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NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC TICKET

For President, WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN, of Nebraska.

For Vice President, ADLAI E. STEVENSON, of Illinois.

For Congress—10th District, H. D. FLOOD, of Appomattox.

In many parts of the country now the dinner pail is full, but of air only.

Teddy, the tumbler, usually puts both feet in his mouth every time he opens it.

Hon. John Sherman says, "the fabulous wealth we are now taking to the Philippines will never come back."

Whenever our farmers desire to support themselves and a soldier, they should vote to fasten Militarism on the country.

When Mr. McKinley speaks in West Virginia watch the railroads tumble. There will be low rates and plenty of trains then.

The Standard Oil Trust prevented many people from hearing Mr. Bryan at Parkersburg last week, but by so doing made many thousand votes for him.

Our money like our soldiers in the Philippines goes away sound and good, but like many of them it goes never to return again. Not even the dust of its former self will ever be seen by us any more.

Teddy complains that Mr. Bryan will not discuss the real issues of the campaign. He certainly will not if the REAL ISSUES are to be named by Teddy, and a discussion of Teddy himself side tracked.

The surgeons alone in the Philippines cost the government \$720,000 per year, or \$60,000 per month. Imagine the other costs of the war if the doctors get this sum. Medicines, nurses and all other expenses of the sick and wounded are not included here.

The C. & O., it is said, has never ceased to regret the part it took in politics four years ago. The Ohio River railway will never cease to regret the part it took last week. Railroads mix in politics somewhat as an elephant dances a tight rope, very dangerously and awkwardly.

Mr. Roosevelt in his speeches throughout the west has admitted the danger from Trusts, but he advises moderation in dealing with them, just as he says, we injure many of these enterprises. This is begging the question, and if the Republican party is again intrusted with power all the great devouring trusts now existing will become "deserving enterprises."

That Santiago where the Rough Rider, Cowboy Teddy won such a distinction as a soldier, was only a sphyx beside the whirlwind at Ten Tails as young Richmond, Louis A. Bosschen, wrote his mother about the fight. He said in part: "The American companies were 223 killed and wounded, and one colonel, one captain, and two lieutenants. The marines, three companies, had 75 killed and wounded. The total losses of the European troops were 2,000."

TEN CONGRESSMEN.

Virginia Democrats have promised the National Committee ten Congressmen this year. Can they fulfill the contract? We believe they can. There are a few doubtful districts, but we believe they will be carried. The one is one, the fourth and eighth and ninth are others. It will be observed that our district, the tenth, is not included in this list of doubtful districts. We recognize that on two occasions in the past this district has sent a Republican to Congress, but such were years of peculiar politics, such as cannot occur this time. The Republican candidate on both occasions was the same, he was a man of force, energy and personal magnetism. With all due respect to that party we must submit that on this occasion they do not have such a candidate and we doubt whether he can carry his full party vote; whereas the Democrats are becoming more and more united, and with the chances of Mr. Bryan's election brightening every day, with such men as Cleveland's Secretary of State, Mr. Olney, firing the Democratic heart, by his splendid philippic on McKinleyism, and Mr. Wilson, of Washington and Lee, Cleveland's Postmaster General, falling into line, the troubles in New York disappearing and the party everywhere uniting against Imperialism, Democrats are inspired with fresh hopes, and renewed determination to win, hence in this district, as in all others in Virginia, are so affectionately disappearing, and a united front being formed to destroy the powers that would wreck the nation and enslave the people.

SHORT POLITICS

The report comes from West Virginia that when Mr. Bryan spoke there last week the people asked the B. & O. and the Ohio River Railways to give reduced rates and proper facilities for them to get to Parkersburg and Parkersburg, where he was to speak. The B. & O. made a reduced rate, but put on no trains to meet the wants of the people or to suit the hour of the speaking, so that thousands stood waiting along the railway, with no means afforded them of going to the points of speaking, and thus that road played a hypocritical part.

