A REQUEST, A CHALLENGE AND A THREAT.

The Executive Committee of the Chicago Platform Democracy of which the Hon. William Willis is the nominee, requests that the committee of the Single Gold Standard Democracy, of which Col. John Walter Smith is the nominee, and that the Committee of the Republican Party, of which Col. Jackson is the nominee, appoint two reputable citizens in each precinct, to discover and prosecute every one who attempts to bribe a voter. This is a fair request. We all know that bribery has been rampant. The buyers and sellers are well known, but as the matter was a double edged sword, nothing has been done, and now is a chance for a fair election.

If the committees of the Single Gold Standard ticket and of the Republican ticket will not heed our request we hereby notify them, that we, the Executive Committee of the Chicago platform democracy will have two firm and honest democrats at every precinct and we will have arrested every briber and bribe taker regardless of consequences.

We want an honest election and don't intend that our ticket shall be slaughtered by corruption.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
of Chicago Platform Democrats.

We request every paper in this District who is opposed to bribery to publish the above.

HON. W. H. THOMPSON,

Member of the Democratic National Committee, of Grand Island, Nebraska, Writes to Major William E. Stewart, Approving His Course in the Present Campaign—Considers His the Logical Position for All Democrats—All Gold Standard Men Are Virtually Republicans in His Estimation.

GRAND ISLAND, NEB.,
Sept. 16th, 1898.

Hon. W. E. Stewart,
Easton, Md.

Dear Sir:—

Your circular letter of Sept. 3rd, 1898, addressed to the National and Congressional committees of the democratic party, was by me duly received. This letter contains to me one surprising condition. You state that in the first congressional district of the State of Maryland, in the National election of 1896, there were polled 17,000 votes for Bryan and bimetallism, and 190 votes for Palmer, Buckner, Monometallism & Co. And that on the 25th of August, 1898, at a meeting held for the purpose of nominating a democratic candidate for congress in the same district, a convention of this same bimetallic party was held, and in which convention the Chicago platform was ignored, and nominated as its candidate for congress an advocate of the gold standard. It must be remembered by the friends of bimetallism that as eternal vigilance is the price of liberty, the same forces must be applied and be actively to work if bimetalism is ever to succeed. The enemies of free government seemingly never sleep, as they have the spirit of selfishness and greed to spur them ever to action; whilst those who have but patriotic impulses to urge them on, too frequently neglect the supreme opportunity to win success. I, at times, lose sympathy with those who have it within their power to control the destinies of this Nation and its people, in the interest of the majority thereof, who quietly sleep until the daylight is gone and then mourn for the loss of what they might have had if some one had waked them earlier.

No man is a friend of bimetallism who would sacrifice one iota of the principles necessary to its success for the purpose of boosting some friend into an office who they know would oppose those principles if elected; for of what profit is it to gain an election if its fruits shall but strengthen and fortify the enemy? In 1896 the line was drawn as to what is democracy and what is not democracy, and no congressional convention will ever be permitted to change those principles as written in the National platform and adopted by one of the greatest conventions that the democratic party ever held. The leading issue is now, and ever will be, the restoration of silver to its position prior to 1873, until that question is finally settled and settled right. The democratic party upholding the position and those opposed to the democratic party seeking its defeat, and he who is not with us on this important question is not, in my opinion, a democrat as long as this is the paramount issue. Those who cast 17,000 votes against 190 should hold a congressional convention and nominate a democratic candidate for congress and support him, and not only that, they should not cease their labors until they had control of the democratic machinery of that congressional district. I know no difference between a person who claims to be a democrat and supports the St. Louis & Hanna platform from one who claims to be a republican and supports the same platform. It is honest convictions as to the principles dividing the democratic and republican parties which makes one a democrat or a republican, and not the name by which they may choose to be called. Believing that the democracy of each state and congressional district can best work out its own salvation, and being a firm believer in local self government, I have at all times refrained, as much as possible, from in any manner interfering with the local actions of the party but your letter appeals to me in a way that demands an answer. Hence I have freely and conscientiously given you my best judgment. Very truly yours, W. H. THOMPSON.

FASHION AND FABRIC.

Bathing suits in patriotic color melanges are set forth for the summer season.

The gray gowns this year are extremely dainty and handsome, and they appear in every sort of material.

Knife plaited frills appear once again among the fluffy trimmings of the airy summer gowns both for day and evening wear.

There are no surprising novelties in parasols this year. Chiffon is almost omnipresent, and when this is absent lace is found.

