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REPUBLICAN TICKET.

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Maine speaks next. The Democrats called President McKinley "Emperor William I." did they not? If we continue Republicanism and protection we shall soon be making the \$50,000,000 worth of cotton goods which we are now importing. Over a hundred thousand men are to-day voluntarily idle and yet so great have been their wages and incomes during the past few years that they experience no suffering. As a result of the Republican financial and industrial policies we have today in the treasury of this country more gold belonging to the United States than was ever held by any government in the history of the world. Shall we exchange our sure and certain home market, valued at thirty billions of dollars, for the uncertain foreign markets, scattered over the face of the earth, all of which combined are only worth ten billions of dollars?

THE COST OF CLEVELANDISM.

The contention of Vice Presidential Candidate Davis that the Administration of Theodore Roosevelt has been attended with extravagance in public expenditures, and the figures recently given out by Edward Atkinson on the same lines, have failed to convince the prosperous farmer and the busy mechanic that a return to the conditions under Democracy and free trade during the administration of Cleveland is desirable. We are told by our Democratic friends that the expenditures under Cleveland were \$2 less per capita than under Roosevelt. But we had no war under Cleveland, or results of war. We had no Panama Canal undertaking. We had no rural free delivery service. We had no legislation looking to irrigation. But it must be admitted that we had one thing under Cleveland which we have not had under McKinley or Roosevelt. We had deficits year after year and a consequent increase in debt. Nearly three-quarters of a billion dollars was the cost of Clevelandism to the Government alone, to say nothing of the cost of several billions to the people.

BEVERIDGE SEES REPUBLICAN VICTORY.

Senator Beveridge, of Indiana, was a caller on the President yesterday. He said: "It appears to me that the fight practically has been won by the Republicans. Unless there should be a Democratic landslide—and there is no indication of such a thing—I believe Roosevelt will be elected by the biggest majority a President has received since the civil war. I think Parker will be defeated even more decisively than Bryan was in either of his campaigns. As to Indiana, I see no reason why we should not increase our majority this fall. Of the four Congressional districts now held by Democrats I think we shall capture at least one."

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company is about to put to work 20,000 men at the various shops at Wilmington, Philadelphia, Harrisburg, Altoona and Pittsburg. Most of these men were laid off last spring on account of the decrease of freight, the expectation that the road would be largely devoted to passenger business and of the consequent laying up of freight cars and engines. Now the system is being crowded with freight. An immense mass of repairs must be made. Vast quantities of coal and grain will be moved during the months to come. This means a practical resumption of all the great business that lagged during the summer and work for tens of thousands of mechanics and train crews.—Baltimore American.

The history of the Democratic party has been one succession of failures. Whenever it has been given power with the opportunity to inaugurate and carry to completion some great national issue, such as a tariff law, a financial policy, or a lesser national issue it has proved not only disastrous for the party and policy itself, but has carried with it disaster to the financial and commercial interests of the country.

There never was a President in the White House who was a greater friend of the laboring man than Theodore Roosevelt. His record, from the time when he was an Assemblyman in the New York Legislature to the present, has been a consistent one in this respect. President Roosevelt stands as the friend of the lawbreaker, no matter what his politics or his calling.

"Nationally our party is united," says Tom Taggart. That's true, with the exception of the Bryan men, the George Fred Williams faction, the Populists, the gold Democrats and a few minor divisions of the party.

Senator Blackburn, of Kentucky, is making speeches in defence of the currency plank of the Kansas City platform. That's the only currency plank the party has presented.

The sneering, smiling Sultan of Turkey is furnishing approval of the Democratic cry that President Roosevelt's foreign policy is impulsive, unsafe and dangerous.

Candidate Davis boasts that he worked as a wage earner. He is now whooping it up for the party whose policies have made it impossible for the wage earner to work.

It will probably be a sad disappointment to Mr. Belmont to learn that money cannot elect a President in opposition to the will of the people.

