Bryan vs. Hill.

Mr. Bryan has taken the pains to make it plain, in an article in a recent issue of the Commoner, that while he [illegible] the candidacy of David B. Hill for the Democratic presidential nomination in 1904, he is strongly opposed to it. He accuses Mr. Hill of having been "a sulker and repudiator" through presidential campaigns, and says:

"He is the favorite son of the reorganizing element of the party; he is the special representative of those who have so complacently forgotten the story of the prodigal son that they would place the parental homestead on wheels and start in hot pursuit of the wayward son, determined to compel the boy to eat fatted calf, even if the husks have destroyed his taste for wholesome food."

Mr. Bryan remarks, in the course of an analysis of the platform suggested in Mr. Hill's recent speech, that "his advice to press tariff reform comes with bad grace from one who as a Democratic senator refused to support the only tariff reform measure passed since the civil war." Mr. Hill's position on the money question, Mr. Bryan declares to be that of an "artful dodger." He says that it is fortunate for the Democratic party that Mr. Hill's plans are understood.

As to that, Democrats may be best able to judge. But there can be no doubt in the mind of any American whose regard is for his country's welfare before it is for party advantage, that it is fortunate for the people of the United States that Mr. Hill's plans are understood, since clear understanding of his plans enables them to take all necessary precautions to prevent them from being carried into effect. There is as much of menace to our prosperity in the planks which Mr. Hill offered for the construction of a new Democratic platform as there ever was in those of the platform adopted at Chicago in 1896 and in those of the Kansas City platform of 1900. By opposing the proposed Hill platform, Mr. Bryan is therefore doing good work for his country, without intending to do so. In the meantime the people will oppose both the platforms of Mr. Hill and that of Mr. Bryan. Though they vary in details, they are equally pernicious.

An Old Game.

The flimsy, shopworn tactics of the Chicago combine to arouse antagonism against the state administration and the regularly accredited state organization by howling "machine" rule has fallen with a crash. The game is so old, and has been played so often to the advantage of the disgruntled politician, that it is now regarded as the last resort of the footlitled politician who lacks in all originality. It no longer serves the purpose of arousing distrust in the minds of the people against the object of its attack, but rather a disgust. It is not the weapon of the fearless and honest. The very moment such methods are resorted to a distrustful disgust is created against its promoters.

Another shopworn method of deceiving the majority is by taking advantage of over confidence created by the cry of "harmony." Rather than face the pending issues fearlessly, honestly and courageously they hope to trick the object of their wrath by calling for harmony. With this method they hope to quiet opposition and then take advantage of the situation. The man with the cry of harmony on his lips is frequently a hypocrite, a sneaking coward looking for an advantage.

In upholding the state organization and the accredited state Republican organization the people will not be hoodwinked by either of the two methods. They can easily meet every issue fairly and squarely presented against the party upon their merits and they owe it a duty to themselves to give no quarter.—Effingham Republican.

Time for Free Silver.

From the viewpoint of the political "layout" Mr. Bryan continues to give aid and comfort to the Republican party. His latest deliverance is a protest against the reconstruction of the Democratic platform, together with the following announcement: "The Kansas City platform will be reformed (in 1904), and the party will also present such other questions as the time and the public welfare dictate."

From a further remark that he does not believe the tariff will be the paramount issue, it is evident that Mr. Bryan is determined that the sixteen-to-one flag shall never be hauled down. This certainly gives the Republicans a tactical advantage, for another fight against free silver will be "too easy." On the other hand, the Democracy seems to be in a wretched plight. It is to have nothing to say about its own platform, but must do the will of Mr. Bryan. Such arrogance and audacity on one side, and such helpless submission on the other, have seldom been seen.

And yet the Democracy may not submit. That is a problem of the future. No one can tell what will happen between now and 1904. By that time the Commoner may be less influential than the Chicago Chronicle as a moulder of Democratic opinion.

Lieut. Gov. Northcott Flays Conspirators.

Lieutenant-Governor Northcott who has kept himself well aloof from factional fights in the party has felt it necessary to express in vigorous language his opinion of the conduct of some of the men who entered into a conspiracy to discredit the Republican state administration. That such a conspiracy was begun is without doubt and that the conspirators have been able here and there to pick up a man foolish and erratic enough to lend his support is also true. Read Mr. Northcott's remarks from which the following is taken:

"We cannot too strongly condemn the well-known conspiracy on the part of a few prominent Republicans of Illinois to attack Governor Yates and his present administration—a conspiracy that was formed even before he was inaugurated as governor—a conspiracy that has been systematic, scientific and malicious—a conspiracy that has done more to disrupt and tear down the Republican party in Illinois than any other one factor—a conspiracy which should be condemned by the good and every conspirator led to realize this condemnation, and that he must set aside his personal animosities for the harmony and good of the party."—Danville Commercial.

