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THAT SMALL BUT IMPORTANT WORD "IF."



We have lower interest and higher wages, more money and fewer mortgages. The world's markets have been opened to American products, which go now where they have never gone before. We have passed from a bond-issuing to a bond-paying nation; from a nation of borrowers to a nation of lenders; from a deficiency in revenues to a surplus; from fear to confidence; from enforced idleness to profitable employment.—From McKinley's speech of acceptance.

**It Looks Like Business.**  
"The decision must be made, as it was made in 1896, between national honor and national dishonor, between ruin and safety. There is but one issue, and it is sharp and clear. We have full confidence that the American people will decide this question as they decided four years ago."  
"For what he is and believes and for what he would do Bryan deserves and will encounter a terrible defeat."  
"For his record and his achievements, for the qualities of character that make him an eminently safe President, for the property of the nation, for its continued maintenance of the position it has taken among the nations of the earth during his administration, Mr. McKinley deserves and will receive a vote of renewed confidence and re-election to the office he has well administered."—From the New York Times (Democratic), July 6, 1900.

**Our Business in China.**  
"What business have we in China?" demands the New York Herald. That is pretty effectively answered by the circular which the United States government has sent to the powers, declaring that it is our purpose, "as it has been heretofore, to act concurrently with the other powers, first, in opening up communication with Peking and securing the American officials, missionaries and other Americans who are in danger; secondly, in affording all possible protection everywhere in China to American life and property; thirdly, in guarding and protecting all legitimate American interests, and fourthly, in aiding to prevent a spread of the disorders to the other provinces of the empire and a recurrence of such disasters." A government that would seek to do less would be a contemptible poor people.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

**Hon. J. STEPHEN MORTON,** Cleveland's secretary of agriculture, who is one of the most robustly democratic of all the democrats of the country, says Bryan will be beaten worse in 1900 than he was in 1896, and that he deserves to be beaten worse. This looks like a safe prophecy. Repudiation this year certainly is as objectionable to the country as it was four years ago, but repudiation is only one phase of Bryanism now. Flag-furling, the abandonment of American citizens in China, and a policy of general imbecility and cowardice are involved in the Bryanism of 1900. Thus Bryan is much more hostile to true Americanism in 1900 than he was in 1896, and stands an exceedingly good chance to get hit harder by the American people.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

It is said that the expenses of the Nebraska delegation to the Kansas City convention were \$1,600 for hotel accommodations. Ordinarily, it would be considered nobody's business but their own, but certainly, in a court of law they would be set aside from the fact that there was not a measure of prosperity in the country, and that this was an evidence of it. But, then, some people, when it comes to politics, have a habit of denying the existence of any condition which they wish to hide, even if it is as plain to other people as the nose on their face. And the business proposition is one of them. We have never seen a time when the success of a republican national ticket could be regarded as a menace to the business of the country.

**PROTECTION IS AT STAKE.**  
If the People Value Property, They Must Vote For McKinley.  
"There is not a state in the Union today," said Senator Lodge in his speech before the Republican national convention, "which could be carried for free trade against protection." There is not a free trader in the country who possesses a degree of discernment worth consideration who does not know that this statement is absolutely true.  
As Senator Lodge said further on in his speech, "never was a policy more fully justified by its works" than our tariff policy. And it has been justified in every state in the Union and in every section of every state. The more wily of the free traders are by raising side issues attempting to make the people of the country forget or overlook the fact that the tariff issue is involved in the coming presidential election.  
With a rampant free trader like Bryan, however, pitted against President McKinley, who is and for long has been the very best and front of American protectionists, the continuance of our protective policy is just as much at stake as if there were no other issue before the country. As the people of the country value their comfort and prosperity they want to make no mistake about that fact.

**The Currency Question.**  
Senator Wootton said in his speech at Philadelphia that "a Democratic president could paralyze the operation of the new currency law as effectively as if it were wiped from our statute books." Democratic success would reopen the whole currency question and end in a battle for irredeemable paper money. No intelligent sound money man can have a doubt on that point.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

**Some Special Masses via Union Pacific.**  
To Boston, Mass., Aug. 27-31, fare and one-third round trip.  
Central City, Aug. 3, Ringling Bros. fare and one-third round trip.  
Grand Island, Aug. 27-Sept. 3, Street Fair, fare and one-third round trip.  
Long Pine, Aug. 2-13, Chautauque, fare and one-third for round trip.  
Homesteaders' Excursions to Arkansas, Arizona, Indian Territory, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, Aug. 7-21, Sept. 4-18, Oct. 2-16, Nov. 6-20 and Dec. 4-18, one fare plus \$2 for round trip.

**GOV. ROOSEVELT COMING.**

The Distinguished Rough Rider to Spend a Week Campaigning in Nebraska.

Control of the Philippine Islands an Important Factor in American Trade in the Orient.

State Institutions Converted Into Asylums for Broken Down Party Satellites and Incompetents.

OMAHA, July 23.—It is definitely settled that Theodore Roosevelt will pay Nebraska a visit during the pending campaign. This statement is made on the authority of Chairman Lindsay of the state central committee, who says that Governor Roosevelt will devote at least a week to the campaign in Nebraska. It will be a great treat to the people of Nebraska to see, not only the next vice president of the United States, but one of the foremost scholars and statesmen of the nation—a man of high distinction in civil and military life. The exact time Governor Roosevelt will be here has not, as yet, been determined.

The list of speakers for the campaign will contain among others the names of many noted and able citizens, the object being to so present the evidence that the verdict rendered in the high court of public opinion shall be based on an intelligent understanding. It never has been, and is not now, the desire of the Republican party to acquire public lands in Nebraska. It is a matter of fact that the Republican party has recently supposedly popular vagaries in the face of a popular demand for their adoption, because it was confident that it was right and that the vagaries were not at all wrong, but fraught with great public danger.

