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REPUBLICAN TICKET.

FOR PRESIDENT—
William McKinley

FOR VICE PRESIDENT—
Theodore Roosevelt

A RUINED COUNTRY.

According to continuous Democratic declaration the Republican party has been busy forty years in working the ruin of the country, enslavement of the people, the creation of imperial dictators, the destruction of the Constitution, and in the promotion of industrial and financial disaster. Every Democratic platform during that period has emphatically declared these things, and the Democratic press and speakers have made hysterical appeals to the people to save the country and sorrowing patriots have wept over the destruction of the republic. The same hysterical appeals are now being made and the same tears of mourning are being shed over exactly the same kind of corpse that has evoked them at quadrennial periods since the first election of Lincoln sealed the nation's doom, destroyed its prosperity and put an end to our free institutions. Mr. Bryan rants and weeps as his predecessors ranted and wept, and over the self same things. Yet what is the nature of the ruin wrought by forty years of Republican rule and to what extent have the people been deprived of their liberties? Here are some of the results. The population of the country has increased from 31,443,321 to approximately 77,000,000, not counting our new territories. The total wealth of the nation has increased from less than \$20,000,000,000 to nearly \$100,000,000,000. The per capita of wealth from \$514 to \$1300. The annual manufactures from \$1,885,861,676 to \$12,777,078,775. Miles of railroad from about 20,000 to about 190,000. Value of exports from \$316,242,423 to \$1,203,931,222. Value of imports from \$353,616,119 to \$697,148,489. Excess of exports over imports from a loss of \$33,373,696 to a gain of \$506,782,775. Annual wages paid from \$378,878,966 to \$3,056,635,200 being an increase of from \$12 per capita of population to \$40. During that period slavery has been destroyed in the United States and the franchise granted to every man born in this country, regardless of color or previous condition of servitude. This vitalizing of the Declaration of Independence on the subject of the political equality of man has been the work of the Republican party against the earnest protest and active opposition of the Democratic party, and whatever tendency there now is to deny this principle in the United States is on the side of the Democratic party solely. The number of states has been increased from 23 to 45. The territories have been increased by the addition of Alaska, Hawaii, Porto Rico, Guam and the Philippines. The secret ballot has been introduced everywhere, permitting men to vote free from dictation. Registration laws have been passed in most states for the purification of elections. A free ballot and a fair count is had in every state except a few that are under the complete control of the Democratic party. The constitutional rights of every citizen are preserved and he is protected in his person and prop-

erty even if the services of federal troops are necessary to accomplish it. A system of finance has been adopted that gives us the best money in the world and the nation the highest credit of all the nations of the earth. The country has ceased to depend upon foreign capital for its development and for its national loans, but has become a money lender to the other nations and a supplier of capital for the development of the resources of far distant lands. It has by force of arms or threat of their use, preserved the liberty and territorial integrity of its fellow republics on the American continent and redeemed from monarchial oppression some of the fairest islands of the western and eastern seas. All this has been done under the continuous charge of the Democratic party that the country was being ruined, its prosperity checked and the liberties of the people subverted and much of it has been accomplished in the face of its most bitter and obstinate opposition. Now again, we hear the same old cries and experience the same opposition to progress and national advancement and prosperity. Let the record of the past speak for the future.—Salem Statesman.

Croker, the Tammany boss, says "McKinley was elected by the ignorant foreigners." That was a bright break, from a bright source. The majority of the so-called "ignorant foreigners" are fully as intelligent as Boss Croker, who is mad because they cannot be made to swallow Bryan's sophistries and fallacies. The foundation of this glorious country was "ignorant foreigners."



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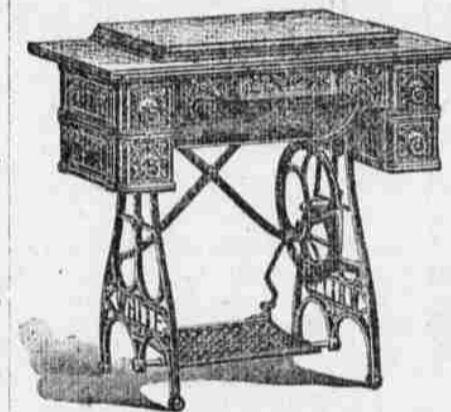
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