



For President, WILLIAM MCKINLEY For Vice President, "TEDDY" ROOSEVELT

REPUBLICAN STATE TICKET Governor, JOSEPH FLORY Lieutenant Governor, E. F. ALLEN Secretary of State, W. L. PORTERFIELD Treasurer, W. S. FLEMING Auditor, W. F. BLAIR Attorney General, S. F. O'FALLON Railroad and Warehouse Commissioner, C. C. CROUSE

CONVENTION DATES. REPUBLICAN. Senatorial, Grant City, July 31. State Judicial, Springfield, Sept. 11.

DEMOCRATIC. Judicial, Sedalia, July 17.

ANNOUNCEMENT. COLLECTOR. We are authorized to announce A. S. Smith of Benton township, as a candidate for the office of Collector of Holt County, subject to the decision of the Republican Nominating Convention.

We are authorized to announce Nicholas Stock of Lewis township, as a candidate for the office of Collector of Holt County, subject to the decision of the Republican Nominating Convention.

We are authorized to announce Emil Weber of Forest township, as a candidate for the office of Collector of Holt County, subject to the decision of the Republican Nominating Convention.

TREASURER. We are authorized to announce Lewis I. Moore of Lewis township, as a candidate for the office of Treasurer of Holt County, subject to the decision of the Republican Nominating Convention.

We are authorized to announce W. C. Pearson of Lincoln township, as a candidate for the office of Assessor of Holt County, subject to the decision of the Republican Nominating Convention.

ASSASSOR. We are authorized to announce William H. Weightman of Benton township, as a candidate for the office of Assessor of Holt County, subject to the decision of the Republican Nominating Convention.

We are authorized to announce Elmer P. Eddy, of Liberty township, as a candidate for the office of Assessor of Holt County, subject to the decision of the Republican Nominating Convention.

We are authorized to announce Warren D. Kunkel, of Nodaway township, as a candidate for the office of Assessor of Holt County, subject to the decision of the Republican Nominating Convention.

SHERIFF. We are authorized to announce John Kamsay, of Hickory township, as a candidate for the office of Sheriff of Holt County, subject to the decision of the Republican Nominating Convention.

PROSECUTING ATTORNEY. We are authorized to announce Ivern H. Hibard, of Lewis township, as a candidate for the office of Prosecuting Attorney of Holt County, subject to the decision of the Republican Nominating Convention.

REPRESENTATIVE. We are authorized to announce George W. Hibard, of Nodaway township, as a candidate for the office of Representative of Holt County, subject to the decision of the Republican Nominating Convention.

CONSTABLE. We are authorized to announce J. W. Thornton, of Lewis township, as a candidate for the office of Constable of Holt County, subject to the decision of the Republican Nominating Convention.

REPUBLICAN CONVENTIONS. TO THE REPUBLICAN ELECTORS OF HOLT COUNTY, MO. A call is hereby issued to the Republican electors of Holt County, Missouri, to meet at the following places on Saturday, August 11, 1900, at 10 o'clock, p. m., to elect delegates to the Republican National Convention to be held at St. Louis, Mo., on September 17, 1900, for the purpose of nominating candidates for the United States and Missouri State offices.

Also to elect delegates to the Congressional convention to be held at this time and place, as named by the Congressional committee.

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of these United States. To the continental nation there is equal opportunity in this choice. A McKinley ticket means triumph for the people of every state. This conjunction of names means more nearly a certain success than any other previous issue or previous names. It was a foregone conclusion that the name McKinley would lead the ticket; it was clearly the will of the people that the name Roosevelt should follow.

He is the one who has led the people to worship. Other men have been tried of old, but this Roosevelt is the man who has led the people to worship. He is the man who has led the people to worship. He is the man who has led the people to worship.

The recognition of Mr. McKinley is fully earned. During a storm of war and political revolution the one of which the country experienced but once before, Mr. McKinley as the national executive has at no moment stood with the doubters or the pessimists. He has shirked no duty of the moment because it was forbidding or novel. He has never sought refuge in the ever open shelter of anti expansion argument that for many of the administration's determining acts in the progress of expansion there were no precedents. He has gone ahead on the path of our manifest destiny with but an unflinching foot, until today the United States are greater in truth and in the estimation of the world than ever before.

