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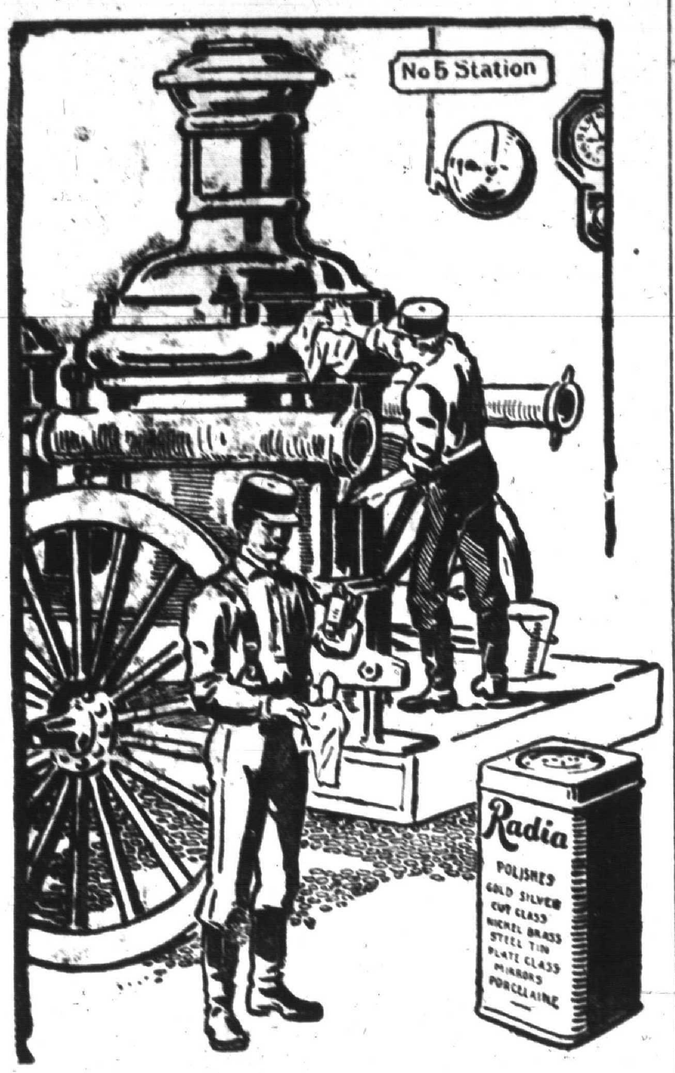

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Democratic Convention Was Not Harmonious.

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Political Cauldron Has Begun to Simmer—England's Great Golfer Met His Bete Noir—The United States and Expansion.

(Whig Correspondence, letter No. 1,209.)

New York, July 20.—The close of the democratic convention has not been one of harmony, the nomination of Adlai Stevenson was not looked for; the office of vice-president seems to have been a bone of contention and his nomination has done but little to cement the warring factions. He seems to have been taken at the last moment as a kind of a forlorn hope, and while Mr. Bryan has taken kindly whatever his party desired to give, it is generally believed he would have been much better satisfied with a stronger running mate.

Of course, Mr. Stevenson is morally, socially and politically sound, and as the associate of Mr. Cleveland he helped to form a respectable ticket, and it was as well known then as it is to-day that he did not strengthen the democratic ticket in his state by his nomination a hundred votes. Mr. Towne was an earnest applicant for the place, and he was encouraged to believe up to the very last moment by some of the most powerful managers that there was not the slightest doubt but that he would get the nomination, because it was believed he could control the populistic vote. It was a dishonest trick from first to last, the men engaged in the negotiation knew that the party as a whole would never indorse the sentiment of which Mr. Towne was the foremost exponent, they wanted a straight democratic ticket, sink or swim.

The head of the ticket was all right, but the tail of the ticket was all wrong if it was made up of Mr. Towne and his friends. In Mr. Stevenson they got a democrat and the smallest democrat of unquestioned principles was better than the largest populist to be found in the United States. The republican candidates have received notice of their nomination. They have nothing new to insert in their platform. It is a reaffirmation of principles as old as the party itself. They say there is not a republican in the United States that believes in imperialism or anything that tends that way. They believe in expansion but not in despotism. They believe in spreading the light of our advanced civilization from the equator to the poles, not in shutting ourselves up like a turtle in its shell. They think the Almighty has given this nation a mission to perform. It was afforded a great opportunity and has apparently made the most of it. Cuba has been given her freedom and the Philippines will not be given back to barbarism; such is the announcement of the republican party, and by the principles here announced they are willing to stand or fall.

Am I my brother's keeper? is the question which arises in this hour of turmoil and strife, and the answer comes back, "Yes, you are," before God. You are not only responsible now, but you will be till the judgment day. Semi-barbarism reigns almost unrestricted in the grandest and richest portion of our domain. The archipelago of the Philippines with its three hundred islands, in itself might form a nation as rich and as powerful as Japan.

We must not forget that within the memory of millions who are now alive, Japan was as closely sealed as the hermit empire of Thibet. Sixty years have scarcely gone by when commodore Perry knocked at her gates for admission which was denied; then was heard the thunder of American cannon and the gates were opened to the world's civilization, and to-day she takes her position among the greatest nations of the earth. The history of the world records no such wonderful advance as that which is now recorded of Japan.

