nation by the Standard Oil trust. He says that it goes to Europe and gets \$100,000 each day which it brings back to distribute in this country, therefore he is very angry at the attorney general for having brought suit against it.

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After the Sheldon week, the owner of the Topeka Capital wanted to keep right along in the same line. A little inquiry developed the fact that that could not be and the paper stay in the republican party. So the old arrangement was resumed and the policies of the paper are directed by Cy Leland and the devil.

The "open door" policy of the present administration when discussed on this side of the Atlantic means only the free admission of American goods in all the markets of the world. When advocated on the other side, it means the free admission of the products of cheap labor to all American markets. The British are not advocates of the "open door," so are Mark Hanna and McKinley.

Of course this is a busy season—the farmers who are our readers are busy in the fields and are marketing very little produce at present. To those, however, who have money and are delinquent on subscription we suggest that now is a very opportune time to make a remittance. Keep it in mind when you go to town send whatever is past due, together with your renewal.

Webster Davis in an article in the New York Journal, while the republican national convention was in session declared that:

"The republican party must make it clear that this government is absolutely neutral and does sympathize with the struggles of republicans and republican patriots against monarchies and aristocracies.

"There are enough voters who have heretofore been loyal republicans in many of the doubtful states to defeat any party that is known to be in sympathy with Great Britain and her greedy selfish schemes."

The republicans refused to do any such thing and now the only thing Webster Davis can in honor do, is to join the voters and help to defeat the party that is in sympathy with Great Britain and her greedy selfish schemes.

THE REPUBLICAN PLATFORM

The republican national convention is a thing of the past and the result, the nomination of McKinley and Roosevelt and a platform, are before the people. A great amount of trash, falsehood and speculation has been published concerning it, but there are a few things concerning it about which there is no dispute.

The attendance, except from nearby places induced by low rates, was exceedingly small.

There was no enthusiasm either among the delegates or the spectators of the proceedings, except what was forced and manufactured. Even then it was so slight that it was commented upon by all who were present.

The spirit of the affair was wholly commercial. The streets were blocked with people—not crowds cheering for McKinley and imperialism—but gatherings of men women and children gazing upon new fangled ways of advertising goods for sale or the excellencies of certain daily newspapers. To such an extent was this commercial advertising carried that descriptions, columns in length, were printed in some of the republican papers, telling about the kites high in the air and electric bill boards that attracted the attention of the gazing thousands.

The whole proceeding took on the character of a commercial fair, where the fakirs plied their trade by the thousand and the merchants gathered in the shelds, no one giving any thought to government or how or by whom it should be administered. The convention and the people who attended were wholly absorbed in "trade." All the old ideals, all the traditions concerning devotion to public duty, the preservation of free government and the sentiments that animated men like Lincoln, Seward and Sumner were cast aside, and inside the convention as well as outside the subject that occupied men's minds was not good government, but trade commerce, and a grabbing for the almighty dollar.

It was a great Vanity Fair. The great dailies were represented by hundreds of the best trained newspaper men and some of them employed the leading and best known senators and representatives to send them daily accounts of the proceedings. Authors, orators and scholars were also employed for the same purpose. With all this talent engaged and all the expenditure made, no response came from the people at large.

There is another thing that all the newspaper men are agreed upon. Hanna deceived for four days the sharpest and acutest of them. They all feel pretty sheepish about the way they were taken in, but several have made a clean breast of the matter and acknowledged that Hanna kept them holding the sack for four days and not one of them caught a snipe. They all now believe without an exception, that Hanna planned the whole thing—that the action of the convention was a cut and dried affair, every detail of which was arranged a week before the convention met and that the perfect acting of both Hanna and Roosevelt deceived every one of them. Creel got taken in with the rest and he is about the sorest of the whole lot.

Not only were the newspaper men deceived, but the senators and representatives who were writing for the daily papers were as completely beguiled. The sorest one among this lot was Grosvenor, who has so long posed as the spokesman of the president in the house of representatives. He is so exceedingly angry that he has attacked the platform in the daily papers. He says:

"I want to state as a matter of fact, connected with the history of this convention, that the following resolution was agreed to be put into this platform, was handed over the gentlemen who undertook its final revision and whose handiwork in destroying all the elements of good government is manifest; and I assert, upon the statement of Senator Foraker, that the plank, which I will now reproduce, was understood by the committee to be a part of the platform, and was unfairly and surreptitiously, and without the knowledge of the committee, kept out of the platform.

