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MR. BRYAN AS RADICAL LABORER'S CANDIDATE

It has been evident for some time that Mr. Bryan would have the support of the labor leaders interested in obtaining special privileges for their fellow toilers as a class, and Mr. Samuel Gompers' formal pledge at Lincoln on Monday last hardly surprised any one.

Acting upon these motives and with these pleas, what political power can Mr. Gompers exercise? His activities two years ago against those Republicans who were members of the House who conspicuously opposed his demands can hardly be termed very successful.

But precisely because of this obvious motive which the Gompers declaration bears toward American institutions and the property of individual Americans, it may more properly help Mr. Bryan in the present campaign.

In 1896, when Bryan and Schuyler were the Democratic candidates, Mr. William Maxwell of this town, who truly followed the lead of Bryan in the talk was about Bryan and naturally paid any attention to Schuyler as he called him.

We regret to see that Rev. Dr. J. A. B. Scherer, who was born in North Carolina and wears the long warlike hair going far away. He has resigned the presidency of Newberry College, E. C., to accept the presidency of Three Institute at Pasadena, Cal.

When Governor (Gompers) nominated for President by the Prohibition party the Charleston and Columbia papers will set about to prove that he was born in North Carolina. That is a way they have about them.

MR. BRYAN AND THE NEGROES.

A good deal of currency has been given, notably by The New York World, to a story purporting to be an account of an interview between Mr. Bryan and a committee of negroes acting under direction of Bishop Walters, of the A. M. E. Zion Church, relating to the discharge from the service of the negro soldiers who shot up Brownsville, the report of which committee, it is said, "was so satisfactory" that "an organized body of negroes from the Republican party is being formed and an open affiliation with the Democracy arranged."

Mr. Bryan had always thought that to discharge the whole battalion when at most only a few soldiers could have had anything to do with shooting up the town was outrageous. As to reinstating the negro soldiers Mr. Bryan could not say, for he did not know what his powers would be. But if the men were not proved guilty, then the President should do all in his power to undo the wrong that had been put upon them.

Mr. Bryan was prepared for as prompt and explicit a denial from Mr. Bryan of this report, when it is brought directly to his attention, as he gave Mr. Watson's story that he had voted against Mr. Crisp, of Georgia, for Speaker of the House on the ground that he never could and never would vote for a Confederate soldier.

Mr. Bryan is known to the nation and it is not to be assumed that Mr. Bryan is oblivious to the criticism which is being born from him whether or not he has been correctly represented.

STEVENS AND HEARST.

The Bryan Revolving Fund says that it is not to be understood that the Rev. Dr. J. A. B. Scherer, of New York, who has been a vocal supporter of Mr. Bryan, is a member of the Democratic party.

Mr. Bryan returned from his trip around the world and stopped in New York to receive the great ovation which awaited him at Madison Square Garden, he was practically surrounded by Hearst with whom he desired a conference and there has been no conference between them since, notwithstanding Bryan's overtures and having said of the Democrats that they are all going the same way.

Wherever there are other breasts that are broken, wherever there are hearts are like to break, wherever there are hearts too hard to bear, wherever there are hearts too hard to turn and look for me, you shall find me, but not to take and have me for your own.

This brilliant scintillation is from The Catawba County News: "It seems that Mr. Simmons lusted to get on the resolution committee, and when the men for the platform committee were selected, Mr. Simmons was not chosen."

TIME TO CALL A HALT.

The Statesville Landmark, remarking upon certain incidents of the recent prohibition campaign and the more recent campaign for the Democratic nomination for Governor, says "it has come to the pass that a host of people look on a campaign as an opportunity to make money out of candidates and their friends and out of those who earnestly desire the promotion of certain measures. It is a bad state of affairs and unless checked the State will be disgraced by the corruption bred by it."

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TILLMAN VS. RAISLIE.

The Hon. Benjamin R. Tillman, a native of South Carolina who, according to belief general in that State, can look his weight in wild cats with one hand tied behind him, lately descended upon the shores of Morocco. It is just as well, perhaps, that this fighting reputation had not gone before, else one of the three parties now warring south of Gibraltar Strait might have embraced him in the fray.

Mr. Bryan then commented as follows: "We have felt that this is the proper time to make this announcement at the Republican national convention a plank in favor of publicity was turned down by a very large vote. The indignation that has been expressed over the action of the convention has already been felt by the Republican leaders, and they are now attempting to avoid all the censure that has been falling upon them by announcing that through their treasurer, a New York man, they will publish the contributions after the election. You will notice that the contributions to this plank is that before the election, it is not sufficient to learn after the election is over the influences that have purchased the election. The public ought to know before the election what influences are at work to secure the success of a party, and our platform makes that distinction, and we ask that this committee at this time declare its policy in relation to the plank, and that this committee so interpret this plank that the public cannot fail to see the difference between our position and their position. We say that no contribution shall be accepted from any corporation; a corporation is not created for political purposes; it has no right to contribute to campaign funds; and we want this part of the plank distinct."

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"We want a limit placed on individual contributions, that no contribution may be received from any individual so large as to indicate that individual's interest of a personal character in the result of the election and we want all contributions above a reasonable minimum made public. In order that the public may judge what influences are at work and thus be better able to decide in which side those interested only in good government should cast their votes; and we have suggested a minimum of \$100. We say that no contribution shall be accepted from any corporation; a corporation is not created for political purposes; it has no right to contribute to campaign funds; and we want this part of the plank distinct."

We are gratified to read that a formal announcement of Hon. Adlai E. Stevenson's candidacy for Governor of Illinois on the Democratic ticket is expected within a few days. Uncle Adlai Stevenson can carry Illinois if any Democrat can.

SORROW, MY SORROW.

Sorrow, my sorrow, I thought that you would be my faithful mate and bear me company while I should live, but now I find that take joy and hope, and love, have left me, too.

Wait a Minute! Since the Georgia Democrats have disqualified themselves for parcelling out the Federal patronage under the next administration, we shall, if pressed into service, attend to the matter just as soon as we shall have adjusted the South Carolina situation.



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JUVENILE OBSERVATION.

Harper's Weekly. Sins we left town-paw's havin' dandy rest. Bob don't climb up the buttons of his vest. Jim don't make him get on his knees till laim. Tu be his buckin' bronko, wild, untam. Now he can sleep quiet peaceful without fears. Caws Fred aint hoam to drop beens in his ears. An Baby she can't save his shed in his moment shedd he with rollin pin. An he dont hafter lug up coal an wood. Our being in the kuntry duz paw good.

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