

NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

FOR PRESIDENT: WILLIAM J. BRYAN, of Nebraska.

FOR VICE PRESIDENT: ARTHUR SEWALL, of Maine.

STATE DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

THEY WILL BE ELECTED.

FOR GOVERNOR: CYRUS B. WATSON, of Forsyth.

FOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR: THOMAS W. MASON, of Northampton.

FOR SECRETARY OF STATE: CHARLES M. COOKE, of Franklin.

FOR STATE TREASURER: B. F. AYCOCK, of Wayne.

FOR STATE AUDITOR: R. M. FURMAN, of Buncombe.

FOR SUPT. PUBLIC INSTRUCTION: JOHN C. SCARBOROUGH, of Johnston.

FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL: F. I. OSBORNE, of Mecklenburg.

ASSOCIATE JUSTICES SUPREME COURT: A. C. AVERY, of Burke.

GEO. H. BROWN, Jr., of Beaufort.

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cool-headed calculator, but in this statement he made the very best showing he could for the opponents of the Democratic ticket, a showing, however, which is based to a great extent on ex parte claims and does not take into account contingencies and conditions that exist to a greater extent than are herein recognized and are not fully appreciated by the so-called "sound money" men of either the Democratic or the Republican party. It puts down thirteen States as certain for McKinley, with an aggregate of 149 electoral votes out of the 224 necessary to elect. In these States are included Maine, Maryland, Minnesota, New Jersey and New York, with an aggregate of 69 electoral votes. There isn't one of those States that is not debatable ground, with the chances quite as good for Bryan as for McKinley, and in some better. Classing them as doubtful it would reduce McKinley's certain vote to 80.

The figuring on these States has been on the assumption that free silver has no strength in them, and that the sentiment is practically solid for the gold standard, an assumption which has been encouraged by the gold press and the loud assertions of the gold politicians who have failed to discover or have closed their eyes to the growth of the free silver sentiment. They base their talk too much on the cities, which are influenced by the money power, and hence entirely overlook the rural districts, where the most systematic effort has been made to propagate free silverism, and where these efforts have met with more success than the gold people realize.

West of Manhattan island the State of New York is ordinarily Republican. But the free silver sentiment has spread so among the farmers, the majority of whom have been voting the Republican ticket, that former political statistics are of little use in casting up prospective results. Notwithstanding the revolt of some of the so-called Democratic newspapers in New York city, there is no reason to suppose that the regular Democratic organization, led by Tammany as usual, will not stand by the ticket. The Democratic leaders of that State have nothing to gain by giving its vote to McKinley, whether they like free silver or not.

In Maryland Senator Gorman has something at stake in getting that State back into the Democratic column. It is the only way he can hold his seat in the Senate, and prevent the Democratic faction which helped to turn it over to the Republicans from crushing him. The States which are here classed as "reasonably certain" for the Democratic party in the contingency of a union between the Democrats and the Populists give 111 votes, and are about as sure as any of the five States above named as certain for the Democratic ticket independent of such a union.

To show that the Times takes into due consideration the uncertain factor that is to play a part in this election it places in the doubtful column a number of States which the Republican managers have been counting confidently upon, while there are at least seven of them which are reasonably certain for the Democrats. These seven are Kansas, Kentucky, Missouri, Nebraska, South Dakota, Virginia and West Virginia, with an aggregate electoral vote of 79 out of the 179 classed as doubtful. Add these to the 111 votes conceded to the Democrats on a contingency which will occur, and it will give the Democrats 183 votes, leaving them but 41 votes to get out of the remaining 264. Of course this is all figuring upon contingencies, but as we regard it the statement of the Times makes a much better outlook for the Democrats than for the Republicans; and silver will grow stronger from now until the day of election.

The spectacle of Mr. Dana supporting Whiteley Reid's candidate is but another illustration of what the whirligig of time can accomplish.—Washington Post, Ind.

"The issue for the current campaign is clear cut. There has been no straddling. If a question can be settled at the ballot-box, the money question ought to be settled next November.—Savannah News, Ga. Dem.

"Regular Democratic organizations in many towns and cities in Eastern States are already ratifying the ticket and platform. So says an anti-Bryan journal. It confirms our expectation that the Democracy would fall into line everywhere.—New York Mercury, Dem.