The photograph of ex-President Cleveland has been removed from the headquarters of the Kansas Democrats.

It is slowly dawning on the Democratic leaders that they cannot settle the money question by performing the ostrich act.

TRYING TO KEEP UP THEIR COURAGE.

The Democrats wasted no ammunition in Vermont, while the entire strength of the administration at Washington was bent to secure a big Republican majority. President Roosevelt himself promising as a special inducement to grace the successful Republican's inauguration by his imperial presence if the Republicans rolled up 40,000 majority.

The fact that with all this and numerous local issues specially favoring the Republicans LESS THAN THE NORMAL REPUBLICAN MAJORITY WAS POLLED IS NOT SIGNIFICANT OF OVERWHELMING REPUBLICAN ENTHUSIASM EVEN IN HIDE-BOUND VERMONT.

It takes a good deal of false reasoning and whistling for the organs to keep up their courage in the face of the Vermont returns.—Wheeling Register.

The above was the Register's leading editorial in yesterday's issue. One of two things is evident: the Register either did not know the truth concerning the Republican majority in Vermont or it deliberately placed before its readers a known untruth. We can hardly conceive that it was ignorant of the facts in view of its opportunities for knowing them, hence we are forced to the conclusion that it was a plain attempt at downright deception and falsifying. We do not know in which role the Register would rather appear, that of being ignorant of such common knowledge or maliciously untruthful in stating what it knew, but for its sake, as well as others who may wish to study the situation in Vermont, we give below the vote of the September elections for the past twenty years:

Table with 5 columns: Year, Rep. Vote, Dem. Vote, Rep. Plurality. Rows include years 1884, 1886, 1888, 1890, 1892, 1894, 1896, 1898, 1900, 1902, 1904.

From the above table it can be seen that only once in a period of twenty years has the Republican majority been greater than it was this year and that was in the memorable year of 1886, when the "enemy's country" so overwhelmingly crushed Mr. Bryan. And yet, in plain view of these authentic figures, the Register says it takes "false reasoning and whistling for the organs to keep up their courage in the face of the Vermont returns" and that "less than the normal Republican majority was polled."

Shades of Ananias! Try to get word to the father of all liars that he is in danger of losing his prestige by reason of the daily activity of the Wheeling Register's hired falsifier.

It must be remembered that the party which is today denouncing Roosevelt and the Republicans is the same party which denounced Lincoln and called the war a failure in 1861. It is the same party that denounced Grant in 1872. It denounced McKinley up to the very hour of his death. It is very easy to denounce. It is not so easy to do. Ever since 1869 the Republican party and its leaders have been doing while the Democratic party and its leaders have been denouncing. And yet the old flag still waves, the Constitution is still supreme.

Republican policies have carried the country to a deadlock among the nations and our people have progressed and prospered except when choked by Democratic legislation and Democratic administration.

Under Roosevelt and Fairbanks the progress will be still onward and the flag and the Constitution will command the respect of the world.

John Cornwell wants to engage in a joint debate with his opponent, W. M. O. Dawson, discussing tax questions. Joint debates add to the hilarity of the occasion, but they have long ago proved useless. Both sides claim victory and the result is that animosity is engendered and the lines are drawn more closely than before. No one ever heard of the conversion of a voter through the medium of the joint debate.—Wheeling News.

The edict has gone forth that the E. M. and P. bridge, below the city, is to be discontinued as an obstruction to navigation—must either be removed or raised higher, and for which other all Fairmonters with but few exceptions are truly thankful.

With farmers Parker and Davis in the White House they would make it pretty warm for the judges, lawyers, railroad presidents and bankers of the country!

If Maine "swamps" on the Republicans, the Democrats will very likely have a few words to say about it.

It's the truth that hurts, sometimes; but it pays to stick to it just the same.

A straw vote often makes a candidate blow.

WATTERSON TO THE RESCUE.

