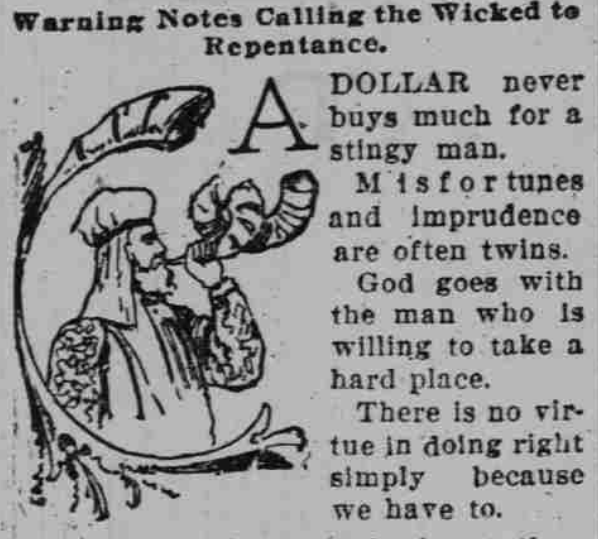


RAM'S HORN BLASTS.



Warning Notes Calling the Wicked to Repentance. DOLLAR never buys much for a stung man.

Better be a lamp in the house than try to be a star in the sky. God made man too great to find his life in the present moment.

How many times good fortune has come to us through our mistakes. Backsliding begins when the Christian begins to live on stale bread.

The man who will be well occupied his first aim in life is to do God's will. Do what you can do well, and you will soon be able to do much better.

If we try to please everybody, we shall soon have the respect of nobody. Time is wasted in trying to make a trotter out of a horse with a broken leg.

God needs Daniels, and Josephs, and Elijahs to-day, as much as he ever did. The man who thinks his sin will never find him out has deceived himself.

It depends on who does the preaching as to whether the devil sleeps in church. Not to give cheerfully when we give to God is to take all the value out of the gift.

The man who earns his bread finds a sweetness in it that the loafer never knows. The man who loafs when he should be at work will have to work when he might rest.

Many people want to move mountains simply to attract attention to themselves. The man who spends his life in trying to make this world like heaven does godlike work.

A STATEMENT FROM ECKELS.

Banks That Have Failed Have Been Due to Local Conditions. WARS AND RUMORS OF WARS.

The Banking Institutions of the South Made a Remarkable Good Showing During the Panic of 1893. The Atlanta Journal, under date of Jan. 2, prints the following signed statement from Comptroller of the Currency Eckels:

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2. To the Atlanta Journal—The bank failures which have occurred have been entirely due to local conditions and in almost every instance to defects peculiar to the institutions failing. This is strikingly so in the case of the National Bank at Roanoke, Va., and as much so in the failed bank in Texas some weeks since.

The banking institutions of the South made, with here and there an exception, a remarkable good showing during the panic of 1893 and the financial distress then was general and had no basis for any exception that either now or in the future the South or any other section of the country will suffer from more than the ordinary number of bank failures incident to the accumulation of slow assets and bad methods of banking. I certainly do not apprehend any difficulty beyond that due to the causes I have stated.

If the attention of the country could be directed towards attending to business affairs in a business way, undisturbed by "wars and rumors of wars" and promises of renewed and continued agitations, the country would enter upon an era of prosperity which in the largest measure would fall to the lot of the people of the South. The South today offers a marvelously rich field for investment and the capital is at hand to be invested, but it will not go there or elsewhere, when disquieting rumors are everywhere to be met with and uncertainty as to gaining a return for it confronts the investor.

The opportunity presented to Americans to become rich, prosperous and happy by confining themselves strictly to the immediate needs of their own country was never so great as at this present moment. (Signed) JAS. H. ECKELS, Comptroller of the Currency.

Cleveland's New Year's Reception. Friday, 7,000 people visited the White House for periods varying from one to six hours. But patience had its reward in every case, for the President and Mrs. Cleveland shook hands with every one of them. The closing New Year's reception of the present administration was the most brilliant of Mr. Cleveland's whole eight years in office, and old Arthur Simmons, the President's famous colored messenger, whose service in the White House dates back thirty years, shook his head as he viewed the far-reaching crowd from an upper window, and declared it "the greatest inception since do wah."

Meeting of Bimetallists. Senator Wolcott sailed on the Campania from New York Saturday as the envoy of bimetallism. Before the end of this month an international conference in the interest of bimetallism will be held in London. The representative of five governments will be present. The conference will be informal, but those who will meet are accredited representatives of their governments and out of this meeting will grow a formal conference.

"Commodore" Goes Down. The steamer Commodore, which cleared from Jacksonville, Fla., with a cargo of arms and ammunition foundered off Cape Smyrna. The steamer and her crew were blown down, but so far as learned only twelve were saved. One boat was washed ashore empty and another one landed with the twelve men. The Commodore carried two other boats, but those have not been heard from. The steamer is reported to have sunk twenty miles out to sea.

Destroyed by a Cyclone. Saturday a cyclone from the southwest struck and almost literally demolished the town of Mooking Sport, just north of Shreveport, La. Over twenty dwellings were blown down, only seven being left intact. Four persons were killed and twenty wounded. The cyclone came suddenly and lasted only about one minute. It is reported that the cyclone did great damage in adjoining States.