A question of the most vital importance to our existence as a republic is, Why should the United States seek expansion in lands thousand of miles from the original republic? The answer is that steam has completely revolutionized the commercial connections of the world. Only a little more than half a century ago a voyage from Europe to India or China consumed half a year—now it's only a question of days, steam performing the task for our foreign commerce depended upon the winds. Within the memory of the living men, months of weary voyages have changed to weeks, weeks to days, days to hours, and this change has involved the necessity of coaling stations in different parts of the world. These stations are an absolute necessity for commercial nations whose existence depends upon their position. The commerce of the world is no longer dependent upon the winds; with in the past fifty years a ship might lay, in what is known as the doldrums, for weeks without being able to advance a mile; now with steam they defy both wind and wave and can tell with absolute certainty the time consumed by a ship on a voyage of 10,000 miles. Expansion and a standard gold foundation for the nation's capital will be the republican battle cry in the coming campaign. Sixteen to one and down with imperialism will be the shibboleths of democracy, and there is no question but that sixteen to one will cost the democratic party many thousand votes in the state of New York. The candidates have already been notified and there is no doubt as to where they stand. The appeal now goes to the people, and on the sixth day of November next the world will know exactly where the American republic stands on the vital questions of the hour. Of one thing we may be assured of in advance, and that is the party now in power will take no step backward.

The great musical festival from which so much was hoped in musical circles has broken up in a family quarrel which everybody but the parties most intimately concerned regrets. The emperor of Germany had presented for competition a very beautiful and valuable prize. In the adjudication of the musical associations, the Mannerchoir, of Philadelphia, and one of the musical associations of Brooklyn, were considered about equal, and it was decided that the Brooklyn association should hold the prize for one half of the time between 1900 and the next general meeting, the Philadelphia Mannerchoir to hold it for the last half. This decision the Philadelphia singers refused to accept, and the result is war to the knife, and the knife to the hilt. This is an unfortunate ending for a Saengerfest, and it is yet hoped that the parties may be brought together to a more peaceful and harmonious settlement.

The unsettled state of affairs in China has affected our entire business community and we hardly know what to believe. On July 3rd we received intelligence from the Chinese minister that he had heard from the home government that the foreign consuls and ministers were in Pekin and entirely safe. Five days we are told that there is no doubt about the assassination of the German minister and that all the legations were in distress. Dispatch No. 3, the emperor was poisoned; dispatch No. 4, and the dowager empress had been driven from Pekin; dispatch No. 5, the dowager empress had ordered the imperial dragoons to expel, and, if possible, to kill the Boxers. I should now like to add a dispatch of my own and that is, "That for superlative mendacity there is nothing between creation's dawn and the archangel's trump that will equal a Chinese liar, and it seems to-day as if we know no more of the condition of affairs in Pekin or Tien Tsin than we did one month ago. The difficulty of immediate settlement lies in the lack of unity and jealousy on the part of the powers engaged. Russia, without any notice to the other powers, has an army of 30,000 advancing through Manchuria. Japan promises an army of 60,000 men, armed, equipped and ready for action, England and the colonies promise thousands more, though lord Roberts is meeting with serious defeats in South Africa. And these complications have cast a gloom over the entire civilized world.

Shall Russia be allowed to become the dominant power in the final settlement of the Chinese question? Or shall Japan with her victorious thousands, which met and conquered the Chinese only a few years ago, sinking her best battleships and capturing the strongest of her coast defenses, and, after winning the victory to be defrauded of the fruits for which she had sacrificed so much? But the most distressing feature which the nations of Europe and the United States have to face is the possibility of the yellow races of the east combining for the destruction of the white. The question has been set forth by one of the leading newspapers of this metropolis, and contemplated as not a very remote possibility fraught with danger. Let us not forget that a half century has not elapsed since an English army marched into Pekin without serious loss and looted the palace for four weeks and carried away millions of wealth, leaving the palace in ruins. And later still, as we remarked in a former portion of this letter, Japan with a small army routed everything before them, and it was not until they received a large indemnity that they consented to return to Port Arthur, which Russia afterward seized and still holds and proposes to make the terminal of her gigantic railroad system. And to-day the nation which let a British army invade her capital and was begging for mercy from Japan confronts the armies of the civilized world and dashed them back from the gates of her capital. While our hearts are riven with the stories of massacre which reach us from day to day, the Chinese minister Wu walks the streets of Washington in perfect security, while it is a question if the American minister at Pekin is still alive.

While the thunder of cannon is echoing on our ears from the battlefields of the east the pilgrims of peace, the christian endeavorers, crowd our streets on the way to Europe. And the city of London, in the year of grace 1900, will see one of the grandest christian celebrations that has ever been held by any people in any land. Who are they? you ask. "The pilgrims of peace" is the reply. What is their religion? you wish to know. All religions who believe in Christ as the mediator between the Almighty and the children of men. The meeting to be held in London will be represented by converts from every portion of the christian world. Three millions is the number claimed for this christian army, whose general and supreme leader is the Prince of Peace. The purpose of this pilgrimage is to bring together pilgrims from different portions of the globe and to strengthen the bonds of spiritual union.