No spellbinder between the two oceans and the Great Lakes and the Gulf can better put in words what is in the Democratic thought than Col. Henry Watterson, who on Wednesday evening, at New York, summarized the reasons why President Roosevelt should be defeated. If Colonel Watterson's pessimistic drole could be read by all America and accepted as all that can be cited in the bill of indictment against the Republican party, an almost unanimous vote might be expected for Roosevelt in the Republican and doubtful States. His speech is a model upon the lines marked out for the campaign. Roosevelt is the paramount issue, therefore abuse Roosevelt. If Roosevelt is well abused Democratic success is assured.

Although little or nothing was accomplished by the Cleveland administrations, Colonel Watterson would again have Democratic rule, "if only for the sake of change;" the character and performances of Roosevelt "are the beginning and end of the chapter," albeit Roosevelt "is as sweet a gentleman as ever scuttled a ship or cut a throat;" responsible for the Panama theatrical combination; self-willed adventurer; decks the machines with flourishes and furbelows of civic righteousness while violating the spirit of the civil service; Grant was not more indifferent to admonitions of public sentiment; Jackson was not more autocratic.

These estimates of Roosevelt, with a mass of matter about absolutism, oligarchism which has "permeated the Republican party ever since the war," with references to Tom Watson as Robespierre preparing the way for a reign of terror, are the burden of the Colonel's speech. The classic peroration declaring that "public opinion should rise upon its hind legs and kick the stuffing out of it," to prove "that the machine is not invincible, that there are yet a people, that there is still a God," was a bit of real grandeur, but, curiously enough, public opinion insists upon best expressing itself by kicking the stuffing out of Democracy.

Is it possible that the Democrats can seriously contemplate resting their case upon these nonsensical diatribes against Roosevelt? They adopted Roosevelt as the "paramount issue" two or three weeks ago, and from the first chirp in the New York World to this marrowless declamation of Watterson there is not an atom of evidence that a single voter, either Democrat or Republican, has been frightened. Thunders of rhetoric upon militarism, oligarchism, imperialism, dictatorships and crowns have not produced a single shiver. Colonel Watterson's speech is the best form in which the attack upon Roosevelt has appeared, and it is simply the act of dressing a scarecrow in evening clothes. Verily, if the Republicans were weak in themselves they would be strong in the possession of such enemies, whose only sincere argument is that they would have "change for the sake of change."—Baltimore American.

The pertinent paragraphs below are from yesterday's Baltimore American: All indications lead to the conclusion that this is a Republican year, the country over.

Bourie Cochran made a speech in Vermont, yet he can't understand that big Republican majority.

In the presence of Vermont even Tom Taggart has ceased to carry Massachusetts and Connecticut.

It is said that Candidate Davis has limited his campaign contribution to a pitiful \$50,000. Why should he throw away even so much good money in a losing cause?

It was expected that Vermont Democrats would lose the governor, but the tidal wave also lashed out against Democratic seats in the Legislature, which is rubbing salt into the wound.

The principal business of the Democratic National Committee just now is the issuing of statements about the great Republican victory in Vermont. They are also preparing one for Maine.

Having for their candidate a man of no individuality, Democrats naturally resent an opposing candidate with the implied, strenuous, lofty personality of Roosevelt. The comparison must be rather disheartening.

Colonel Watterson says the President is "the sweetest man that ever scuttled a ship or cut a throat." That is what we all thought of the Colonel when he was marching 100,000 Kentuckians to Washington to seat Tilden in 1877.

The country need no longer be in doubt as to the political performances this year of General Drift. General Apathy also may now be definitely located. These two are, as usual, working in harmony, though they are, as usual, adverse in sentiment.

Tom Taggart says he doesn't attach much significance to the result of the Vermont election. He ought to have stuck in the Wheeling Register.

If Teddy Roosevelt needed anything to make his friends more loyal, he is getting "a-plenty" of it since the Democrats have commenced to abuse him.

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