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AN ELEMENT OF STRENGTH.

The People's party naming Charles A. Towne for vice president has caused considerable discussion on the matter, that is not wholly tolerant or fair. It was well known before the convention assembled at Sioux Falls that William J. Bryan would be their nominee for president, and the interest centered in the vice-presidential nomination.

"Beyond a doubt", says the National Democrat, "the representatives of the ruling influence in democratic affairs strove to persuade the convention not to make a nomination for the second place. But the convention, actuated by the not unjustifiable pride in the standing of the populist party, felt that the nomination was essential to maintain the integrity of their organization. From the day that the first delegate arrived at Sioux Falls until the time that all departed, there was not one word heard on the streets of the little city unfriendly to Mr. Bryan. The convention was gathered with the sincere and earnest purpose to advance Mr. Bryan's candidacy in every wise way. It is true, that the way the convention thought was wisest was not the method which Democrats would have chosen. But it is the duty of all men who are enlisted in the cause of progressive reform politics this year to accept the action of the Sioux Falls convention as taken in good faith. No one can tell how the Democratic convention at Kansas City will receive the nomination of Mr. Bryan. That is a matter which the delegates there must determine for themselves. But on the other hand, no one can fairly and honorably raise any question as to the entire good faith of the men who have put Mr. Towne in nomination. As for Charles A. Towne himself, he is, as all who know him recognize, a democrat in every thing except name. Among the young men in our party there are none who go beyond him in devotion to the Democratic cause as it is to-day defined. If his party affiliations are other than Democratic, it is only because it has seemed wisest for him to stand with his old associates, and his devotion to the cause of progressive Democracy is such that no Democrat will have the slightest apprehension that his nomination, whatever may be the action taken at Kansas City, will result in any repetition of the unhappy and disastrous Tom Watson incident.

REPUBLICANS MAY LOSE OHIO.

"I do not see how the republican party can escape punishment this fall," said Ex-Archbishop General F. S. Monett in a recent interview. "The platform of the Republican party in Ohio strongly condemns the trusts and their unlawful methods. I was elected as attorney general of Ohio on such a platform, and as the officer of the state and the representative of the party I carried out as best I could the platform of the party. Yet I was not supported in this by many of the leaders, and the party organs criticized me for doing just what the platform of my party pledged me to do. Newspapers of the state, about 110 of them, printed paid articles criticizing my actions and they, too, party newspapers.

"This is not all. The legislature which has just adjourned killed the Russell bill and the maximum freight bill, and that too by almost a strict party vote. Will not the people punish the party for such actions upon the part of its servants? The party, as such, is not in sympathy with such methods. Although the Russell bill was bill No. 10, it was side-tracked by the trust lobbyists and held back until near the adjournment and then over the protest of some of the best men of the party, and almost all of the Democratic members, it was defeated. This was a repudiation of the party platform and the sentiment of the party. I cannot believe that we will escape punishment, and I believe it will come this fall. Why should not the party be punished when the men who control its actions disregard the will of the people?"

THE ANTI-TRUST MEASURE.

The minority reports on the anti-trust constitutional amendment severely arraign the majority of the judiciary committee, alleging that the proposed remedy against trusts was formed for party and political considerations and not with any real purpose of dealing with the trust subject. Taking up the trust question, the report says that when it is found that the chief of those whose duty it is to prosecute offenders against the law persistently fails and refuses to prosecute any of them, the question arises: Are we suffering most from a lack of law or power to make law, or from a lack of officers willing to enforce the law? We should not drop into the notion of considering the law futile so

long as we are afflicted with executors of the law who will not so much as try to execute it."

The minority says that the arch-culprits of the trusts should be dealt with as are those under the anti-lottery laws or under "fraud" orders. They should be denied the mails, as the lottery and the swindler are denied the mails.

"Our conclusion is," the report says, "that if the existing laws were enforced much would be done toward lessening the trust evil; but those whose duty it is to enforce these laws will not perform that duty."

CANNOT AFFORD TO BE TYRANTS

The democratic party has never acquired an inch of territory that it did not sign and seal a covenant with its inhabitants that they should have all the rights of American citizenship and that their territory should be finally admitted as states of the Union. The republican party was the only party in this country that has ever proposed to hold vassal provinces, and the democratic party wanted no share of the honor. If a people were not fit for free institutions, our free institutions were not fit for the government of such people. We could not afford to become tyrants on the ground that another people were not fit to be free. —Hon. R. R. Carmack, Tennessee.

MADE HIM SICK.

"Trust" solicitor (after laboring man's vote): "Mike, do you know that if Bryan was elected president, all wages would be reduced fifty per cent?"

Mike: "Faith, if that's so y'd be votin' for him yerself—New York Verdict."

The Pioneer Press encourages its republican readers to believe that Kentucky may still go republican, and that "great and good man" Taylor again elected. It advises the stalwarts thusly: "Let the republicans cherish their alliance with the anti-Goebel element of democracy—an element which it is believed will be found before the campaign is over, to be anti-Bryan." Make your own comments.