It is the party that struck the chains of slavery from the black man when more than half of the nation opposed it. It is the party that disciplined a disobedient and rebellious confederacy and thus saved the unity of the republic while all the world looked on in amazement.

It is the party that for 40 years has maintained an industrial policy which distinguishes American labor from that of all the rest of the world, and which has elevated it to a standard unequalled in the history of civilized nations. For 40 years the Republican party has stood guard at the doorway of labor, repelling again and again the attacks of Democratic free trade. Defeated in their repeated efforts to bring American labor to level with the pauper labor of Europe, the free traders have adopted a new scheme and that is to lure labor away from its safe moorings through alluring promises contingent upon a change in the monetary system.

It is not free trade now, though the free traders would have us believe, it is free trade now as they ever were, it is free silver. One is fraught with such a dread as to the American people as the other. Neither can be adopted without being attended by inevitable disaster. The Republican party believes in free trade, but it believes in free trade for broken down politicians, but the public funds have been exposed to their rapacity with the result, that while the 36th general assembly or session of the legislature appropriated the enormous sum of \$9,000,000 for public purposes, there will be a large deficiency at the close of the current year. Nearly every institution has already exhausted the amount appropriated for it and there are yet six months of the time unexpired. In some of the institutions there have been no funds for several months and they will have to wait until the legislature meets and passes an appropriation before they can draw their pay. There is scarcely an institution, in fact, there is not one, but at the end of the present year will not have a cent of money.

What is equally as bad as raiding the treasury is ignorance and incompetency in managing the public institutions. Evidence of this evil is abundant. Scarcely an institution has escaped. All have been used to reward party favorites regardless of qualification or fitness. For years past the public funds have been exposed to their rapacity with the result, that while the 36th general assembly or session of the legislature appropriated the enormous sum of \$9,000,000 for public purposes, there will be a large deficiency at the close of the current year. Nearly every institution has already exhausted the amount appropriated for it and there are yet six months of the time unexpired.

**SUBSIDY FOR OUR SHIPS.**  
Facts Concerning the Operation of the Standard Oil Company.  
Honest criticism of the bill for the protection of the American merchant marine is welcomed by its advocates, but reckless misrepresentation seems to be the practice of the organs that oppose it.  
For instance, the Boston Post declaring that "the Standard Oil fleet and the American line, owned mainly by the Standard Oil magnates, will take about 80 per cent of the bounty provided by this bill." This is absurd. The Standard Oil tank steamers could not carry more than 200,000 194 in subsidy out of the \$9,000,000 appropriation, and the understanding is that they will stick to their foreign flags and cheap labor and not come under the stars and stripes at all. As to the merchant marine, the four vessels will carry about \$1,300,000 a year, and the amount that can be paid to such ships is expressly limited by the bill to \$2,000,000.—Boston Journal.

**McKinley and Roosevelt.**  
No political party has ever met under such favorable circumstances as did the Republican national convention in Philadelphia. The unanimous nomination of both candidates for the offices of president and vice president was a credit to the party, and well deserves the compliment. The property of the country under his administration alone merits it without taking into consideration his able conduct of our affairs of state during the war with Spain. There was a notable difference between the harmony of the Republican party at St. Louis in the convention of 1896 and at Philadelphia. Last month every Republican was working for the strongest ticket, and there was a unanimous verdict for McKinley and Roosevelt. The latter has endeavored himself to the people by his clean and honest administration of such public offices as he has held as well as by his bravery in Cuba. They are both strong candidates politically and personally and will gain in strength as the campaign progresses.

**When Have We Changed?**  
A Missouri farmer lost a 9000-gallon pig the other day while engaged in feeding his chickens. During the last Democratic administration the farmer had no diamonds to lose and precious little feeding to do.

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The first white man to set foot on Utah soil, Father Silvestro Velez de Escobedo, who reached the GREAT SALT LAKE on the 29th day of AUGUST, 1776, wrote in his diary: "Here the climate is so delicious, the air so balmy, that it is a pleasure to breathe by day and by night." The climate of Utah is one of the richest endowments of nature. On the shores of the Great Salt Lake especially—and for fifty miles therefrom in every direction—the climate of persons is found. To enable persons to participate in these scenic and climatic attractions and to reach the famous HEALTH, BATHING and PLEASURE RESORTS of Utah, the UNION PACIFIC has made a rate to OGDEN and SALT LAKE CITY of one fare for the round trip, plus \$2.00 from Missouri River, to be in effect June 21st, July 7th to 10th inclusive, July 18th and Aug. 2d. Return limit Oct. 31, 1900.  
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**The Springs Bath at Hot Springs.**  
The Springs' popularity as a summer resort is due to its plunge bath more than to anything else. There is nothing like it anywhere else in the country. Larger swimming pools there are, but none whose waters are so clear, so crystalline, so wonderfully refreshing. All summer long it is thronged with bathers from early morning until late at night. Not everyone who visits Hot Springs patronizes the plunge, but nearly everyone makes a point of spending an hour or two there daily.  
The water is of a uniform temperature of 95 degrees and you experience a slight electric shock when you enter it. The action of the heat is also perceptibly stimulated. These sensations are of brief duration and are quickly followed by feelings of pleasure, comfort and relaxation.  
During July the Burlington Route will run ten cheap excursions to Hot Springs. The dates are: July 3-7-8-9-10-14-17-19-21-23.  
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Call on the local ticket agent of the B. & M. R. R. and let him tell you what it will cost you to make the trip. Beautifully illustrated advertising matter descriptive of the Black Hills mailed on request. J. FRANCIS, General Passenger Agent, Omaha, Neb.

**For a Summer Outing.**  
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