It is as follows:
"We reassert the principle which was the watchword of the republican party in its first great battle, of which Abraham Lincoln was the first illustrious champion, and on which he was elected president, that congress has full legislative power over territory belonging to the United States, subject only to the fundamental safeguards of liberty, justice and personal rights."

After making this charge of forgery against Hanna, he goes on to say that the rest of the platform "is badly written and in poor English without angularity, conveys in a mild sort of a driveling way the best ideas of the republican party." Grosvenor is not the only republican who has denounced the platform as "drivel." The Washington Post, a republican paper, has a long editorial devoted to attacking the platform in which it says:

"Had such a remarkable document emanated from a gathering of South Carolina republicans, it means a lot of uneducated negroes," we would not have been astonished. Coming from a national gathering of the political party that prides itself upon its liberal endowment of intelligence, it is, to say the very least, startling." It calls the whole thing a "phrasological jumble."

Mark Hanna's peculiar English crops out in every line of that platform. It is probable that the literary men under whose eyes the platform passed, dared to go no further than make the nouns agree with the verbs. Hanna's speech made at the opening of the convention

was published in one of the New York dailies under a statement that it was a verbatim report and every word just as Hanna uttered it. One sentence had no predicate and in two instances the verbs did not agree in number with the nouns.

Another thing that the newspapers are calling attention to is that while the first republican convention was held in Philadelphia no reference whatever is made to the declaration of independence or the principles announced in the first republican platform. The first republican convention declared that its object was "the restoring the action of the federal government to the principles of Washington and Jefferson." That convention resolved: "That with our republican fathers, we hold it to be a self-evident truth that all men are endowed with the inalienable rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, and that the primary object and ulterior designs of our federal government were to secure these rights to all persons within its exclusive jurisdiction." The whole of the first republican platform was a restatement of the principles contained in the declaration of independence and the constitution, two documents not now referred to and which, under Hanna and McKinley, have been discarded as outgrown.

The personnel of the convention has also occasioned a good deal of comment. The men who were there bespoke the omnipotent power of money in the republican party. Among them were:

- David Moffat, Colorado, \$20,000,000;
- E. P. Morse, New York, \$3,000,000;
- Cushman K. Davis, Minnesota, \$5,000,000;
- Charles A. Moore, New York, \$4,000,000;
- E. O. Wolcott, Colorado, \$3,000,000;
- W. J. Sewell, New Jersey, \$7,500,000;
- Thos. Lowry, Minnesota, \$2,500,000;
- Franklin Murphy, New Jersey, \$1,000,000;
- H. H. Bingham, Pennsylvania, \$1,000,000;
- Cornelius N. Bliss, New York, \$5,000,000;
- Lispensard Stewart, New York, \$3,000,000;
- Francis V. Green, New York, \$1,500,000;
- F. P. Olcott, New Jersey, \$6,000,000;
- Sheffield Phelps, New Jersey, \$2,500,000;
- Mark Hanna, Ohio, \$3,000,000;
- Henry M. Sage, New York, \$5,000,000;
- Stephen B. Elkins, West Virginia, \$4,000,000;
- Henry C. Payne, Wisconsin, \$2,500,000.

What do men of this character, and there were many more of the millionaires there than those enumerated above, care for the interests of the wage worker of the east or the farmer who toils on these western prairies? It is surpassing strange, it is wholly unaccountable, that there should be found one farmer or wage worker in the whole United States who would cast his vote as directed by this crowd of plutocrats.

It is beginning to dawn upon the republican leaders that the holding of their national convention in the city where the declaration of independence was first promulgated and where the first republican convention was held, was the most inauspicious thing that could have been done. It has immediately aroused attention to the great disparity between the principles now advocated and those upon which the party was founded. It has also drawn attention to the difference in the character of the leaders of the party then and now. Among the leaders then were such men as Charles Sumner, William H. Seward, Abraham Lincoln, Governor Andrews, Benjamin Wade, and a host of others of like ability and honor. In their place at this last convention the management of the party had passed into the hands of men of the reputation of Hanna, Quay, Platt, Elkins, and other millionaires. Then it was liberty and good government that was made the theme of the platform. Now it is trade. Then it was the object to secure equality for all men. Now the endeavor is to secure special privilege for the few. These comparisons will continue to be made during the whole campaign, and the disparity between the men who composed the first republican convention and the principles then adopted, and the men and the principles promulgated by the last convention, will be pressed hard and harder until the last vote is counted.

