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A Negro Presidential ticket will be nominated and placed in the field this year.

A careful survey of the Philadelphia convention revealed the fact that Rathbone and Neely were present only in spirit.

The Kansas City convention ought to be supplied with ice furnished by the democratic ice trust of New York City.—Leon Journal.

Wonder if the Philadelphia convention ate Alger's embalmed beef.

Six republican members of the Ohio delegation in the house have been defeated for nomination, and two others are making a doubtful fight. That doesn't indicate the presence of "peace and hominy" among the Ohio republicans.

The rapidly accumulating array of scandals in many different departments of the government is causing considerable uneasiness to those engaged in preparing the way for President McKinley's re-election. Not since the worst day of Grant's administration has there been such a general carnival of corruption as is being shown to have flourished since the beginning of the Spanish war.—Rochester, N. Y., Herald.

Here are a few of the things that voters will do well to make a special study of between now and election day. The Alger embalmed beef scandal. The financial collusion between John D. Rockefeller and Secretary Gage. The tariff oppression of the Puerto Ricans. The United States army outrages on the Coeur d'Alene miners, authorized by William McKinley. Thefts, murder and mismanagement in the Philippines. Postoffice rascality and embezzlement in Cuba.

CANNOT AFFORD TO BE TYRANTS.

The democratic party has never acquired an inch of territory that it did not sign and seal a covenant with its inhabitants that they should have all the rights of American citizenship and that their territory should be finally admitted as states of the Union. The republican party was the only party in this country that has ever proposed to hold vassal provinces, and the democratic party wanted no share of the honor. If a people were not fit for free institutions, our free institutions were not fit for the government of such people. We could not afford to become tyrants on the ground that another people were not fit to be free.

CONGRESSIONAL NOMINATION.

Besides Hon. Claud R. Porter of Appanoose county, we notice that V. R. McGinnis of Leon and W. T. Davis of Fremont county are mentioned as probable candidates to make the fight against Hepburn for congress in this district. An article in this paper last week urged the democrats in this county to instruct their congression delegates for Porter, which, on reflection, we think will not be good policy from the fact that it is not best to tie up our delegation, to any one man. The object is to get the strongest and best man as the nominee, and that can be better determined when the delegates from the several counties of the district meet in convention.—Mt. Airy Journal.

MORE FAILURES THAN EVER.

Dunn & Co's. report for May says that there were more failures than last year and that the liabilities were \$23,771,150 this year against \$3,820,086 last year.

Now if Dunn & Co. don't look out they will be called "calamity howlers" and forever be barred for good standing in the republican party.

But what must be the real condition of the country when so great a financial institution as Dunn & Co. will admit that the business conditions now existing under the gold standard are so disastrous.—Capital City (Mich.) Democrat.

IS FOR BRYAN.

J. V. Harrison, of Columbia, S. C. writes to his friend, F. M. Freeman, of Davis City. From the tone of his letter he has got enough of McKinleyism and from now on will be classed as a democrat. He writes as follows: "I am strong in my admiration for Bryan and the cause which he is defending as I ever was for McKinley and Hanneman. I am perfectly disgusted at the intrigue of the republican politicians. It seems to me they are inviting their defeat. They are outspoken in their defence for trusts. The way the republican administration dealt with little Porto Rico was first to attract my attention. I am for W. J. Bryan, the second Abraham Lincoln.

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Here's the way New York democrats endorsed Bryan and agree to abide by the decision of the Kansas City convention. It's a neat way of getting in line: "The democracy of New York favors the nomination of William Jennings Bryan, of Nebraska, for president of the United States at the coming convention, and the delegates selected by this convention are hereby instructed to unite with the union in making such nominations, and we pledge the unflinching support of the democracy of New York to the platform adopted at such convention."

OUR NATIONAL DISGRACE.

