



The flag symbolizes our purposes and our aspirations; it represents what we believe and what we mean to maintain, and wherever it floats it is the flag of the free, the hope of the oppressed; and wherever it is assailed, at any sacrifice it will be carried to a triumphant peace.—Wm. McKinley.



ILLINOIS NEXT GOVERNOR.

Governor Roosevelt said in substance, regarding militarism, in his Streator speech, that the country should have no fear of the present standing army, but should fear the return of conditions which made Coxey's army possible.

Governor Theodore Roosevelt was grossly insulted in Chicago last Sunday as he came out of a German Church, by a lot of street arabs, throwing mud at him. While all decent people condemn the act nevertheless it is thought it was inspired by the Chicago American, which is certainly wrongly named, as it is as completely un-American as could be.

The ex-democratic congressman, Col James Campbell, who has been fighting Aguinaldo and his gang in the Philippines, was in Streator Monday with Col. Roosevelt. He says positively it is Mr. Bryan and his followers that are giving courage to the insurrectionists there, or they would have been subdued long ago. Campbell is a democrat but he positively refuses to have anything to do with Bryan and the party.

Indecent journalism should be and is condemned by every honest person in every community. Where a newspaper man allows the publication of articles wherein the character of women and men are maliciously assaulted under cover of correspondence or otherwise, he is personally responsible and decent and respectable people will not tolerate him long. A newspaper should be clean because it goes into the families and is read by men, women and children and the blush of shame should not be brought to their cheeks by an alleged home paper. There is an occasional low-lived, indecent person, sneaks into the business but he never lasts long.

It was always thus: The last dying groan of democracy before election is "fraud", "corruption fund." They don't say a word about the Croker-Tammay corruption fund in New York City which hired every large hall in the city from Oct. 16 to election, so that republicans couldn't use them. That money is not given by business men who give money for legitimate campaign expenses to protect themselves, but it comes from the lowest, disreputable sources in New York. It comes with ill grace from democrats to talk about corruption with "Boss" Croker running the party in New York, and "Boss" Burke with the party in his inside pocket in Illinois.

FROM A DEMOCRAT.

In his Auditorium speech Mr. James H. Eckles drew the following picture of the effects of Bryanism, should it become the policy of the country:

"The adoption of Mr. Bryan's monetary policy would mean to the nation loss of financial prestige, to the individual the inviting of the world's contempt and distrust. Every industry would be thrust into a caldron of doubt and uncertainty, ending in a refixing of values and a reorganization of business upon the new basis in cases where bankruptcy had not already intervened. It would cause the savings bank to readjust their relations with their depositors to accord with the lessened worth of their accumulated securities. The depositor, their creditor, with his earnings of ten years reduced to the savings of five, would either be compelled to put himself in the position he once occupied or reduce to a lower plane the manner of his living. The commercial world, shocked and affrighted by the havoc wrought by such a departure from the rules of ordinary honesty and the decrees of economic science, would find panic and distrust and dissipated wealth where now is confidence and stability and multitudinous riches. I do not over-draw the picture, for capital, proverbially timid, would shrink back from a catastrophe so appalling. It would mean everywhere in America a complete reversal of all its past history—the moving back from the proud position of financial supremacy upon which we are fast entering to the monetary standard of barbarous China. If it would mean all this for capital, what would it hold in store for labor, the labor that finds its daily wage through the use of capital and its continuous employment by extending credit to those who have need of it? The laboring man has but the capital of brain and muscle, and to utilize these he must be afforded the opportunity to work. Make it impossible to have enterprises carried on and he is deprived of that opportunity; reduce the purchase value of the money in which that wage is paid or through such act double the price of the article he must buy, and you diminish his capital, which is the essential element in his well being. He beyond all others needs the protecting care of wise monetary legislation, for against the evil effects of it he stands helpless."

