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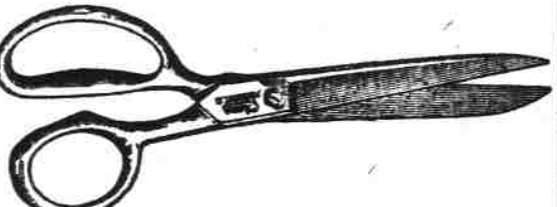
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THE TICKET IN OHIO

Governor Nash Renominated by the Republicans Yesterday.

National Questions Discussed in the Platform—Foraker and Hanna Endorsed.

A STRICT ENFORCEMENT OF RIGHT OF FRANCHISE

CONGRESS ASKED TO LOOK AFTER THE MATTER—SENATOR HANNA'S SPEECH AS PERMANENT CHAIRMAN.

Columbus, O., June 25.—The republican state convention today nominated the following ticket:

Governor—George K. Nash.

Lieutenant Governor—Carl N. Nipert.

Judge of Supreme court—J. T. Price. Attorney General—John M. Sheets.

Senator Hanna was made permanent chairman, and Senator Foraker, in introducing him said he was "a man who knew his business and how to attend to it." Chairman Hanna stated that Foraker had already sounded the keynote and would continue to do so in the campaign when all the republicans in Ohio would be with him, and said all the people in Ohio were for Foraker's re-election except the democrats. He insisted that the coming contest in Ohio was of a national character and on national issues. Then he reviewed the administration of McKinley, and insisted that the second administration was still more important for domestic, insular and foreign affairs of the country demanded a continuance of McKinley at the head of the government. In discussing the tariff he said that this was no time for experiments in that line or any other. This was no time for financial, industrial or other disturbances.

General Grosvenor presented the report of the committee on resolutions, which was adopted. The platform endorses the state and national administrations by the republicans and pledges support to Foraker and Hanna. All the declarations in favor of reciprocity and the making of additional treaties, based on protective principles, are endorsed. The platform says further:

"The republican party by its monetary legislation has established the gold standard, thereby removing the menace of an inflated currency and its attendant repudiation of financial obligations, public and private, and raised our credit above that of any other nation. A republican congress has relieved the people by a reduction in direct taxation, approximately \$40,000,000 and our national treasury shows a growing surplus has succeeded a democratic deficit.

"The principle of protection has achieved its most signal triumph in the results of the Dingley tariff law. It has given us marked prosperity at home and a rapid growing export trade, which are the envy of the world. The republican tariff policy has made the farmer and the laborer more prosperous than ever and no legislation should be permitted which will imperil the interests of either. Tariff schedules which will protect American labor against the low wages paid foreign labor must be maintained. We reaffirm all declarations heretofore made by the republican party in favor of reciprocity and urge the making of such additional treaties, based on the protective principles as will further extend our commerce.

"We favor the further strengthening of our navy and such legislation as will restore our merchant marine to our prominence upon the sea so that our growing foreign trade may be carried in American built vessels, manned by American sailors, under the American flag.

"We urge the speedy construction of an American ship canal through the American isthmus as an imperative public need.

"We recognize the right of both labor and capital to combine when such combinations are wisely administered for the general good, but combinations which create monopolies to control prices or limit production are an evil which must be met by effective legislation, vigorously enforced.

"The soldiers and sailors of the United States for their valor and suffering in defence of their country deserve its never-ceasing gratitude. A grateful country will ever hold them in deep and affectionate remembrance and will care for their widows and their orphans. The republican party has enacted the most generous pension legislation ever known and we ask for its most liberal application.

"The right of franchise is vouchsafed to every American citizen by the federal constitution. We denounce, as no less criminal when committed by theft than when accomplished with the shotgun and by ballot box stuffing and as antagonistic to the spirit of our institutions all attempts to deprive of their inalienable rights millions of our fellow citizens in certain states of the union. We therefore call upon our senators and representatives in congress for such legislation as shall secure the strict enforcement of constitutional measures guaranteeing to every citizen the right of franchise, without distinction as to race, color, or previous condition of servitude, and we demand that representation in congress and in the electoral college shall be based on the acting voting population as provided in the constitution proportionate reduction being made for any state in which the right of suffrage is denied, except for crime.

"All criminals should be punished by due process of law and we denounce the crime of lynching as a foul blot upon civilization.

"War was forced upon our country, was waged to a successful close. In a hundred days, and Spain was driven forever from the Western hemisphere. Our victory imposed responsibilities and obligations greater than any which have arisen in a generation. The blessings of liberty have been extended to millions of human beings, the Monroe doctrine has been fully upheld.

