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EXPRESSIONS OF INTERIOR CALIFORNIA NEWSPAPERS.

Comments Upon Things Local, Governmental, Practical, Theoretical and Current.

Marysville Appeal: For a new man in political management Mark Hanna has proved to be a modern wonder.

GOING TOO FAR. Nevada Herald: The Salt Lake "Tribune," after a bitter tirade against the gold bugs, says:

"What these men need is a war, a war with some power that would make a shaking up among them. We presume the thing would go through the same process that the old war did. Some man like Fernando Wood would move to make greater New York a free city, and it would oppose the war until it found that out of the misfortunes of the country it was making money; then it would grow patriotic, and five years after the war would be claiming that really it did all the fighting. A war, however, would be a beautiful thing for the rest of the country. It would remonetize silver in less than four months, and it would take a bold man to even by stealth undertake to demonetize it again."

Holds on, "Tribune." That is going too far. A great newspaper should not advocate a civil war because we happen to differ on the money question. It sounds anarchistic.

SOLID AND RELIABLE. Stockton Independent: While McKinley is not famed for brilliancy he is famed for his solidity and reliability. Those are the qualities most needed in a President. He is what the people demand and expect, a man of deep adherence to duty; a friend of American progress and prosperity, and an earnest ad-

vocate and true friend of labor. The people know this, and will elect him as triumphantly as he has been nominated.

PROTECT THE LABORER. Alameda Enquirer: These words from Hon. William McKinley, the Republican Presidential nominee, will have a persuasive power with the laboring masses of the United States when our tollers approach the polls at the November elections: "No worthy American wants to reduce the price of labor in the United States. It ought not to be reduced; for the sake of the laborer and his family and the good of society it ought to be maintained. To increase it would be in better harmony with the public sense. Our labor must not be debased, nor our laborers degraded to the level of slaves, nor any Federal officials therein, and representation in Congress for Alaska; sympathizes with all legitimate efforts to lessen and prevent the evils of intemperance and promote morality; is mindful of the rights of women pros- trators; their admission to wider spheres of usefulness, and welcomes their co-operation in rescuing the country from Democratic and Populist misrule and management."

THE NOMINATIONS. Redlands Citigraph: The agony is over. The Republicans at St. Louis, in convention assembled, have placed before the American people as candidates for President and Vice-President Major William McKinley of Ohio and Garrett A. Hobart of New Jersey. The result, so far as President was concerned, was foretold long ago. Mr. McKinley stands as the apostle of protection. The people long ago became tired of "tariff for revenue only," as expounded by the Democracy, and proved an utter failure by trial. They have determined to go back to the days of protection. They will no longer foster foreign manufactures and foreign workmen. The American doctrine of protection is once more to be the law of the land. And protection will be the rallying cry for the campaign.

BIMETALLIC POWER. Los Angeles Express: At most the silver Republicans cannot hope to secure more than thirty or thirty-five electoral votes, judging by the vote of the States in the Committee on Platform and the convention, and therefore bimetalism could only be carried possibly by a union of those States with the South under the Democratic banner. But that entails the sacrifice of protection; it means an increase in the national debt from a deficit in the national revenues; it means a weak and pusillanimous foreign policy; for, be it remembered, that even here in Los Angeles the Democracy insisted on the hauling down of the American flag at Honolulu. It entails also a policy opposed to reciprocity and to the extension of our shipping interests, and it is a question over which thoughtful Americans cannot long hesitate whether it be better to sacrifice all those considerations for the single proposition of bimetalism, when they can all be secured and bimetalism be secured also by the election of a Congress pledged to bimetalism. The bimetalists have the Senate now, and if they stand together they can force recognition. The national platform does not prevent Californians, for instance, insisting that their Senators and Congressmen should stand pledged to silver and bimetalism.

"MCKINLEY AND PROTECTION." Santa Cruz Sentinel: This is to be the Republican battle cry in the approaching campaign. The immense majority by which he was nominated shows that Mr. McKinley is the popular favorite of the Republican party. Ever since he was elected Governor of Ohio by an almost unprecedented majority, just after what the free trade Democracy boasted was a national repudiation of the tariff law bearing his name, Mr. McKinley has been the logical and clean candidate for the first place in the nation. That majority was not only Ohio's tribute to him as a man and a statesman, but her enthusiastic indorsement of the Republican doctrine of protection to American industries and American labor. The union of his name with this doctrine in the party's history, and the success resulting from such union in Ohio, fixed William McKinley in the eye and hearts of Republicans all over the country, and from that time the indorsement which he has just received at St. Louis has been a foregone conclusion. The Republicans who have heretofore shown such faith in him will show the same faith by their votes next November.

