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## THE TICKET.

Governor—Horace L. Chapman of Jackson.  
Lieutenant Governor—Melville D. Shaw of Auglaize.  
Supreme Judge—J. P. Spriggs of Monroe.  
Attorney General—W. H. Dore of Seneca.  
State Treasurer—James T. Wilson of Trumbull.  
Board of Public Works—Peter H. Degnan of Lucas.  
School Commissioner—Byron H. Hard of Columbiana.

For State Senator—(Two to be elected.)  
9th District, E. G. Butler, of Fairfield, J. A. Ivers, of Morgan.  
For Representative—(Hocking-Vinton district.) Milton S. Cox, of Vinton.

## COUNTY TICKET.

For Sheriff—Charles F. Brandt, of Washington Township.  
For Commissioner—J. W. Smith, of Laurel Township.  
For Inferior Director—W. S. Tucker, of Good Hope Township.

UNDERTAKER Cal Essex is the champion stiff preserver of this neck of woods. He preserved one twelve years, four months and nineteen days.

MARK wants to be returned to the Senate, to vindicate McKinley. At least that is what Mark says. But what is the matter with McKinley, that he needs vindication.

The last item paid out of the building fund last year, was fifty cents, to L. Yerges, for fixing clock for Recorder. We didn't know before that Commissioner Webb didn't know a clock from a barn.

THERE was a surplus in the Bridge fund, and Webb instead of reducing the taxes to the people, spent the money in building a mud pike toward his residence and left the taxrate the same. Webb is a republican, and believes that high taxes are a sign of prosperity.

WHAT has become of Gov. Bushnell? We do not hear his name mentioned and it is high time that he was telling the people something about his business administration. While he is at it he might dilate on the economy practiced in the management of the penitentiary.

## Hire Some One to Read For You.

THE DEMOCRAT says that the poor fund is over-drawn \$7000 and blames Cart Webb for it.—Journal Gazette.

THE DEMOCRAT says nothing of the kind. We say the County Fund is over-drawn nearly \$7000, and if the commissioners are not responsible for it who is?

## We Stand Corrected.

We are reminded by a republican that the Mud pike did not cost as much as we say it did. This may be true.

We know that \$1868.20 was drawn from the Bridge fund and applied to the cause, and this does not include either the fees of the civil engineer and assistants nor the fees of Cart Webb for supervision. However our informant acknowledges that only three and one half miles was made and this makes \$533.77 per mile, and no legal authority for the expenditure either.

## Prosperity and Idleness.

What becomes of the reiterated assertion that the full tide of prosperity has struck this town when Mr. Samuel Allerton asserts with the utmost confidence that there are 40,000 idle men in Chicago who would readily take the places of South Side trainmen should they strike? Prosperity that leaves 40,000 idle men in the city of Chicago is not plenary prosperity. There may be prosperity for the Sugar trust and the Chicago City Railway company, but no prosperity for the 40,000 unemployed.—Chicago Chronicle.

## The Strange Story of Little-John.

In the early eighties there lived in the village of Gore, in this county, a family by the name of Littlejohn.

William, the head of this family, had been to war, and had returned so far as we are informed in fair health and was listed in the annals of the village, as a laborer.

Early in the year 1884, Wm. was reported to be sick, seriously sick and on the 21st day of April it was given out that he was dead. An examination disclosed the fact that Wm. Littlejohn, had joined the armies of the great beyond, and so far as this life is concerned, we say that he was as dead as a door nail. Not that we think a door nail has any cinch on the dead business ever any other nail, but Wm. Littlejohn was dead on the 21 day of April 1884. This date must be borne in mind, for more than ordinary reasons.

There seems to have been nothing uncommon about the burial of Littlejohn, for there is no mention of the matter in local history and we are left to infer that he was buried as usually is done.

Now comes the strange part of the story.

As is well known the law provides for the appointment of a committee of three ex-soldiers in each voting precinct, to take charge of the funerals of indigent soldiers whose duty it is to contract for the burial outfit and certify the same to the commissioners for allowance in any sum not exceeding \$35.00.

The fact that such deceased soldier was in indigent circumstances must be certified to the commissioners by three reputable persons of the precinct "other than the committee."