The Ohio River road, however, which is owned and operated by the Standard Oil Trust, refused any reduced rate at all, and in addition refused to allow the car in which Mr. Bryan was traveling to be hitched to its train. The local authorities were anxious to make rates, it is said, and give facilities, but the report is that Mr. S. B. Elkins procured Mr. H. H. Rodgers, of the Oil Trust, to deny the people any chance to hear Mr. Bryan, except in so far as regular trains gave it, and the Oil Magistrate agreed to this and cut off the rate and facilities.

Had it been a circus or negro picnic, had Mr. Hanna, of Ohio, been speaking there is no doubt of the fact that all opportunity the people desired would have been given them to be present.

The trick was not well played. The B. & O. tried to deceive and was detected. Any road other than the Ohio River road which is known to be Standard Oil property, could have done such a thing better. It was a very degraded kind of politics, but shows how the trusts treat the people and how they wield every influence and do every act calculated to affect Mr. Bryan's chances.

Mr. Bryan's chances. The thing has caused consternation throughout the country and will make thousands of votes for Bryan. People who had never thought of voting for him before are now loud in their denunciation of these trust methods, and are declaring for him. Nothing could have happened better for Bryan, and while we are forced to denounce such work, we cannot but rejoice that this gallows prepared for Mordecai is ornamented with the carcass of Hayman. The mailed fist of corporations is visible in many places, it is visible always in its efforts against the people, but corporations, like other criminals, frequently go one step too far, and are detected when the indignation of a virtuous public becomes aroused, and they go ignominiously into punishment and disgrace. This is no exception to the rule, but Senator Elkins must feel a little queer over the part he has been detected in as playing in this affair.

We begin to doubt whether he is as astute a politician as he has been given credit for, and it is no wonder the Republicans are ready to concede West Virginia to the Democrats.

SUNDAY EXCURSIONS.

We notice that our city council has by a vote of 5 to 2 passed an ordinance forbidding Sunday excursions to Staunton. The crying necessity for such an ordinance, if it were legal, has not been made manifest. The revival of blue laws has not been the credit of many sections and they have not tended to increase the veneration of those seeking to impose them. We know of no power which can shut a city to persons who want to visit it either Sunday, Monday or any other day. We know of no power to prevent the railways from stopping their trains at the depots within our city limits any day in the week they choose to, or to prevent their running just as many trains over their roads as to them may seem fit. When those roads stop their trains here just as many people can get off as desire to, and as long as they behave themselves can stay in our town. The right of one citizen of the United States to go from one place to another and stop there as long as he wishes to, whether he be called an excursionist or by any other name, has never been abridged by any sound law of the land, and when a body such as the city council of Staunton undertakes to do it they have trespassed on dangerous ground, whether from ignorance or design, we know not. We prefer to believe the latter, and we believe for their own self respect and to avoid bringing the city and themselves into contempt they should repeal such an ordinance as soon as they can do so. It is not the desire of THE SPECTATOR to advocate excursions on Sunday, but it is our desire not to see our councilmen undertake a vain and foolish thing. Suppose, as we have often seen, a body of business men on an excursion through the country, say from Cincinnati or elsewhere, and they should land here on Sunday, would our police force refuse them admission, and with club and gun drive them again into their train and order the train to pull off. If not, where shall the line be drawn? We ask a reply in all sincerity.

UP TO COL. HUBARD.

Col. Hubard, the Republican candidate for Congress, is now and has no doubt been busy with his canvass. The labor of hunting votes in these desolate parts and making such speeches as he makes, is evidently great, and very trying to a man of his many years. This may form an excuse for his not having pointed out to THE SPECTATOR the "libelous and defamatory" words contained in that editorial of the 10th of August, about which he has complained so bitterly, after ample opportunity has been given him. The only remark in that editorial we somehow believe, which did or could have hurt the tender sensibilities of this rather thin skinned person, was that he was said to have "negro loving qualities."

Now if Col. Hubard will come out on his own signature and say he has no such qualities, or that to be accused of having such is libelous, we will apologize for having used that expression, and any other contained in that article. It is up to the Colonel to say what he will do.

The Democrats of New York yesterday nominated John D. Staehfeld for Governor.