Senator Lindsay of Kentucky, thinks the Democratic party is "going to the devil." The Senator, who is a gold bug, makes a mistake. The Republican party has already gone to the devil—Henry Watterson's Money Devil—and into that band wagon. He makes the important admission, however, that if good money does not come quickly, in case of Republican victory, the silver movement will have prodigious growth.—Augusta Chronicle, Dem.

"Some people go to the extremes in the wearing of mourning for deceased relatives," said a prominent man about town. "Now, the other day I was walking along the street when I passed a man dressed in a black suit, black hat and gloves, and with hair and whiskers abnormally dark. I didn't recognize him until he spoke to me. Then I realized that he was a barber who used to shave me for a number of years. When I saw him last, his hair and whiskers were gray. 'You looked changed,' I said to him. He wiped a tear from his eye with a black-bordered handkerchief, and said: 'Yah, I've had some druggists put me up with some druggists' mitine family. My son-in-law he did me on Ven's day, and I am sorry. He had actually dyed his hair and whiskers in the memory of his son-in-law!'"—Philadelphia Record.

"Nut Cracking as a Trade. There are in Chicago a considerable number of men and women, mostly Italians, who make a fair living by cracking pecan nuts. It is a recognized trade. They take orders regularly from the fruit stands and stores and supply them with cracked nuts. So far as possible they keep their methods in shadow. They crack the nuts with their hands; they get no such disheartening results as the amateur who essays the same attempt. They have no little pieces to pick up, but a few kernels come out in neat, unbroken halves. This is because they soak the nuts over night in soft water."—Chicago Tribune.

"Smallest Republic in Europe. Neither Andorra nor San Marino can claim to be the smallest independent territory in Europe. That position belongs to Tavornia, an islet off the northwest coast of Sardinia. Its size is three miles long and three quarters of a mile broad, and its population numbers exactly 55 souls. From 1836 to 1882 the islet was governed by one Paolo, who had all the authority of a king, but who died in the latter year. He advised the inhabitants to form a republic, which was done. All the adult islanders, women equally with men, have votes, and every six years a president is elected for that period.—Westminster Gazette.

fore the people and Mr. Hanna removes the padlock from his lips, he must either declare for silver or confess that in the eleventh hour he was forced upon a platform which he does not endorse by the gold men of the East, whom he and his supporters dared not beard. The Republicans might possibly make an aggressive tariff campaign but they are handicapped by their record and their utterances on the money question and this is especially true of their standard bearer who has been doing the double shuffle ever since the money question was started as an issue in this campaign.

The address issued by the so-called "sound money" faction of Illinois, published in the Star yesterday, is simply an after excuse for something determined upon long before the address was issued. Its honesty and sincerity are, therefore, discredited by this fact. Doesn't every reader of newspapers know that weeks before the Chicago Convention was held, and even before the Illinois Democratic State convention was held, a formal call was issued by these same men for a meeting of gold men in Chicago to form an organization, and that it was then deliberately stated that the intention was to bolt the national convention if it adopted a free silver platform? Where is the honesty in these men trumping up excuses now for doing what they had determined to do before any of these things happened on which they now base their justification for their proposed action? They have four grievances. One is that the convention preferred Senator Daniel to Senator Hill for chairman. That's a grievance based upon a personality. Will they assert that a sovereign convention did not have a right to elect its temporary chairman? It recognized the claims of the silver men of Michigan, where some sharp practices stifled the voice of the majority. It refused to endorse the honesty and fidelity of the Administration. But how could the convention be expected to endorse an administration which had been persistently fighting the cardinal issue that the majority of the convention believed in and pursuing policies which that majority considered disastrous? And lastly it nominated a man who wasn't their kind of a Democrat. Mr. Bryan has been a Democrat all his life, but suppose he hadn't been? Didn't many of these gentlemen support and vote for Horace Greeley, who had never been a Democrat and was not when he was nominated? These reasons are not only fictitious but they are ridiculous.

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"Years ago a member of the Indiana legislature, in a black and white suit, broadcloth and a silk hat, gold headed cane and white lawn tie, wandered up into the sanctum of the Courier-Journal, and stood around in a listless way, looking at the papers and the staff, and came back several times. He was asked to take a seat, which he declined elaborately, and ended by drawing his chair in a confidential way up to the editor's desk. "Could you," said he, "put in the paper that I am at the Galt House with my bride, and just finishing in something about my being a prominent Indiana?" "I don't care anything about that sort of thing-myself, but you know how the women are. I want 50 copies of the paper sent to this address," and he laid down \$2.50, grinned, got red in the face, said "Good morning," and vanished. Next morning he read that "Mr. John R. Huckleberry requests us to say that he is at the Galt House with his bride, and just finishing in something about my being a prominent Indiana?" "I don't care anything about that sort of thing-myself, but you know how the women are. I want 50 copies of the paper sent to this address," and he laid down \$2.50, grinned, got red in the face, said "Good morning," and vanished.

