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REPUBLICAN TICKET.

FOR PRESIDENT—
William McKinley

FOR VICE PRESIDENT—
Theodore Roosevelt

The allied forces have reached Pekin and rescued the missionaries and ministers. American troops have penetrated to the very center—the "Forbidden City"—were first to enter the "Imperial City," and it was an American soldier who scaled the walls of Pekin and raised the American flag. While the eyes of the world are upon China, it is gratifying to know that our boys are keeping up the American gait. How and when the trouble in China will end cannot be safely predicted. Contrary to the assertions of the knowing ones at the out break of hostilities, the Chinaman has proven that he is a very poor fighter, but there is a lot of him, and the work of "pacification" may require months.

Only a few short months ago the press of the country, regardless of politics, devoted a great deal of space to eulogy of Teddy Roosevelt, "the hero of San Juan hill." No republican newspaper could say nicer things about "Teddy" than were uttered by the leading democratic and populist organs. The country was united then, and all eyes were on the flag and its defenders. But today "Teddy" is the candidate for vice president on the republican ticket—and that makes a difference; that changes him in the eyes of the Bryanatic press from a hero to a hyena and several other kinds of brute. But the ridicule and insults are harmless. The ungrateful and inconsistent element in the Nation is still in the minority.

As we were saying, if 16 to 1 is "a dead issue," as many of his supporters assert, why did Boss Bryan insist that it be a part of the democratic platform? If 16 to 1 is "a back number," Bryan must also be so classified. The argument that Bryan's rejected hobby can never work injury to the country, even if he is elected, is unsound. The people turned down Bryan and 16 to 1 in 1896, and the same reason exists for repeating the good act.

The Cosmopolitan Magazine for August is an unusually interesting number of this popular monthly. An illustrated article on "The Paris Exposition," by William T. Stead; "With Boer and Briton," by Frank R. Roberson, and other high grade contributions combine to make it a very desirable companion in a shady spot on a summer day. The Cosmopolitan is a great magazine.

Ex-Senator Peffer of Kansas, famous for his whiskers and populism, is another returning prodigal. In explanation of his change of heart, he says: "Economy, justice, good government and humanity, every good impulse and every just and righteous consideration demands that we do not change the policy of the Administration."

And now back to the fold comes Senator Stewart of Nevada. Four years ago he donned tears, sackcloth and ashes and left the republican party because it wouldn't embrace free silver and 16 to 1. Senator Teller of Colorado will soon be feeling pretty lonesome

You don't hear much about Adlai Stevenson these days. Adlai, you know, is Mr. Bryan's running mate.

"Honesty is the best policy," quotes the Milton Eagle, and then it proceeds to steal an editorial from THE LEADER.

Candidate Bryan is still scolding the trusts—that is, some of them. The big ice trust, fostered by his Tammany supporters, still continues to evoke his profound silence.

James Boyd, the only democrat who was ever elected governor of Nebraska, refuses to support his fellow-citizen, William Jennings Bryan. Boyd is a very popular and influential democrat, and his bolt is significant. Bryan's chance of losing his own state is much better than 16 to 1.

Henry Hoffman, who lived near Hazelton, Pa., died a few days ago, aged 105 years 2 months and 2 days. It is asserted that he never used medicine, tobacco nor intoxicating liquors. If Mr. Hoffman hadn't been too stingy to take a little for his stomach's sake and employ a good physician, he might have lived to a ripe old age.

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