DEMOCRATIC CLUBS.

Mr. Wm. R. Harst, the owner of the New York Journal, is president of the National Association of Democratic Clubs, and is organizing such clubs in every community. We sincerely trust that the young and active men of Augusta county will take hold of this matter and assist in the work. The organization intended to induce every man in addition to his belonging to a club, to vote the ticket, to do some individual work, such as securing a new vote, or changing an old one from Republicanism to Democracy. Our readers should see that a club is formed in every section of the county. They will have a delegate to the National Convention to meet at Indianapolis on October 3rd. Address letters for full information to Max H. Ishmen, 1370 Broadway, N. Y.

MR. OLNEY'S LETTER.

We publish this week the principal part of a letter by Mr. Richard Olney, Cleveland's Attorney General, and afterward the Secretary of State, advocating the election of Mr. Bryan. Mr. Olney, along with Mr. Cleveland and the entire cabinet, was opposed to Mr. Bryan before, now he supports him. It is just to Mr. Olney to say that Mr. Bryan is not his personal choice, but the principles which he stands for. Mr. Olney's principles, and he subordinates the man to the measure thus showing deeper conviction. The letter will be read with great interest, and is a fire brand in the Republican camp.

The "Prosperity" Fallacy.

From this time until the close of the campaign Mr. Bryan proposes to attempt what he calls the "Prosperity" of the McKinley administration. He began in his speech at Parkersburg, W. Va., to insist that the prosperity argument of the Republicans was not a solid one, and he will emphasize his assertions as the campaign progresses. In order to prove that even prosperity was not real, Mr. Bryan insisted that the improvement in business conditions was not permanent; that failures were increasing; that the prices for farm products had gone down, and the purchasing power of money was not as great now as it was four years ago. "The Republican party," Mr. Bryan said, "has not raised the price of what the farmer sells, but it has raised the price of what he buys." Not only this, but Mr. Bryan told of the strikes which had occurred or were threatened by shut-downs which had been ordered, and said that starvation would face the laboring man just as soon as the little store of savings was exhausted. Having drawn this picture, he uttered the following sentence: "The attempt to multiply the standing army can have but two excuses. It is either to help some men exploit in foreign lands, or else to keep down in this country by force the discontent that ought to be cured by legislation."

Both Had the Symptoms.

Hugh Farrelly tells a good story illustrating the guizy character of the claim of Republicans that a short time ago, "one of two twin brothers became demented, and was found by examination in the Prostate Court to be in that condition. A commitment to the insane asylum was made, and as the other twin, who closely resembled his insane brother, was able to control him better than anyone else he was deputized by the sheriff and the commitment turned over to him to convey the unfortunate brother to the asylum. Shortly after the brothers arrived at the asylum the sheriff received the following telegram from the superintendent: "Two brothers who look alike are here from your county with but one commitment. One is constantly talking of building a railroad to the moon and the other that the Republican party is opposed to trusts. Which shall I put in?"

The county court adjourned on Tuesday for the term.

Beware of Ointments for Catarrh that contain Mercury.

Mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such agents should never be used, and the only safe and effective remedy is that prescribed by Dr. J. C. Cheney & Co. as the damage they will do is tenfold to the good you can possibly derive from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by Dr. J. C. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally, and made in Toledo, Ohio, by Dr. J. C. Cheney & Co., Testimonials free.

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There is a disease prevailing in this country most dangerous because so deceptive. Many sudden deaths are caused by it—heart disease, pneumonia, heart failure or apoplexy are often the result of kidney disease. If kidney trouble is allowed to advance the kidney-poisoned blood will attack the vital organs, or the kidneys themselves break down and waste away cell by cell. Then the richness of the blood—the albumen—leaks out and the sufferer has Bright's Disease, the worst form of kidney trouble. Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the new discovery is the true specific for kidney, bladder and urinary troubles. It has cured thousands of apparently hopeless cases, and all other efforts have failed. At druggists in fifty-cent and dollar sizes. A sample bottle sent free by mail, also a book telling about Swamp-Root and its wonderful cures. Address Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y., and mention this paper.

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