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"Talk about full dinner pails," says Bryan "just look at the striking miners in Pennsylvania." If there is anything Billie can point to with pride it is a strike.

The death of Senator John M. Palmer removes from Illinois one of the grand men of the state. He rose to the rank of Major general during the war, and to United States Senator and governor in civil life.



CONGRESSMAN WALTER REEVES.

REPUBLICAN RALLY!!

Congressman Walter Reeves will Speak in Dwight, October 6th.

The opening of the campaign in this vicinity will take place in Dwight Saturday evening Oct. 6, two weeks from to-day...

Congressman Walter Reeves will be the principal speaker, and as he is very popular with our people, they will all turn out and hear him.

Remember the day and date.

CAMPUS RALLY!!

BIG REPUBLICAN RALLY IN CAMPUS FRIDAY, OCT 5. AFTERNOON AND EVENING.

TORCH LIGHT PROCESSION.

Arrangements are all made for a Big Republican Rally at Campus Friday, Oct. 5.

In the Afternoon Hon. C. H. F. Carrithers will address the people and in the evening Ed. O'Connell, of Bloomington, will speak.

There will be plenty of music, brass bands, singing and a big torchlight procession in the evening. Everybody invited.

president on the democratic sound money ticket, and this year for the same reason, he had declared for President McKinley's reelection.

THE TRUE THEORY.

Governor Roosevelt can say more things directly to the point in three minutes than any other speaker. At Wilnot, North Dakota, from the rear end of a railroad train he boiled down the issues in the campaign as follows: "What I ask you to remember is that a ton of oratory does not count for an ounce of performance."

"What can be done is what has been done, and that is to make the

administration of the laws such that the average man can have a chance to better himself and use to advantage head and heart and hand. That has been done. There has been some effort in this country from time to time to array one class against another, to cry some men down and some men up, but our plan is to cry all men up. In the long run you can benefit our people only by adopting conditions that will enable us all to get up."

Republican Speech.

Following are some extracts from a speech recently delivered by Hon. W. H. Stead, of Ottawa: Mr. Stead wasted no words in opening his address. He said the last time the democrats went into business everybody else went out. The republicans believed in the philosophy of keeping a good thing when you have it, and not throwing it away for the shadow of a promise. The democrats said abolish the tariff and wages would go up. They did; they went clear up. Give us free trade and see business boom, they said, and it busted. They said to the farmer, elect Bryan and you can sell your wheat for \$1 a bushel and buy your flour cheaper than ever. They charged that the success of the republican party meant lower wages, less work, and general starvation. But it didn't, and the country was never so prosperous as at present. When the democrats came into power their policy choked the chimneys and general stagnation followed their policy of free trade.

Four years ago they abandoned free trade and took up free silver. They said if the democrats were successful and free coinage of silver was made a law that the dollar would buy just as much as it did then, and there would be twice as many of them. If that was so, why not make the dollar all fiat and save the silver? The republicans said more confidence was needed, not more money. Mr. McKinley said open the mills, not the mints, and prosperity would follow. Mr. Bryan said business was dull because money was scarce. That was not so; money was not scarce—it was scared. Bryan said if we had money we would have more business. It is not money that makes business, it is what we do. Mr. Stead quoted from Bryan's book, "The First Battle," regarding the awful things which would happen to the country if the republicans were successful, the quotations being from a speech made in 1896. The fact is that when the republicans went into office calamity absconded. Where are the axioms of the democrats now? What has become of Mr. Bryan's crown of thorns? Who swiped his cross of gold? Not one of the things which Bryan said would befall the people if he was defeated has come to pass, while the things he said would not come about are now being enjoyed. How do you like him as a fortune teller?

The democrats are now referring to the dinner pail of the miner, and say it is not full only once a day. While that may be so, it was better than in 1896, when a full dinner pail at any time was only a dream, and the real thing gave the miner heart disease.

Referring to the strike of the miners in Pennsylvania, Mr. Stead said they had the sympathy of the people with them in their efforts to secure better conditions, and if they kept within the law they would win the fight.

The general condition of labor was never so good as today. Farmers who could not pay the interest on borrowed money four years ago are now paying the principal. Four years ago when they wanted money the banks would not let them have it; now the banks want to loan them money and they don't need it. If the farmers will figure the prices he received for his products in 1896 and what he gets for them now, and also the price he paid for goods then and the prices paid now, and strike a balance, if he is fair he will be a republican.