A very large portion of the diaphanous silks and muslins this year are trimmed with loops, bowknots, bands and floating ends of velvet ribbon of medium width.

The new "dresden" challies are manufactured in Lyons, and they show many of the very attractive designs popular in the silks and small patterned satins of last winter.

It seems quite likely that the new retrousse hats, turning abruptly off the face, will be very strong rivals this season to those worn very far forward or tilted up at one side and down on the other.

The navy and army blue serges, foulards, mohairs and lightweight costume cloths are made into stylish tailor costumes for traveling and general wear, that hold their own against all the endless smart and novel gowns which the present season has produced.

The most elegant black gowns just now shown at the importing houses are of very lustrous watered silk, made in princess style and trimmed very elaborately on the bodice portion and front of the gown with black lace, with girdle and yoke, bretelle or vest piece of the finest cut jet.

Bright colored capes of plaited silk muslin, lisse, chiffon and transparent silk are one of the fancies of the season. The material is accordion plaited, and billows and yards of it are used for each cape, which is pointed front and back, short over the sleeves. It is sometimes finished with very long scarf ends.—New York Post.

CURTAIN RAISERS.

Jefferson de Angelis is summering in London.

Elita Proctor Otis plays the leading role in "Sporting Life" next season, under the management of Jacob Litt.

Miss Zulieme Searles Bolkcom, reader, has accepted an engagement to travel with the Chicago Ladies' quartet next season.

Kyrle Bellew, the actor, has been made a fellow of the Royal Geographical society and a fellow of the Royal Microscopical society.

Manager A. M. Palmer has a new farce comedy by Mrs. Chartreuse, entitled "That Man," which he intends to give a trial production in August.

F. Ziegfeld, Jr., has acquired the American rights to the Parisian success, "La Tortue," by Leon Gandillot, which will reopen the Manhattan theater, New York, next season.

Mr. O'Dell Williams has been re-engaged by Mr. W. A. Brady to play his original role of Squire Bartlett in "'Way Down East" next season, opening at Boston on Aug. 15.

Conan Doyle's own play, founded on the Sherlock Holmes tales, is said to be now in the hands of Charles Frohman, who may produce it in this country next season with William Gillette as the detective.

Rumors have been published reporting the engagement of Mr. Joseph Holland for Miss Viola Allen's company for next season. The statement is incorrect. Mr. Holland has not yet made any arrangements for the coming theatrical year.

"The Maneuvers of Jane" is the title of a new comedy by Henry Arthur Jones, which will be produced at the Haymarket theater, London, not later than the second week in January, 1899. This arrangement limits the run at that house of "The Little Minister."

MENU TERMS.

A la Parisienne—Dishes prepared richly and expensively garnished.

A la Normandie—A dish in which apples enter into the composition.

A la Provencal—A dish prepared with olive oil and flavored with garlic.

A la Crecy—Dishes in which carrots are freely used, referring oftenest to the puree.

A la Maitre d'Hotel—Signifies a substantial but modest, homely sort of cooking.

A la Soubise—Applied to dishes containing onions in quantity sufficient to flavor them strongly.

A la Macedoine—A variety of green vegetables usually served in a white sauce, sometimes different fruits imbedded in jelly.

A la Dauphinoise—Signifies a dish that is braised, covered with a thick sauce, crumbled, sauced or egged a second time and then fried.

A la Gerard—The name of an assistant cook who invented a dish to please the palate and bear the name of Mme. de Maintenon. Upon tasting it he decided that it was not worthy the distinction and therefore called it for himself.—Exchange.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

The unsalaried office always has to seek the man.

Some men never respect the things they are unable to understand.

The less energy a man has the easier it is for him to dritt into matrimony.

The man who chews cloves is never quite free from the breath of suspicion.

It isn't pride that makes the gallery gods look down on the rest of the audience.

A justice of the peace is the only peace connected with some matrimonial experiments.

The peacemaker is all right, but he is never appreciated by the man who is getting the best of it.

Ice cream may be unhealthy, but the motive of the young man who tries to prove it to his girl friends is apt to be misconstrued.—Chicago News.

WAVES OF WATER.

The waters of the Grand falls of Labrador have excavated a chasm that is now 30 miles long.

In Algeria there is a river one branch of which flows through a country rich in iron, the other through a flat marsh rich in gallic acid. A main stream of jet black ink is the result.

One of the strangest streams in the world is in east Africa. It flows in the direction of the sea, but never reaches it. Just north of the equator and when only a few miles from the Indian ocean it flows into a desert, where it suddenly and completely disappears.

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