In 1896, the said committee, for Gore precinct under date of September 10th, 1896, certified to the Commissioners, that one Wm. Littlejohn of Company H, 27th O. V. I. late of Gore Ohio, had died in indigent circumstances on the 21 day of April 1884, and that there was due Calvin Essex, as per bill attached the sum of \$35.00. The citizens certifying to the fact of indigency are, in part, the committee.

The bill was allowed and ordered paid by W. Cart Webb and Jesse Williams, county commissioners, and was paid by the county treasurer.

Now when was Littlejohn buried? Was he interred a day or two after his death in 1884, or not until Sept. 10th, 1896, twelve years four months and nineteen days after his death? If at the latter date how was the body preserved?

If he was buried in 84, how does it come that the certificate was not made out until 1896, which was more than six years after the claim was barred by statute?

Do our Republican commissioners generally pay outland claims, or is this a special instance in which commissioner Webb favors his brother-in-law, C. Essex to the tune of thirty five dollars out of the money of the taxpayers? Let us have an explanation.

## The Ballot.

The State Ballot, this year will have eight tickets; viz: Republican, Democratic, Prohibition, Populist, Liberty, Socialist Labor, Gold Democrat and Negro Protective.

If any one can not find what he wants among them and will kindly inform \$ Mark Hanna, another party can be organized provided the applicant will give his written guaranty that it will not injure \$ Mark's Senatorial chances.

The great number of parties represented on the ballot indicates a wide spread and deep rooted dissatisfaction with the existing conditions, and a strong desire for a change.

Of the eight, four are openly for free silver, one is silent and two are for gold only. Straws show the direction of the wind.

## A Business Campaign.

Last year the g. o. p. was vociferous for a campaign of education, and it was accommodated in such a generous way that its managers will not hanker for another during their natural lives. Now they have declared for a "business campaign," we are at some loss to really know what constitutes a business campaign.

If it were conceded to be possible to resort to wholesale bribery and corruption, we could understand the expression, but these are methods that are not used by men who are worthy of the esteem or toleration of honest men, and if they are relied on by the Republican party to insure success, then that party is unworthy of the support of any citizen laying claim to either common honesty or patriotism.

## Examine The Records.

Commissioner Webb has made a good official and the attacks made against him are unwarranted, and charges cannot be proven.—Journal Gazette.

Of course we cannot tell what the Journal Gazette, standard of a "good official" may be. If it only means that he shall be sociable and friendly in his intercourse with those whom he meets, we agree with the J. G. in its estimate so far.

But when its assertion is connected with what follows, the plain inference is that if the "attacks" are true, then he is not a "good official," in the estimation of the J. G.

We have made no charges against Commissioner Webb that cannot be proven. It is a notorious fact that the Mud pike was built, at a cost to the county of fully \$5000 per mile, and records show that the money was taken from the bridge fund, without authority of law. Will the J. G. speaking for Mr. Webb, deny these charges? Come to the scratch J. G. so that we may know where we are at.

## Hanna's Methods Exposed.

It is an event of unusual importance in the political world if the true life and character of a big politician running for office is sufficiently exposed to be as well known to the public as to the victims who have suffered at his hands. Political power and influence have been generally found strong enough in such a case to suppress all publications which tend to inform the people accurately as to the real character of the man.

In the course of the last year and a half Marcus A. Hanna has developed from a vulgar, industrial boss, grown rich on the sweat of hungry and helpless men, to a state and national political boss. Not knowing the methods used by this man, many citizens of good character, in the light of his success, both in the accumulation of a great fortune, and in the management of a presidential campaign, have come to look upon him as a leader of immense intelligence and heroic qualities. It is only to them who have watched his methods in business and politics, and who know the man as he really is, that he appears in his natural and acquired depravity.

Most of his life has been passed in Cleveland, Ohio, and there he is known fully to the people, and estimated at his true value.

He has for years been denounced by every laboring man and every labor organization in Cleveland as a moral monster without conscience, and so dedicated to unlawful greed and gain that he has no friends except those he buys.

But now his millions, supposed to have been wrung from the sinews of tired and oppressed labor, seem, if a suit just filed in the Cleveland court is true, to have been obtained at least in part by a species of wholesale theft. The petition is filed by three of the leading law firms in Cleveland, for Mr. Frank D. Robinson, who swears to all the facts set forth therein, not only for himself, but on behalf of all the other stockholders in the Cleveland City Street Railroad company.

