

maintenance of the great Republican doctrine of protection?" [Great applause.]

Maj. McKinley then described in detail the resources of the state, the vast coal deposits, the unsurpassed deposits of coke, the forests of great extent, furnishing material for innumerable saw mills, the inexhaustible deposits of petroleum, all of which furnished employment to thousands upon thousands of men, and then, in addition to all this, fully one-half of the land of the state is in use for farming and grazing, wool growing and stock raising. In conclusion, he added:

"How much these several industries have suffered in the last three years you know better than I can tell you. How much the wool growers have lost, those who have sheep and raise wool, the experience of the last three years has cost them, to the very cent. All these interests are directly affected; all are benefited or injured by our industrial legislation. You know and the people know that every one of them was advanced by Republican policies [applause], and that all have been more or less injured by Democratic legislation. [Great applause.] With almost inexhaustible wealth in your midst, with such possibilities of development and growth, with so excellent a foundation for increased business and greater general prosperity, I bid you newspaper men to lose no opportunity to arouse your people to the realization of their true interest and the immense importance to them of the issues of the present campaign, as they effect their material welfare in every business calling or occupation that can be named. Your interests as a people no longer run in sectional lines. Thank God, the last lingering estrangements between North and South are being forever effaced (great applause), and the appeal for the restoration of a system of protection and the continuance of a sound system of finance is infinitely more important to the people of West Virginia than any other political question that could engage their attention. (Applause.) Sectional questions are no longer discussed.

Patriotism is paramount, and the people's welfare and the country's honor are the supreme and overmastering issues commanding the attention of both North and South. (Great applause.) Under the beneficent operations of Republican industrial policy, your state has in a brief period practically doubled its population and quadrupled its wealth, and if you continue to advance in the next twenty years as you advanced from 1870 to 1890 you can only hope to do it under a system which encourages home industry and gives steady employment to willing hands at remunerative wages. (Tremendous applause.) Your development and prosperity under a wise system of tariff will give you better towns, better farms, better schools, better homes and happier people. (Applause.)

"Take the boulders out of the stream of progress; do not shut the door of opportunity in the face of your future and that of your children. On the contrary, open wide your gates; invite new people and new capital to come in, but remember you can do this only by a restoration of confidence. You can never do it if you destroy confi-

dence. [Applause.] Strive for a future development of your industries, build up a great and more profitable home market for the products of your farms; advance that prosperity which enables the employer to pay the highest scale of wages to the workmen of America, not the lowest.

"Exalt the character of your labor. Never degrade it. Promote that comfort and contentment at home which conduce to good citizenship, good morals and good order. Stand up for America, and America will stand up for you. [Applause and cries of 'Hurrah for McKinley!'] Restore the principle in our legislation which gave us prosperity. [Cries of 'That's right!']

"Keep the credit of the government untarnished above all else. [Applause.] Keep the currency up to the highest standard of civilized nations. [Renewed applause.] No nation of the world must have better money than we have, and no nation of the world has better money than we have. [Great cheering.] And it is no reflection either upon our honor or independence that we refuse to adopt the financial policy of China and Mexico. [Renewed cheering.]

"Let us have neither free trade nor free silver. [Cries of 'We won't!'] Work and wages have been cut in two and we spurn the same experiment on the money in which they are paid. We want the same good money in the future that we have had since January, 1879, and that we intend to have. We want honest dollars. Our great need now is a chance to earn these honest dollars by honest work at home, and then there will not be an idle man beneath our flag. Such is the policy, newspaper men and friends, that I bid you most zealously urge for the great good of the people of West Virginia and the ultimate good of all the people." [Great applause and cries of "Hurrah for McKinley!"]

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 2. — The chamber of commerce, board of trade and Mayor Sutro have sent an official invitation to Li Hung Chang through the Chinese consul general here to a reception at the hall of the chamber of commerce, should he pass through San Francisco. The Southern Pacific company has placed at the disposal of Li Hung Chang a special train from New York to this city and hence to Portland, Ore., if required.

HARTFORD, Conn., Sept. 2. — The Republican state convention today nominated Lorin A. Cook for governor.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 1. — Charles A. Warburton, proprietor of the Evening Telegraph, this city, was found dead in bed at Garden hotel, Atlantic city, this morning. He was 60 years of age. When Warburton retired last evening he appeared in usual health. The death is due to heart disease.

VANKLECK HILL, Ont., Sept. 2. — Five persons were burned to death in a fire at Commercial Hotel here last night.

NEW YORK, Sept. 1. — Banca Bulesse of Brooklyn, operated by Pietro, Mallo & Son, is closed, the proprietors having left. Today the keys of the building were handed to the police. The building was opened and the suite found open but empty. It was asserted

by the Italians that the deposits amounted to \$50,000.

ST. PAUL, Sept. 3. — In his address General I. N. Walker, commander-in-chief of the G. A. R., said:

"The total membership of the Grand Army of the Republic is 385,406, of which 340,810 are in good standing and 42,511 are carried on the suspended list for the non-payment of dues, a decrease in this list during the past year of 7,089. The gain by muster during the year was 13,467. The total loss during the year was 11,506, of which number 7,923 was by death; a decrease of 75 from last year. When we take into account the great business depression of the year, the lack of employment and the fact that to many veterans are possessed of such small portion of this world's goods, our membership has held its own remarkably well.

"The report of the quartermaster general shows our finances to be in a good condition and that there has been a reduction of expenses."

LAMONI, Iowa, Sept. 3. — On Tuesday evening last the Reorganized Church of this place met in business session and among other acts cut off Elder John D. Bennett and ordered his name to be stricken from the branch record. This is all the more surprising, since Mr. Bennett has been a self-supporting minister and missionary of that faction since 1863 and is now past 61 years of age. The court reports nineteen sessions resulting in a verdict of guilty of unchristianlike conduct, without further grounds for action being stated. R. H. B.

#### WESTERN NEWS ITEMS.

James Williams met with a dangerous accident in Stockbridge shaft on Massachusetts Hill, Grass Valley, Cal., Tuesday afternoon. A mass of earth fell on him, breaking two ribs and injuring his spine.

As the result of a quarrel over a game of billiards Bert Beld shot and fatally wounded Tom Denton at White Hall, Montana, Tuesday morning. Witnesses claim that Beld shot in self-defense. Beld escaped.

At Grass Valley, Cal., Tuesday afternoon, George Burchard, a painter and paper hanger, fell from a scaffold and died from a hemorrhage about half an hour later. The deceased was about 40 years of age and a native of Ohio.

On Monday Lewis Hartwick, four miles north of Greenville, Oregon, was overcome by gases while digging a well on his farm and died. The well was new and down forty feet. The deceased was a bachelor, 40 years old, and a rich farmer.

Matin Wolfmeyer, a Livermore, Cal., shoemaker, committed suicide Monday afternoon by taking strychnine. Wolfmeyer's wife died about two months ago, and since that time he had been very despondent, and on a previous occasion had attempted to take his life.

Mrs. Grace Lowery, who lived with her husband and two children in San Francisco, committed suicide by taking carbolic acid solution Monday morning. Mrs. Lowery was but 23 years of age and had been married five years. She leaves a boy 4 years old and a girl of 3. Her husband's dissolute habits were the cause.