Hon. Ed. O'Connell, of Bloomington, one of the speakers at the republican meeting at Campus, gave an illustration of the times by relating how a democratic farmer went into an implement house in Bloomington to buy a wagon, and was told that it was \$60 which was \$10 more than the farmer had paid four years before. The democratic farmer said: "That's always the way, when the republicans get in everything goes up." The merchant had a good memory and asked if he remembered how much he paid for the wagon four years before and he answered that he believed he paid for it in corn. "Yes," said the merchant, "you brought me in 300 bushels of corn and I gave you the \$50 wagon and \$5 in cash, but if you will bring me in 300 bushels of corn now, I'll give you the \$60 wagon and \$45 in cash." This simply illustrates the true conditions and every thinking man, without regard to politics, should decide which is best for him.

Governor Roosevelt in his speech in Chicago last Saturday night spoke of William Jennings Bryan's claiming that the present prosperity was the work of Providence. The Governor said he was willing to acknowledge that the Republican party had fused with Providence, but that the Democrats have fused with almost every thing, but had never been able to reach Providence yet.

Wm. J. Bryan spoke in Illinois this week at so much a spoke.



CONGRESSMAN WALTER REEVES.

PROSPERITY.

CONGRESSMAN REEVES MAKES A PRACTICAL BUSINESS SPEECH.

The Prosperity of the Times Fully Demonstrated in the Rally at Dwight.

The rally in Dwight Saturday, the 6th, notwithstanding the rain, was a great success. Fully 3,000 people crowded the streets early in the evening waiting for the parade to be formed and in the meantime the Dwight marching club, under the command of A. Bovik as captain, and J. Vickery as first lieutenant and Charlie Herring as sergeant, wearing their rough rider hats, gold sashes and carrying torches, formed one hundred strong, with the Dwight band and marched around the business center and were cheered by hundreds of people. The club only purchased 100 outfits and every one of them was out, and 200 could have been used if they were available. It is nearly impossible to buy republican outfits of the dealers as the demand is so great, but they all have plenty of Bryan outfits for sale at a discount.

At 8:20 the C. & A. train rolled in with 150 from Pontiac and 100 from Odell, of shouting republican marchers, with fine brass bands from each place. In the Pontiac contingent was the regular club, the miners' club and the colored men's club combined and they made a splendid appearance, and the Odell boys brought with them a lot of Roman candles and made things lively. There were delegations from the Cardiff and Campus clubs, and the local committee wishes to return thanks to all who lent their assistance.

Along the line of march were burned red lights and portraits of the candidates were displayed.

The parade followed the line of march laid out in this paper.

Congressman Reeves, Committeeman J. R. Oughton, Major Judd and others reviewed the parade from the Livingston Hotel.

Immediately after the parade the speaker was escorted to the hall and candidates Hoobler and Ball were introduced and made a few pleasing remarks and then Mr. Oughton introduced Congressman Reeves.

Mr. Reeves is popular in Dwight and his presence is sufficient to draw a big crowd. He is a very conservative and fair speaker, is logical and plain and there is more real meat in his speeches than there is in almost any public man in the country.

He said that owing to the lateness of the hour he would not speak long but he talked for one hour and twenty minutes and had the undivided attention of the large audience. He explained the fallacies of free silver and said that in 1896 the silver bullion was purchased under the Sherman Act, and that when the republican party came in they made no change in that feature, but that they immediately repealed the Wilson bill which caused such hard times and substituted what is known as the Dingley protection measure which immediately established confidence, the factories opened all over the land, the idle men went to work, money came out of hiding and confidence was restored and a home market created. This proved conclusively that it was not a scarcity of money but a scarcity of confidence and good business judgment which made the hard times. And still in the face of this the Bryan democracy at Kansas City reaffirmed the free silver plank of 1896. Bryan predicted that free silver was a specific for all the evils and that if we didn't have it the country would go to the dogs. But to-

day under the republican gold standard the per capita of money in circulation is much larger. Hardly a prediction of Mr. Bryan has come true.