Mr. McKinley's administration has disgraced the country before the world. Every patriotic American, whether he is a republican or a democrat, must blush on account of it. The Cuban scandal is almost as extensive as the postal service of the island. We have known our spolia system at home. Now it is revealed to the world—to jeering Spain the first of all—in all its rottenness. The Cuban disgrace is a revelation of the politics which made McKinley president, Hanna senator, Alger secretary of war, Quay and Platt, dispensers of patronage. Perry S. Heath assistant postmaster general, Rathbone dictator of posts in Cuba.

This outrage is the latest of the blots which Mr. McKinley has put upon our escutcheon. He has turned a war of humanity into a war of conquest. In doing so he has broken the promise of the country given through himself and congress more than once. He has violated the Declaration of Independence and the constitution. He has pretended to be a trustee for the Filipinos and the Porto Ricans, mysteriously appointed for the former by Providence in order that he might elevate and civilize them. He has promised these wards of ours constitutional liberty and free trade with the United States.

His deeds have belied his words. He has proved that Grosvener spoke the truth, that we are in the new possessions for "the money we can make out of the transaction." He is favoring the exploitation of the islands and their people for the profit of the men who now dominate his party.

INCOME TAX.

Why should the men who are best able to pay the taxes—the men who have enormous incomes—be exempt?

There is no justice in such an exception, and the only reason why it is allowed is the fact that a supreme judge changed his mind and decide that such a tax would be unconstitutional.

Look at the following list of incomes that entirely escape federal taxation:
John D. Rockefeller.....\$40,000,000
Andrew Carnegie.....24,000,000
William Waldorf Astor.....9,000,000
Russell Sage.....4,500,000
William K. Vanderbilt.....4,000,000
Alfred Vanderbilt.....4,000,000
C. P. Huntington.....3,000,000

Under a graduated income tax these men would pay the government annually by the sums following:

John D. Rockefeller.....\$4,000,000
Andrew Carnegie.....2,400,000
William Waldorf Astor.....750,000
Russell Sage.....240,000
William K. Vanderbilt.....240,000
Alfred Vanderbilt.....240,000
C. P. Huntington.....180,000

This makes a total of \$8,050,000. Would not this lighten the burden somewhat for the poor men who now enjoy the privilege of paying the bulk of federal taxes?

Is there any just reason why the rich should enjoy government protection to the fullest extent and pay nothing for the benefits conferred?

In discussing this question the New York Journal says: "All taxes are income taxes. They have to be paid out of income, and they ought to be paid of surplus income over living expenses. To be truly and justly proportionate they ought to be based, not on the total income but on that surplus. The larger that surplus the more taxes its fortunate owners can afford to pay. The man whose entire income is absorbed in pro-

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viding a meager living for his family has no surplus, and therefore he ought not to be taxed. The one whose living expenses take an insignificant fraction of his income and whose surplus mounts into the millions can afford to be taxed heavily. Taxes such as our present ones which wipe out the entire surplus of persons with small incomes and leave persons with large incomes unaffected tend directly to suppress saving among the masses and promote the concentration of wealth in the hands of the few. Taxes producing the opposite effect would be worth having for their social benefits, even if the government had no use for the money they produced."

In view of these facts the demand in the Chicago platform for an income tax should be reaffirmed with added vigor by the Democratic national convention at Kansas City.

REPUBLICAN MISREPRESENTATION.

St. Joseph, Mo., June 13, 1900.

O. E. Hull, Editor LEON REPORTER.

Under this caption I wish to address the farmers and laboring men throughout our great Mississippi Valley and ask them to go back through all our Republican times and note their deceitfulness upon all leading questions.

1st. When they demonized silver in 1873 they lied as grossly as any train robber because the bill was worded, "A bill to revise the mints," and now my Republican friends don't you old fellows remember what a time we had from 1873 to 1878? Don't you remember that we had strikes, labor riots and prices lowered simply because the money of our Constitution was burned to ashes and interest bearing bonds issued in its place? That was deceitfulness and pure stealing as much so as if done by the common highwayman yet you are so stupid and unacquainted with "money issues" that you allow the English pound sterling to "measure your products" by cabling your own scanty price to you from Liverpool "daily" before there can be 100 bushels of American grain sold upon the market to-day.

