

PLATFORM EXPECTED TO BE DISTURBING

Markets Will Sway Under Contents of Bryan's Platform, Says Clews.

TAFT IS EXPECTED TO WIN.

THOUGHT HE WILL PULL COUNTRY OUT OF ITS PRESENT STATE OF DOUBT AND BUSINESS DEPRESSION WILL CEASE.

New York, June 27.—In anticipation of Mr. Taft's nomination for the Presidency, the stock market underwent a considerable and prolonged advance. Upon announcement of the event prices as usual reacted; early buyers having taken profits and left the market with inadequate support. With the Denver convention close at hand, and probabilities of Mr. Bryan's nomination daily strengthening, there is more or less shrinking in values, and the market is discounting his nomination by a show of weakness, much in the same fashion that it anticipated Mr. Taft's nomination by a show of strength. Moreover all persons are not equally confident of Mr. Taft's election in November next. A goodly number consider the outlook still doubtful and act upon their convictions; and while they may be in error they are sufficiently strong numerically to give the political situation a moderate degree of uncertainty which may be expected to last until the final outcome in November next. The platform soon to be announced from Denver is expected to be more or less radical and disturbing. There is a large element of discontent throughout the country aggravated by general business depression, and it must be remembered that hard times always work adversely to the party in power. Nevertheless, Mr. Taft's strong, good sense, his ability, courage and integrity, not to speak of his winning personality will stand him in good stead during the campaign, and are likely to ultimately win for him much greater popularity among the voters than he possesses even today.

Approach Dull Season.
Under such circumstances a strong and active market can hardly be expected. The technical situation has been weakened by recent free realizations, and the large holders who sold stocks are not likely to re-enter the market until confident that another turn for the better is at hand. We are now approaching the period of usual summer dullness; and many operators are absent on vacations or disinclined to activity until political and crop uncertainties are cleared away. The crop outlook as a whole continues encouraging. Occasional damage has been done by excessive rains, but as a rule such injuries are more than offset by high conditions in wheat, corn, oats and hay reported in other sections. Corn is the only exception, being somewhat backward, but this is a crop which develops rapidly, and would quickly respond to a few days of hot weather. So far there is no reason for concern in regard to crops. On the contrary, there is still every reason to look forward to abundance and good prices for the fruits of the earth. Conditions still are so high as to leave ample margin for ordinary deterioration during the next two or three months.

Recovery Requires Time.
In the business outlook there is little change, and a very quiet summer for all lines of industry is in prospect. It is quite evident that a further period of rest will be necessary for convalescence after the severe crisis of last October. Recovery will require more time than some impatient people will admit. The situation is steadily improving, and the outlook is certainly hopeful; but this is not a time to be over- sanguine and moderate anticipations are much more likely to be realized than those of over-enthusiastic prosperity boomers, whose wishes are too often father of the thought.

Rate Advance Unwise.
There has been serious talk of an advance in freight rates, but this would be unwise policy, since it would check rather than stimulate traffic, and revive public hostility to railroads, which after having done sufficient harm is now really abating. The most favorable feature in the railroad situation is that the number of idle cars is beginning to decrease. There are no clouds in the monetary outlook, and we seem more likely to be afflicted with a redundancy of currency than a scarcity. Interest rates are low the world over; both domestic and foreign banks are steadily increasing their reserves, and gold exports from this country have ceased temporarily at least. On the first of August nearly \$64,000,000 of Spanish War 3 per cent bonds became due. Whether these will be refunded at a lower rate of interest, or redeemed in part or whole has not yet been disclosed. In view of the reduction in the treasury surplus, and the fact that the fiscal year about to close is likely to show a deficit of over \$62,000,000 the entire payment of this debt seems unlikely; the treasury, however, still has a surplus of over \$235,000,000, and of this \$195,000,000 is on deposit in national banks. It is therefore, to be presumed that the treasury will before long make a considerable call on the banks; a contingency for which some institutions are already preparing. Next week nearly \$180,000,000 interest and dividend payments will become due. As a result of the panic this is nearly \$12,000,000 less in dividends than a year ago. Owing however, to the increased output of bonds and short term obligations, interest payments are considerably larger than a year ago; so that the net decrease in

interest and dividend payments combined will be only about \$7,000,000. There are expectations of a slightly better bond market based on these large disbursements, but investment purchases generally are being conducted on strictly conservative lines. The outlook is for a comparatively quiet stock market, with limited fluctuations in either direction. There is nothing in the situation to warrant uneasiness in regard to security values, and no great decline is to be anticipated. On the other hand favorable conditions have been so amply discounted by the recent advances that temporary weakness was inevitable. HENRY CLEWS.