Now practically all of the money loaned in the towns of our county, and the effect of this law will be to make them pay no taxes to their towns in which they live, and to pay all the taxes on many farms on which they have money loaned; in fact, they will pay all the taxes on every farm mortgaged for 40 per cent of its value. This is a state of affairs which no good citizen can approve. But if this law is passed there is but one way out of the above unequal, unjust, and unfairly distributed method of taxation, and that is to assess and tax every acre of land, both encumbered and clear, at its full value. This is the only way in which the burden of the law can be carried out. The legislature that proposes the law never expected such a result from it. It was an ill-considered measure, the authors of which were making a play to the galleries of public opinion without any serious intention or expectation that the measure would ever be enacted. It will, if passed, unbalance our whole system of taxation, ruin many, and embarrass all of the towns that make Missouri an imperial state.

The second McKinley election should repeat the second Lincoln election. With the magnetic popularity of Roosevelt against the time serving Johnson, it may be expected that McClellan's scanty electoral vote of 1861, the smallest vote ever cast for any candidate of one of the leading parties, will be Mr. Bryan's November portion.

One of the most important of the amendments to the constitution of Missouri, upon which we must vote, at the coming election is one that should be carefully considered. It provides that in the case of debts secured by mortgage, deed of trust or other contract, the value of the property affected by such mortgage, deed of trust or contract, less such secured debt shall be assessed to the owner of the property, and the value of such secured indebtedness shall be assessed against the holder in the county, city, or other local subdivision in which the property affected by such debt is situated.

The pretext under which this is offered the voters of our state is, that it will place all property on an absolute equality for the purpose of taxation. This certainly is desirable. A law which tends to equalize the burdens of government should meet the support of the honest voter. But when a measure proposes to shift a large part of such burdens from one class to another and from one part of the community to another, it should receive a strict examination as to its actual, and not its prospective effect.

According to this law if Mr. A. living in Oregon has a mortgage of \$4,000 on B's farm, located in the country and worth \$5,000, A will be assessed \$4,000 in the township and school district where B's farm is located. If Mr. A. should have no other property except the above mortgage he will pay no taxes to the county of Oregon, and none to the Independent school district of Oregon. Under this law the value of the township and county school district is not increased one dollar, but the valuation of the city and Independent district is reduced \$4,000.

The assessed valuation of personal property of the city of Oregon last year was \$142,750. At least \$200,000 of this is loaned to farmers living outside the town. The rate of taxation for the current expenses of the city, was 25 cents, and this produced revenue to the amount of \$110,675. If this law should be adopted the \$200,000 loaned outside the city would be taxed where it is loaned. The personal valuation for the city would be only \$242,750 and the city could raise but \$200,000 by this tax levy of 25 cents. Then the city could either disorganize or secure sufficient revenue to exist by increasing the rate from 25 to 50 cents on the one hundred dollars valuation.

Oregon would not be the only sufferer under this proposed law. Mound City, with her energy and push would be almost ruined by it. Mound City's personal valuation is \$222,300. If a tax rate of 50 cents her yearly revenue from the taxation of personal property is \$111,150. The city must have this sum to pay her municipal expenses and meet her obligations. But more than \$100,000 of this valuation is money loaned outside the town. Under this new law, this \$100,000 would be taxed where it is loaned, and it would pay no taxes to the city. Then Mound City's valuation would be but \$122,300. Then if her people did not wish to abandon their waterworks and other public improvements and disorganize their city government they could only raise their present annual revenue of \$180,031, by increasing their tax levy from 50 cents to \$1.50 on the one hundred dollar valuation. This rate would produce the revenue now used by that thriving town.

Mailroad, the most beautiful city of the Nodaway Valley, takes \$217,430 worth of personal property. Her rate of tax is 25 cents. Under this new law she might maintain her present financial condition by increasing her rate of taxation to 49 cents.

Craig has a total personal valuation of \$170,000. Craig having a population of less than a thousand is prohibited from levying more than 25 cents on the hundred dollar valuation [Constitution of Mo., Art. X, Sec. 11]. By levying taxes to the limit, 25 cents, Craig raises a yearly revenue of \$42,500 by local taxation. Her city government could not maintain on less, no matter what economy might be practiced. Under this new law her valuation would fall to less than \$125,000 and she could provide for her necessary expenses only by levying 37 cents, a figure far beyond the limit set by the constitution. What this town would do under such circumstances could be determined by actual trial under such a disaster.

Now, dear reader, do not get the idea that the county at large would gain the revenue lost by the towns, under this new law. The personal valuation of the county at large would remain the same. Nothing would be gained by the county. Because the encumbered property and the money loaned on it would both be assessed at the same valuation as the property itself now is valued. The result of the change therefore under this new law will be the loss to the state and county, as well as the towns of the valuation of the money loaned on property security.

