THE LATEST EUROPEAN CONCERT.

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CAMPAIGNS OPENING.

HOT TIMES IN OHIO, MARYLAND AND NEW YORK.

Outlook for Republican Success Is Bright—The Most Danger Lies in Over Confidence and Failure to Get Out an Enthusiastic Vote.

(Washington Letter.)

With the month of September comes an awakening in the political campaigns in the various states and an increased interest in prospective results.

In Ohio, Iowa, Nebraska, Kentucky, Maryland, New York, New Jersey and Massachusetts there are interesting elections, important in one way or another in their relation to national politics. In Ohio a senator is to be elected by the legislature to be chosen, in Iowa there is to be chosen a portion of the legislature which will two years hence elect a successor to Senator Gear, in New Jersey a part of the legislature which elects a successor to Senator Smith is to be chosen, in New York the political complexion of Greater New York City for an indefinite term is to be determined, in Maryland a legislature which is to select a successor to Senator Gorman is to be elected, while in Nebraska and Kentucky the currency issue has drawn the line sharply between the fiat heresy and the sound money men, of whatever former party.

Naturally, information from all these states drifts to Washington. Members of congress and politicians come and go and from them is had the best information on the situation as to their own states, and a consensus of the general situation may thus be formed.

That the outlook for the Republican success is good everywhere goes without saying. That there is still danger to the party, however, in every state is equally true.

Danger in every state? Yes. Danger in Ohio, in rock ribbed Iowa, in prosperity blessed Nebraska, in Kentucky, Maryland, New York—everywhere.

Why? Because there is too much confidence. Because the Republicans are throwing up their hats and saying, "We've got it all our own way this time boys." Because there is danger that the belief that the farmers and the workingmen are employed and happy is going to lead too many Republicans to neglect their duty. That the drift is all in the direction of Republicanism is true. That the people see that Bryan and his silver party made a deliberate effort to deceive them last year is undoubtedly a fact. But the Democrats are not asleep—they are active, vigilant and they are conducting a still hunt for votes that will surprise the Republican leaders unless they are awake and plan to arouse every man and get him enthusiastically into the fight. The tide is all running in the right direction, but this very fact is liable to lead to neglect on the part of some Republicans and to dissensions in the party ranks elsewhere. And in this there is danger.

Ohio.

From Ohio comes word that the Democrats are trying to run away from their platform, made only two months ago. This is not surprising, for silver has fallen 15 per cent in value even in that short time. On July 10 one ounce of silver was worth in New York 60.6 cents. Now it is worth only 52 cents and still falling. No wonder that they are ashamed of their platform and want to get away from it when in two months after its enunciation the metal which it advocates as money falls 15 per cent in value. That the Republicans of the state will not let them get away from it goes without saying—if they are wise. That they will sweep the state now that they have the enemy on the run also goes without saying—if they are not too confident.

Maryland.

The factional fights in the Republican ranks being now over there is good reason to hope that the party will fall into line and with the aid of the gold Democrats and anti-Gorman men win the fight for the legislature. It is now generally conceded in Maryland that Gorman, say whatever he will, would vote with the silver men in the Senate. This being the case the sound money Democrats in the State are inclined to again co-operate with the Republicans, as are also the strong element which can only be described by the term "anti-Gorman."

New York.

While the fight in New York relates to the mayoralty, it is for a first mayor of the second largest city in the world, and to determine whether or not Tammany shall control Greater New York. And if that splendidly managed political party does get control of that great organization, it greatly endangers Republican prospects in the entire state indefinitely. So it is probable that the Republican party in New York City will decide to support Seth Low, nominated by the "Citizens" organization. For unless all those opposed to Tammany and free silver combine on one man they cannot win. By refusing to so unite they give Greater New York and probably New York State over to the Tammany-Silver Democracy indefinitely.

GEORGE H. WILLIAMS.

Industry of the Smuggler.

