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NEARING THE PATTEE.

It is now only a few weeks till the great political battle will be fought in this country, when it is probable that questions will be settled that are of far greater moment than which of two great parties will win in the November election. The issue before the national conventions at St. Louis and Chicago is higher than the selection of individual candidates or than those that may be fought between the great parties on old lines. It is quite possible that the question of higher import may be settled in the conventions themselves, viz: whether or not this country is to have a single or double standard for its currency. If the convention should decide each way so is the big parties, then the matter would go to the polls but if both agree, the point of most importance will be settled in advance, so far as the continental electors is concerned. If the gold standard prevails in both parties there is perhaps more prospect of a general breaking up of politics than by any other way.

In the West it is being generally conceded that there is no really good prospect of free silver men getting in control of either of the great parties, although there may be made hope at their doing so with the party which seems to be at a disadvantage now in the nation generally—the Democratic. This hope lies in the fact that the West would probably support a free silver ticket. The chief prospect of the free silver advocates, however, appears to lie in the possibility of their having a sufficient number in both Republican and Democratic conventions to hold the balance of power, and thus compel important concessions on the part of the faction which wins. To achieve this much at least will be the aim of the western delegates.

The great papers of the East have been discussing the subject for some time, and have reached the conclusion generally that each of the great parties will nominate a "sound money" or gold standard candidate. In the middle West, however, the sentiment on this point is not quite so unanimous, and the St. Paul Pioneer Press, whose opinion on political matters carries great weight, is emphatically of the opinion that, so far as the Democratic convention is concerned, the free silver issue will control it by a considerable majority. In that case they will force the nomination of a free silver man on a free silver platform. The Pioneer Press says the result will inevitably be that "the sound money Democrats will bolt the ticket in every state of the Union, and either stay at home or vote the Republican ticket; the same result will happen if a straddle platform shall be adopted—unless a sound money man shall be nominated who will repudiate it. No matter in what way the sharp antagonism between the hard money and the good money elements may be handled, the Democratic party is certain to be loosed upon the house of a thousand from which there is no escape."

As to the other great party, the Pioneer Press is equally confident of what will take place. It declares that "the Republican party is strongly a sound money party in every state of the Union where it has a vote in the electoral vote for President, with the exception of Colorado, Nevada, Utah, Montana and possibly Idaho and Wyoming—having a total vote of 17 in an electoral college of 447. The Republican leaders in some of these states, such as Teller in Colorado, threatened to rock the sound money platform shall be adopted, but the paper referred to says that it will not come to that, for the Republicans will easily carry a large majority of the next electoral college without them. But it is safe to predict that the bolt, if any occurs, will be confined to Colorado and Nevada. The other free silver states that be easily relied on to fall into line, and at least two of them, Wyoming and Utah, will do it, perhaps first, for the sake of keeping a place in harmony with the silver and are only awaiting a favorable opportunity to escape from the pale."

The Pioneer Press predicts that "the Republicans will nominate a sound money candidate on a sound money platform at St. Louis next June," some quite probable of individuals. Whether its prophecies

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REV. STACY'S EXPULSION.

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UTAH JACK RABBITS.

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THE CUBAN SITUATION.

The sharp agitation in Congress over the Cuban situation has been allowed by the politicians to subside completely, until now there is no immediate prospect of an official recognition of the belligerents, as a result of the congressional growlerhoits which so aroused this country and Spain a short time ago. Of course, something is likely to occur to Cuba almost any time to reawaken officials to an active interest in the affairs of the island, and so far as concerns the action already taken, about its only effect is to render American sympathy—with the Cubans and Spaniards—with the former because of the blustery display in their favor which amounted to nothing more than talk, and with the latter for the reason that they feel that the masses in this country sympathize with the insurrectionists.

But whether or not Cuban belligerency is recognized, it is quite clear that the trouble in the island is not anywhere near settlement, and that the real issue is yet to have its supreme test. Already the Bazaetto effect on this country of the state of war which exists is felt in every home in the doubled price of sugar because of the destruction of plantations. The Cubans justifiably insist course in trying work their island by the destruction that, in the way they weaken the Spanish more than by killing their men, since Spain needs money more than soldiers, and the plantations were a source of much revenue. The great hope of the Cubans, however, is in the yellow fever season which is now at hand. The insurgents can stand it, but the Spanish troops will fall in the face a far more deadly enemy than anything else they will have to meet.

In view of the ascension of the sickly season to aid them, Cubans will not accept any terms of compromise, and offers of that kind they interpret as indications of weakness. Further indications, there is absolutely no confidence in Spanish promises—ministers who can be gulled at the sw or thirteenth of in the dispatches are capable of breaking any promises made. In this situation the outlook in Cuba is that for the next few months it will be war stained with much loss of life. Even if General Weyler gets his 200,000 men, he will have to act quickly to achieve victory. If the latter does not succeed he will have to fight both Cubans and yellow fever, with chances decidedly against him for a considerable time at least. The turn in the wheel comes to be decidedly in favor of those struggling for independence.

FISH AND GAME LAW.

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