MCKINLEY THE LEADER. Oroville Register: William McKinley, the standard bearer of the Republican party in the coming campaign, is not the nominee of any ring or clique, but the people at large demanded him. He is known and honored by all. He has served with distinction in many positions; is a poor man, an old soldier, and having been the choice of the people he will be elected by an immense majority.

CALAMITY SHRIEKERS. El Dorado Democrat: The political Pick-Me-Ups are all calamity shriekers. From now until election they will paint and scream like a lot of squaws at a Piegan funeral.

SOWING THE WIND. Antioch Ledger: The present generation is not ripe for mob rule and revolution, but beware of the coming. It has received its lessons in lawlessness. The youth is watching the course of events, and when he grows to manhood it will not be so difficult to encourage him to act. He sees that a mighty monarch of papers is applauded for encouraging the mob, and he marvels that the mob hesitates. No doubt the youngster has determined that when he grows up to be one of the mob that he will take advantage of his opportunities. When he is one of the mob he will not hesitate; but he will act so that he will receive the applause of the monarch of newspapers. To disregard the rights of property is instinctive in him, and when he comes to the power of manhood he will be a pupil that the monarch can be proud of. Time will prove that disaster and destruction broods where honor is discounted. Truly, San Francisco is sowing the wind that will reap the whirlwind.

NOW FOR A CHANGE. Alameda Telegram: After three years of Democratic blundering and misrule, which have led to business stagnation, a deficit revenue and an additional national debt, the Republican party comes forward with the determination to change the order of things and to again

bring prosperity to the country. For stagnation, it will substitute stimulated industries, the employment of capital, and the work for American workmen at American wages; for the deficit, it will substitute a safe surplus, and instead of contracting new debts at exorbitant rates of interest, as the Democratic party has done, it will make provision for paying off the war debt and the Cleveland debt. These are the foremost issues which demand immediate attention, and the people are satisfied that the Republican party under the guidance of Hon. William McKinley will remedy the evils.

THE RIGHT ROAD. Fresno Republican: Other roads may lead to prosperity, but protection is the nearest road that has been tried. All the old signboards along that route point to prosperity, and the people know that it leads there.

A PARTY OF FADES. Ukiah Press: The Democratic party is pre-eminently the party of passing fads and economic heresies. Its record shows that any temporary craze will be taken advantage of, and that any project, however visionary, will be injected into its platform providing its leaders imagine that it may thus be inducted into power. A comprehensive idea of these apparent truths may be obtained by its present fervor toward silver. The present administration and the leading organs of the party are in favor of a single gold standard, but the depression existing in the country at present, and which is directly traceable to Cleveland's maladministration and the enactment of the Wilson bill, produced such a revulsion in public sentiment that up to two months ago there was scarcely a Democrat in the United States who imagined that the party of Jefferson had the slightest chance in the coming Presidential election. All at once, however, it dawned upon Western leaders of the party that by reversing the precedent of a hundred years and declaring for silver, voters might be diverted from the plain issue of the campaign and induced to again trust the Democracy with the reins of government. The attempt to divert the people from the issues now before them will not succeed. It is too palpably apparent.

THE FRUIT CROP. Stockton Independent: The fruit crop is short, not only in California, but throughout the country, and California growers should not hasten to sell the green product if prices are not satisfactory. Those who dried their fruit last year and two years ago got good returns, and the prospects are even better this year.

NOT ENTHUSIASTIC. Tulare Register: The British papers do not view the nomination of McKinley with that enthusiastic favor which characterizes sentiment in this country. We are sorry, for he always likes to see people accept the inevitable with equanimity. Perhaps the Britishers will be better suited when the Democrats put up their candidates.

R. B. TREADWAY, Captain of the Crew of Yale Oarsmen Now in England.

R. B. Treadway is Captain of the crew of Yale oarsmen, and is presently in England to take part in the Henley regatta. These oarsmen are considered the best that America can produce, and they crossed the Atlantic to test their boating prowess with that of the best oarsmen of the Old World. It will be a contest for the championship of the world.



Captain Treadway is 22 years of age, 5 feet 11 inches tall, and weighs 175 pounds. He has always kept in training and is an ideal oarsman. He is a good student and has maintained a creditable place in his class room work. He is a splendid type of physical manhood and his methods and management of the crew from the time the men began to train have given satisfaction to all concerned.

