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A WISE PLATFORM.

The platform which it is generally considered will be adopted by the St. Louis convention, is one of the strongest that could emanate from that deliberative body. The convention will do wisely if it change in no particular the report as made out by the sub-committee. The prospective platform indicts the present Democratic administration in the severest language—though none too harshly—and reaffirms the belief of the country in a wise and equitable tariff policy such as we have not been having the last three years. This was to be expected, and causes but ordinary comment throughout the country.

Concerning the action of the convention upon the currency question there has been anxiety throughout the land. This is set at rest most satisfactorily by the outspoken declaration in favor of the present gold standard. The silver men have learned that common sense rules the day, and that the teachings of history and experience have not been thrown to the winds. The financial plank declares against the free coinage of silver, save by international agreement, and pledges the Republican party to maintain the gold standard.

The Republican party has been a friend to silver, and will remain so. The country is now carrying as large a silver circulation as is compatible with maintaining the parity between the metals. What the country needs is a rest. It needs to have the tariff and financial questions settled once and for all and allow the business interests to be adjusted to the existing circumstances. The tariff issue has been settled in favor of protection, but the cost has been terrible. Ruined industries, shrunken securities, dwindling values all over the land represent what it has cost to trifle with economic laws and test the Democratic policy of free trade.

The country will be fortunate indeed if it can place its finances on a wise and enduring basis without paying a price so dear. From the attitude taken by the Republican party and the expectant victory in November, this bids fair to be accomplished.

Grover Cleveland will survive in history as "the man without a party." He is totally at variance with the majority of Democrats upon the financial question, and equally so with the Republicans upon the tariff issue. If the Chicago convention declares for free silver, as it undoubtedly will, Cleveland cannot consistently vote for its nominee. On the other hand he cannot support McKinley because McKinley advocates "the robber tariff" and believes in prosperity for Americans. The Populists won't have Cleveland, and the Prohibitionists are provided for. In truth the man of destiny has outplayed his part and finds himself askew with the world. He will be remembered as the man under whose administration the country suffered its greatest period of business stagnation.

The wording of the financial plank for the Republican national platform should be settled in advance of the resolution committee's meeting. There should be but little trouble over the matter. The country is looking to the St. Louis convention to express the sentiments of the sound money advocates, and it would be a grand thing for the country and the party if the proceedings could be devoid of any contention as to how this particular de-

laration should read. If the East cannot write the plank, let the Washington platform be adopted. It will fill the bill exactly.

THE FAREWELL OF THE SILVER MEN.

The silver senators have bade good bye to the Republican party and amid mutual tears have broken all political ties.

The scene before the resolution committee was theatrical in the extreme, and the farewell speeches of Teller, Cannon and Dubois brought tears of regret to the eyes of veteran politicians. It is not an easy matter to break asunder the associations that have continued pleasant and profitable for many years, and the act of repudiation upon the part of the silver senators was like unto a child disowning its mother.

Credit will be given to Teller and his associates for apparent sincerity in their cause. They have fought the fight for silver continuously, and no theory ever had more aggressive champions. They have failed to win conviction in the councils of the Republican party, and since they place the silver god above all deities, they have adopted a consistent course in transferring their allegiance to another camp.

It is not clear but that they are making an egregious mistake. In placing the financial question in the front rank of national issues, Senator Teller is being blinded by prejudice. The American people are fully alive to the importance of this issue, but they do concede it to be of greater concern to the country than the matter of securing adequate revenues for the country's needs and the uplifting of American laborers and industries. This is the crying need, and this it is which has made William McKinley, the apostle of protection, the hero of the hour.

The most serious charge against the silver senators was their "hold up" of all tariff legislation in the senate, and their refusal to assist in providing for the country unless all remedial legislation should be accompanied by declarations in favor of free silver. It was this action which exasperated the nation and has made the withdrawal of Teller, Dubois and Cannon a matter of less regret than otherwise it would have been.

The Republican party will live without them, and when placed once more in power, will consider the needs of the country greater than the wishes of any particular section.