Then under the present law, the farms of our county are assessed at about 40 per cent of their value. Money is assessed at its full value. Now, if this new law should be passed, Mr. A. who has a farm worth \$5,000, mortgaged for \$4,000, would be assessed for taxation at 40 per cent of its true value, or \$2,000 less the debt of \$4,000 against, but that makes his farm listed at \$800 less than nothing, while the party holding the debt will be assessed \$4,000 in the locality where the farm is located.

Again: It resides in Mound City, and has loaned \$5,000 on a farm in Atchison county. Under this constitutional amendment, Mound City, her special school district, and the county would lose the revenue derived from this amount of valuation, because it would be assessable in Atchison county. But suppose this sum had been loaned on a farm in Doniphan county, Kansas. It would escape taxation on that amount.

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Originally this machine was very crude, given a plank of the proper dimensions with a hole as near the center of gravity as the limited method of measurement of the young builder would permit; a post more or less firmly imbedded in the ground, its free end bearing a peg or pivot upon which was poised the plank, and the dream of the youthful inventor was realized.

It was a simple affair not liable to get out of order, and with a little soft soap, surreptitiously conveyed from the paternal roof, to be employed as a lubricant, could be used indefinitely. Upon either end of this contrivance, when in use, a small boy found a slippery and precarious hold as he swiftly sped through space with orb motion; the propelling power being another youth who was continually urged to greater exertions by the ever present thought that his tiny body was about to be crushed by the weight of the apparatus upon the so-called pivot. The sensations of this swiftly revolving apparatus were always novel and exhilarating, soon followed by the exhilaration known as "swimming in the head" and sometimes accompanied by gastric derangements, of a temporary character, however, owing to the marvelous recuperative nature of the boy. Such was the toy that amused the simple-minded youth of forty years ago.

But it was not long until a genius conceived the idea of attaching horse power with an arrangement to carry several passengers, and the machine finally developed into the elaborate one of the present day where steam is brought in to play and melancholy music lends a sombre tinge to the flying moments.

In the modern merry-go-round the wood sculptor has added all the charms of art to the work of the mechanic. Within many a gayly decorated pavilion gathered a collection of animals that would do credit to the most colossal aggregation ever conceived of by the most imaginative Barnum.

There the elephant's massive form is to be seen; the haughty camel hump himself as he speeds around with a disdainful smile; there, too, is the fierce Numidian lion; there, too, is the little bear to play and maul his mate; there, too, is the dragon coiled to tail in many a horrid coil, while barbed steeds with the arched neck and flowing mane so frequently seen in pictures, but not often observed in practical life, lends animation to the scene. Mounted upon the backs of these animals, prattling youngsters, buxom swains, and rustic belles, patrician dames and the man of business, away they whirl in a dizzy circle to the organ's strains.

It was upon one of these contrivances now doing duty in our little town, that the sexton, recently renewed the pleasure of his youth. Selecting a seat-

hogan colored steel whose carbon mane and braided mane gave promise of untamed wildness, the mad ride began. The wooden steed bounded forward more swiftly than ever did Pegasus under Bellerophon's spur. Marzette's ride was a mere antic compared with the flying steeds of Arabian courser, and among these came trooping the whole menagerie. The world seemed to be swiftly running away and life a fierce, wild, and rendered more realistic by the riotous and lugubrious strains of the music, which seemed to issue from subterranean depths profound.

All honor to the man who invented the merry-go-round. He may be rightly ranked as the friend of humanity. The children rise up and call him blessed, and within their hearts he has a monument more enduring than Corn tin brass.

MISSOURI'S PROSPERITY. Remarkable Prosperity of Our State Under President McKinley's Administration.

Missouri has gained \$128,000,000 in wealth under this Republican administration.

These substantial facts, showing that greater prosperity has visited Missouri during the last three years, should not be forgotten by their citizens during the whirl and excitement of the Democratic convention.

The Democratic party is notoriously an anti-prosperity party, and the farmers and wage earners in Missouri must not allow themselves to be led away by the false promises and empty promises of their friends who recently assembled in national convention. Our statements are from official figures and show the increase in wealth in our state to be as follows:

1896. 1899. Live stock... \$3,718,709 \$11,306,386 Crops... 5,914,427 7,210,321 Mines... 17,359,417 18,288,243 Bank deposits... 32,565,492 36,981,329 Total... \$59,557,655 \$73,806,279 Increase in 1899... \$14,248,624

In Missouri our farmers have gained \$40,000,000 this year through the increased value of their live stock and principal crops this year as compared with 1896:

January 1, 1896. January 1, 1899. Horses... \$23,039,549 \$21,891,718 Mules... 5,914,427 7,210,321 Cows... 17,359,417 18,288,243 Cattle... 32,565,492 36,981,329 Sheep... 1,475,553 1,854,711 Swine... 12,718,709 21,000,000 Total... \$63,718,709 \$113,806,386