Altgeld says the present prosperity is spurious. Whenever that bird spreads its wings and squawks in that tone you are sure to find a dead horse in the valley somewhere. The democrats charge that the republicans claim the present good times are due to providence. Well, suppose they do? Doesn't the bible say "the Lord chooseth his instruments?" When the republicans are in power the industrial skies are bright and everybody happy. When the democrats were in charge the clouds lowered, the storms came and there was distress on every hand.

Since the republican party came into power in 1896 there has been a rapid increase in all lines of business. It took some time to clean out the flues, rub off the rust, and put on the belts, but after the wheels were started they had never stopped. It took a year to get our trade with other countries back, but now we cannot fill our orders. The story of our industrial triumphs were never equalled.

Mr. Stead told of the war with Spain, and said the Spanish flag came down in the Philippines and the stars and stripes went up, and it would stay where the American soldiers put it. Some of the democratic orators are shouting that "the constitution follows the flag." The democrats never follow either. They are now proud to quote what Grant and Lincoln said on various questions, where formerly they reviled and cursed them. It seems a failing of the party to never speak good of a man until he is dead. The party which freed the slaves will never oppress the people of the Philippines. The democrats are claiming that "imperialism" and "militarism" are the "paramount issues." The fact is that their paramount issue is any old thing to get votes. Militarism is no more an issue than Boxerism. In this country there is one soldier to every 1,200 inhabitants, and yet the democrats would have you believe that one man terrorizes the 1,200.

Mr. Stead said it was the same old party, with the same old leaders and the same old purposes which confronts the republicans, and they should be again defeated as they were in 1896. The democrats are pleading for the support of Mr. Bryan on the ground that

he cannot do any harm if he is elected. What a splendid recommendation! They say the republicans talk silver because they can use the same old speeches Mr. Stead said he was glad of it, and the old speeches were good now. But could the democrats say the same? All they could use of their old speeches was the opening sentence—"Ladies and gentlemen," and their paramount issue was Bryanism.

Political News.

Congressman Cannon will speak in Braceville Oct. 5.

Ransom will organize a mounted Rough Riders club to-night.

Long Point, this county, has a mounted Rough Riders Club of 75.

Hon. M. C. Eignus will speak in Odell Sept. 29, next Saturday. Mr. Eignus is an excellent speaker and all should hear him.

Samuel Alschuler, democratic candidate for governor, is billed to speak in Streator on Thursday October 4th, and the local democrats will arrange a rousing reception for him.

Capt. Lee Hall, a democrat who has been serving in the U. S. Army in the Philippines, is home on a visit and says he will support McKinley for president, because his election will end the war almost immediately.

A troop of Rough Riders is being organized in Pontiac and vicinity, and it is their intention to march across the country on the morning of October 8th, when Roosevelt will be in Streator. It is going to be a great day in Streator.

Dwight being the end of a division it is quite probable that the Roosevelt train will stop here a few minutes about 9:30, Oct. 8. The Rough Rider is billed to speak at Streator, Peoria, Springfield and East St. Louis in the evening, so that it will be impossible to stop the train anywhere for speeches except those places.

If present plans succeed, October 8th, will be a great day for the republicans of Streator and vicinity. Governor Roosevelt will open the day's festivities with a short speech; Lieutenant Governor Northcott will be here and speak; also Comptroller of the Currency Charles G. Dawes, as well as some other speakers of prominence, probably Senator Foraker of Ohio. There will be no lack of oratory of the first quality. Then there will be a torch light parade rough riders galore, and a general good time. There will be delegations here from every part of the district, and Streator will contain more people on that day than ever before on any occasion.

Stood Death Off.

E. B. Munday, a lawyer of Henrietta, Tex., once fooled a grave digger. He says: "My brother was very low with malaria fever and jaundice. I persuaded him to try Electric Bitters, and he was soon much better, and he wholly cured. I am sure Electric Bitters saved his life." This remedy expels malaria, kills disease germs and purifies the blood, aids digestion, regulates liver, kidneys and bowels, cures constipation, dyspepsia, nervous diseases, kidney troubles; female complaints; gives perfect health. Only 50c at A. K. Beltzhoover's, Dwight, and W. P. Cleary, Odell.

An Encampment Story.

The following yarn originated at the late encampment held at Chicago.

There were a couple of Irishmen viewing the parade and one of them said to the other: "An' what is the G. A. R. anyhow?" "The G. A. R.," said the other, "is a society of old soldiers." "Well, but that G. A. R. stand for that you see on their bludy hats?" "Why that stands for their password an' manes 'Generally. All Republicans; don't you hear it in holering fer Mike Kinley? Sure he's a better man than Bill Bryan, who is tryin' to pass himself off for a yankee by droppin' the O from his name, bad luck to him."

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Richards.

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