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Perhaps Maj. McKinley didn't think when he said that his election would be followed by the immediate repeal of the Wilson tariff law.

Boss Platt is showing a disposition to rub it in on Warner Miller which is very human, if not good politics.

Everything democratic is going Bryanward. Senator Hill has entertained Mr. and Mrs. Bryan at his New York home, and Col. Wm. R. Morrison has announced his intention to stomp Illinois for Bryan.

Is Mr. Hanna really afraid about Maine, or was he merely talking for effect when he said that the vote of Vermont, and not that of Maine, was the proper one to be used in estimating the relative strength of the parties?

There are plenty of things that would be more surprising than an endorsement of McKinley by the gold democrats, who are to hold a convention at Indianapolis.

The opponents of silver seem at last to have begun to realize that abuse isn't a good way to make converts—for your side.

The democratic party hasn't the capital of the world to draw upon, but it hopes to have the votes of an overwhelming majority of the people all the same.

In an appeal to the people, for contributions to the democratic campaign fund Senator Jones, chairman of the National Committee, says: "With unlimited money in their hands, our enemies are printing and distributing misleading and untruthful statements; hired speakers and emissaries are everywhere attempting to mislead and delude the people."

The McKinleyites are not talking as much about carrying Southern States as they were.

Hon. Hoke Smith isn't the only member of the Cleveland Cabinet who expressed the opinion a few months ago that it was the duty of all democrats to abide by the decision of the democratic National Convention, but he is the only one who has lived up to that idea at the cost of his official position.

It begins to look like the bolting gold democrats had more would-be leaders than followers.

The goldbugs are not finding calling the silver dollar a fifty cent dollar as effective an argument as they expected it to be.

Mark Hanna displayed shrewd-

ness when he ignored Warner Miller and made his dicker with Boss Platt. Platt is still boss of the New York republican machine.

The republicans find it much easier to criticize Mr. Bryan's speeches than they do to arrange a joint debate between him and McKinley.

Republican editors never discovered what a great man Bourke Cockran was until he bolted Bryan's nomination.

McKinley's letter of acceptance shows that he still has tariff on the brain; also that he has doubts.

The Growing South.

A New York paper gives some excellent reasons why the millions which have been pouring into the West during the past ten years, to be loaned on farm mortgages by Eastern investors, must transfer their operations to the South. Chief among these is the maturity of many obligations in the West and non-necessity for their renewal. The South offers a more tempting opportunity for their re-investment. Its wonderful development at a time when business over the country was unusually depressed was brought about through natural advantages which were so easily perceptible as to invite investigation and then investment. The destiny of the South, as a manufacturing section, is certain. Iron is produced at Birmingham at a cost of \$5 per ton. Coal is abundant. There are vast forests of timber and marble. Zinc, lead and many other valuable mineral deposits are found, and there are more advantages for manufacturing plants than in any other section of the Union.

A New England manufacturer who recently visited the South predicts that it will be more prosperous within the next few years than ever before. The manufacture of coarse goods in the South has an advantage over New England in cost of from 1 1/2 to 2 cents a pound. He predicts that in a few years the South will wrest from New England its supremacy in the matter of manufactures.—East Oregonian.

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