

TALMAGE'S SERMON.

THE POMOLOGOY OF THE HOLY BIBLE.

God Among the Orchards—"The Fruit Tree Yielding Fruit After His Kind"—Genesis; Chapter I., Verse II.—Why Was the Orchard First?



It is Wednesday morning in Paradise. The birds did not sing their opening piece, nor the fish take their first swim until the following Friday. The solar and lunar lights did not break through the thick, chaotic fog of the world's manufacture until Thursday. Before that there was light, but it was electric light or phosphorescent light, not the light of sun or moon.

Why was the orchard created two days before the fish and birds, and three days before the cattle? Among other things, to impress the world with a lesson it is too stupid to learn—that fruit diet is healthier than meat diet, and that the former must precede the latter.

At this autumnal season how the orchards breathe and glow, the leaves removed, that the crimson, or pink, or saffron, or the yellow, or brown may the better appear, while the aromatics fill the air with invitation and reminiscence.

What mean Solomon's orchards and Solomon's gardens? for they seem to mingle, the two into one, flowers under foot, and pomegranates over head. To me they suggest that religion is a luxury.

he suddenly departed this life. In trying to win just one more tree, he lost the whole orchard.

Yonder is a man with many styles of innocent entertainment and amusement. He walks, he rides, he plays ten-pins in private alleys, he has books on his table, pictures on his wall and occasional outings, concerts, lectures, baseball tickets, and the innumerable delights of friendship.

You see what an expensive thing is sin. It costs a thousand times more than it is worth. As some of all kinds of quadrupeds and all kinds of winged creatures passed before our progenitor that he might announce a name, from eagle to bat, and from lion to mole, so I suppose there were in paradise specimens of every kind of fruit tree.

This story of Eden is rejected by some as an improbability, if not an impossibility, but nothing on earth is easier for me to believe than the truth of this Edenic story, for I have seen the same thing in this year of our Lord 1897. I could call them by name, if it were politic and righteous to do so, the men who have sacrificed a paradise on earth and a paradise in heaven for one sin. Their house went. Their library went. Their good name went. Their field of usefulness went. Their health went. Their immortal soul went.

But I turn from Adam's orchard to Solomon's orchard. With his own hand he writes: "I made me gardens and orchards." Not depending on the natural fall of rain, he irrigated those orchards. Pieces of the aqueduct that watered those gardens I have seen, and the reservoirs are as perfect as when thousands of years ago the mason's trowel smoothed the mortar over their gray surfaces.

While there is enough of the pomp of the city about heaven for those who like the city best, I thank God there is enough in the Bible about country scenery in heaven to please those of us who were born in the country and never got over it.

Our faith is sane and reasonable, with its radiant facts, its convincing principles, its simple commentaries, its practical services, its wide sympathies, a religion with the arch of blue above its head and the homely wild flowers round its feet.—Rev. John Watson.

ELECTION RESULTS.

OFF YEAR BUT REPUBLICANS CAME OUT WELL.

New York Is Lost to Good Government but Ohio and Maryland Stand Well in Line with the Republicans—Tariff Just High Enough.

(Washington Letter)—Much more interest has been manifested this year in elections than is usual at any time other than in presidential elections.

OF-years in politics, with a Republican President in the white house, do not as a rule favor Republican success, but the Republican party in the great contests which have been waged in several states have well withstood the reaction which always follows a presidential victory at the polls.

New York, where was the most concentrated fight, through division in the Republican ranks, has been handed over to the control of Tammany and the management of that city will shortly undergo a radical change.

Every possible abuse was aimed at Senator Hanna, whose confirmation for the Republican vote singled him out as a target for Democratic orators and methods.

Ohio was the only state where the Republican party was able to elect a Republican senator, thus giving her a solid Republican representation in the senate for the first time in many years.

Treasury reports show a considerable growth in the internal revenue receipts which is due to two causes, the improvement in business and the increase in certain taxes.

REPUBLICAN OPINION.

How about that Dingley law (tariff) wall? It don't interfere, apparently with our export trade.

Ex-Candidate Bryan accounts for the present improved times (he admits they have improved) by the famine abroad and the discovery of gold in the Klondike, but he apparently forgets that double the amount of money has been expended in fitting out people to go to Klondike that has yet been taken out from the mines.

When a Mexican takes \$5 in Mexican silver, for every dollar of which he has to work as hard as his American brother works for his gold dollar, and buys with it goods worth \$2 in American gold, that is Mexican Bryanite prosperity.

A statement compiled from the official records of the government prepared by a free trade Democrat shows that during Cleveland's last term the farmers of the country lost more than a billion dollars a year by decreased consumption and decreased values of products.

With all the Democratic vituperations against the oppressions and wickedness of the Dingley law, we haven't heard any wish expressed yet to return to the beneficent provisions of the Wilson law.

Mr. Bryan made numerous speeches during his recent tour through Ohio, but reading one was reading them all.