BOGUS ANTIQUES.

Collectors Constantly on Their Guard Against Fraud.

Collectors of antiques have to be all the time on their guard against fraud. Even then they are often deceived. Artists exist who can impose on the very elect. A well known collector had a precious box of rare enamel. He sent it to Vienna to be repaired, and the ingenious mender fitted it with a new lid. Then he put a new lower part to the original lid, and two collectors were made happy. A gem cutter took a modern gold Greek ring, recut the stone with an intaglio of an important subject, made a turkey swallow the ring and after some time killed the turkey. The residence in the bird's crop had endowed the gem with all the marks of age. A scholar in a little known part of Dalmatia was seeking gold coins and ornaments of the old Servian dynasty. A dealer came to him with a beautifully wrought crucifix, which he claimed to be a genuine antique. In examining the article with a glass the student came across a tiny inscription, and, better versed than the dealer gave him credit for being, he read it aloud, "This cross was made in 1893 by —," giving the name of the maker it said. The dealer stood not on the order of his going, but left at once.

Many a reputed article is its own undoing. At one time a number of lead coins were put on the market as antiques. It was discovered that the Arabic numerals with which they were dated were of the fashion not invented at the supposed time of their making. Collectors, young and old, trained and untrained, are constantly being taken in. Even museums themselves are not free from fakes.

PUMICE STONE.

The Best Quality Comes From the Island of Lipari.

We often hear it remarked, and particularly after the eruption of a volcano, that pumice stone ought to be plentiful and cheap, as quantities must have been ejected during the volcanic disturbance. As a matter of fact, however, none of the white stone in general use is obtained from active volcanoes. It comes from the deposits of the article discovered in one or two quarters of the globe, the best of which is at present to be found in the island of Lipari, situated in the Tyrrhenian sea. The island is mountainous in character and consists of tufts and lavas and of highly siliceous volcanic products. The district where the stone is found is called Campo Bianco or Monte Petalo, 1,500 feet above the level of the sea.

After riding a considerable distance, partly along precipitous paths sufficiently dangerous to be interesting and partly through vineyards and over grassy plains, one almost comes suddenly upon a seemingly snow clad valley, inclosed by hills also quite white, and the whole gleamingly bright on a sunny day. Into those hills workmen are unceasingly digging deep burrows, working within by candlelight. In their excavations they come across many lumps of pumice stone, which are placed in baskets, subsequently being conveyed along the valley to the seashore, where small boats are loaded and sail to the seaport near by, where the stone is sorted, packed and shipped to distant parts either by way of Messina or Leghorn.

Adirondack.

The word "Adirondack" comes to us from the language of the Mohawks. With them it was Ha-de-ron-dack and meant wood eaters. This term was applied in derision to a few members of a once powerful branch of the Algonquians, who were defeated by the Iroquois and forced to seek refuge in a fastness of the mountains. They were in great distress, and it is said they sent messengers to their victors asking them to make no further war upon them, as they were reduced to the necessity of eating roots and the bark of trees. A few of them finally escaped to the north, and others were captured and held in slavery by the Mohawks.

The Giant of Lobsters.

The largest lobster ever caught on the coast of America was taken by a Belfast (Me.) fisherman in 1891. It weighed twenty-three pounds and measured thirty-seven inches from the end of its tail to the tip of the long front claws. The monster was too large to enter a common lobster trap, but as the trap was being drawn up it was caught in the netting and safely landed. Many years ago a lobster weighing twenty-two pounds was captured near the same place, and the event was considered to be of enough importance to be given a place in Williamson's "History of Belfast."

Insect Bites.

The London Lancet remarks: "Many people do not know how easily they can protect themselves and their children against the bites of gnats and other insects. Weak carbolic acid sponged in the skin and hair and in some cases clothing will drive away the whole tribe. We have no doubt that horses and cattle could be protected in the same way from flies, which sometimes nearly madden them."

One View of Love.

Love is merely a madness, and I tell you, deserves as well a dark house and a whip as madmen do, and the reason why they are not so punished and cured is that the lunacy is so ordinary that the whippers are in love too.—Shakespeare.

An open air concert and social will be given Tuesday evening in St. Mary's school yard by the Women's Catholic Order of Foresters.



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ENGLISH ASTRONOMER WILL COUNT THE STARS

Starts Out to Get an Accurate Line on the Constellation.