In New York the christian at work has opened a new chapter and it is started on the broadest foundations of christian charity. Its doors are not barred against any human being, however poor, who behaves while within its gates with moderate decency and order. The first command is feed the hungry—no man can be possessed of a true christian spirit if he is starving. The walls of the Squared inn are not covered with proverbs that would ruin the appetite of the average sinner. After a meal go into a comfortable reading room where are all the latest magazines and papers of the day. If he desires to amuse himself there are checkers and dominoes furnished without cost, and everything is done that reason suggests to lure him away from the saloon.

A grand point was made by bishop Potter, the most eminent Episcopal churchman of New York, while addressing a meeting there the other night and he remarked, "I have often longed for a dinner and a breakfast when I did not care about listening to a missionary sermon. I hope you will allow the men to smoke," remarked the bishop. "Certainly we do," replied the chief director, and there and then was admitted a charitable concession that a man might be a good christian and smoke a pipe. The news comes cheering from the west of the immense crop, which, unfortunately, they have not hands enough to gather. The farmers, driven almost to despair seeing the grain rotting on the ground, have loaded their guns and gone out upon the highways and wherever a tramp was found they have driven him into the wheat fields to work at the rate of $2.50 per day, under the penalty of filling him with buckshot on refusal. The farmers' wives and daughters, realizing the necessities of the case, with the full consent of their fathers, their brothers and their sons, have formed clubs and assumed trousers of the men, by whose sides they are working from daylight to dark and expect to be found performing their tasks until the last bushel of wheat is saved. Such a glorious example those women of the west have given their children should never be forgotten.

While those who have the destinies of the state in their hands are preparing our great battleships for immediate service at sea and mounting our armies for service on land, and lighter sports are not forgotten, and our athletes return from Europe crowned with bays and laurel. The greatest golfer of England has met his bete noir in the United States. He came for wool and has gone away shorn.

The political cauldron has begun to simmer; the victor will have no walk over. Heavy odds are given on McKinley. There are thousands of faithful democrats who believe that the boy orator of the Platte will occupy the presidential chair for the next four years. One of the most difficult questions in the coming campaign, and which will decide the election will be who shall be boss of New York—D. B. Hill, of Wolbert's Roost or Richard Croker, of the British estate of Wantage.

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Emperor William Presents A Flag.

Chicago, July 21.—The flag given by emperor William to the veterans of the German military societies of North America will be unfurled to the breeze in this city to-morrow. The emblem is white silk embroidered with the black eagle of the empire. In conjunction with this event, there will also be a presentation of a banner to the society by the present emperor's grandfather, William I. The occasion is made the mid-summer festival of the Chicago society of German warfare. Prominent Germans from all parts of the country are present.

Birthday Of The Queen Regent.

Madrid, Spain, July 21.—The birthday of the queen regent of Spain, mother of the boy king Alfonso XIII, is being celebrated throughout this country to-day. She is forty two years of age. Despite the many plots against her she is greatly beloved, especially in Madrid. The occasion of her birthday is as usual being made one of the greatest jollification. The queen regent is a daughter of an Austrian archduke and was married to Alfonso XII, in 1879. He died on November 15th, 1885, and she was made queen regent for her infant son.

Damage Was Half A Million

Lansing, Mich., July 21.—Immediately following the severe storms that swept over this state on July 5th and 6th, the president of the state board of agriculture sent out bulletins to learn the extent of damage done to crops. As a result of this investigation it is learned that the damage was not so great as was reported at first. The footing up of figures from all the counties visited by the storm, place the damage at about $500,000. Previous accounts gave the loss at more than twice this amount.

Banner For Chicago Highlanders.

Chicago, Ill., July 21.—The Scottish clans of Illinois are holding a union picnic at Santa Fe park to-day. The most interesting event on the programme is the presentation to the clan Campbell, of Chicago, of the emblematic banner from the duke of Argyll, the present head of the Campbell clan. Sports of all kinds are also offered. The proceeds are to be given to the widows and orphans of British soldiers and sailors who have fallen in South Africa.

Monuments To Confederate Dead.

Berryville, Va., July 21.—A monument erected to the memory of the confederates of Clark county, was unveiled here to-day, with appropriate ceremonies. Hon. J. W. Marshall delivered the oration and numbers of other prominent persons were present at the unveiling. A parade was held in which visiting and local confederate organizations took part.

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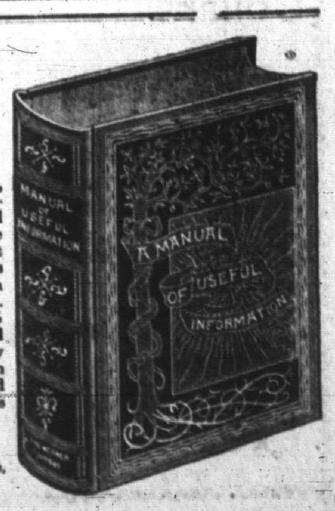

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