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CITIZEN WILLIAM M'KINLEY.

William McKinley is a typical American in every way, but the distinguishing characteristic of the man is his honesty of purpose. In all walks of life he first assures himself that the cause which he is invited to espouse is rooted in right and in justice, then he goes forward with a degree of earnestness and enthusiasm that invites co-operation, even from those who are inclined to hesitate.

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THE CALL SPEAKS FOR ALL. PATRIOTISM, PROTECTION and PROSPERITY.

FOR PRESIDENT—WILLIAM M'KINLEY, of Ohio FOR VICE-PRESIDENT—GARRET A. HOBART, of New Jersey ELECTION NOVEMBER 3, 1896.

Another week nearer to victory. Bryanism has become almost too thin to cast a shadow.

McKinley might as well begin picking out his Cabinet. The only question now is the size of McKinley's majority.

The people rest to-day by resting assured of Republican success. Even among silver Democrats there are many who won't vote for Altdeldism and Popocrat fusion.

To-morrow Arkansas will vote and the Democratic machine will count the ballots in the usual way. Senator Stewart has taken the stump and is dodging not only the tariff but his golding record in 1875.

The East is rejoicing that the hot weather is over and before long it will be howling about the cold. The anti-Bryanites are called "Honor Democrats" in the East and they deserve the title equally in California.

The general effect of the Vermont vote is shown by the fact that business is not only feeling better, but doing better. How can Democracy seriously hope to fuse itself with Populism when it cannot even fuse the Buckleites with the Junta?

If Cleveland has fully determined to retire from home politics he might at least do something to help the Cuban campaign. That fusion doesn't work is not surprising, for anything which tends to promote free trade never does work in this country.

Bryan might make his swing around the country profitable by arranging at different places for a lecture tour after all is over. Tom Watson stands waiting to be notified with all the expectancy of a cat watching a rat hole when there isn't any rat there.

It is becoming more evident every day that McKinley will be one of the Presidents whose names live as household words among the people. The campaign of education is only about half over and already the people in every section of the Union show proofs that they have learned their lesson and know how to vote.

With a State Fair, a Mechanics' exhibit and a campaign of education all running in the interests of home industry, it is a very dull man who cannot see prosperity coming and a very indifferent one who doesn't rejoice at the prospect. As the Czars, while making no speeches on his tour, is causing more uneasiness in Europe than Bryan in this country, it is evidently of advantage sometimes to have a man shoot off his mouth so that the world can see he isn't too heavily loaded.

If the Palmer and Buckner Democrats do not put up an electoral ticket in every State in the Union they will become the laughing stock of the Nation. Why did they put their candidates in the field if they are not going to give them a chance to run? Li Hung Chang was surprised to find no statue of Grant at Washington, but if he had thought a moment he would have recognized that Washington itself standing as the capital of the Union is a good enough monument to the general who saved the Union.

Chairman Bynum of the Indianapolis convention declares Palmer and Buckner will receive 1,000,000 votes and while very few people share this sanguine expectation it would be generally gratifying to find that that many voters who can be justly called good Democrats. The passage in McKinley's letter of acceptance—"The era of reconciliation has come happily and the feeling of distrust and hostility between the sections is everywhere vanishing, let us hope never to return"—is being widely quoted in the South, and many a Southern man will vote for McKinley as the champion of a restored Union as well as of protection and prosperity.

The appointment of a workingman on the Republican electoral ticket will be received with no little gratification by the party and the people generally throughout the State. The Republican party being the champion of protection to American industry is essentially the party of workingmen, and it is altogether fitting that one of them should be placed among those who are to officially cast the vote of the State for McKinley.

European nations, seeing our Government adverse to a movement for the remonetization of silver, did nothing, for the plain reason that nothing of value could be done without our co-operation. The pledge of the Republican platform to promote free coinage by international agreement which McKinley cordially agrees in his letter of acceptance is consistent with the Republican statesmanship of the past. McKinley will take up the work where Harrison left it off, and will do that which Cleveland refused to do. All this is a matter about which there should be no dispute, and there would be none if the Democrats and their Populist allies did not believe they could confuse and fool the people by persistent misrepresentations. They argue as if there could be no international agreement simply because Cleveland did nothing to advance it. They ignore all that was done by Harrison, make no reference to the Brussels conference and speak of international bimetalism as if it were something they had never heard of before.

There can be no question that an international agreement for the free coinage of silver can be attained by the next administration of this country if that administration is in the hands of statesmen supported by a resolute and harmonious party. There is a strong and growing sentiment in favor of bimetalism not only in France and Germany, but in England itself. The statesmen and financiers of the world realize that a return to bimetalism cannot be accomplished with safety, if at all, by any single nation. One must find a boy orator, a silver-mine owner or a shallow demagogue to get an advocate of free silver coinage at the ratio of 16 to 1 without the concurrence of other nations. Business men know that such action on our part would mean a disturbance of industry in comparison with which the panic of 1893 would be as nothing, and therefore they favor international agreement, therefore they support the Republican party, therefore they will vote for McKinley.