It is amusing to observe the efforts of our free trade papers to stimulate the industry of smuggling. It seems almost as if they were subsidized by European shopkeepers. It is true that there may be some loss to those New York papers which cater to foreign advertising patronage. But a good, rushing American business should promote more American advertising, and it seems to us that the Democratic newspapers would be improving their own business prospects rather by encouraging increased patronage for American stores than by the advocacy of a policy that enriches only the British shopkeeper and stimulates smuggling.

There is no accounting for taste, however. And the more the English papers are bewailing the loss of the American retail trade, so much the more clamorous does the "smuggler's ring" of our Democratic newspapers become against a policy that must increase the wholesale and retail trade in our own cities, as well as add to the employment of our own people. The patronage of American department and dry goods stores might well be diverted to those papers that advocate the patronage of American stores, rather than the purchase of goods in Europe. The latter course decreases our home trade, involves smuggling and the robbery of our national revenue, yet it is actively supported by "the smuggler's ring" of Democratic free trade papers, which are so liberally supported by the advertising of those very American stores which they are endeavoring to ruin in their news and editorial columns.

The Result of It.

Let is not be forgotten that the United States have been dabbling in this game of protecting native industries for more than a hundred years.—Edinburgh Scotsman.

Hence the enormous growth in our manufacturing enterprises; also in our agricultural interests which, necessarily, expanded in proportion.

A Chinese paper estimates that the victims of the plague in Foochow this year will not fall short of 40,000.

REPUBLICAN NOTES.

Those wretched Ohio editors will not stop talking about John McLean's gold bond.

The silverites insist that the rise in wheat is due to scarcity only. But how about wool?

The farmers are rapidly getting back the $80,000,000 which they lost in the value of their sheep under free trade.

Bland, Tillman and Bryan admit that there is "temporary" prosperity. A year ago they said even that couldn't come without free coinage.

The Democrats have laid aside their usual cry about increased prices under the new tariff law. They see that low tariff is no longer popuar, even with their own people.

Speaking of the "growth of exports of manufactures under free trade," will the Democrats claim the recent foreign sales of American tin as due to their non-protective theory?

People who are wondering what the Democrats will find for an issue in 1900 should postpone their worry, as there may be no Democratic party by that time, the way things are going.

Why don't Prof. Debs and his associates call on the framers of the Wilson law to help out the miners? It was clearly the reduction of the tariff that caused the reduction in the miners' wages.

Oh, by the way, have the Ohio and Iowa and Maryland and Kentucky and Nebraska and New Jersey and New York Democrats forgotten about the tariff? They seem to be strangely silent on the subject.

"Because it is my deliberate judgment that the prosperity of America is mainly due to its system of protective laws, I urge that Germany has now reached that point where it is nesessary to imitate the tariff system of the United States."—Bismarck.

Mexican workmen, who get less than half what those of the United States get, are having a hard time now that they must take their pay in 40-cent dollars. The American carpenter gets $2.50 per day in good 100-cent dollars, while the Mexican carpenter gets $1.25 in coin worth 40 cents on the dollar. The real value of the $1.25 which the Mexican gets is just 50 cents, against $2.50 which the American carpenter gets.

Uncle Richard Bland says the rise in wheat is due to scarcity, and that the silver question has nothing to do with it. Is it not possible, Uncle Richard, if high prices are produced by scarcity and have no relation to silver, that low prices were due to plenteousness and also had no relation to silver? It's a poor rule that doesn't work both ways, Uncle Richard. We all know that wheat was plenty and the cost of producing it much less than ever before.

The statistics of the cotton crop for last year show it to have been 8,757,964 bales. It has been sold for about $350,000,000, or something more than the total volume of the greenback currency. This is more than five times the value of the annual silver product of the country. What folly is it then for cotton growers to think that their prosperity depends upon "doing something for silver," when all the silver produced in the country would not buy one in five of their cotton bales!—New York World (Dem.).