The next table shows the improvement in the price of the staple crops grown by farmers which represent an increase of over \$20,000,000 for Missouri:

1896. 1899. Corn... \$35,357,730 \$48,874,319 Oats... 3,373,583 4,571,814 Cotton... 747,689 1,224,804 Hay... 15,598,275 19,339,462 Potatoes... 2,435,829 3,362,098 Wool... 311,724 497,342 Total... \$58,219,870 \$78,411,463

Corn, oats, hay and potatoes show the large gains in the state. While wool is not so much grown here as in the far western states, still the increase under protection in the value of the clip has been satisfactory to those farmers who raise sheep.

Our farmers' cotton crop this year was worth almost twice as much as it was in 1896 under the Democratic administration.

Lastly, an examination of the number of bank depositors in Missouri is full of facts upon which our citizens can congratulate themselves. The figures are taken from the last annual report of the comptroller of the currency:

Depositors. July 18, June 30, 1896. 1899. Banks National... 23,318 35,468 State and private... 4,075 12,912 Loan and trust... 3,284 2,948 Savings... 6,580 20,688 Total... 117,267 213,000

From this it will be seen that there were 117,267 persons who had bank accounts in 1894; last year there were 213,000 bank accounts. In 1891 the total deposits in Missouri was \$53,921,953. In 1899 the deposits in all the banks of Missouri had increased to \$111,726,449.

While the number of depositors in Missouri had increased by 90 per cent, the total amount of money deposited had increased 100 per cent.

These facts and figures do not show the increase in the business done at the stores, mines and factories, nor the larger amount of wages paid to the thousands of people who earn their livelihood in this state.

While the Democratic orators are enlarging upon the benefits that will happen to the country if a Democratic president and Democratic congress be elected this year, our citizens should not neglect the blessings and prosperity which they have derived under the Republican administration that is now in power.

It is unwise to throw away the substance for the shadow.

Holt county's live stock study is equally as interesting:

1896. 1899. Horses... \$301,158 \$322,019 Cattle... 239,622 405,835 Hogs... 127,885 156,297 Sheep... 625 3,124 Total... \$629,290 \$828,501

The bank deposits of Holt county are also substantial facts showing the great prosperity that has come to the people of Holt county under the present national administration:

1896. 1899. Deposits... \$221,468 457,749 Loans... 187,189 258,133 Total... 408,657 715,882

There is no longer an excuse for anyone to endure the tortures inflicted by piles when Tabler's Buckeye Pile Ointment will cure them, a remedy so moderate in price and so effective. Price, 50 cents in bottles. Tube, 25 cents. J. C. Philbrick.

UNCLE SAM'S BIRTHDAY. Patriotic People of Oregon and Surrounding Country Properly Celebrate.

This is an anniversary with a meaning that is interpreted in the American character. It is the birthday of our nation, woman and child in the nation. It knows no boundaries except those separating the United States from the rest of the world. When the flag belongs to the people, with party and local lines entirely effaced, unity in honoring this greatest of birthdays identified with the people of the United States.

In a brief two years ago the United States was at war with a foreign power, and had been impelled to engage in it from the dictates of humanity. A nation of different future would have acknowledged and defeated the enemy. Yet the time when this country, swayed by irresistible public sentiment, appealed to the sword as the last imperative remedy was distinctly a peaceful one. As far as the United States was concerned, Nothing was done in it that was not demanded by the duty of civilization and the right of humanity. Yet the time when this country, swayed by irresistible public sentiment, appealed to the sword as the last imperative remedy was distinctly a peaceful one.

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200 ARE DEAD. Loss in Hoboken Fire Will Reach this Number.

The fearful havoc to life and property caused by the fire which broke out at the docks of the North German Lloyd company in Hoboken, Saturday last, is now approximated with some degree of certainty. Conservative people who have had experience along the docks are of the opinion that not less than 200 lives were lost. One of the officers of the steamship Bremen said that there were fully 200 visitors on board that vessel when the fire broke out, the majority of them being women. A boat was lowered from the Bremen shortly after the alarm had been given, but the craft capsized as it touched the water and all hands were precipitated into the water and none of them were saved by those remaining on the vessel. This, in itself, would indicate that the list of dead may be larger than it was first thought to be.

The North German Lloyd Steamship Company estimates the loss of life at 200. The company took the crew lists, checked the names of the passengers who are in hospitals or reported safe, and believe the others to be lost. Among the dead are a number of officers. The body of Captain Mirrow, of the Saale, has been found, burned so as to be unrecognizable.