Not even the honest believer in a silver standard or the most enthusiastic bimetalist can, if he be a patriotic citizen, conscientiously support the forces of political anarchy. The advocacy of free-silver coinage by Bryan and many of his adherents is only a cloak for the spirit of revolution behind.—Ex-Governor Flower.

WHAT BRYANISM MEANS.

So far as Bryan is personally concerned there is no doubt that this is a campaign of education. He is learning new ways every day how to contradict himself and to otherwise expose his ignorance or something worse. The other day he railed against the railroads of the country for combining against the public in the way of maintaining high traffic tariffs when there has been a large decrease in the market price of all kinds of commodities. Without ever trying to justify railway charges that are higher than the traffic should be made to bear, it is but fair to retort Bryan's untruthful declarations by showing that no commodity has decreased in value as much as railway freight rates have been lowered.

In the last report of the National Board of Trade, which is a non-partisan body of business men, there may be found a table devoted to railway traffic tariffs since 1865. The table averages the rates on thirteen of the principal roads, and the results obtained are upon the basis of the rate for carrying one ton one mile. In 1865 the rate per ton per mile was 3.08 cents; in 1870, 1.81 cents; in 1875, 1.36 cents; in 1880, 1.01 cents; in 1885, 0.83 cent; in 1890, 0.77 cent; in 1893, 0.75 cent. In 1895 freight rates were over 3 cents. It is hard to get a ton a mile, and now they are practically three-quarters of a cent for the same number of pounds and distance.

It is not honest of Mr. Bryan to try to get the farmers against the railroads by such gross perversion of facts, the more so because not many farmers try to post themselves concerning changes in railway traffic tariffs. A man who would deliberately distort facts for his own political gain is hardly a fit man to trust with the affairs of the people. If Mr. Bryan is ignorant of the great reductions in freight rates in recent years all the more does he prove himself a demagogue by talking learnedly about things he has no knowledge of. It is very clear that he is dishonest or ignorant.

He also tells his farmer audiences that "Our opponents are trying to throw upon providence the fat of your condition. If the farmer complains he is not making much on his potato crop they tell him it is due to the potato bug. If he is not making much out of his corn they tell him it is due to the chinch bug. If he is not making much out of his wheat they tell him it is due to the army worm. But let me tell you the gold bug is destroying more crops than all of them."

It is hard to understand how an honest man would employ such language, but it is easy enough to understand how one who was trying to inaugurate a war of classes would try to make it appear that "gold bugs," as Mr. Bryan calls all who are opposed to silver monometallism, are more hurtful to the farmer than potato bugs or chinch bugs, for if such talk means anything it means that farmers should no more hesitate to kill a "gold bug" than they would to kill a potato bug or a chinch bug.

We are not willing to believe that the people will take kindly to Mr. Bryan's efforts to inaugurate a civil war. We do not believe Mr. Bryan reflects the sentiments of any considerable number of his own party, but it is the fact that he has the sympathy and backing of those who would dominate his administration, and consequently the people may be assured that it will be his aim to put his un-American theories in practical operation if he is elected. It is unfortunate for the peace and dignity of the country that it should be confronted by an effort to create feelings of hatred in the hearts of the people—the one hating the other—for it will end in political and social chaos unless the people rise up in the majesty of their sovereignty and forbid it.

Four years ago the country was at the end of a long period of unemployment. The Democrats claimed that free trade would bring still greater prosperity. The country tried it and the people lost more than the cost of the Civil War, more than six billion dollars. The Democrats now propose free silver to bring prosperity. Will people adopt the proposition of the same party that fooled them four years ago?—Hon. Nelson Dingley of Maine.

LABOR AND IMMIGRATION.

For the protection of the equality of our American citizenry and of the wages of our workingmen against the fatal competition of low-priced labor, we demand that the immigration laws be thoroughly enforced, and so extended as to exclude from entrance to the United States those who can neither read nor write.—Republican National Platform.

Although all our people are deeply interested in the question of foreign immigration, wage-earners are particularly so. Illiterate and vicious immigrants are not

wanted, but sober, frugal and industrious people will always find a hearty welcome. The country wants home-makers, but it does not want such as would be a tax upon homes, nor do we want foreigners who would not help maintain the high character of American labor, both in moral sense and determination to let it be never said in truth that America is a cheap-labor country. The standard of wages and the encouragement to home-building in America is not equalled in any other country in the world, because American labor will have it so.

The Republican platform declares with emphasis that foreigners who can neither read nor write shall be excluded, but it means a good deal more than that. It means the prohibition of the introduction of any foreign system, wage schedule, standard of right or plan of operation that would tend to lower the American standard of citizenship. While the Republican party would under no circumstances permit American labor to be degraded, it holds it to be its duty to broaden and strengthen labor's opportunity to establish itself when the rainy days of life comes it will find that its own surplus accumulation is more than enough.