The Republicans have been increasing rapidly in numbers and influence in all the states of the south, particularly in those on the southern border, with the exception of two, South Carolina and Mississippi, in which, by constitutional provision, there is a large disfranchisement of colored voters. The chief cause of this change is the growth of the Populist party, which is a white man's party, and has withdrawn many voters from the Democratic candidates without getting many recruits from Republican ranks. In no Presidential election since the close of the civil war have the Republicans polled so large an electoral vote in the southern states as they did last year. Mr. McKinley received twelve electoral votes in Kentucky, eight in Maryland, and six in West Virginia, which, with three in Delaware, make a total of twenty-nine in what was formerly the solid south. In three states—North Carolina, Virginia and Tennessee—the contest between the Democrats and the Populists on the one hand and the Republicans on the other was very close, and the severance of friendly political relations between the Democrats and the Populists in these states makes more probable than heretofore Republican success.—New York Sun (Democratic).

British Business Crippled.

It must be remembered that for some years to come our trade with the United States will almost certainly be greatly crippled by the new tariff, and as business men it is our obvious duty to see what expansion is possible in other directions to make up for the partial closing of the American markets.—Warehouseman and Draper, London.

All classes of the British daily, financial, commercial and trade papers are unanimous in explaining how an American protective tariff does protect American labor and industry. It will be hard work for the free traders to disprove these statements in the campaign of 1898.

MR. BRYAN ON WHEAT

THE MOST ETASIVE MAN EVER IN POLITICS.

Speeches that Are Conspicuous for Contradictions, Inconsistencies and Lack of Harmony—Wrong in His Facts and Weak in His Logic—Honest Dollar's Blessing.

He Blows Hot and Cold.

Kansas City Journal: In the course of his syndicate letter to the press last week W. J. Bryan used the following expression:

"Wheat has risen because the foreign crop has been exceedingly short. Bimetallists contend that the law of supply and demand is universal.

"We were told last year that an appreciating dollar was a national blessing, and yet within a year the entire republican press is in ecstacy because the purchasing power of a dollar has been to some extent decreased.

"A large past of this money comes from abroad. Wheat is not only higher, but more of it is being exported. If we had enough money in this country, an increase in the volume would be an injury.

"If an increase in the volume of money, secured by the exportation of higher wheat, gives cause for rejoicing, is it not evidence now that we have an insufficient quantity?"

Mr Bryan is certainly the most illusive and evasive man who ever entered public discussion. A collection of his speeches would be chiefly marked for the contradictions, inconsistencies and lack of harmonies which they contain. He has flickered around on this wheat discussion until no man can tell just where he stands or what he believes. In one breath he declares that wheat has gone up on account of the short crop abroad, and in the next he asserts practically that the price of wheat has not changed, but that the value of the dollar has gone down, and draws the conclusion that wheat might be kept up forever independent of the crop abroad or anywhere else simply by enlarging the volume of the currency.

Mr. Bryan speaks falsely when he says the republicans claimed in last fall's campaign that an appreciating dollar was a national blessing. The republicans claimed in that campaign as in every other of recent years that an honest and stable dollar was a national blessing and that a debased currency would become a national curse. He says the republicans are in ecstacy because the "purchasing power of the dollar has been to some extent decreased." As a matter of fact, the republicans are in ecstacy because the law of supply and demand has enhanced the value of wheat and other great staples, and because this advance has not been attained by circulating an inferior sort of money. It may be possible that the free silver advocate believes the dollar has fluctuated every time a cent has been added to or taken from the price of some product, but this is not the view taken by most students of finance and production.

But what we more particularly started out to show was the audacity of Mr. Bryan in inventing conditions and statistics to prove his theories, and it would be impossible to do this in better form than by quoting from an article in the New York World, published on the same day that Mr. Bryant's syndicate letter appeared. In the extracts quoted above it will be seen that the boy orator speaks of the great volume of money coming from abroad as largely responsible for the increased prices, and to this the World responds as follows:

"But in the last eight months, during which the advance in prices occurred, we have received no money balance from abroad. On the contrary, we have lost heavily. From January 1 to September 1 the net gold exports were $24,788,179. This is a loss of $1,272,059 more than in the corresponding period last year. During the last fiscal year our net loss of silver coin and bullion was $50,050,301.