True as Gospel.

In the forty odd years of almost unbroken rule of the Republican party, it has the credit of a long line of splendid achievements, the chief among which is the fact that it carried the theory of popular government to a degree of perfection hoped for, but never attained even by the founders and fathers of the republic and the constitution. These splendid creations of the fathers set out and defined the perfect theory of popular government, or government of, for and by the people; but never until the Republican party came upon the stage in 1860 with its living conscience and almost divine aspirations did the grand theory reach the splendid fruition of an accomplished fact. Even in the days of such men as Washington, Hamilton, Jefferson and their co-workers the crime and shadow of slavery rested like an ominous cloud on the political horizon of the young republic, and aside from that the great masses of the people were not fully educated up to the standard where complete reliance upon them could give perfect assurance that they could make popular government a complete success. So, even under these great men we only had the theory of popular government, and it was and is among the chief merits of the Republican party that under its benign policies this theory has been converted into a fact so forceful that all the world is charmed by its splendor or taught by its example.

For many years prior to 1860 the crime of slavery under the sanction and support of the Democratic party had carried the country out of the sight of true popular rule, and men even in Illinois were shot down for claiming their divine right for freedom, and virtually a small number of slave owners ruled the congress, the courts, the legislatures and every source of power; but when the Republican party came on the stage all this was abolished and the real and honest popular government was established in every state and territory in the union, except in such states as the Democrate party yet holds, where they still deny the rule of the people and rob them of their rights in order that Democratic bosses may still rule as of old. It is this splendid devotion to popular government which has caused the people to prefer the Republican party to any other, and this rule will continue as long as the great party is faithful to its trust.—Belleville Advocate.

Will Stand Investigation.

The state administration has been in power long enough to be judged calmly and without prejudice by honest, capable men. It has been subject to the most violent abuse; villification equal to that heaped on its predecessor or any other administration which has served the commonwealth, but from what sources has this tirade come? Not a word has been adduced to prove corruption on the part of Governor Yates and his immediate associates. When called on for particulars of this sort the traducers repeat the chestnut about the personal express frank and petty matters like that with which the state has nothing to do and which may or may not be true. When asked for facts regarding the administration they hold up their hands in holy horror and declare that the governor is going to do thus and so, and a man is sent down from Chicago to hound the executive's footsteps and make mountains out of mole hills or even no hills at all. It is gravely stated that next summer a certain gentleman is going to be placed at the head of the institution for the Blind, which is about as probable as that the persons making the statement are capable of telling the truth at all times. It is claimed that the brother-in-law has been favored especially by a state institution which has bought nothing of him. In truth, the difficulty lies in the fact that these disgruntled ones are unable to have their own way and run the administration to their liking. Had they, instead of the governor, been permitted to make the appointments, as far as they are concerned, all would have been well. But they were not: "hence these tears." But if all the dissatisfied elements had to be placated in the same way where would sufficient patronage have been found to go round? The governor has had the temerity to do his thinking himself and conscientiously to stand for what he believed to be right and appoint to office men who would attend to business and has not asked the consent of the Chicago newspaper trust hence, in their eyes, he has committed an unpardonable sin, but recent events show clearly that the people at large are of a different mind. The result in Sangamon county shows that the people, especially in the rural districts, are not getting their opinions made for them to order by the newspaper trust, but are getting them first hand, and the talk of corruption and intimidation is simply silly, but some explanation of the defeat of the ring must be offered.—Jacksonville Journal.

Stevenson Behind the Times.

Adlai E. Stevenson rises to remark that the Tilden platform of 1876 would be a good one for the Democracy to reaffirm at the present time. Here is the tariff plank: "We denounce the present tariff levied upon nealy four thousand articles as a masterpiece of injustice, inequality and false pretense. It yields a dwindling, not a yearly rising, revenue. It has impoverished many industries to subsidize a few. It prohibits imports that might purchase the products of American labor. It promotes fraud, fosters smuggling, enriches dishonest officials and bankrupts honest merchants. We demand that all custom house taxation shall be only for revenue." But the tariff now in force is criticised because it yields too much revenue, while the country is rich and busy beyond all precedent, not only in the aggregate but in an impartial distribution of prosperity among all classes, trades, industries and business enterprises. Adlai should wake up. Moss-grown Democratic waffle do not fit present conditions.

The Buyer and the Seller.

The worst charge that Bourbon Democrats bring against the entire negro race is that some of them sell their votes. It might be asked who buys them, and is not the man who buys a vote as bad as he who sells it?—Indianapolis Journal.

The State Administration.