The Republican party is a party of wage-earners, and it could not if it would do that which might in any way injure one of its own. Protection against invasion by the product of foreign cheap labor is in line with its purpose to protect American labor against foreign cheap labor itself. The necessity for excluding men who would come here and lower the schedule of wages and standard of living is apparent, but that would avail us very little if we permitted them to supply our markets without let or hindrance with cheap labor products from their own country. The very essence of opportunity in America to have and to enjoy the full of one's labor is protection against hurtful competition from other lands, be it in the shape of obnoxious persons or the product of degraded labor, and to secure this and to make it permanent is the mission of the Republican party. That is why all intelligent labor may be found supporting Major McKinley. He stands as American labor's accredited representative before the world.

The issues are more important than any before since the war. Then it was the integrity of our territory that was threatened, now it is the integrity of our National honor and credit and the preservation of the safeguards of our constitutions. It is an issue between honor and dishonor, between confidence and distrust, between enterprise and stagnation, between a demand for labor and enforced idleness, between the opportunity to earn a good dollar and a small chance to earn any dollar at all, between good credit and bad debt, between honesty and dishonesty, between good business sense and the rascally kind of financial heresy and folly, between progress and prosperity on the one hand and untold distress and disaster on the other.—Senator Proctor.

FARMERS AND FREE TRADE.

It is shown in the local columns of today's CALL that free trade has done vast injuries to the farmers of California and of the Union; that agriculturists fail and suffer in their affairs when manufacturers are forced to suspend business, as they have had to do under Clevelandism.

A study of the question shows that the American producers' market is and must be at home, and that whatever breaks down his customers here leads to hopeless ruin to the producer in every field.

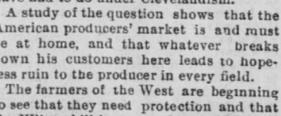
The farmers of the West are beginning to see that they need protection and that the Wilson bill is responsible for much of their ruin.

CALIFORNIANS IN NEW YORK.

NEW YORK, N. Y., Sept. 5.—Mr. and Mrs. George E. Wilson and child, Miss Minnie Schafnet and Miss Alma Frank of San Rafael will sail on the North German Lloyd liner Havel for Bremen. Mr. and Mrs. Victor Engel, who were to sail on the Hamburg-American liner Normannian last Thursday, postponed their trip to sail on the Havel. At the Plaza, J. H. Pomeroy; Grand Union, J. N. Atherton; Imperial, E. J. Bates; Bartholdi, O. C. Schumerfort; Grand, B. Macdonald, Mrs. M. F. Childs, Miss Grace Donnelly, Miss Henrietta Donnelly of Oakland and Mr. C. Wraggle sailed on the Cunarder Etruria for England. Mrs. E. W. Britt, Miss Constance and Miss Agnes Britt will sail for England.

AN ELEVEN-GORED SKIRT FOR SILKS.

The most satisfactory way of making the handsome skirts of silk and satin now so much worn is with several gores, so that each gore can be cut out of one breadth of the material in one piece. Where fewer gores are used they are of necessity wider, and the silk or satin must be pieced out to get the width. A skirt which is six and a half yards round the foot and has eleven gores is shown above. It is designed especially for silks and narrow fabrics, none of the gores measuring more than twenty-two inches at the widest part. It is a delightfully graceful skirt, and looks equally well in any fabric, and never gets out of shape, as the gores are cut with a straight



edge to meet a bias one at all the seams, excepting in the back, where the gores are straight through the center with a stay at each seam.

A skirt of Dresden silk in reds green with bright-colored flowers and leaves in shadowy outlines, and narrow stripes of black satin at intervals of two inches was worn with a black tulle of the Louis XV style. This had a row of chiffon which harmonized with the skirt, having the same design of roses and leaves woven in. A bright green satin skirt with four larger loops at the back finished the neck with a belt of the same at the full front.

A skirt of white tulle with narrow black stripes had a two-inch band of black satin ribbon down each seam. This was overlaid with a heavy white band of lace not quite so wide as the ribbon. This being worn with a waist to match, the skirt was a very effective one.

A skirt of black grenadine linen with tender green silk had a piping of the silk at each seam. A black satin skirt had a handsome applique design in jet and green sequins, which crossed the foot of the front breadth and reached to the waist in a graceful tapering line over the seams of the front breadth.

Some of the latest and business man gathered at the eleven gores in this skirt are shown above. The skirt is cut in box pleats.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Carnegie have arrived at Cluny Castle, Kingussie, where during the coming season they will entertain a succession of guests, British and American.

AROUND THE CORRIDORS.

Among the arrivals at the Palace a day or two ago was Henry Bratnaber, known over the country in mining circles, and who has been interested directly or remotely in and made reports on many mining properties.

Mr. Bratnaber has been absent for nearly two years. He set out first for the great gold fields of Coolgardie and Kalgoorlie, in West Australia, and after seeing them he went to London.

He remained there some time in connection with important mining transactions, and then went to Johannesburg, South Africa. He has been there and in other camps ever since, and

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