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MCKINLEY AND BRYAN.

Since his nomination for the presidency William McKinley has with most excellent good taste remained at his modest home in Canton, Ohio. It is an ordinary country town in a thrifty agricultural region, and Mr. McKinley lives there like his neighbors, in active work but in simple style of surroundings. It was there the committee from the national convention officially notified him of his nomination, and in a simple unostentatious way he gave his dignified reply. Since his nomination the town of Canton has been thronged daily by thousands who have gone hundreds of miles to pay their respects to the Republican nominee. These visitations have been from all classes of citizens, perhaps the greater number being delegations of workmen from the great industrial centers. The great commercial world has been represented by its ablest men. As the campaign warms up the crowds there grow greater and more enthusiastic.

In contrast with Mr. McKinley's modest and manly course we have the spectacle of Mr. Bryan leaving his home in the west to receive his official notification before the footlights of a New York theatre. The candidate who pretends to represent "the people" left his kindly neighbors and set himself up in a show home to be looked at and listened to by those fond of the sensational and dramatic. His performances have been more suggestive of those of the professional player than those of a statesman, and he is more at home on the stage than in the forum. The contrast between the two men is startling. McKinley is a mature statesman while Bryan narrowly escapes the charge of being a demagogue by his consummate art as an actor.

VICIOUS MISREPRESENTATION.

In our issue of Sept. 3rd, we called attention to the vicious and reprehensible practice of the paper of Downers Grove in claiming representative citizens as belonging to their party, and citing C. H. Dicke and W. F. Born as notable instances. At a popular rally held last Friday evening, the chairman, E. H. Prince, denied our charge and furthermore made the statement that both Mr. Dicke and Mr. Born had requested him to announce at that meeting, that notwithstanding our statement they would vote for Mr. Bryan. Saturday we interviewed the gentlemen in regard to the matter, with the result that both disclaimed requesting Mr. Prince to make the announcement, Mr. Dicke stating that as yet he had not determined whom he should vote for; that he had always been a republican, and Mr. Born signing the following statement:

Downers Grove, Ill., Sept. 12, 1896.
I hereby certify that the statement made by E. H. Prince, Friday evening, Sept. 11th, to the effect that I had pledged myself to vote for Wm. J. Bryan and support the platform of the Chicago Democratic convention is absolutely false. I furthermore wish to state that I will vote for Wm. McKinley.
W. F. BORN.

This will, we think, vindicate us of any intention to misrepresent. As to who really misrepresented the facts in the case, we leave the public to draw their own conclusions. Again we would state that such misrepresentation does the silver party no good and is a positive detriment to citizens to be thus misrepresented.

BIMETALLISM.

When Mr. Bryan asked at Aurora, Ill., "if the gold standard is a good thing, why not have it?" an auditor answered "we have it." The speaker expressed the opinion that the gold standard was a good thing, and that the silver standard was a bad thing.

was not a hypocrite, and who did not pretend to be bimetallic.

What Mr. Bryan applauds in an opponent, he should practice himself. While calling himself a bimetallic, he advocates a policy which would bring the country to silver monometallism. If he does not know this, he is not intelligent enough to be a candidate for the presidency. If he does not know it his supporters do, for many of them entirely reject his contention that free coinage will bring silver bullion to par with gold, and would not advocate it on any such terms. They want silver monometallism, and cheerfully accept the prediction that all our gold will go out of circulation. They want cheap money.

Mr. Bryan might very properly devote some of his time to disproving the statement of Mr. Carlisle that no country having the free and unlimited coinage of silver has any gold in circulation. Bimetallic means the circulation of both metals at a fixed ratio. Silver standard countries have nothing but silver. Gold standard countries have plenty of silver. This is the nearest approach to bimetallic that is possible. Mr. Bryan, therefore, has no right to the name of bimetallic and should repent of the hypocrisy which he wrongfully charges upon others.—Courier Journal.