"Nor has there been an 'increased volume of money' during this period. The amount of money of all kinds in circulation March 1, according to the treasury estimate, was $1,675,694,953. On September 1 there was $1,665,680,698—a shrinkage of nearly $10,000,000.

"Yet there has been and is money enough for all the demands of business. The crops are being paid for and moved, debts by the million cancelled and the wheels of industry started in all directions, not only without any success of free coined silver at 16 to 1, but with an actual diminution in the visible supply of the money we have.

"It is chiefly a question of confidence and of the safe and profitable use of the money that has been hidden or hoarded. Mr. Bryan is wrong in his facts and weak in his logic."

Sorry for Political Misdeeds.

A writer in the Pawnee Republican tells a characteristic story of conversion from Bryanism that came to notice the other day. Going through the court house square a well known and quite thrifty farmer commenced to smile and hold out his hand for a shake. It was such a vigorous, old-fashioned, glad handshake that there was evidently something back of it. "Well," said he, "I have sold part of my wheat. Had sixty acres this year and it went thirty-two bushels. I have just sold 1,250 bushels and got money enough for it to pay off the $1,000 on my farm, principal and interest, and have about 700 bushels left. Last fall I felt pretty blue. I raised over 3,000 bushels of corn and when I got ready to sell it they would not agree to pay more than 8 cents a bushel. Had about 400 bushels of wheat and sold what I could spare of it for 38 cents. I got pretty grumpy and the free silver fellows talked so much about what free coinage would do for silver and wheat and everything else and got me rattled, and, to tell the truth, I went off and voted for Bryan and free silver, but if the good Lord will forgive me I will never be such a blamed fool again. Confound it! I knew we always had good times when the republican party was in power and I knew, too, that the pop ideas were a humbug and their leaders a lot of sorehead officeseekers and rattle-brained adventurers, but I thought there might be something in that notion that silver and wheat had always gone up and down together, and I thought I would try it anyway. Hereafter you can count on me to stick to the republican party, no matter what happens, nor what anybody may say. I always did think it was the best party and never really intended to leave it, but I got weary and rattled and made a fool of myself."

Biggest Humbug of All.

Lincoln Journal: Senator Mutz, of the legislative investigating committee, has turned out to be the biggest humbug of all the pop humbugs who constantly cry out for fairness. On the floor of the state senate Mr. Mutz was heard almost daily appealing for "fairness." In debate he used a voice full of pathos and tears and pleaded for fairness and honesty. "Is this fair?" was a favorite interrogation with him when driven to bay. Sometimes he modified the question and wanted to know if certain things were "honest." Visitors to the senate chamber often heard Mr. Mutz sending tear-drawing appeals almost to the throne of grace in behalf of "fairness." But he "protested" too much, and there was no surprise when it became known that he had gone over the books of Professor Gillespie at the Omaha institution and reported a shortage of over $1,000 without so much as calling on Professor Gillespie for a consultation or explanation of any of the disputed items which the investigators show by their own report they did not understand. But nothing would be thought of this had not Mr. Mutz pledged his word that after he had gone over the accounts covering nineteen years he would call in Professor Gillespie and go over the records with him. A copy of the report was also promised Professor Gillespie, but it was not furnished. The governor and investigators admit that Professor Gillespie has not intentionally kept incorrect accounts, yet by their action they sought to brand him as dishonest and refused to give him an opportunity to defend himself. In the oft repeated word of Mr. Mutz, "Is this fair, is this honest?"

Politics Not Public Weal.