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Lincolnton Democrat: Mr. J. C. Rudisill, of Iron Station, says he found in one of his wheat fields not long since a bunch of wheat containing 23 heads, all growing from one grain. These 23 heads contained 2,033 grains of wheat by actual count. Deputy Marshal Bisner and H. L. Robinson went down on Beaverdam, in Gaston county, one night the latter part of last week and captured an illicit distillery. A few nights later Bisner, Robinson and Stockepper Keener made another raid in the same neighborhood and captured a 75-gallon still. This makes five blockade stills Bisner has captured in the last six months.

Goldsboro Argus: Late Saturday afternoon the sad intelligence reached Wilson that Mr. J. T. S. Young had been drowned in Contentnea creek, about four miles south of Wilson, near Rountree's bridge, while in bathing. Friends and relatives immediately left for the fated place and search was instituted for the recovery of the body. It was not recovered, however, until yesterday afternoon. Mr. Young was one of Wilson's oldest inhabitants, being 85 years of age. He moved to this city from Virginia about the year 1870.

Windsor Orient: One of the largest snakes we ever saw was brought to our office by Lizzie Jones, colored, Saturday. It was five feet six inches long and about three inches through the largest part of the body. It belonged to the McClellan family. Lizzie shot it with a pistol.

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THE HEART IN OLD AGE.

A Misconception That Causes Humanity Needless Anxiety. A story told by Dr. G. W. Balfour in his book on "The Senile Heart" well deserves the double purpose of marking the practical progress which scientific medicine has achieved within the past 50 years and of administering a much needed word of comfort and encouragement to those numerous workers who, as age approaches, begin to feel uncomfortable about the regions of the heart.

"Many years ago," said Dr. Balfour, "a gentleman of 77 consulted me as to some fainting fits to which he was liable. A distinguished consultant, since dead, had told him that these attacks were due to fatty degeneration of the heart and that treatment would be of no avail. His pulses were perceptible, the sounds faint, but pure, the arteries firm, but neither hard nor tortuous. I told the patient that experience had taught me that hearts supposed to be fatty were often weak. * * *

"We may surmise its existence, but we can only be certain of its presence when we see it post mortem." If many middle-aged and old men could but read this written deep upon the tablets of their consciences, what loads would be lifted from their minds. Yet doctors of small experience roll out a diagnosis of fatty heart and serious prognosis, leading to the conclusion that a trembling father of a family is like the sound of a deathknell. On the question of treatment Dr. Balfour is equally decided. "If you often faint," he says, "there is danger in treating with digitalis. * * *

"The Trick They Use to Circumvent the Ever Watchful Dealer. A diamond dealer recently interviewed a gentleman of his experiences as follows: "A few weeks ago a foreigner came into my store and desired to see rings. After choosing for a long time he picked out one valued at \$18. He made me a ridiculous offer, but I refused. I naturally refused. He then desired to see two other rings—one a sapphire and the other a diamond ring—exhibited in the show window. While I reached for the sapphire ring, the foreigner in the mirror on one side of the window how the stranger slipped away two rings, each worth \$150. I did not turn around, but went to the door, opened and then looked out. I saw the stranger, and the thief would have thrown pepper and sand in my eyes and run away with his booty. A policeman was soon in the place. The thief had the pepper and sand ready for use in his hand. "Another time a thief dropped two rings into his umbrella, and at another time another slipped one into a hole in his glove. A very common trick of diamond thieves is to put a stone in the pocket, which are thereupon handed to him lying upon a waiter. He breathes upon them, and thereby seeks to get one or more into his mouth. Others study the rings lying in the show window and have one lying exactly to pattern described. The gold is good, but the jewel is paste. They then come in twilight into the store and seek to exchange their imitation for the genuine."—Jewelers' Circular.

"I am for McKinley, Russell and Gold," says Oscar J. Spars, one of the Republican candidates for Elector at Large.

"I desire to meet Mr. Russell on the basis of the gold standard. I want the people to hear us and decide