EXPECT AN IMPOSSIBILITY.

Silver democrats at the state headquarters are much interested in the developments in the 14th senatorial district, which includes Kane and DuPage counties. The DuPage county silver democratic committee held a meeting in Secretary Nelson's office in Chicago, Monday afternoon, and the recent nomination of George Stephens Bowen of Elgin, for state senator from the 14th district, came up for discussion. He was put up by the silver democrats, populists and silver republicans to run against H. H. Evans of Aurora who was nominated by the republicans. Judge Alschuler of Aurora was nominated by the silver democrats for the minority representative. Monday they decided to begin a school house campaign at once and carry the fight for Bowen, Alschuler and S. N. Hoover, who was nominated to run against A. J. Hopkins, into every school district of Kane and DuPage counties.

HAVE YOU A GRIEVANCE?

For the benefit of those who are not already aware of the fact, we desire to state that the columns of the REPORTER are always open to anyone, regardless of "party, race, color, or previous condition of servitude," for a submission of their views on any topic of public interest. Provided always, however, that their open letters are submitted in good faith, and are of interest to the public. Personal attacks upon another or articles written for the purpose of hurling vituperation at another party or faction will not be published. The writers name must also accompany the article.

If good Ben Franklin were back among us once more and could take part in the excitement of the campaign it is safe to say that he would approve the publication of an appendix to his Poor Richard almanac. The almanac would contain a number of such timely advice as these:
Never get into a political dispute unless you see a chance to make an effective point or a convert to your own views.
Never lose your temper in a debate.
Never berate your antagonist and call his friends names while at the same time you are trying to persuade him.
When talking about finance see facts; eschew generalities and rhetoric.
Never get into fistfights about politics; it does no good, and, besides, you are liable to get hurt.
Talk only at times and places when and where you seem to have a fair chance of convincing the people you talk to.
And don't talk too much.
Poor Richard's observations on these points would be highly useful at the present juncture.

A correspondent asks if the government will continue to keep the silver dollars now in circulation on a parity with gold if a free silver coinage law shall be enacted. The government's policy under existing conditions is to maintain at a parity with gold the silver dollars it has issued. But if a free coinage law were passed in accordance with the declarations in the platform of the Chicago convention there would be no pledge to maintain the parity either of silver dollars hereafter to be coined or those now in circulation. Mr. Bryan contends that a free coinage act would raise the price of silver to \$1.29 an ounce, and, therefore, would make a silver dollar equal in bullion value to a gold dollar. But if it should prove that Mr. Bryan is mistaken, and that the silver dollar is not equal in value, under free coinage, to a gold dollar, the government will be under no pledge to maintain the parity.—Chicago Record.

Bourke Cockran in his speech at Chicago last Saturday evening, admirably defined the issue as follows: It is an issue as to whether our government is a success or failure; whether the Constitution of the United States is the glorious fruit of human wisdom and human virtue, or whether it is a shameful monument of human folly and human depravity; whether it should be preserved as the best defense for human rights, or whether it should be destroyed as an obstacle to human progress.

The almost surety of Bryan's defeat has caused the English bankers. If the silver

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It is possible that Mr. Bryan cannot recognize the hand of fate pursuing him. For the second time while addressing an audience, the platform upon which he stood has gone down. While addressing a meeting at St. Louis last Saturday evening, the last accident occurred. Can it be an omen of the manner in which he will "go down" on the free silver platform in November?

Maine went republican Monday by a majority of about 52,000—the largest ever given to a ticket in that state. Taken with the splendid victory in Vermont, the republicans have good cause to rejoice over the victory of sound money in the elections so far held.

Whether Sewall or Watson is the knot on the popocral log matters very little to the public at large. Log, knot and all will be removed from the public consideration after the 3rd of November next.

When Mr. Bryan reads the returns from Nebraska next November, he can realize that he will not have to go away from home to be in the "heart of the enemy's country."

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