Seward Reporter: The populist governor has removed Prof. J. A. Gillespie, for twenty years superintendent of the Nebraska school for deaf mutes, and appointed in his place a man named H. E. Dawes, formerly a sub-contractor at the blind asylum. Professor Gillespie is the originator of the auricular system for deaf mutes, and is a man of international reputation. Without doubt he has done more for bettering the condition of those unfortunates who can neither hear nor speak, than any other living man. His place was wanted for a pop, and Governor Holcomb ignored his splendid services to the cause of humanity, and put in a man who has never had any special training at all for this highly important and difficult work. In order to get a pretext for the removal of Professor Gillespie, an investigation was made of the accounts of the institution. The investigators could not find that the superintendent had ever converted one cent of the funds of the institution to his own use, but they reported that in the course of the twenty years about $1,900 had been expended for other items than those for which it was specifically appropriated. This was enough to give the governor the chance wanted. The matters referred to might have been shown to be errors in bookkeeping, but the superintendent was given no chance to explain. It was a cowardly act, and shows besides that the governor and his associates are more anxious to put their political friends on the pay roll of the state than they are to have efficient men at the head of the state institutions.

A Striking Parallel.

Louisville Courier-Journal: Thirty years ago the hero of the hour was Brick Pomeroy of Wisconsin precisely as the hero of the hour today is Billy Bryan of Nebraska. A grapic parallel might be drawn between the two. Brick Pomeroy was a journalist—of a kind. Billy Bryan is a journalist—of a kind. Brick Pomeroy had a voice like a fog-horn. Billy Bryan has a voice like a fog-horn. Brick Pomery was for cheap money and plenty of it. Billy Bryan is for cheap money and plenty of it. Brick Pomeroy irradiated the region about La Crosse and made it the business of his life to set the Mississippi afire at least once a fortnight. Billy Bryan irradiates the region about Omaha, and makes it the business of his life to set the Missouri afire, if not once a fortnight, yet semi-occasionally as the needs of the republican-populist fusion of which he is the head center, seem to require. Brick Pomeroy had none of the vices of a gentleman. No more has Billy Bryan. Billy Bryan, like Brick Pomeroy, is going to rescue the people (with a very big P) from the money power, and he is pledged to ride down Wall street like a cyclone and to plant the flag of free silver "an' sich," on the dome of the capitol at Washington; how very, very like Brick Pomeroy, who, thirty years ago, did all these things in his sleep died a pauper—

"Unwept, unhonored and unsung."

Won Away From Willie.

Chicago Tribune: The Nebraska state board of agriculture announces that there are yet in the hands of the farmers of the state 100,000,000 bushels of old corn and 50,000,000 millions in cribs. They have 250,000,000 bushels of new corn now safe from bad weather or frost. Out of the late corn, which has been somewhat injured by hot weather, they will save from 25,000,000 to 50,000,000 bushels. The farmers have also raised 75,000,000 bushels of wheat, rye, oats, barley and flaxseed. This makes a total of about 500,000,000 bushels of grain of all kinds, of which about 350,000,000 millions will be shipped out of the state during the next twelve months, and will be paid for in honest gold money. It is not strange when the exports of the state are so great and bring as good prices as they do that Nebraska farmers should be paying off their mortgages and losing interest in Bryan and his free silver delusion.

More Pie for Patriots.

Kearney Hub: Gov. Holcomb has been playing a game of politics now with the institute for the deaf and dumb at Omaha. At the last session of the legislature a law was enacted to enable the populists to gain control of the institution, which has been conducted successfully for many years by Prof. Gillespie, one of the most competent persons in that line in the United States. Holcomb's excuse for removing Gillespie and putting in his place a populist who is not competent for the position are not worty of the executive of a state, and he ought to brush away all pretenses and say that he has been actuated entirely by political motives.

POLITICAL ALLIANCE.

HENRY GEORGE FOR MAYOR OF NEW YORK.

Gold Democrats Split on the Tammany Ticket—Ex-Congressman John De-Witt Warner Heads a Bolt to Seth Low—The Situation Complicated.

Henry George For Mayor.

NEW YORK, Oct. 2.—The Democratic alliance, made up of free silver organizations, will meet to-night and nominate Henry George for mayor. A letter from Mr. George will be read, it is announced, accepting the nomination. Members of the alliance have interviewed Mr. George and they say he promised them he would accept. At a meeting of the Populist leaders it was agreed to indorse the candidates of the alliance.