Opinion differs as to the wisdom of calling out the militia to aid in quelling the fishermen's strike. Appeal to arms should be a last resort. Aside from unlawful acts committed by individual fishermen there does not seem reasons sufficient to justify the expense to which the state has been subjected nor the bitter feelings which have been engendered by the presence of armed men in the streets of Astoria. To make citizens of Oregon take up arms against fellow-citizens without just cause is a dangerous precedent. It is to be hoped that the militia will not be called upon for further duty, and also we hope that in case the ordering to arms proves to have been unnecessary, the blame will be placed where it rightfully belongs.

One of the strongest arguments for McKinley's nomination is the kind of opposition which is centered against it. Platt and Quay are a good deal of weight among politicians of their own stripe, but are of small influence with the people. McKinley will be nominated in response to the unanimous demand of the people. The politicians will not be able to prevent it.

Citizens should not forget to attend tonight the meeting called to determine whether or not The Dalles shall celebrate the Fourth of July. It is within our power to have the grandest affair of the kind which the city has ever seen. All that is needed is the hearty co-operation of all our citizens.

McKinley and Morton would be a good ticket. McKinley and Tracy would be better.

McKINLEY AND HOBART.

McKinley and Hobart is the ticket which the Republicans of the country are called upon to support. At few times in our history has a spectacle been witnessed like that which has just occurred at St. Louis.

For three years the drift of public opinion has been towards McKinley, and in spite of all the shrewdest of politicians could do to prevent it, the tide has never turned. McKinley has achieved a triumph such as few men live to win. The nomination has come to him with almost the same unanimity that it came to Lincoln the second time or to Grant when he was the unanimous choice of the party. James G. Blaine, who occupied a place in popular affection greater than any statesmen of recent years ever possessed, was not able to achieve even the honor of a nomination without a bitter struggle and then was allowed to meet defeat. Blaine was the greatest statesman this country has seen since Lincoln, yet he never was honored as McKinley was yesterday.

The reason is plain enough. Four years ago the American people, made reckless by continued prosperity, overturned the existing economic conditions and substituted instead the policy of England; refused protection and demanded free trade. Shrewd political prophets foresaw the results and predicted an era of distress throughout the land, and their prediction was fulfilled to a lamentable degree. No sooner was the Democratic party placed in power than the mistake of the people was realized. Prosperity gave way to commercial stagnation, and the country was rent in twain by business upheavals. The wisdom of the policy advocated by the Republican leaders became apparent, and the people yearned for the reinstatement of a tariff law, similar in intent, if not degree, to the one with which the name of McKinley is indissolubly connected.

Then and there the McKinley boom began, and it has continued, increasing with time till the culminating point was reached yesterday. McKinley stands as the champion of protection, and it is protection the manufacturer, the business man, the wool grower and the laboring man want. There are other men in the Republican party as able as the gentleman who has been named, but circumstances have not connected them with the protective cause as they have McKinley.

The nomination of McKinley is a triumph for protection. It is a victory, also, for the people over the politicians, since the Ohio statesman was opposed by the men skilled in arts political.

Garret A. Hobart of New Jersey, who is the associate of McKinley upon the ticket, is not well known to the people of the West, but the Republican convention, which has acted wisely upon all other matters, can be trusted to have shown wisdom in this, and we unqualifiedly indorse the result of their labors.

Protection, sound money, McKinley and Hobart—victory awaits them in November.

Protection and Sound Money vs. Free Silver and Free Trade. These are the issues which the country must decide next November. The welfare of the country depends upon their proper solution.

The Oregon delegation expressed the will of the business interests of the state when they voted in favor of the gold standard at St. Louis. Free silver must find its support outside of the Republican party.

McKinley and Hobart! May the enthusiasm that attended their nominations be prophetic of their triumph next November.

Her Suffering Ended.

The Fossil Journal tells the story of little Banna Knox and the efforts to save her by skin grafting:

On Thursday, June 11, 1896, Banna Knox, third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Knox, died at Fossil, Or., aged 6 years, 6 months and four days.

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