The Modern Woodman society, represented in Aberdeen by 142 members, has passed the half million membership mark. A statement issued by Head Clerk Hawes shows that on May 1st, the Woodmen numbered 503,638 in absolute good standing, carrying \$867,890,500 insurance. The net gain made during the month of April was 12,717 members, carrying \$20,318,500.

If Charles A. Towne should withdraw from the vice presidential race, the act would again demonstrate his readiness to do anything to insure the best co-operation of the forces against the imperialistic spoilsmen.

The Spooner bill, to make McKinley Czar of the Philippines, is dead, at least for this session of congress. It was so rank a violation of the constitution, that a majority of the senate would not submit to it.

The Australians are about to build a new constitution after the plan of ours. They should wait until after the fall elections. If Hanna wins, they will be able to get the original at second-hand.

The republicans are hunting for a good talker for vice president, one who can talk to enthuse the people without saying anything. Why not take Col. Pat Donan?

President McKinley witnessed the eclipse from Fortress Monroe last Monday. The second eclipse he will witness, will be a total one of himself next November.

It is reported that W. W. Taylor has gone to Cape Nome. Mr. Taylor was at one time our state treasurer and helped to make republican history in South Dakota.

The Boer envoys are going to present their case once more to President McKinley. This time they will put it on the grounds of "expediency."

Patriotism makes no demands upon intelligent citizens to support a government, when the administration violates the constitution.

One thing the "pride-pointers" at Sioux Falls failed to do, was to point with pride to past history of the republican party in South Dakota.

It is reported that candidate Herreid has found it expedient to divulge his nationality. He now acknowledges that he is Norwegian.

A congressman was once upon a time selected to deliver an eulogy on a deceased colleague whom he had not known. He called on Speaker Reed to learn what he was expected to say. "Say anything except the truth," was the reply; "its customary." This was one of Reed's pointed sarcasms, and perhaps contained merit, but it was not expected at that time, that the republican newspapers of today would adopt it as a motto.

The "hooting down" of Major Pickler at Sioux Falls, was only another republican compliment to the old soldier.

EXCHANGE EXTRACTS

Bryan is the best anti-trust Bill the people can adopt.—Campbell County Courier.

Senator Hoar would leave the Philippines to work out their own salvation. The imperialists would keep them to be worked.—Plankinton Herald.

The Republican machine of the state hates Senator Pettigrew, and will sell out all the rest of the ticket if necessary to defeat him—a job much bigger, however, than some people anticipate.—Castalia Republican.

Secretary Gage is astonished that there are \$400,000,000 less gold in the country than he has been estimating all along. This will cut our per capita circulation down about \$8 and make it less than that of most of the great nations of the world.—Alexandria Journal.

Why is it that the platform of the Midroad populists adopted at Cincinnati is silent as the grave on the great question of Imperialism and Militarism, which now agitates the minds of the American people, and that it has not a word of sympathy with the people struggling for liberty?—Brookings Individual.

We do not notice that the republican state convention endorsed the candidacy of Judge Tripp for the vice presidency. Is this meant for a repudiation of Judge Tripp, or just a quiet suggestion that he has not yet served a sufficiently lengthy apprenticeship under Boss Kittridge?—Dakota Herald.

An Englishman who has a patent on a certain kind of a gun has sued the United States government for infringing on his rights. Now if Queen Victoria would commence action against McKinley for infringing on her form of government she could probably make the case stick.—Missouri Valley Journal.

Patriots in congress recently precipitated a debate on the proposition to give Cuba her independence. The result was as predicted by the World: many openly favored annexation, and it is extremely doubtful whether the Cubans will ever realize the liberty for which they have so long fought and bled.—Webster World.

Tuesday the delegates to the republican convention at Sioux Falls left on a special train. There was one car of hogs and the rest were republicans. Just what the railway management meant by attaching a car of hogs to the front of a special train to carry the republicans to the convention, is difficult to explain.—Watertown Times.

Burke and Gamble have been sterile as legislators. Not a bill of their hatching has yet passed congress. That is a waste of a record for men to make who have a house and a president ready to help them at every turn just to spite Pettigrew. The trouble is Burke and Gamble are too much like humpty dumpty: you cannot make something out of nothing.—Plain Talk.

Prior to the hour for making nominations in the Sioux Falls convention, one hundred and sixty old soldiers in attendance on the convention held a caucus and passed resolutions demanding the nomination of two old soldiers on the ticket, Lieutenant Gov. Kean and C. S. Blodgett for railroad commissioner. The machine unceremoniously turned them down. When will our old soldiers ever learn that the republican machine gang has no use for them except to vote? Time was when the old soldier had an honored place in the councils of that party but it has not been since the Kittridge gang has been in control.—Armour Herald.

Literary Notes.

Dr. Albert Shaw describes "Paris and the Exposition of 1900" in his magazine, the Review of Reviews, for June. Dr. Shaw regards Paris itself, the typically modern city as an inseparable part of the great fair. So far from complaining of the incompleteness of the exposition in the opening month, as many visitors have, Dr. Shaw welcomed the opportunity to see so many of the wonders of the fair in the making. His article is by far the

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