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For Congress, JUDGE S. T. BAIRD, OF MOREHOUSE.

Bishop Keane, Rector of the Catholic University of America, has resigned his seat in that institution.

According to advices from Cuba, Gen. Maceo has won a brilliant victory over the Spaniards, near Aricemesia, in which a thousand men are reported to have been killed. Maceo destroyed the trocha and completely upset Weyler in his plans.

Reports from Egypt say that the cotton crops this year promise to surpass all previous crops in Egypt. According to statistics the area in cotton this year amounts to 1,050,000 acres, as compared with an area of a little under 1,000,000 last year. The crops have been favored by the weather and the plant is very fruitful.

The States says that within the brief space of three weeks the New York Journal collected nearly \$20,000 by a popular subscription, to be spent in aiding the election of Bryan by the distribution of campaign literature. And most of that money has been contributed by day laborers and the poorer classes who have given 50 cents or a dollar each.

The convention of the National Association of Democratic Clubs, which opened at St. Louis on the 3rd inst., was one of the most enthusiastic incidents that has happened since the opening of the Presidential campaign. Thousands of delegates from all over the Union swarmed into the great city, representing every class of men from high to low. There is no power on earth, not even that of money, that can stop the tide of American public opinion that is sweeping Bryan into the Presidential chair.

The resolutions adopted by the National Association of Democratic Clubs at St. Louis last Saturday closed with the following patriotic appeal to the people of the Union:

That we ratify the nomination of William Jennings Bryan and Arthur Sewall, for President and Vice President of the United States, as ideal nominees, and we pledge them the united and earnest support of the clubs represented in this convention. As American citizens, rising above all partisan considerations and looking only to the gravity of the crisis now upon us as a people, involving, as we believe, the financial liberties of the sons of those who scaled the slopes of Banker Hill and camped with Washington at Valley Forge, we send greeting to our brethren in the nation and ask them to join us in pledging the enforcement of the new declaration of independence now being tested in the arena of American judgement, and to sound with us the final charge upon the foes of humanity massed against us.

People talk very fluently and freely over the wealth of the world and of people, and speak of a million and a billion dollars as if such amounts were no more than a few hundred or more. But a leading English periodical recently furnished the following calculation, which will make people, think a little while over how much a billion is. The periodical says: "What is a billion? The reply is very simple. In English a billion is a million times a million. This is quickly written and quicker still pronounced. But no man is able to count it. You will count 160 or 170 a minute. But let us suppose that you go up as high as 200 a minute, hour after hour. At that rate you would count 12,000 an hour, 288,000 a day, or 105,120,000 in a year. Let us suppose, now, that Adam, at the beginning of his existence had begun to count, had continued to do so and was counting still. Had such a thing been possible he would not yet have finished the task of counting a billion! To count a billion would require a person to count 200 a minute for a period of 9,512 years, 524 days, 5 hours and 20 minutes, providing he should count continuously. But suppose we allow the counter twelve hours daily for rest, eating and sleeping. Then he would need 18,025 years, 819 days, 10 hours and 45 minutes in which to complete the task.

LET THEM GO.
When the McKinley Aid Society, in the shape of the Palmer and Buckner ticket, was first inaugurated by so-called Democrats at Indianapolis, there was great indignation expressed in Louisiana at the defection of a part of the Democracy of the sugar section to the bolting ticket. Senator Caffery especially came in for a liberal share of well deserved condemnation, and he was requested to resign his seat in the Senate by the Democracy all over the State. To this he paid no attention. But since it has become an established fact that the bolting ticket has come to stay, the Democracy of the nation regard it as nothing but a helpmate to the cause of McKinley. There is no chance in the world of success for this ticket. All it can possibly do is to take so many votes away from Bryan and thus indirectly help the Republican ticket. This is all that can be accomplished.