Practical Lesson in Finance. The free-coinage advocate tells the farmer that the silver standard will give him a dollar a bushel for his wheat. Suppose it should? The wheat grower need not wait for free coinage to realize this price. Let him sell his crop for Mexican dollars and he will be able to get more than a dollar a bushel even now. Wheat was quoted in the local market yesterday at sixty-two cents and Mexican dollars sold last Friday in New York at fifty-five cents. Sixty-two cents in our gold-standard currency would be worth \$1 11 1-9 in Mexican coinage, and this \$1 11 would buy more than a silver dollar under the free coinage, since the Mexican money would contain nearly four grains more of pure silver.

So with cotton. The Richmond "State" tells a story illustrative of the arguments brought to bear upon the Southern farmer. A planter has a \$600 mortgage, and has twenty bales for which he expects to get six and a half cents a pound. A free coinage advocate tells him that in Mexico cotton is worth about thirteen cents, because that country has free silver coinage, and at thirteen cents a pound he would get \$1,200 for his twenty bales. But if he will sell his cotton in Mexico or for Mexican currency he can get as much now as he would were there to be free coinage in the United States.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Crooked Advice. Doctor—I don't think that boil on your nose is a very serious matter, but you had better keep your eye on it. Patient (nervously)—Great Scott! doctor; that'll make me squint.—Minneapolis Tribune.

Australia has found it impossible to abate the rabbit plague. In New South Wales alone 7,000,000 acres of land have been abandoned and 1,000,000 spent. The only plan that has any good effect is wire netting, and of this 15,000 miles have been used.

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MONEY IN THE PLATFORM.

Reasons Behind the Action of the Republican Convention.

Democratic newspapers, in seeking for something to bring discredit upon the Republican ticket and platform, are now saying that the sound-money declaration was forced upon the McKinley managers by "the money barons," and that it was the price of their support. Nothing is so absurd to print in a partisan newspaper as to determine to say something detrimental to an opponent. During the convention one of the St. Louis papers came out with a display head article announcing that Senator Foraker of Ohio had compelled McKinley to agree to give him every bit of the patronage for that State—an absurd report, when it is remembered that McKinley has the united, enthusiastic support of the Ohio Republicans. So this story that "the money barons" forced a gold standard platform upon Hanna and McKinley is repeated without any regard to its inherent absurdity. Who was in position to do any forcing? McKinley's majority in the convention was large and certain; the States which were clamoring for gold were those in New England, New York and Pennsylvania, which supported Reed or some candidate other than McKinley. It was notorious that McKinley did not need the votes of these States to nominate him, and that they were in no position to force a platform upon him by threatening to defeat his nomination.

It ought to be apparent to the dullest comprehension that what McKinley's managers, during the last two weeks have been looking for, is not votes to nominate him, but votes to elect him. They knew that he could not hope to carry the Democratic States of the South, and that several free coinage States in the West were doubtful. McKinley's only hope lay in carrying the New England, Middle and North Mississippi Valley States to begin with, and the platform-makers naturally paid attention to the condition of public opinion in those States. They had no reason to regard "money barons," for such do not cast votes. They inquired what the voters wanted, and finding it was sound money, decided to give it to them in full measure. Unquestionably the determined stand taken by the Eastern States largely controlled the platform; but that stand was the result of pressure exerted by business men of all classes, by every important organ of public opinion and by citizens of almost all ranks and classes. The "money baron" is a figment of the excited imagination, or, more probably, of a mendacious tongue. The people of this country are divided in opinion upon the silver question, and what they want and ought to have is a chance to settle by their votes. The Democrats and Populists will take one side and the Republicans have taken the other. We are to have what voters should always desire, because it works to their interest, viz., a square issue. In the campaign which is coming there ought to be a full and free discussion of this issue upon its merits, not personal abuse or aspersion of motives. There is no reason to charge that the Democrats will be controlled by cranks or by any class of persons, nor the Republicans by "money barons." Such accusations are these are not the weapons of fair controversy, but of a kind of vituperation which either proceeds from, or is addressed to, small intellects.

FIRMNESS OF SPEECH.

Nothing is Gained by the Use of Intemperate Language.