In relation to what the Bryan wing of democracy has chosen for their alleged paramount issue "imperialism," "anti-expansion," or "militarism," or what they call it. Mr. Reeves took the pains to give a little history of the man Aguinaldo, whom some democrats have had the nerve to call "the George Washington of the East." Some three or four years ago this alleged man organized a revolt against Spain and the Spanish government agreed to give him \$400,000 if he would drop the matter and leave the country, and he did and went to Hongkong and lived in great style. He started for England but on his way he met someone who convinced him that he was making a mistake and that he ought to go back to Manila and try to establish an empire and make himself emperor. He accordingly decided to go right back, not only having sold out his own people but refused to stay bought by Spain. This is the man that the Bryan wing of the democratic party want to put in the saddle in the Philippines to establish a system of government. Does any good American citizen want to see anything of that kind? Mr. Reeves explained that President McKinley could do nothing about the future policy of the Philippines, but that he matter was wholly in the hands of congress. He also went into an explanation of the commercial interests of this country in holding our possessions in the far East, and explained how that the nations of Russia, Germany France and others had almost induced England to be a party to the partition of China so as to control the trade of that vast area, and how President McKinley had foreseen the disaster to our foreign trade by such action and that quickly he had sent to the Philippines the best ships of our navy until we were stronger than any other nation, and quickly demanded that the "open door" policy be continued, and that a few months ago Secretary Hay had received an agreement signed by representatives of those countries to the effect that the "open door" policy be continued, thus securing to this country a continuance of our vast trade in the orient. The United States, by American diplomacy and statesmanship, having been instrumental in bringing this about, and saving China, would have a tendency to increase our trade greatly with them. Mr. Reeves advocates the holding of the Philippines for commercial reasons as well as sentimental reasons. He explained that there was no danger of congress adopting laws which would allow the cheap labor of the Philippines to compete with American labor. He appealed to the business men and farmers that it was their honest duty to themselves to look carefully into the question of markets for their immense productions for the future. That they must not sit idle and wait for a market, but must study the future and vote for the party and work for the policies that would make the future bright and prosperous. To not be led away by foolish prophecies, but to place their trust in the tried and true. This was not a question for republicans alone, but for every fair minded man, without regard to politics, who is interested in future advancement and prosperity.

In regard to trusts Mr. Reeves gave a short history of the stand taken by the democrats in congress as appears by the record. During the last congress only a few months ago, the matter of trusts was taken up by a committee in that body and after mature deliberation, presented a resolution recommending that a constitutional amendment be submitted to the people, which would

give the government absolute control of trusts. The result was that all but four or five republicans in the house voted for the resolution and all but two of three democrats voted against it, and as it took a two thirds majority to pass it, the democrats defeated it. In the face of this they fairly run to Kansas City and advocated a plank in their platform condemning trusts in a manner that the people might think they meant it, only for the record they had just left behind them in Washington. Mr. Reeves made many other telling points in his address. The representative of the STAR and HERALD makes no pretense of quoting Mr. Reeves literally, but merely covers some of the points in substance. The clear, straight forward manner in which he presents his arguments is convincing and there is no doubt that his speech did lots of good in this community.

NOTES.

The cannon was out and helped en- thusiasm. Major L. F. Strawn had charge of the Pontiac clubs, and Sheriff Talbott of the band.

CAMPUS REPUBLICANS.

Last Friday was a great day for our neighbors on the west, Campus and Round Grove. As Chairman Thos. Walsh said, "it was not so long ago when it was claimed that a republican meeting could not be held in Round Grove, but now a republican meeting could be held which would eclipse anything the democrats could get up." The republican sentiment is strong in Round Grove. The good times have had their effect there the same as in other parts of the country, and among farmers, who are not saying a word, but who are satisfied with the times and prices and will go quietly to the polls and vote for the continuation of the good times. It is a trifle hard for some of the old time democrats to do that, but rather than run any risk and have the hard times of five or six years ago, they will do it. They feel as if it was not much of a political year anyway but a purely business proposition.

The republicans of Campus made great arrangements for the rally, erected a speaker's stand, which was handsomely decorated.

The Dwight Band was engaged for the occasion and rendered excellent music.

In the afternoon Hon. C. F. H. Carrithers, of Fairbury, delivered a forcible address which was well received and in the evening Hon. Ed. O'Connell, of Bloomington, was the speaker. Both were good and undoubtedly did good for the party.

The Pontiac Glee Club captured the crowd both afternoon and evening. In the evening marching clubs from Dwight, Cardiff and Campus, marched about the streets and created enthusiasm. While marching the local committee distributed fire works and the heavens were illuminated.