Mr. Robinson is a very wealthy and responsible man, and if the facts to which he has sworn in this suit are true, Mr. Hanna should be in the penitentiary. If they are false, Mr. Hanna will have no difficulty in recovering every dollar he is worth from him in an action for damages.

Mr. Robinson alleges under oath that Mark A. Hanna, J. B. Hanna J. J. Shipperd have substantially entered into a conspiracy to appropriate the sum of eight millions of dollars of the capital stock of said company, belonging to others, as well as to themselves, to their own use, and have issued stock in double the amount authorized by law and the consent of the stockholders, and have taken the stock belonging to others and deposited it as collateral security for large private loans for the benefit of themselves. Among some of the sensational allegations of the petition are the following, viz:

"That the capital stock of said company, of which said Mark A. Hanna is president, and said J. B. Hanna secretary, at eight millions of dollars, is five-eighths water, as three millions of dollars and the indebtedness would easily replace its entire property in better earning and operating condition than now."

Again: "That the plaintiff is informed and believes that said street railroad company's funds to the extent of many thousands of dollars have been fraudulently used in lobbying for the so-called fifty-year franchise, or Rodgers law, and for political campaign purposes."

"That by reason of the facts herein set forth, said street railroad company has become insolvent, and

is now utterly unable to meet its obligations now due to plaintiff and other stockholders and creditors."

If these allegations are true, and Mr. Hanna's interview in the Cleveland Plain Dealer of Sunday last indicates that they are, as he refused to deny them, the people of Ohio will gain a little information as to some of Mr. Hanna's methods in money making, and in handling legislatures and political campaigns.

The world knows too little of his kind of men. It has been getting considerable information in the past year. Mr. Hanna will not be elected to the senate, nor will any man of his character, either in the Democratic party or his own.

An honest, upright, patriotic citizen will be chosen our next senator, but whether he is to be a Democrat or a Republican remains to be seen.

## Will He Fight or Hide?

General A. J. Warner has announced his candidacy for United States Senator from Ohio, and elsewhere in this issue of The Press will be found his challenge to Mark A. Hanna for a joint debate before the people of Ohio, upon the monetary question now being agitated.

Mr. Hanna will now be compelled to defend his opinions or run. He is known to be not so much the defender as the inspiration of the president. Now let him come before the people and stand squarely up and tell them his convictions and purposes in regard to the financial legislation in the next congress.

On the last day of the extra session of congress, the president sent a message to that body endorsing the policy projected by the Indianapolis conference of last winter. That policy, as unequivocally stated in the resolutions of that conference, is to retire the \$346,000,000 of greenbacks by issuing bonds payable, principal and interests, in gold, to raise the money to do it.

Not only this, but every other form of government paper money not payable in gold is to be taken up in the same way, and the currency is to be converted into a gold interest bearing debt, for the benefit of foreign and domestic investors.

The Indianapolis conference, a committee of which is now sitting in Washington as a "monetary commission," usurping the powers of congress, declared for the "gold standard" and denounced bimetalism as a humbug, whether attempted by the United States alone, or by all the commercial nations of the earth, thus overthrowing the platform on which Mr. McKinley was elected, declaring for "international bimetalism."

Now let Mr. Hanna, the great "business man," the "superb senator," the "greatest man since Napoleon," come forward and debate before the people with one of its most faithful representatives, who like himself aspires to a seat in the senate from Ohio. It will not do for Mr. Hanna to offer any plea in avoidance of this challenge. He must stand his ground or run in fear like a coward.

He must either defend or condemn the president's message, wiping his feet upon his party's national platform. Which do you do, Mr. Hanna? Come boldly out and tell the people where you stand and how you expect to vote upon this matter, and do not seek to obtain votes under false pretenses!

Your time has come, Mr. Hanna, either to face the music or to take to the woods and hide!—Columbus Press.

[St. Louis Republic.]

It is singularly appropriate that the managers of the meetings being addressed by Mark Hanna in Ohio should advertise a balloon ascension to follow the Boss's speech. People who hear Hanna speak need something exciting to distract their thoughts.

