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Not having had a half-holiday yesterday, clerks were no more tired than usual last evening.

Old companions of Mr. Butch Cassidy will be sure to resent the report that he has been leading an honest life.

Democrats can now look over the Republican platform and see what they are not going to believe in this year.

Reasonable boys have no intention of carrying their present Fourth of July celebration beyond the Twenty-fourth of July.

Do the wheelmen who ride on sidewalks think they can do so forever without some watchful policeman seeing them?

Being a shepherd, Mr. Dale saw at once what his new-found friends in the city were trying to do when they attempted to fleece him.

On the other hand, the Democratic National convention will be a fighting body, but after its finish its party will not have a fighting chance.

Though they have not had the usual preliminary training of fighting among themselves, Republicans are in fine condition to fight their enemy.

When merchants say there is no good reason for a mid-week half-holiday, do they forget that on some Wednesday afternoons there are ball games?

When Republicans act in so harmonious and orderly a manner as at Chicago, they need not expect to win the approval of the Democratic party.

Various Chicago politicians will have a poor opinion of a National convention that could not compare with one of their ward gatherings in ability to start trouble.

When it was stated that the pursuer of the Japanese transport Sado threw overboard the specie she had on board when her capture by the Russians was seen to be inevitable, no one had any idea that there was so much of it as is now reported. The amount so thrown into the sea is now put at a million dollars in English gold.

Speaking of the underground talk that the Democrats may nominate Grover Cleveland again for President, the Springfield Republican thinks his nomination would make the campaign the most interesting one in forty years, and that "He would either be the winner of an extraordinary triumph over both Republican and Democratic foes or the worst-beaten candidate since Horace Greeley beat the record."

It seems that the American correspondent who succeeded in getting into Port Arthur and was in deadly peril of being shot as a Japanese spy, was finally released by the Russian commander on his being convinced that the correspondent was merely after news, on the ground that he was an idiot. The idea that a man would undergo such danger, toil, and privation merely to get news was altogether beyond the Russian idea of sane procedure.

Grand Army Day at Park City was an enjoyable occasion to the veterans of the War of the Rebellion. They went up to the great camp from this city and from Ogden, with high expectations of a grand time, and came back protesting that those expectations were tame compared with the realization. Park City outdid even its famous hospitality in welcome to and good treatment of the old army boys.

and Col. Geo. B. Squires spoke in happy vein on "Our Country." It was a genial, pleasant time and the old ladies will be glad to go again to the Park for a pleasant outing and campfire.

THE NATIONAL PLATFORM.

The platform reported to and adopted by the Republican National convention at Chicago yesterday measures up fully to the expectations of the party and of the public, and it meets nobly the demands of the occasion. It fulfills amply the promise held out when the illustrious names were announced, of those who would write and report it. The party can grandly go into this campaign standing on its ample dimensions and stalwart strength.

It gives retrospect of the origin of the party and the high service it did the country in the days of its vigorous youth; recites the circumstances of its taking over the Government when the country was in evil plight eight years ago, from the disastrous Democratic rule of four years, and the triumphant restoration of confidence and prosperity; it speaks of the liberation of Cuba, the building up of Porto Rico, the conferring upon the Philippines of the largest civil liberty they ever enjoyed, and refers to the fact that it was from our base in the Philippines that we were able to confer the service upon civilization of aiding in the relief of the beleaguered legations in Peking.

The arid land legislation is pointed to as an act of the Republican party which will confer untold and lasting benefits upon the country; the reorganization of the army, the support of the militia, the upbuilding of the navy, all grand achievements, which will insure splendidly to the good of the country. The administration of the great departments of the Government has been honest, capable, economical; and wherever errors or clouds have appeared these have been promptly cleared away.

Protection is justly and stalwartly maintained as the cardinal policy of the Republican party; it guards and develops the industry of the country; as a principle it must be maintained; the rates of duty are to be readjusted only when conditions have so changed that the public interests demand it; and when the need of change comes, it is not safe to commit the duty of making changes to any other than the Republican party. A Democratic tariff has always brought adversity to the business interests of the country while Republican tariffs have always brought prosperity. All this portion of the platform is most able and felicitous in tone and expression.

The shelter and protection extended to American citizens abroad is justly referred to, and also the high standing which the Republican diplomacy has carried the country to. American shipping must be restored, and the appointment by Congress of a merchant marine commission to devise means for its rehabilitation is approved.

A navy powerful enough for defense and for the maintenance of the Monroe doctrine is essential; its upbuilding has been the pride of the Republican party. The exclusion of Chinese competition in labor is approved, as well as our commercial policy in the transpacific, for the opening of new avenues to commerce.

The debt of the Nation to the veterans of the Civil war is fully recognized and the late executive order bearing on proof of disability at the age of 62 is approved.

A vigorous step in the right direction is the emphatic declaration for action by Congress to determine whether the franchise is unconstitutionally denied to any class in any of the States; it should be fruitful at least to the extent of reducing the representation in Congress of any State which has thus withheld the suffrage.

On the trust question, the declaration is plain and comprehensive; it declares that combinations of capital and labor are the results of the economic movement of the age, but neither must infringe upon the rights and interests of the people; when lawfully formed, they are entitled to the protection of the laws; but both are subject to the laws and must be obedient thereto.

A fitting memorial to the late President McKinley is carried, and eulogy of his high services to the country and to the party. The country is congratulated on its good fortune in the worthy successor to him which it has in President Roosevelt, and an enthusiastic recital of the leading events and achievements of the present administration is made; a brilliant summary of great things it is.