London, June 27.—An English astronomer J. Franklin Adams, is said to have begun the prodigious task of counting the stars. Even a field glass increases the visible number astonishingly and the big telescopes reveal a number estimated at over 60,000,000, while the camera reveals apparently over 100,000,000.

CARPENTERS' UNION REPORTS ADVANCES

Claim to Have Benefitted Nearly 30,000 Laborers.

Philadelphia, June 27.—The United Brotherhood of carpenters and joiners claims to have brought about the employment of upwards of 30,000 more men through the shortening of hours. It also claims to have advanced wages to a point where \$6,500,000 more pay annually reaches the pockets of its members.

Perfumes have been used from the earliest times. The burning of perfumed incense was one of the rites of the Hebrew and pagan religions, and perfumes of various sorts were used by nearly all the nations of antiquity. Both the Romans and the Greeks were skilled in making perfumery. It was from the Arabs, who possessed the art of preparing perfumed waters, that the use of perfumes was introduced into mediæval Europe.

Helene Steer Saxby has resigned from the faculty of the Cincinnati school of expression.

DIAMOND DEALERS BUY STONES ABROAD

Foreign Agents Believe Worst Of "Hard Times" Has Passed.

New York, June 27.—After a depression lasting more than eight months, the stagnation which has existed in the precious stones trade, gives signs of ending. As is usual at this season of the year, a large number of gem dealers of this city are abroad in the markets of Amsterdam, Antwerp, London and Paris. These, according to cables received in this city yesterday, are buying liberally on the belief that the worst of the so-called "hard times" is over.

SAYS JAPANESE WAR IS NOT IMMINENT

Gen. Merriman Says Fleet's Visit to Pacific Is a Peaceful One.

Spokane, Wash., June 27.—While he declined to discuss the significance of "the big sixteen's" visit to the Pacific coast and the subsequent tour of the world by the North Atlantic squadron Gen. Henry Clay Merriman of Washington, D. C., who is visiting his brother, Rufus Merriman, in Spokane, declared in an interview that there is absolutely no prospect of a clash between the United States and Japan. The Japanese, he added, have nothing to gain and a great deal to lose by a war with this country, and the United States is not looking for armed trouble with any other country.

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OPIUM COMMISSIONERS TO MEET IN SHANGHAI

Will Take Further Steps to Suppress Traffic in The Drug.

Washington, June 27.—The joint commission for suppression of the opium traffic will meet in Shanghai Jan. 2, 1909. The American Commissioners, Messrs. Burke and Wright, will collect information on opium traffic in the United States, and the Philippine Islands. Dr. Tenny will study the situation in China. Thomas Burke is a well known attorney and jurist of Seattle, Wash. Dr. Wright has traveled extensively in the Far East and has made a study of all phases of the opium evils.

ROADMAKERS OF WORLD MEET IN PARIS IN FALL

Will Discuss Adaptation of Highways to New Means Of Locomotion.

Paris, June 27.—The international congress for the study of the best means of adapting highways to the new methods of locomotion will be held in Paris from the 11th to the 15th of next October. The French ministry has sent invitations to different governments. The congress will be accompanied by an exhibition of maps and plans as well as information concerning the construction and maintenance of roads, necessary implements, and machinery, and examples of various forms of wheels, with their effects upon the highways.

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PACIFIC FLEET TO MAKE TRIP TO SAMOA

Vessels Leave for Honolulu on August 24th.

Washington, D. C., June 27.—The first and second divisions of the Pacific fleet, comprising eight vessels, the West Virginia, Colorado, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Washington, California and South Dakota, accompanied by the second torpedo flotilla, the Hopkins, Stewart, Whipple, Lawrence, Truxton, Hull and torpedo boats Davis and Farragut, will leave San Francisco on August 24th. They will steam first to Honolulu, 2,100 miles at about ten knots, arriving there September 3 or 4. Here the cruisers and torpedo boats will coal, leaving Honolulu after about one week's stop for Samoa, 2,240 miles, arriving at the port the last week in September. From Samoa the fleet will after a series of maneuvers, later to be determined, return again to Honolulu, and from Honolulu will go to Magdalena Bay for the fall target practice.

The Twilight Of Life

The muscles of the stomach in old age are not as strong or active as in youth and in consequence old people are very subject to constipation and indigestion. Many seldom have a bowel movement without artificial aid. Many also have unpleasant eructations of gas from the stomach after eating. All this can be avoided by the use of Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin, which permanently regulates the bowels so that passages come naturally, and so strengthens the stomach that food is digested without discomfort. Druggists sell it at 50 cents or \$1 a large bottle.

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