Richard Croker has come home. He gave out an interview in which he denounced the ice trust and among other things said: "San Juan Hill is not an issue in this campaign. We want a man who will attack trusts. That's the sort of a rough rider the democratic party has in the saddle in the person of William J. Bryan. Our candidate is a man who has fought, is fighting and will fight."

"Confidence" is the whole stowk in trade with the bankers. Not a dollar would be entrusted to their keeping except it was based on confidence. The confidence upon which the banker does business is all furnished by the depositors, not a particle of it by the banker. Try it once and see if it is not so. You must put up the real collateral before the banker will let you touch a cent of the money he has. It is a confidence game and you must furnish all the confidence.

The republican platform says: "We recognize the necessity and propriety of the honest co-operation of capital to meet new business conditions." The new business conditions will begin as soon as Hanna has republican headquarters put into campaign order. If the "business" does not show up in good shape it will be labeled: "We condemn all conspiracies and combinations intended to restrict business," and then the trust that falls into that category will have to look out for itself.

THE SUPREME COURT.

Every effort has been made by this administration to prevent any case reaching the United States supreme court involving the question of imperialism. Two or three actions that have been begun in the lower courts involving the question, but they have been dismissed by order of the attorney general. Finally that court must decide the question for it will not be possible to much longer keep it out. On the decision of the court will hang the fate of more portentious issues than was ever before presented to a judicial tribunal for decision. If it decides that the constitution does not follow the flag, if the president or congress has the power to set up any kind of a government that they choose in conquered territory, regardless of the constitution and the inalienable rights of man, then a despotism more powerful and far reaching than the world has ever before seen, will be established. The destiny, not only of this nation, but of all mankind will be changed. No man, not even the wisest, can conjecture what the end will be. It is only certain that such a policy cannot be inaugurated without deluging the world with blood. The example of the United States and the spirit of the declaration of independence has fired the hearts of the brown men of the Orient with a desire for free government. They quote from it constantly. The beacon lights of liberty have been kindled in the islands of the sea and are being lighted all over the continent of Asia. Nothing but a sea of blood will ever quench them. Imperialism may make a desert and call it peace, but that is the only peace that will ever come to a nation that has once been inspired by the words of Jefferson, until they have a government of their own making and based upon the consent of the governed.

This momentous question will be submitted to the supreme court of the United States for decision. What will it decide? If the question had been asked of the people a few years ago, there would have been no hesitancy about the answer. But now there hangs over the people a cloud of darkness. They hesitate and forebodings fill their minds. They remember the income tax decision and they ask themselves: Is that court wholly under the influence of the millionaires? Will it build up a plutocracy by its decisions in the place of the free institutions that Jefferson and Lincoln fondly hoped had been planted on everlasting foundations?

At least one of the judges seems to be with the people. The Independent calls attention to extracts from an address by Justice Brewer, printed in another column.

THE REPUBLICAN FLOP

Four years ago at the end of a long term of the rule of Wall street financiers directed by Drs. Harrison Cleveland & Co. Uncle Sam found the country in a very desperate condition. The populists and democrats declared that nothing would do any good but an increase in the volume of money. The republicans denied that and said that money ought to be restricted to the amount of gold that was mined and minted. Mr. Lambertson announced to the students of

the state university that a redundancy of money produced low prices and distress. The thing was submitted to the people upon a promise by the republican national convention to promote international bimetalism and thus increase the money of all the world, they won out, assisted as they were, by Mark Hanna's method of casting one vote for every two inhabitants in several doubtful states.

Then the republicans forsook all their theories and although there was an unprecedented output of gold, they went to work and added millions to the money of the country by allowing the banks to print promises to pay on paper and making them partial legal tender. The next thing that they will do will be to give the banks the privilege of printing promises to pay and make them full legal tender. When people refuse to take their shin plasters, the United States troops will be called upon to enforce the orders of federal judges who will send their marshalls to seize your property. They will break up the wage worker's unions and pay them when they give them work, in printed shin plasters. If it is necessary for Mark Hanna, in bringing this thing about, to have two votes cast for every inhabitant of a state, he will not fail in that particular.