So much is to be gained by moderation and firmness of speech, as opposed to hysterical passion, that it is worth while for everyone to try to learn how to control the tongue and the pen so as to obtain the greatest amount of influence over others. Strong language is never needed to enforce the opinion of a man who is firm in his faith, clear in expression and logical in his methods. It is usually the resort of bullies, of those who cannot reason, or of men who are guided by their prejudices rather than by logical deductions from facts. The objection to strong or intemperate language is that it gives rise, unnecessarily, to contentious opposition. A radical in religion or politics takes such extreme views and urges them so offensively that he provokes quarrels, never makes a convert. Another man, just as firm in his convictions, more moderate in giving expression to them, and more considerate of the opinions of other people, can say substantially the same things without irritating those who differ with him. He does not provoke a quarrel, but invites a calm discussion. He thus has the chance at least of winning people over to his views, whereas the radical drives them off at once. Moreover, the moderate man may remain firm because he says nothing that he cannot maintain, whereas the radical is necessarily vacillating. He goes to such extremes that he is obliged to retract, and loses the respect of his hearers because he is inconsistent or firm. Firmness, it is to be observed, is consistent only with intelligent, honest thought. The ignorant may be unyielding, but in their case obstinacy takes the place of firmness. One who has well-settled principles, a mind free from prejudice and a disposition to think before speaking, can be firm in expression and unyielding in his adherence to opinions once expressed without being obstinate. Such a man wins the respect not merely of his followers or of those who agree with him, but also of his opponents, and is much more influential than the radical who presents extreme views in strong language. Frequently the teachers or leaders of men are obliged to combat some widespread movement resting perhaps on sentiment, and to do so successfully they must be able to articulate the feelings of those whom they address, moderate in their language, and yet firm. They would be misunderstood if they should use violent language or attempt coercion, and would thereby lose influence. Firmness, coolness, deliberation, these are the elements that ally strife and convince the understanding. Heatedness, extravagance of language, ill-considered railing may stir men to action, but they also arouse opposition and do nothing to promote the rational settlement of disputes.—Baltimore Sun.

It Was Utterly Wasted.

"It is astonishing," said Colonel Carter, "to ponder on the prodigality of nature."

"Yes," was the reply, "it is a subject that many scientists have written on." "To think of the millions of seeds she scatters, sub, on unfertile soil; of the billions of young fish that are not permitted to survive early infancy—if they are hatched at all!" "It is certainly impressive." "But I have just encountered a case which surpasses in lavish wastefulness either of these I have just cited." "Indeed, I didn't know that you were scientifically inclined." "I live and learn. I was traveling through an unfamiliar section of the country, and as we approached a town

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PORTUGUESE IN AFRICA. Their Power and Influence Has Completely Passed Away.

The first to come were the men of Portugal, then in the fresh springtime of its power, Bartholomew Diaz discovered the Cape of Storms, as he called it, in 1486; and after Vasco da Gama, in 1497-98, had traced the southeast coast as far as Sofala (a little to the south of the modern port of Beira), the Portuguese established settlements at that place, and farther to the north of it, and thence carried on a considerable trade with the natives, chiefly in gold brought down from the mines of Mashonaland. However, the unhealthiness of the flat country which lies between the coast and the interior plateau checked their projects of exploration and conquest. Individual traders, and sometimes missionaries also, penetrated far into the interior, and articles which the Portuguese must have brought to Africa, such as fragments of Indian and Chinese pottery, and even, in one or two instances, small cannon, have been found many hundreds of miles from the seaboard. But on the whole the Portuguese exerted little influence on the country and its inhabitants.

The white population remained very small, and it became degraded by intermarriage with the Kafirs; for in Africa as well as Brazil the Portuguese have shown little of that contempt for the native blacks, and aversion to a mixing of their blood with the latter, which has been so generally characteristic of the Dutch and the English. During the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries the colonizing force of Portugal declined with the decline of her European power. She made no further efforts to explore, and even abandoned some of her stations on the Zambesi. She remained, however, undisturbed in her possessions till a few years ago, when a question arose between her and Great Britain regarding the right to Delagoa Bay, a port, the value of which, as the only deep water harbor fit for large vessels along the whole stretch of the southeast coast south of Beira, was now generally perceived. President McMahon, to whom as arbitrator the controversy was referred, decided in favor of Portugal. Subsequently Germany appeared as a formidable neighbor on the north, while boundary disputes arose with the British settlers who in 1890 had occupied the inland country to the west.

Thus the Portuguese frontier, which had been very uncertain, has now become defined. It includes a vast area, but in that area the number of white men, or even of semi-civilized half-breeds, is so small that, although some fitful efforts have been made by the Mozambique Company, little or no progress in occupying or improving the country can be recorded. Portugal sends no emigrants to Africa. Her Government, now hard pressed for money, cannot find the sums needed to develop her African territories, nor is there private capital in Portugal to supplement the weakness of the Government. The Beira Railway and the Delagoa Bay Railway (of which more anon) have both been built by foreign companies. Practically, Portugal may be looked on as an extinct force in South Africa.—James Bryce, M. P., in the Century.

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