## Labor Supervision.

Labor supervision at our county infirmary comes high. The commissioners report discloses that commissioner Webb received \$24.75 and Williams \$13.95 a total of \$38.70 for superintending work at the infirmary which cost \$19.00.

## "The Labor Crusher."

[New Orleans Times-Democrat.]

Our impression that the Ohio voters will not elect a Republican Legislature is derived from the complete lack of enthusiasm with which Hanna has been received in the cities in which he has so far appeared, and from the pronounced antagonism which the labor organizations of the cities have exhibited toward him. The killing frost he experienced at Toledo on Tuesday of this week, for example, points plainly to his defeat. His managers on that occasion wanted the Mayor and the municipal officials and the labor organizations to turn out on the occasion of Marcus A.

onzo's arrival and give him a rousing welcome with trumpets and shawns, the managers offering to defray all the expense of the show. The Mayor suddenly discovered that he had business in another city, and he went to attend to it; the municipal officials did not think it proper to take such a duty upon themselves in the absence of the Chief Magistrate of the city; and, naturally enough, not so much as one labor organization turned out to do honor to the man who is popularly known among them as the "labor crusher."

## Our Exchanges.

McArthur Enquirer.

Col. Alex. Sands and L. D. Vickers, of Logan, and Milton Morris, an attorney of Circleville, were among those in attendance at Circuit Court here, the first of the week.

Miss Mable Lay of Logan, visited Miss Della Wise over Sunday.

I. L. McKittrick and wife of Logan, spent Sunday in this city, the guests of the family of Mr. Chris Evans.

E. G. Martin, of Hocking county visited his brother, Wm. G. Martin here last Friday.

New Plymouth Cor. McArthur Republican.

Miss Maude Bartlett has gone to Logan to stay with her aunt and attend school there.

## HANNA'S RECORD.

A Sample of His Popularity With the Workmen.

Mark Hanna, in his recent opinion at Burton, Ohio, where he held open the Republican campaign, posed as the friend of labor, and claimed that the laboring men in his own section of the state appreciated the fact. Figures are said never to lie, and a study of the election statistics of Mark's own county, Cuyahoga, tells a different story. In 1895 the Republican majority in Cuyahoga county was 10,778. In 1896, when the Gold Democrats were voting for McKinley, and Hanna was spending money like water to carry Ohio for McKinley, and was making a special effort in Cuyahoga county, McKinley's majority in Cuyahoga was 5,378, barely one-half of what it had been a year before, and the heaviest Democratic gains were in the wards where the workmen voted. This is a sample of Hanna's popularity with the workmen in his own home. For the whole summer of 1896 the Brown Holting works, in which Hanna was largely interested, was under military guard as the result of labor troubles and a strike of the men for living wages. The coal strike of 1897 began in mines in which Hanna was a partner. For a friend of labor this is a good record. Actions speak much louder than words, and the workmen of Ohio will prefer to judge Mark Hanna by what he has done in the past rather than by his honeyed words on the stump.

"The leopard cannot change his spots," and Mark Hanna cannot make himself a friend of labor by empty campaign speeches. Ask the laboring men of Cleveland and they will tell you that Hanna has ever been their enemy. Conger says that Mark Hanna's nomination is an insult to the laboring men of Ohio, and he knows whereof he speaks.

NO MAN OWNS THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY.

The Gazette seems to be a little worried about whether the Record supports or opposes John R. McLean for United States senator. So far as we know, Mr. McLean is not a candidate for United States senator or any other office, and we see no reason why we should support or oppose any man for office until we know that he is a candidate. Mr. McLean may be a candidate, and there are others in the Democratic party who may aspire to the office, but unlike the Republicans, who are fettered and bound to one candidate who controls and dictates the policy of the party for personal gain, the Democrats are tied to no one candidate for senator, and all will have an equal show when the proper time comes. The Record has no preference at this time. We are fighting with our party to gain control of the state legislature, and when that is done there is time enough to consider the different candidates and choose from among them. There is plenty of good material in the Democratic party, however, from which to choose a United States senator, and we have no fear but what one can be found who will be far superior to Marcus A. Hanna, one who will represent the interests of the state and the people at large instead of the trusts and combines, be it John R. McLean or anyone else. The Republicans, however, have no voice in the matter. Marcus A. Hanna is the only candidate they dare support, as he owns them, body and soul, and it would be suicide for any other candidate to express any desire in the matter.—Putnam County Record.