The anti-administration aggregation must feel very small after making an attack on the record of our present governor, when they are confronted with facts and figures that knock them silly. Compare the work of the present state administration with the first year of Altgeldism. When the organized appetites took charge of affairs following the Fifer regime it found a treasury in good condition with a large balance in the state's strong box. How long was it before the treasury was looted and the state disgraced as it had not been since the time of Governor Matteson, back in the fifties. Up to date Governor Yates has not pardoned any anarchists of the Haymarket type, or any other type, for that matter. Mob violence has found no favor in his eyes and will not while he is governor of the state. The Shenkle episode in Greene county last spring fully demonstrates this fact. The strong arm of the military will only be used after the civil authorities have exhausted their powers. The mandates of the courts will be enforced at all hazards. What more do we want or expect? If the civil power can't do it the musket will, else why is the governor the commander-in-chief, and what is he there for? Can any of his political opponents, either in or out of the Republican party, point to an event that has brought reproach or disgrace to his administration? As a matter of fact his record has been clean, able and honorable in all respects. The great mass of the people are satisfied and have the most unbounded faith in the young man. They believe in his honesty, integrity and uprightness of character and his ability to meet any emergency that may arise in the future with the same fearless, good judgment that has characterized his past official career.

Every appointment made by him has been made with an eye single to the best interests of the state and its institutions. About the only kickers to be found are those who failed to get a job either for themselves or friends, and that's all there is to the proposition.—State Topics.

The Modern Copperhead.

The St. Louis Globe-Democrat says of recent expressions in regard to the Philippines calculated to sustain rebellion and increase the difficulties of government: "There is not the faintest reason to fear that the present breed of copperheads will have the influence which their predecessors had, or to make any such trouble for the country's armies as those marplots did. The policy of extending American sovereignty over the Philippines will be carried out vigorously on the the lines already laid down. All the legislation which is needed to strengthen the army in the islands and on the mainland of the United States will be enacted. The little gang of copperheads in each branch of congress will be easily overcome. The fire in the rear on the American soldiers which was ineffective in the case of Vallandigham, Jesse D. Bright, Daniel W. Voorhees and their fellow flag furiers will be still feebler from their weak imitators of the present day." The present breed of copperheads is more like earthworms than the old fire-eating mischief-makers of the sixties. These earthworms seem to love notoriety more than anything else. They can get it by going to the limit in treasonable advice to the poor Filipinos, and by abusing the government for putting down with a strong arm the rebellious people. The modern copperhead is the queerest of reptiles.

Governor and Labor Standing Together.

The Republicans of Sangamon county in convention assembled but voiced the opinion of every loyal Republican in the state in the following ringing resolution denouncing the Chicago trust press:

"We commiserate the Chicago trust press for its contemptible failure in its efforts to besmirch the splendid and untarnished administration of Governor Yates, and we congratulate the Republicans of Sangamon county for the fitting rebuke administered to a slanderous and malicious press, and for their unqualified disapproval, expressed through the ballot, of that sort of journalism. We take pride in demonstrating to the state that a campaign of villification and falsehood cannot prosper in Sangamon county, and we are glad of the opportunity to say to the state that we, who are nearest to the governor and his administration, and who thereby had the best opportunity to make a fair estimate, hereby pledge him our support. We commend Governor Richard Yates for his patient forbearance and composure while under the fire of the venomous shafts and abuse, hurled at him by the Chicago trust press, without the semblance of excuse or justification."

The Crucifixion of Mr. Bryan.

The Chicago Chronicle, the leading Democratic paper of the west, a few days ago contained the following reference to the Peerless, etc.:

"A few days ago a 'Bryan dollar dinner' was given at Chattanooga, Tenn., and Congressman Gaines of that state sent to his constituents this sentiment: 'Our peerless leader, who has done nothing to forfeit our love except to die for us, crucified on a cross of gold.' The same day Mr. Bryan moved into a $3,000 brick barn which he had built on his Nebraska farm, seeking temporary shelter while his $8,000 house was being completed. A $500 Jersey cow occupied a distant part of the barn in which Mr. Bryan had domiciled himself and family. Few plutocrats are better fixed than Mr. Bryan is in his home affairs. His 'crucifixion' is a beautiful myth.

Deserved Condemnation.

The Illinois Federation of Labor, the Illinois Manufacturing association and Governor Yates have already agreed that at that the next legislature a bill backed by the influence of the governor will be introduced to provide for the keep and care of prisoners in Joliet without contract labor. No one who knows any member of the Joliet commission believes that anything irregular has been done and certainly no one who knows the falseness and methods of the Chicago trust newspapers believes it.

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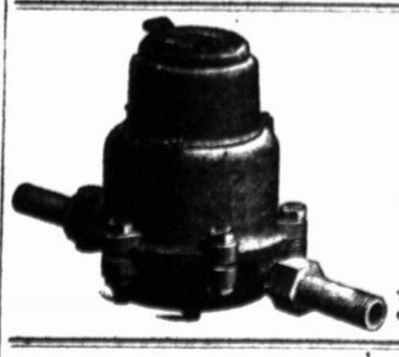

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