Well, let them go. "Ephraim is joined to his idols, let him alone." Democracy wants no traitors in her ranks. The struggling masses of the Union who to-day are flocking to the standard of financial independence, can see to it that the cause of truth and of the people will never need the help of such men. All over this broad land the standard of a new independence has been raised, and the standard bearer is one of those lofty characters who from time to time in the history of the world, has risen from among the masses of the "common people" to lead their countrymen on to victory. This is no mean issue, no insignificant question, no mere formal advocacy of platonic principles; it is a great upheaval of public thought, a vast uprising of the people of this commonwealth, irrespective of party affiliations. It is one of those economic movements which marks the pages of history, which outlines the destinies of nations and leads the human race onward in the march of civilization. Never since the Revolution, and perhaps the Civil War, has such an issue been before the people—the issue whether or not this government is to be run by the people or by the power of money. It is money or the people—which?

The cause of the people is always the cause of right; the cause of right is the cause of truth; the cause of truth is the cause of God. There is every element in this campaign to arouse the people to action. But let us return to the McKinley Aid Society. As we said, we do not need such "Democrats" as are supporting it. The New York World, which has been a supporter of McKinley ever since the Chicago convention, practically admits that its man is defeated already, and concedes that even should McKinley carry every State east of the Mississippi and north of the Ohio and the Potomac, which includes Delaware, Maryland and West Virginia, he would still need two votes to make the necessary majority.

If these figures be correct, then the Democracy can well afford to do without deserters. We do not need them, we can get along without them; so let them go. Of course there are hundreds of honorable men who are gold men; this is all right, we respect their opinions. But after the party has spoken in convention assembled, after it has nominated a ticket regularly and fairly, after the great seal of Democracy has been placed upon it, then there is no other course for the loyal Democrat but to sink his personal feeling and vote for the party which has always been the safeguard of his rights and the protector of his property.

MANNER OF VOTING IN THE NEXT ELECTION.

The new election law, which is to govern the November election, when candidates for President, Vice President and six Congressmen are to be voted for in Louisiana, contains provisions so entirely new and so very different from those to which the voters have been heretofore accustomed that there is no doubt a great deal of trouble will be experienced before the people will know how to comply with it.

In order to give some needed information to the voters who will have to use it, the following is presented. If the voter were accorded an opportunity to secure an election ticket or ballot, and to study it before hand, he would soon be able to master its intricacies, but he will have no such advantage. He will never be able to see a ticket until he shall get inside the inclosure at the polls, where, having shown his registration paper and established his right to vote, he will be handed a ticket.

This ticket, unlike any he has ever seen in a Louisiana election, will not be a Democrat or Republican ticket; a free silver or gold ticket; a Bryan ticket, or a McKinley ticket. Instead of containing the names of the candidates of a particular party, it will bear the names of all the candidates of all the parties, and from this general mass the voter will have to pick out and mark those for whom he wishes to vote.

the November election will be something like this:
Presidential Electors:
J. W. McFarland, Democrat (O)
Lee McAlpin, " (O)
R. M. Steele, " (O)
J. T. Howell, " (O)
Ben. Michel, " (O)
Albert Voorheis, " (O)
Sam. J. Kohlman, " (O)
G. A. Fournet, " (O)
Jos. L. Herwig, Republican (O)
C. V. Thibolt, " (O)
H. D. Coleman, " (O)
Mayer Cahen, " (O)
O. C. Blandin, " (O)
A. H. Leonard, " (O)
W. H. McVey, " (O)
John Yoist, " (O)
Candidate for Congress for Fifth Congressional District.
S. T. Baird, Democrat, (O)
Alex Benoit, Populist, (O)

When the voter is handed one of these tickets, containing the names of all the persons who are to be voted for, he is required to return into a booth or compartment where he will find a stamp and a pad charged with black printing ink. He will ink the stamp and press it upon the circle opposite the name of the person for whom he wishes to vote, and each name of a candidate for whom he votes must be designated by a stamp in the circle opposite his name.

It is plain that no person can intelligently vote this ticket when he has never seen it before, unless he can read, and, as he has only three minutes under the law to study it, he would have to be rather quick-witted to accomplish the marking of a ticket bearing the names of many candidates. But if the voter, in marking the names of the persons for whom he desires to vote, should spot his ticket, the law allows him to have a second, even a third, if the second ticket should be spoiled; but after that he cannot get another.