ENVELOPE SUBSCRIPTION BLANK

Our readers will find inserted in this week's issue of the Independent a "subscription blank" in the shape of an envelope. It is intended for use in getting up clubs of subscriptions. If you are interested in the election of Mr. Bryan and Mr. Towne you cannot do more to assist in the campaign than to help increase the circulation of the Independent. You have read it some time. You know that it is loyal and true to all the principles of the party. It has led for years in the battles in Nebraska where the success of the party of reform and progress has been greater than in any state in the union. It will keep up the same resolute, steady and vigorous battle in the future that it has in the past. It leads in the struggle for "equal rights to all and special privileges to none." Will you do your part in the contest by inviting your neighbor to subscribe or sending it to some doubtful voter in your community, or even in a doubtful state. Many of our readers are sending it to their friends in Indiana, Illinois, Kansas and other close states. Can you not follow their example with profit to the party? Let your friends in the east and adjoining states know the kind of people who compose the peoples party in Nebraska and what populism really means. Do not destroy this subscription envelope—if you cannot use it yourself, hand it to some boy, calling his attention to the elegant watch and other premiums we offer for clubs of new subscriptions. At the Fourth of July celebration will be a convenient time and place to get up clubs. If you get more names than you can put on the envelope blank, cut out the large blank from page 9 in the paper and fold it inside the envelope blank, seal up and put on a two cent stamp over the square at the upper right hand corner and mail to this office, stating the premium you prefer. It is expensive for us to send agents

STAND BY TOWNE

The action of the Minnesota democratic state convention adds another state whose delegates will go to the Kansas City democratic national convention instructed to vote for Towne for vice president. Towne will be the only candidate before that convention having delegates for whom the people have given orders to vote. It shows that there is a large number of men in the democratic party who honestly and earnestly wish for the cooperation of all parties who are opposed to imperialism, the gold standard, wild cat money and the abandonment of all the principles and policies that have contributed to make this the greatest nation on earth.

The democratic party has much to gain and nothing to lose by the nomination of Towne. In the first place he is eminently qualified to fill the position, and after Bryan he is perhaps the first choice of all the reform forces for supreme leadership. If the early traditions of the republic are to be followed and the vice president is to be chosen from men qualified to fill the presidential office, then no man in any of the reform parties could be more fitly chosen.

The thing of most importance in choosing a vice presidential candidate is that his record should be in harmony with the man at the head of the ticket. It would be suicidal under the present conditions for the democratic convention to nominate any man who was not as radical as Bryan. Such action would mean the certain defeat of the whole ticket and a loss of many states which the reform forces now hold. The speeches made by Towne in every part of the United States during the last four years, places him fully abreast with Bryan on every public question. In that particular, not another man can be named who would so well fill every requirement.

In Minnesota, the Dakotas, Nebraska, Wisconsin, Indiana and other middle and western states, Towne would be a tower of strength and hold the reform forces solidly together as a unit for Bryan and the whole ticket as no other man could. Bryan and Towne, would represent the statesmanship, the eloquence, the spirit of reform and advancement, better than any other two men. They would give animation, vivacity, boldness and courage to every man fighting in the ranks. They would be the embodiment of the spirit of the twentieth century.

There would be nothing to lose, there would be everything to gain. What could the democratic party lose by the nomination of a man who has fought their battles for them with surpassing logic and eloquence for the last four years? Have they any man in all their ranks who has done harder or more efficient service? Has he not a record of which all are proud? Has he not that commanding ability which has compelled the admiration even of his foes? An economist, an orator, a man of stainless private life, what other qualifications should a man have to commend him to the consideration of a great national convention?

With Bryan and Towne a battle can be fought with the force of surpassing eloquence, logic and honorable and spotless lives. The people are tired of sophistries, double dealing and evasions. They want uprightness, plain spoken and forceful words. They are weary with the millionaires, trust magnates and the everlasting talk of commerce, commerce, trade, trade. From them they would turn to the embodiment of high ideals, youth, statesmanship, eloquence, honesty, believing that the hopes which abide in the hearts of all true men, can come nearer being realized through the ability and power of these magnificent young Americans, than through such men as Hanna, Quay and Platt. To turn from the sordid greed and the political machines of the gray haired old robbers who met in Philadelphia, to the bright eyes, clean lives and magnificent intellects of Bryan and Towne, is like transferring the gaze from Dante's infernal regions to the elysian fields which lie beyond the gates of Paradise. We beg our democratic friends to let it be Bryan and Towne.