BILL ARP'S LETTER.

PHILOSOPHER HEARS MR. BRYAN LECTURE IN ATLANTA. William Tells How a Clever Drummer From Cincinnati Fooled the People Along the State Road.

It was a charming spectacle. I had been in the grand opera house before, but was in the auditorium with the rest of the good people and had no bird's-eye view of my surroundings; but on this grand occasion a friend secured me the platform with the dignitaries where I was near Mr. Bryan and could view the magnificent scene before me. If a speaker feels equal to the occasion, there is nothing more inspiring than the kind, expectant faces of a refined, intellectual audience. Of course, Mr. Bryan knew the everybody that was there. No cynos, no caustic critics, no untidely newspaper reporters, no hearseless artists with scuffling pencils, had already soothed us into a dreamy, heavenly peace of mind when the great orator came upon the crowded platform and received with grace and modesty the plaudits of an admiring people. He would be vain if it were possible to make him so with praise. A friend asked him, "Pittsburgh how he felt when standing before thousands who were shouting psalms to his burning eloquence, and he smiled as he replied: 'I feel like the smiling sea before the Canaanite islands, who said that whenever he had them most affected under his preaching he could not drive away the apostrophe, "Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, rather did him than hear him." Mr. Bryan had no such feeling here. The ladies, perhaps, would like to kiss him, but they would not bite him, and this time he was not bit.

On Tuesday night when the Western and Atlantic train came gliding down to our town about a hundred men and women gathered at the depot to see the distinguished man and cheer him on his way to Atlanta. He was not aboard, but some mischievous passenger put his hand from the windows and cried out: "Mr. Bryan is in the rear car; call him out." This they did in an excited and vociferous manner, and a smooth-faced drummer appeared upon the platform and with a gracious and grateful manner thanked them for their distinguished attention. When they called for a speech he explained and apologized by saying that his contract forbade him from making speeches en route, but that he would be so extremely kind with any who desired it. Then came the frantic rush for preference as the train bell rang, and the drummer, who had been glad to glide away. A venerable maiden exclaimed: "Oh, I thought he was going to kiss us!" An unsuspicious young silver democrat whispered: "I'll bet he would kiss me if he were here and did not never magnetized me a bit—dox on his hide, I believe he was an impostor. Before the train started, Bryan was over on the Southern line and that same drummer had played off on the people at every station. It was a man who had a man or a woman who was the depot."

But Mr. Bryan's subject, "The Ancient Landmarks," was not one to provoke any of the passions of the crowd. He spoke of government as it was established by our forefathers, was intended to protect the weak and to make us more mindful of our duty as good citizens of a good government; our duty to our children and our children to us; and that we should perpetuate it in its pristine purity. The indifference of the best people to take an interest in politics was the greatest danger of our institutions had to be all-faulty of this indifference, for we abandon the field and let corrupt politicians occupy it and are never able to get it back. He said, "This late campaign," he said, "has been a campaign of education, and the people have thought more, studied more, and acted more wisely than they have done for half a century. I was defeated, but I feel that a wonderful work has been done by both sides in discussing the great issues that are still unsettled. Both parties are guilty of the corrupt use of money in carrying elections, and this is a growing evil. It is our duty as citizens to take an interest in politics and to put the seal of condemnation upon it."

Mr. Bryan's earnestness and manifest sincerity are his strongest characteristics. He is a great and good man. If the people before whom he is to speak will not give him as much of him as an orator, but will listen to him as a teacher, his mission will be a lasting success. I heard of a man who went forward to be introduced and to take the great man by the hand. It was a privilege to do so and he had no objection. There is a good deal of character in the grasp of the hand.

Our Hal Lewis introduced the speaker in a most fitting and eloquent manner. I do not imagine how it could have been better done. Mr. Bryan was affected by it and said he had never before heard of a man who had had no hero, but a theory—a philosophy as solemn and serious as that of Plato or Seneca. Let him go on and scatter seeds of truth and wisdom and patriotism over the land. We can afford to pay him for it, for we do not live for ourselves, but for our children. Indeed, a state or a nation is a good thing, and a good man to teach the people by popular lectures. Some years ago I heard Professor Proctor, an astronomer, deliver three lectures on astronomy and I have had far more respect for the astronomer since that time.

The Christmas holidays are here and we have gathered our boys from New York to Mexico and our happiness is only marred by the thought that the boys will be sent for their distant homes and we may not see them any more in the land of the living. But the Lord's will be done. Once more I would like to say to whom I can help a poor old soldier who wants to find some officer or member of his command by whom he can prove his services to the late war. His name is G. M. Stewart. His postoffice is Yorkborough, Gordon county, Georgia. He joined the First Georgia regulars in February, 1861, Company C, and served three years and two months, and was then transferred to the navy yard and was taken prisoner, carried to Point Lookout and kept in prison until June, 1865. I see by Colonel Avery's records that Colonel H. D. D. Twigg commanded that regiment. He recommends, and I know Mr. Stewart in that service visit to him or to me. The old man is an invalid and very needy.—Bill Arp in Atlanta Constitution.

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