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## Bryan vs Cleveland.

No Chance for Either to Receive the Democratic Nomination  
---All "isms" Must Be Laid Aside if We Hope to Win.

There seems to be an impression among democrats that the future action of the party depends largely on the whims and wishes of these two former leaders—that the platform on which the next political battle will be waged will be dictated by one or the other of these two men. To all such we would say that democratic principles are older and bigger than any man, or set of men and as Vance once said "will never die."

It is thought by many that Cleveland aspires to a third term, while Bryan is mentioned for a third nomination. Neither of these propositions has a shadow of prospect for success. Cleveland will never be the candidate of the democratic party until he leaves the ranks of its opposers and subscribes to democratic principles as enunciated in the last two platforms. Bryan has done much to organize the ranks of the party which were demoralized and scattered by Clevelandism, but it would be the height of folly to nominate him for a third defeat.

Should Cleveland by any combination of circumstances receive the nomination it would simply mean that there was no democratic candidate in the field. There would be two republican candidates, but democrats would affiliate themselves with some other organization which has principles akin to democracy.

The democratic party is the party of the people, and as long as the people have wrongs to set right those wrongs will find expression in the platform of principles. In the next democratic national convention it will not be what Mr. Cleveland favors, or what Mr. Bryan opposes that will be set forth in their declaration, but what the people want. If the democratic party cannot fearlessly promulgate and bravely maintain a platform of principles, its usefulness is gone and it should step down and out.

There is a growing feeling among the masses that the trend of politics is to array wealth against poverty, organized capital against labor, the trusts and combines against the people, and the methods introduced to thwart an honest expression of the will of the people at the polls in the last two elections would seem to bear out this impression. It is the duty of the democratic party as a representative of all, to harmonize these conflicting elements. It is not a party of classes, but of the masses, and should receive support from all. This can only be done by a fearless declaration of principles which all honest men can support. The question of Bryanism and Clevelandism must be expunged and a platform adopted that will appeal to all honest-minded voters if we hope to win in the next election.

The SYLVAN VALLEY NEWS office for fine job printing.

## Republican Misrule

And Its Effects on the Country.

The republican party has a proposition on hand that will worry its candidates considerably in the next campaign and it is right that it should. The wholesale robbery and bribery that has been going on and that has either escaped the notice or has been winked at by the post office department officials is just cause for the repudiation of the republican party at the polls. While the high officials may have been ignorant of the crimes that were being committed by their subordinates they are still guilty of gross negligence. They are paid by the people to watch these very matters and instead of attending to business they have been touring all over the United States working in the interest of Roosevelt and themselves.

When Roosevelt became president we expected some very strenuous methods of securing his re-nomination but were not prepared to see the affairs of the government completely dropped by his cabinet officers in their mad endeavor to insure Teddy's nomination next fall. Had Roosevelt been in Washington and attending to the duties of their offices instead of out electioneering the people would have been saved many dollars and the country the disgrace of the present scandal.

But republican rule has ever been and will ever be marked by waste of the people's money, bad management of the people's business and official rottenness, as well as by trust legislation and gross partiality.

It is true that republican government has meant prosperity but it did not mean it for the people at large, only for the ringsters and doodlers. They seem to have been having a good thing, for besides getting a good salary they have been fleecing the government, the contractors and their subordinates. To secure a government position you had to divide your pay with the higher official; to secure a government contract you had to bribe the officer who gave out the job, and to hold a cabinet position you had to be able to control a state and its delegates to the next National Convention. To oppose the Administration in any manner was to subject yourself to discharge or degradation. Gen. Miles criticised the Secretary of War and has ever since been nagged at and humiliated at every chance and he is but one of many. Teddy is one of these "Rule or Ruin" men and, unfortunately for the people, he has launched out into the "Ruin" channel.

Little Jack Rockefeller has lost a million dollars trying to corner the leather market. The public will now anticipate another rise in the price of coal-oil.

## Two Suggestions

For Our Board of Aldermen.

There is one suggestion that the News has made before that demands the attention of the Board of Aldermen. Brevard is growing rapidly and owing to the location it is necessary that a survey be made to establish the levels of our streets. It will be a hardship to our property owners to allow them to go on building and establish the heights of their stores and other buildings and in a few years at most either lower or elevate the streets and sidewalks in front of their properties. We all know that some changes will have to be made in the grade of most of our streets in the near future and the Aldermen should now have the levels taken and decide on the permanent grade of all our streets as laid out. After the survey the party building can learn the exact height at which he will have to build his floor and know that said elevation will be permanent and that his store will not be either above or below the level of the sidewalk or street.

And there is another subject that demands attention and that is the establishment of a fire limit. It is rashness that borders on recklessness to allow buildings of a highly inflammable nature to be built in the midst of our town and the only method of preventing it is by passing such ordinances and making such laws as will prevent their erection. The main business section of the town should be included in the said fire limit and within it no frame house or shingle roofed building should be built. Insurance is quite an item in the expense account and will so continue until the course we have suggested is adopted. Let the grade of our streets be adopted and a fire limit section of the town be located.

## The Toxaway Wind Company.

Transylvania county not only found the petrified man and that spring of blood, but she claims a married couple over one hundred years old, and an old negro woman 108 years of age, besides another resident now rusticated in Texas at the age of 114. Transylvania ought to organize a company to be known as "The Toxaway Wind Company."—Winston-Salem Guide.

Evidently the editor of the Guide has spent so many pleasant days in Kansas, with its broad prairies and healthful climate, that he is constantly on the lookout for one of the leading western attractions—wind—and thinks Transylvania ought to organize a company to "stir up a breeze." We may be short on wind but if Bro. Stewart of the Guide will come up here and investigate we will introduce him to more attractions and a better climate than he ever found in the "Wild and Woolly West." We have no idea in what way a "Wind company" would add to our attractions for ordinary mortals.

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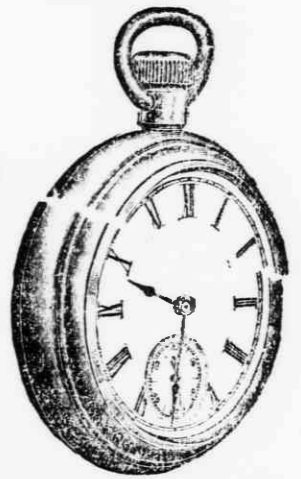
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