"The republican principle that congress has the power to govern our new possessions according to the needs of their own people and the interest of the people of the United States, and the policy of the republican administration in dealing with territory which came to us as a result of the Spanish war has been justified by the supreme court. "The national relations with the island of Cuba is being faithfully kept, insuring freedom and independence to her people. We congratulate the people of Cuba on their wise and conservative action in favor of a stable government. Porto Rico is flourishing beyond all former experiences. Hawaii's entrance into full territorial relations with the United States government is marked by the most marvelous progress known in the history of those islands. In the Philippines a wicked insurrection has been suppressed, and the chief leaders have taken the oath of allegiance, and the anticipated large increase of our regular army has been rendered unnecessary.

"Civil, contemplating the largest practicable degree of home rule, has succeeded military control. The American educational system has followed the flag into these islands, and personal freedom, with an equality of rights heretofore to them unknown, is secured to every inhabitant.

"All these beneficent results have been accomplished by the enactment into law of republican principles and we congratulate President McKinley upon his wise, patriotic and brilliant administration. Facing unforeseen and grave responsibilities he has met them prudently, bravely and successfully and we assure to him the unqualified approbation of the republicans of Ohio.

"Democratic administration has always resulted disastrously whenever that party has been in power in the state or nation and democratic success in Ohio this year would be a menace to our great prosperity and our national progress."

"The control of the legislature is of unusual importance this year as under the Ohio laws the next general assembly apportion the state for legislative representation as well as for other purposes, and that apportionment cannot be changed until after the census is taken in 1910, while apportionment for the congressional districts can be changed at any time. As the next legislature selects the successor of Senator J. B. Foraker he is considered in the coming campaign and much interest is taken in his Kronte speech as temporary chairman of the convention.

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SCHLEY INTIMATES DISAPPROVAL OF MEDALS

New York, June 25.—Schley, in a letter to Colonel Long of the naval veterans of the Spanish war, says with regard to the medals for participants in the Santiago campaign that the always believed nations were right in perpetuating the great events of their history rather than the lives of the participants and to leave to the judicial calm of historic judgment the perpetuation in bronze of those who may have honored themselves by deeds of honor wrought for home, flag and country.

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DETAILS OF THE FLOOD

Still Uncertain as to the Exact Number of the Poca-hontas Dead.

An Eye Witness of the Disaster at Keystone Tells Graphic Story.

2000 MEN AT ROANOKE MADE IDLE BY THE FLOOD

REMOVING THE DEAD BODIES OF THE VICTIMS FROM THE DEBRIS ALONG THE BANKS OF THE STREAMS.

Roanoke, Va., June 25.—The majority of men working in Norfolk and Western shops here were laid off at noon in consequence of slack work occasioned by the floods in West Virginia. The shops employ about 2,000 men here.

The lowest estimate on loss of life today is thirty and the highest figure claimed is as at first stated 200.

Keystone, W. Va., June 25.—The following story is told by an eye witness of the great flood.

"Keystone is the metropolis of the Elkhorn mining country. It has but one narrow street and because of limited space many buildings were built on piles or walls over the Elkhorn or close up against the mountains. The town follows the meandering of the stream for a mile.

"Friday night at 11 o'clock the storm struck the mountain and for six hours rain descended in torrents. At daybreak the thousands of people along the Elkhorn and its tributaries realized that a great flood was up on them, but they little suspected the disaster soon to follow. By 9 a. m. the narrow valley was raging, seething, angry torrent. Houses, barns, bridges, fills, live stock and human beings were swept away by the mighty current and dashed on the rocks or trees below.

"I was an eye witness of the disaster at Keystone, being a guest at the National hotel. This hotel faces the mountain, with a narrow spot between it and the building on the mountain side of the street. At the first warning many of the inhabitants took refuge on the mountain side overlooking the town and river. More than a hundred people, however remained in the town to look after the women and children who did not escape early. The bridge leading to the depot was soon swept away, then angry waters rushed through the only street in the town and we found hundreds cut off from the mountain retreat and the hotel was made fast to the telephone poles by means of a line. Hundreds of lives were saved. But in attempting to cross the muddy, surging waters which swept like an avalanche down this street, many lost their hold and in plain sight of friends were carried on into the river and drowned. Houses plunged and danced in the mighty stream, with screaming women and children on the roofs. Horses, cats and other animals went down in droves and singly struggling for life.

"The Norfolk and Western railroad fill at this place gave way and more than a mile of track now lies in the bed of the river, while fills on either side are all gone. In fact, it is hard to tell how many miles of track and how many bridges have been swept away. The destruction is tremendous to railroad alone, and it may be days, and perhaps weeks, before the trains can run.