The gold Democratic city convention, led by ex-Mayor Grace and Scott, will meet in Cooper Union today and indorse the Tammany ticket in consideration of the nomination by Tammany of Francis M. Scott to succeed Justice Andrews on the supreme court bench, and other places for the organization, but there will be resistance to the indorsement in the convention and a bolt will follow and the strength of the National Democratic organization on election day will go to Seth Low. Ex-Representative John Dewitt Warner, who has been a leader in the council of the National Democratic party, will head the revolt. In an interview he said: "I'm afraid the national Democracy may support Van Wyck so far as the New York county delegates are concerned. The vote will not be unanimous, but I doubt if there will be enough to prevent it.

TRIPPLE STAGE ROBBERY.

Two California Bandits Held Up Three Stages Within a Few Minutes.

MILTON, Cal., Oct. 2.—Shortly after 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon, three stages traveling from Angel's Camp to this place were held up by two masked highwaymen and robbed. The first stage, a two-horse vehicle, was stopped by the robbers in a narrow defile, and its passengers, two men and a woman, compelled to dismount and hold up their hands while they were searched. The robbers secured about $75.

Fifteen minutes later the second stage, the regular four-horse vehicle, came along and the driver was ordered to halt. As he did not pull up fast enough, the robbers shot one of the leaders and killed one of the pole horses. The robbers fired one shot with a rifle into the hood of the stage. The bullet struck one of the male passengers in the arm and passed on into the side of another man who sat beside him. The only other passenger, a woman, escaped injury. The trio were compelled to hand over their money, about $100.

The robbers then disappeared into the brush, but emerged a few hundred yards distant and held up the third carriage. After relieving the passengers and driver of their purses the robbers decamped with Wells-Fargo & Co.'s box, which, however, contained nothing of value.

A BRIDE ENDS HER LIFE.

Mrs. Lena Ripley Waters of St. Louis Hangs Herself—A Pathetic Note.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Oct. 5.—Mrs. Lena Ripley Waters, a bride of three months, committed suicide to-day by hanging herself at the home of her sister. She left a note reading:

"May heaven forgive me, as I never meant to do wrong. Goodbye to kind brothers and sisters. My watch to Lou.—Lee."

Lena Ripley was married to Edward Waters the latter part of last June. The bride had a number of relatives and friends in St. Louis and the wedding was a large one. The couple had not lived together since the marriage. Further than this no reason is known for the deed.

DRYEST ON RECORD.

No Good Rains in Missouri Since July 25 and Vegetation Is Dried Up.

COLUMBIA, Mo., Oct. 2.—The monthly report of the Missouri weather service shows that August and September combined have been the dryest months in the record in the state. There has not been a good rain since July 25. All kinds of vegetation has dried up.

Middle-of-the-Roaders Against Glick.

ATCHISON, Kan., Oct. 2.—Robert Tompkins, Dick Lane and other Atchison Populists who are against fusion, will start a paper to fight ex-Governor George W. Glick, fusion candidate for state senator from Atchison and Jackson counties. The anti-fusion Populists have been turned down at every Populist meeting.

James T. Drummond Dead.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Oct. 2.—James T. Drummond, a prominent and wealthy citizen, and president of the Drummond Tobacco company, of this city, died here yesterday as the result of a complication of kidney and other troubles resulting from grip. Mr. Drummond's wealth, aside from his tobacco plant, is estimated at $3,000,000.

The Mayor of Mexico Resigns.

MEXICO, Mo., Oct. 2.—Mayor R. C. Johnson tendered his resignation to the council this morning and it will likely be accepted at the next meeting. He is an assistant in the state treasurer's office in Jefferson City.

Miss Whitney Invited to St. Louis.

TOPEKA, Kan., Oct. 2.—Miss Whitney has accepted an invitation to attend the Veiled Prophets ball in St. Louis as the guest of the general committee.