The voter must go alone into the booth or compartment where he marks or stamps his ticket, and mark it without assistance. The system adopted in the Louisiana law is a modification of the Australian ballot method; but the Louisiana plan is more difficult to use. The regular Australian ballot, instead of having all the candidates of the different parties in one column, allows each party ticket to stand in a contiguous column, and so there is much less risk of confusion.

But the voter is not obliged to vote for any candidate named on the ticket, and, should he desire to vote for some other person for a particular office, he must not scratch out any name, but must write under the printed heading of the office in question the name of the person for whom he wishes to vote. The writing must be done with a lead pencil which will be found in the booth. There are to be left vacancies on the printed tickets for such names as are to be written, and, when so written, the stamp must be used in the circle in the same line upon which the same has been written.

Beyond the stamp and the written name, if one be added to the ticket, it is unlawful for the voter to make any mark or defacement on his ballot. All ballots or tickets which may have been spoiled by the voter must be returned to the commissioner, and they are not to be carried away by the voter under any circumstances.

The Picayune has endeavored to put in plain language the directions which are to be followed by a voter in preparing and casting his ballot. If he will get a proper understanding of what is here set forth, any intelligent person who can read will be able to cast his ballot according to his wish, and that will save him no little trouble when he shall get into the booth or stall where he must prepare his ballot.—Picayune.

Tom Watson says that he and Bryan could carry the country if Sewall would only get off of the ticket. Perhaps so, but—

The State Committee of the New York Democracy has selected Judge Wm. F. Porter, in place of John Boyd Thacher, resigned, as candidate for Governor.

William J. Bryan says that in all the history of the human race there has never been but one Thomas Jefferson. That of all the constructive statesmen whom the world has ever seen, Thomas Jefferson stands first.

McKinley's program is to receive delegations at Canton until the election. Where one man visits the great priest of protection at his home, Bryan meets a hundred on the hustings. There's the difference, and it will tell.

An exchange truthfully says that a boy can sit astride a rawboned horse all day long, but can't sit on a sofa five minutes without complaining. A man will sit on the edge of an inch board and talk politics three hours, but put him in a church pew for forty minutes and he gets nervous, twists, turns and finally goes to sleep. Man will squirt tobacco juice all over himself and his neighbors, but a hair in the butter kills him.—Rayne Signal.

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A MORAL LESSON.

Before every youth, as he makes his start there is a blank page, and upon this he writes his life very much as he wills. Circumstances have some influence, but with the young man himself lies the chief power that determines whether the record shall be one of good or evil, of happiness or misery. He will perhaps wonder at first why it is that worldly good and happiness and ease are so unequally distributed, and he will very likely be only partly satisfied that while sinners may be happy and prosperous in this world and good men unfortunate, perfect justice shall be meted out to them in the eternal life that is to follow. He will not be able to attain a position so high, but he can fill his appointed place with such unswerving honesty and faithfulness that his conscience will bring him happiness. The parent was the trainer of the budding character during childhood, but now the youth alone is responsible. We are not put here to be mere firebrands or atoms to be ruled wholly by outside influence. Every young man must strive to find out what life means to him individually, and if he is given plain facts he will reason out the right way for himself and adhere to it closely. He will meet men and women who appear well on the surface, but whose real natures belie such appearances.

One very necessary lesson in worldly wisdom is defining the use and abuse of money. We can all be spendthrifts, but it takes prudence and determination to be economical. It is a pity that happiness and comfort in this life should depend so largely upon a thing so gross as money. While the task may not be a pleasant one to the mother must, with the father, warn their boy of the immoral side of life. The allurements of vice are dazzling, but the misery which they unfold are none the less certain. We are too much of this world. We need to cultivate the spiritual side of our nature. Women who have reared large families of children have found that love beautifies a boys character as much as it does a girls. While learning this lesson the boy will wish to know something of the social world. There can be no real pleasure in going to great gatherings because the fashionable world is few. The bows and smiles and false cold words exchanged are of little value. One important branch in our education is the art of being agreeable. We have always been told that we must not measure a man by his dress, but the world still goes on judging their appearance. It is a duty which we owe ourselves to dress as well as we can; tidiness is always to be commended. Let every boy remember this, and nothing more readily hints of inward purity than a neat appearance.

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