MANAGER MARK—The big show just starting; just starting, gentlemen. Admission one vote.

over the state. We prefer to give what it costs for agents in the form of premiums to our readers for assisting in increasing the circulation. The rate for the campaign is 25 cents. Remember—"By your works ye shall be known."

FARMERS SUPPLY ASSOCIATION

There has been considerable talk for some time among the farmers of the state in favor of the organization of a Farmers Supply Association. Talk without action is only wasted energy, it avails nothing. The time is ripe to do something. The enormous increase in trusts and combinations demonstrates clearly to the intelligent farmers that it is time for them to organize for their own protection. They must combine their efforts and act together. With this in view the Farmers Supply Association has been organized, with headquarters at Lincoln, Nebraska, the best railroad center in the state. A large supply house will be fitted up as fast as possible. A complete stock of everything needed on a farm, farm machinery, wagons, buggies, plows, harness and general merchandise will be put in. From the stock orders from members of the association can be filled on the same day received. In order to operate and maintain such a house it is necessary to have a head through which goods can be bought direct from the manufacturers in large quantities to supply the demands of the association. For this purpose the Farmers Supply Association has been organized and incorporated under the laws of the state of Nebraska. The articles were filed with the secretary of state the 21st of June. Agents of the association soliciting members and patrons will begin the work of organization in every county throughout the state. It will be their plan to enroll as members the best and most substantial farmers in every community—the farmers who can buy goods and pay cash for them. The association will not transact any credit business. The members and patrons of the association will be supplied with the best quality of farm machinery, implements and goods at manufacturers cost plus the expense of handling. There will be no loss through bad accounts for the reason that nothing will be sold except for cash. Each member will get full value for his money and will not be helping to pay for the goods that others failed to pay for. The organization of this association is a step in the right direction. It deserves the hearty support of the farmers of Nebraska. Through such an organization they will be able to protect themselves in a measure at least from the extortions of combinations of eastern manufacturers. The Independent will be pleased to publish any thoughtful communications upon the subject from any of its readers. Any association for the advancement or protection of the interest of the farmers deserves the hearty support of every Nebraskan for upon their prosperity depends the prosperity of the state.

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WHICH WILL YOU CHOOSE

Unlooked for difficulties constantly arise to confront those who would convert this free republic into an empire. A recent cablegram from Manila says:

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If the position taken by congress in its legislation concerning Porto Rico and sanctioned by the president is correct, the "organic principles of our laws" do not apply to the Philippines or to any portion of the territory outside of the states that is under the jurisdiction of this government. If the laws "relative to individual liberty" are effective in the Philippines, then the constitution and all general laws of the government are also in force there, and Filipinos have a perfect right to representation in congress and free access to our shores.

It will be found that there is no half way place between imperialism and free government under the constitution. We must have one or the other. Which will the people of the United States choose at the coming election?

PROGRESS OF PERFDY

In 1892 the republicans declared in their national platform that: "The American people, from tradition and interest, favor bimetalism, and the republican party demands the use of both gold and silver as standard money."

In 1896 the convention declared: "We are opposed to the free coinage of silver except by international agreement with the leading commercial nations of the world, WHICH WE PLEDGE OURSELVES TO PROMOTE."

In 1900 the platform declares that: "We declare our steadfast opposition to the free and unlimited coinage of silver. In leadership, the party during the same years, has descended from Sherman to Mark Hanna."

In 1893, Senator Wolcott arraigned Great Britain for forcing the gold standard upon this country, and said:

"When I am convinced that free coinage is impossible at the hands of the republican party and is possible at the hands of some other party I shall join that party and SO WILL THE PEOPLE OF COLORADO."

In his speech before the convention at Philadelphia he said: "The passage of the gold standard bill marked the termination, forever finale, of any sort of difference between the republicans of the east and the republicans of the west, growing out of currency problems. We abandon further contention."

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