It is to be expected that Democrats will deny that the Dingley law has anything to do with the return of prosperity to the country.

The total value of the agricultural products of Kansas for 1897, according to the report of the board of agriculture of that state, is \$174,000,000, the largest in the present decade.

INCREASE IN SHEEP VALUES.

The difference in the value of sheep under free-trade and protection is shown in the results of an assignee's sale of the estate of Thomas McElroy, a farmer in Jefferson county, Ohio, who had given particular attention to sheep husbandry.

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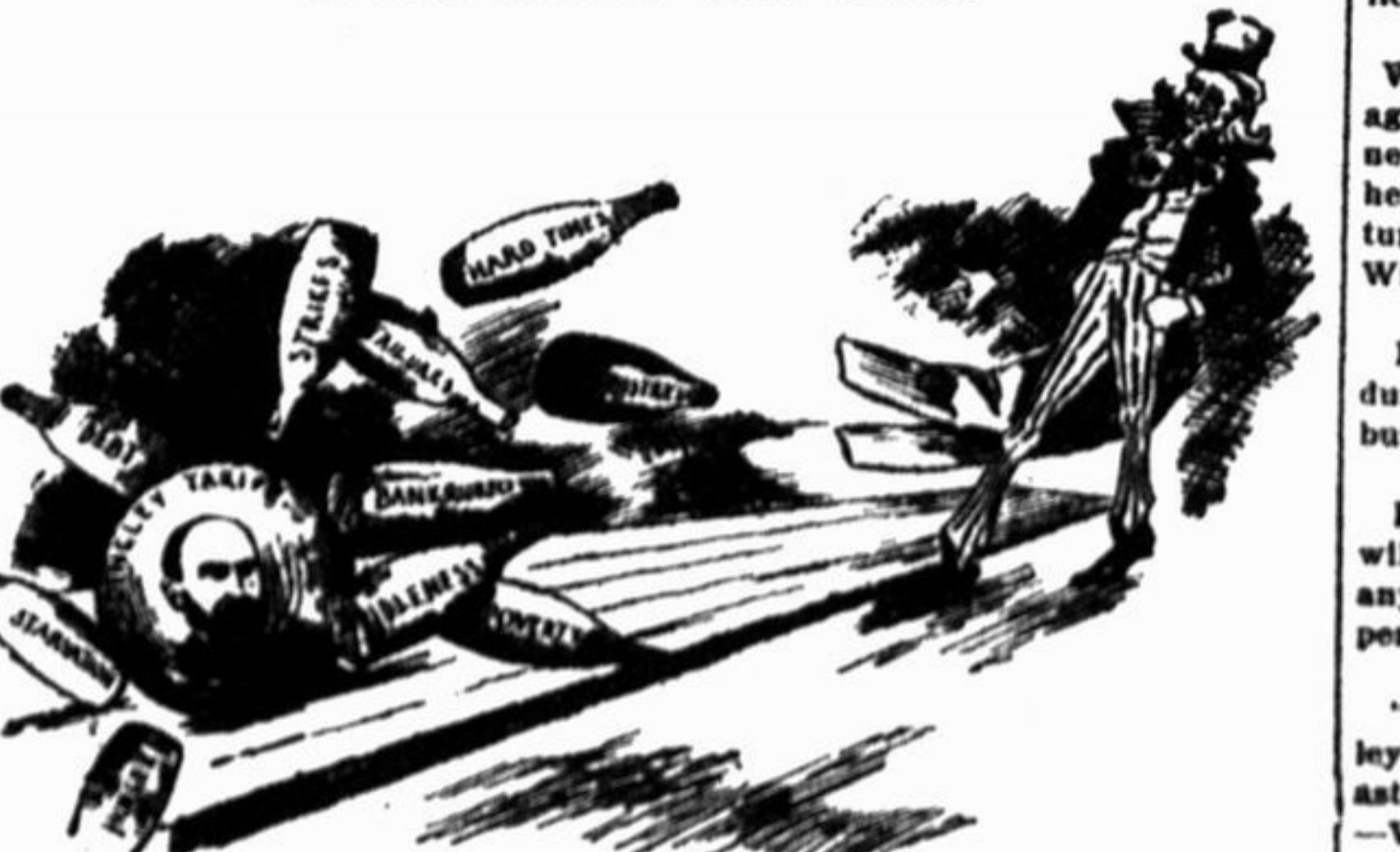
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A TEN STRIKE: ALL DOWN!



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THE WALL OF PROTECTION.

Will Reach a Normal Basis.

The statistics for September show that under the most adverse conditions the Dingley bill promises to dissipate the Wilson deficit.—St. Louis Star, Oct. 16, 1897.

The decrease of dutiable imports of merchandise for September, 1897, as compared with September, 1896, amounted to \$6,533,013, while the decrease of nearly \$2,000,000 in non-dutiable imports swelled the total falling off for the month to \$8,445,972.

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