This is exactly what England wanted and only for this notorious misrepresentation your grain would be priced by America to-day and by the farmer, and you also remember that the demonetization of silver didn't work havoc all in one day, neither will the gold bill that passed last March, or not at least until our "Spanish-American war bond money" seeks its original hiding in the banks, and by that time they hope to charge our panic to "manifest destiny" as England has blamed God with the "famine" they have in India which is nothing but a panic caused by putting India upon the gold basis and of course it would never do to call it a panic, so they say "famine" and you will notice how anxious the Republican papers are to give room for India news and what "strong lung power" they are now using to influence the "church to help."

I say positively that Great Britain is wholly responsible for all that trouble for I read just a few days ago, that she was still "making loans" to India whenever it could be done with "safety." This alone speaks as loud as does Her cussedness in leaving their dead upon the hot African sands and their unwelcome tactics with George Washington. Any man who will read the history of their footprints in the Delaware sands; tracking our heroes by their blood, can never be an American by siding with English gold standard which wrecks nations and makes paupers, who must bow to the "titled sons."

The Republican party to-day are sneering at such terms as the "consent of the governed" and "which means to side with Great Britain."

2nd. Again, if you please, look at McKinley. He is a man who never kept the mortgage from "his door," not until Mark Hanna lifted it and pinched his "jelly fish spine" twisting it four thousand different ways under "benevolent assimilation" and "manifest destiny" and now we see Mack rooting around in old Oriental mud walls with mud all over his English high top boots trying to pull first one leg, then the other, from his own entangling alliances, but my dear old farmer friend the sins of this man, McKinley, will be visited not only upon "the third and fourth generations," but Americans will never see the day when this nation can pull McKinleyism and what it has done from those mud walls.

resorted to tricks of Republican treachery and deceitfulness to blind you, honest voters and toilers, of this your God's footstool.

Do not take offense when you read these hard words because you will thank me for the timely warning when you see the panic which this gold bill will soon give us. The wars have benefited us temporarily but the gold bonds haven't been "all issued" yet and they are only waiting until after election when you will see 45 cent wheat. (Please remember this price too, dear farmer.

4th. The Republican party can truthfully be charged again with deceitfulness about the gold bill. At first it was "bimetallism," then "currency reform" but after March 14, 1900, they boldly called it the gold standard, and so do we and so did we charge them since 1873, but they denied it all along until March 14, 1900. So my friends if you go it blindly and refuse to heed these words of warning, we are gone head and tail into the "Mother Country" that McKinley said he "loved so much" in 1898, and from whom all England cabled McKinley for his positive friendship to England when he put the "Boers on ice."

If Grover Cleveland had done such a thing he would have been impeached and then assassinated if not hung for treason.

If Mark Hanna would tell McKinley to sing, "God save the Queen," God would never hear the last of that "Open Mouth Policy." If Mark Hanna said: "Let the Japs in," you could not count them as fast as they would come. If Mark would tell Mack to sleep with his feet in a whiskey barrel, you bet, "in they would go." If Mark told Mack that whiskey was good in the south-eastern part of the Chinese zone, Mack would convey it to his minister and his minister would go to the Chicago conference and tell the people that it was "manifest destiny" and the conference would withdraw their condemnation of the "canton clause" and charge it all to the government and God Almighty as being responsible for the canton in the army, and the church would sing:

"Roll on, roll on, sweet moments roll on, And give us more whiskey at home, at home." Thus my farmers and others you can read between the lines of everything that McKinley has done, and what he should have done would make sixty-four train loads of documentary writing in order to show what England abroad and her agents here have done to make that country a distress and the "seas" at our expense, which has been done through their agents and the Republican party by practicing deceitfulness just the same as a train robber, and in like manner will our country come to grief, sooner or later for allowing these would be George Washington killers to infest our shores through such rotten men as Mark Hanna, McKinley and others not so bold before them.

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