Withall the meeting was the best ever held in Round Grove, and a majority for the paramount issue of "Prosperity" is assured.

DWIGHT AT STREATOR.

The part that the people of Dwight took in representing the sentiment of this section at the rally at Streator Monday night may be considered with pride. It was the unanimous expression that it made a fine showing in the parade and helped out the crowd in their hurrahs and applause. The band and marching club assembled at the C. & A. depot in Dwight, the band rendered several selections when the train pulled into the Dwight station which was about 6 p. m. At Streator they fell in line at the depot and marched to Main and Bloomington streets, the band playing. At Bloomington street they fell in line with the procession and were stationed second in line. There were over 5,000 torches in line and about ten bands. Governor Northcutt was not present on account of sickness in his family.

DEMOCRATIC ORGANIZATION.

Monday evening at Mickelson's hall the democrats of this locality organized, electing the following officers: Col. R. P. Morgan, pres.; Jas. Kelgber, sec.; Jas. C. Nelson, treas. The executive committee was appointed and is, Col. R. P. Morgan, B. A. Buck, S. Kiltz, J. W. Koehler, James Kelagher, L. J. Trunnell, G. L. Hahn and John Thompson.

Tuesday night it was decided to have a democrat rally afternoon and evening of Saturday, the 20, at which a fitting display of fireworks, etc., would be evident, and for which speakers of national reputation would be engaged. Quite a number of the faithful went to Pontiac yesterday to hear Tillman and Aishuler.

Chas. K. Ladd, of Kewanee, will speak in the afternoon. Mr. Ladd was a prominent candidate for the democratic nomination for governor, and is a fine orator. There will also be present candidates for representatives and county offices. The meeting in the afternoon will be held outdoors if the weather is good and the evening meeting in Keppinger's hall. There will be music and fireworks, and everybody invited.

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Political Notes, Judge G. W. Patten speaks at Connell the 16th.

Senator Mason speaks at Chatsworth next Monday.

M. M. Ferguson spoke to a big crowd in Cardiff Wednesday night.

Senator Culom spoke to an immense audience at Forrest Thursday.

Mrs. Fannie Worthington delivered a splendid address in Pontiac Wednesday.

Three weeks from next Tuesday it will all be over and the people will be celebrating the election of the republican ticket.

A special train bearing John G. Woolsey and the prohibition candidates, passed through Dwight Monday but didn't stop. They probably knew that Dwight was a good temperance city and didn't need any prohibition talk.

Pitchefork Tillman, of South Carolina, the great fire-eater of the South, will speak in Streator the 13th, and will teach the northern democrats their duty in regard to "the consent of the governed." In his state the negro has just been disfranchised by state law.

There will be a big rally in a big tent at Blackstone the 18th and C. F. H. Carrithers will speak. The Dwight marching club are invited to take part. The republicans of Sunbury are hopeful of republican success and they need all the encouragement possible.

There is one feature about the coming election that is of interest locally. Once every four years the law compels you to register your name, place of birth, age and residence, and this is the year. No matter what you have done in the past year, you can't vote this year unless you register, without making an affidavit as to your eligibility.

The women will have an opportunity to vote at the coming election, and can cast their ballots for three trustees of the State University. But in order to do so they must register their names at the polling places on the 15th and 30th of this month. It is hoped to poll the votes of at least 100,000 women for Mrs. Carrie T. Alexander and the other republican candidates.

The Roosevelt reception Monday in Streator was an immense affair, there being at least 10,000 people there in the morning. Short addresses were made by the rough rider, Governor Tanner, Senator Culom, Dick Yates and Col. Campbell, the democratic ex-congressman, who is serving the country in the army of the Philippines, but has no use for Bryan democracy, which he says is keeping alive the insurrection out there. There was a notable difference in the reception given Governor Roosevelt and Adlai Stevenson, the democratic candidate for vice-president, in Streator. Stevenson had three carriages and 126 men in the parade and about 400 to hear him. There were at least 10,000 to hear "Teddy," and there was about 5,000 men in the torch light procession at night. That means something.

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