The platform in its entirety is found in our news columns. It will be recognized as one of the strongest, ablest, and most attractive platforms ever adopted at any Republican convention. In its strength and soundness all can rely; it is good for the party; it is better yet for the country. It assures most nobly the full maintenance and high supremacy of the best traditions of the party, and guarantees to the country the best possible administration of its affairs, the wisest and most assured prosperity to all interests, and that the people will be fully protected in all their aspirations for the betterment of their lot and the fullest upbuilding of humanity in this latest and most glorious Republic of all time.

The pettishness shown by the La Follette delegation from Wisconsin, and the insinuations made by their leader against the members of the committee on credentials, were enough to defeat them, if nothing else had been urged. By their impatience and the small-minded exhibition they made, they have proclaimed their unfitness to be the leaders of a great party. They are now cut off from affiliation with the

National Republican organization, and are a mere fragment, or faction, which must lose control, and cannot be considered as other than a mutinous crew. No doubt La Follette will get a large vote, but he is not entitled to the support of straight-haired Republicans.

CHAIRMAN CANNON'S SPEECH.

Hon. Joseph G. Cannon, Speaker of the House of Representatives, was made permanent chairman of the National Republican convention in Chicago yesterday, and made a catchy, rattling speech, well calculated to stir the enthusiasm of the mighty houseful of delegates, which it did.

The speech referred to the record of the Republican party in the service of the country, and laid stress on the fact that it preserves to our people the home market, which is by all odds the greatest in the world; it noted the magnificent progress of the country, and cites as an instance in proof the tremendous gains in the postoffice business, which is a fair gauge.

It ridicules the idea of the Democrats guarding the public treasury, and recalls the severe lessons of the past as indicating what the country might expect with Democratic management. In reply to the taunt about strikes, he pitifully said that there were no strikes under Grover Cleveland, because there were no profits to divide. Now there are profits, and "a people who work shorter hours, and who are on the average more fully employed, and with a larger wage than was ever before paid in the history of the human race for a similar amount of work, will not be led to destroying that policy which renders these things possible because of a local trouble here and there touching a division of the profits."

The Republican party, he said, had legislated against injurious combinations, and enforced that legislation. The wealth and prosperity of the country were earnestly referred to as the result of Republican administration, and the financial strength of the people was finely illustrated. And he closed this part of his speech with a striking contrast between the condition of the country now and its condition when the Republican party took over the control from the last Democratic administration.

The faith-keeping record of the Republican party was dwelt upon, and the great things it did under McKinley, continued under Roosevelt. It was a speech to catch the crowd, and it was also one to arrest the interest of the most thoughtful, being thoroughly entrenched in truth, and having the best of materials to draw upon for its arguments and climaxes. It did good to the delegates, and will do good to the country.

THE PAVING WILL PAY.

We have reason to believe that the position taken by The Tribune in these columns yesterday in advocacy of paving, and especially of the paving of Third South street west, is approved by the business men of this city. With the building of the freight houses of the San Pedro, Los Angeles & Salt Lake road, the extension of the Rio Grande Western shops and yards, and the immense increase of the railroad freights, the paving of Third South street west to the railroad is one of the urgent needs of the time.

The upper parts of the business district are fairly well served by the paved streets of South Temple and Second South, but in order to have the service complete and the convenience of freight-handling what it should be, the Third South street paving should be put in without delay, so that the lower portion of the business district may also be perfectly served. The paving would at once bring the street into prominence as a business street; it would pay as a business proposition; and it should not be opposed by the property owners, those who will receive the direct benefit from it.

Referring again to the First street protest against paving, we wish to emphasize the fact that it pays to secure the good opinion of tourists. Many thousands of dollars have been invested here through securing this good opinion, and many more thousands will without doubt be had by the same means. This portion of First street which it is proposed to pave is along a part of the city that tourists are always shown. It certainly will pay to pave it, and it is a mistake to oppose the proposition.

If all the people will but "stand up for Salt Lake" and do what they can to build up the city and make it attractive to investors, there is no question that it will pay, and the gratification that all will feel on having a modern, up-to-date city will be too great to be counted in mere coin.

It seems that there is a further hitch in the Perdicaris negotiations, and the Moorish Government is accused of bad faith. Most likely the accusation is true, for the Moors consider any and every advantage that it is possible to take to be fair. No doubt Raisull senses this, and that is the reason why he wants guarantees from Great Britain and the United States. But these are quite out of the question, so far as this country is concerned. And the State Department again warns the United States representatives there that they "must not in any way become involved in guarantees or other pledges with other nations; that they must not land marines or sailors without specific instructions from Washington; and finally, that they must demand from the Moorish Government either Perdicaris alive or Raisull dead." There is a vigor and snap to that which

will suit the people of this country; and it is to be hoped that a sufficient strength has been or will be assembled at Tangiers to make it "the word with the bark on."

WHAT WE BREATHE.

From the Rochester Democrat and Chronicle.

In the morning when a broad beam of sunshine pours through the window of your sleeping apartment you see countless tiny particles floating along the path of the sunlight but the air of the remainder of the room seems entirely clear and pure. Is it? Not at all. There is just as much dust in the air outside that stream of light as there is in it, but it is not visible. So the disease germs in the form of impalpable dust are floating about us after when we are unconscious of their presence. Our vitality may be strong enough to render them innocuous, or it may not. If it is we retain our health. If it is not we are attacked with typhoid or diphtheria, or some other malady communicated in that way.

THE MONTH OF BRIDES.

From the Cleveland Leader.

June is the month of brides. God bless them! with a large share of the blessings reserved for the grooms as well. To every couple lately assuming residence in the holy state of matrimony we can wish no greater guardian than enduring love. The enthusiasms of happiness will not last; calm content, engendered by kindness of soul, is a better and more valuable asset. Thank God that, despite the prevalence of the problem play, the erotic novel and the divorce attorney, marriage has not become one whit unpopulated among sensible people, nor has the potency of love lost a single grain of weight.

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