Says the New York Post (Rep.): "Mr. Dingley's cry for haste with the tariff, on the ground that every day's delay meant a loss to the treasury of \$100,000, sounds hollow in the face of actual returns. In New York the receipts for the Dingley's first day were \$127,000, as against \$361,000 from Wilson's last day, a clear loss of more than \$200,000, caused by the advent of Dingley. Taking the figures for the country as a whole, the comparison is still more instructive. The deficit up to date is \$25,000,000, and would be much larger but for the extraordinary receipts under the Wilson bill. When the unadvised Dingley bill gets to work we shall have some magnificent monthly deficits to carry the fall elections with."

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## IS THIS BLASPHEMY?

Republican Spellbinders Utter Words Shocking to Good People.

Mark Hanna is a candidate for election to the senate from Ohio. He has forced to their knees all the independent Republicans of the state and corrupted the venal ones until he has grown arrogant and reckless. The other day he made a speech, so-called. The same day he forced Senator Foraker to humiliate himself by appearing on the same platform. At another place Senator Thurston, of Nebraska, the paid attorney of the Pacific railroads, was brought in to swell the anti-Hanna.

It was a saying of the ancients that "Whom the gods wish to destroy they first make mad." Surely the Republicans of Ohio are mad when they indulge in blasphemous utterances on the stump such as those uttered by Hanna, Foraker and Thurston.

Says Hanna: "I tell you, my fellow-citizens, that I believe, not perhaps that an All-Wise Providence has interposed in visiting disaster upon other nations, a good deal as a Polish priest told me the other day, a-nely, that he had made up his mind the Lord was a Republican."

Mark's sentences are sometimes involved, and the above is badly so, and have to be read a second time to see just what Hanna does say he believes. Cleared of its tangles, this leader, statesman, patriot, philanthropist and public benefactor, tells his fellow-citizens that he believes "a good deal as a Polish priest told me the other day, namely, that he had made up his mind the Lord was a Republican." Senator Foraker, knowing what Hanna was going to say, was not to be outdone. Answering supposed Democratic claims that the present high prices of wheat are due not to McKinley, but to a failure of the crops in other places, he says: "They tell us that it is an act of God, and not of the Republican party, that wheat is \$1.00 per bushel. There are a good many answers to this suggestion. In the first place, it seems a little singular if it is nothing more than an accident, that the same kind of an accident should attend the Republican party whenever it is dominant in national affairs," etc.

This is but another way, Foraker's way of saying the same thing that Hanna makes a Polish priest say, viz: That God Almighty is a Republican.

But it was left to Thurston, the Nebraska importation, to give full particulars of this late Republican acquisition. "They say to us, why, this isn't Republican prosperity; this is the providence of God. That is true, but did you ever stop to think that since the Republican party's first birth that the providence of God had never been spared on this country with its magnificent blessing except when the Republican party was in power?"

"Why, we don't deny your statement. This new prosperity is the providence of God. Yes, Abraham Lincoln was the providence of God. Approximate was the providence of God. The emancipation proclamation was the providence of God. The McKinley bill was the providence of God. The Dingley bill is the providence of God."

"William McKinley is the providence of God; yes, the Republican party is the providence of God."

## GOOD BUSINESS BAROMETERS.

There is no better barometer of industrial and business conditions than the building and loan associations. They are the true banks of the common people, and they prosper or languish in proportion to idleness or employment, the receipt of good wages or the lack of them, among the working people. For that reason it is especially encouraging to know that in their reports to the state department these institutions all tell of better times. Not only is the volume of business increasing, but now they are able to make loans, where a year or six months ago few of them could meet their withdrawals. There could be no more sure indication of returning prosperity, and the officials of the state building and loan department naturally are highly gratified.

## BEWARE OF OVERCONFIDENCE.

Overconfidence is quite as bad as general indifference. Neither ever won an election, and each has cost political parties more than one victory that was almost within grasp. The people of Ohio have too much at stake this fall to risk either condition. Democratic success would mean both a free silver success and the return of an incompetent state administration.

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