"The loss of life cannot be estimated from here. Eight lives were lost here. Six bodies have been recovered at Eckman, two miles below here. Several were drowned at Shawnee and a good part of the town swept away.

"All the women were conveyed from the hotel to the mountain side by means of the life line. Then the men left, as the place was unsafe. When it came my turn to leave the line and plunged into the muddy current. In an instant my feet were swept from under me and I was the fight of my life to reach the house on the south side of the street. The distance was not great and the water not more than three feet deep, but the current was almost irresistible, and when cows and horses were swept by me as I clung to the rope which was the only hope. Friendly hands pulled

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me out more dead than alive. The hotel is still standing.

Bluefield, W. Va., June 24.—Details of the flood in the Pocahontas Flat Top region fully bear out the worst fears of the extent of the damage done. The work of repairing railroad tracks, telephone and telegraph lines is being pushed with the vigor that the occasion demands. Thousands of people are homeless and it is feared are without food, or at the best with only food enough to last several days until railroad communication is established. Men are at work clearing away the debris, recovering the bodies of the dead. The dead are being augmented hourly. Relief trains are running between this city and the stricken district and everything possible is being done to relieve the suffering and destitution. The latest estimate is that it will take ten days to repair the Norfolk and Western track. Information from the Tug river district is to the effect that the damage to the coal operations in that region is not so great, but that the lumber interests have suffered considerably.

Roanoke, Va., June 24.—There has been very little news received here today from the West Virginia flood. One train came in this afternoon, but very little new information could be gained from the passengers. The day trains are running from Bluefield and Ennis, which places are just outside the territory visited by the cloudburst on last Saturday morning. All day long today Roanokers who have friends and relatives in the coal fields and the coal operators here, who have large financial interests in the devastated strip, have been lounging around the railroad station awaiting the arrival of the belated train. These people, making inquiries of relatives and property, have been besieging the railroad and commercial telegraph offices since early morning. The wires at Bluefield, which goes through to Ennis, but is being used as a train wire, prevented the public from gaining any additional particulars.

How many are dead is not definitely known, and it will necessarily be several days yet before the exact number can be given out as official, but the various reports in circulation here are that all the way from fifty to two hundred have been drowned. It is probably safe to assume the first figures as being more nearly correct than the last. The damage to property will certainly amount to hundreds of thousands of dollars. Miles of railroad track are washed out and great gulches have been created. The devastated section covers an area of about twenty miles west of Bluefield. It is a very narrow valley, not much wider than a broad street in some places.

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Keystone, the town at first believed to have been wiped out, is a village of between 2000 and 3000 and is built along the narrow valley and on the sides of the bluffs. There is a creek which runs through the town, over which most of the houses are built on piles and rock work. This creek runs in a zigzag way through the narrow valley and has a gradual fall. The mountains on either side loom up for hundreds of feet, and the town is so narrow in places that one is obliged to go into the middle of it to see the sky. Those familiar with the town know that it would be a death-trap if the flood was as heavy as reported. Yet they reason that, occurring in the daytime, there was no reason why many people should have been caught in the onrush of the madened waters. All reports agree that between 200 and 300 houses were swept away in the Elkhorn valley, but it does not follow necessarily that the occupants were drowned.

The railroad people are rushing material and supplies to the Elkhorn. One

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PEACEFUL TRAVELLING IN THE PHILIPPINES

Manila, June 25.—Commissioner Worcester and Moses returned from a tour of the Benguet and Lepanto districts, Batanzas province. They found the province peaceful. They rode 250 miles through the mountains with only five soldiers and were welcomed cordially everywhere. They encountered several American miners and lumbermen. The former complained they were handicapped by the provisions of the Spooner amendment.

O'BRIEN DEFEATS NEWMIER

New Castle England, June 25.—Jack O'Brien, of Philadelphia, defeated Newmier, of London, in a glove fight to-night. The fight was the hurricane order from the start. O'Brien defeating Newmier in the sixth. The fight was scheduled for 20 rounds.

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A COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF LORDS WILL BE APPOINTED TO ARRANGE THE PROCEDURE IN THE CASE.

London, June 25.—In the Old Bailey court this morning the grand jury returned a true bill against Earl Russell for bigamy and the recorder announced that the trial would take place in the house of lords.

The action of the court yesterday in making absolute the decree nisi obtained in December, 1900, by George John Somerville in his divorce suit against his wife, in which Earl Russell was made co-respondent was a purely legal formality.

In charging the grand jury the recorder said that if even the earl's divorce were valid in the United States it would not be binding in Great Britain. The recorder notified the lord chancellor, Lord Halsbury, of the finding of the grand jury. A committee of the house of lords will be appointed in due time to arrange the procedure of the case.

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