

COL. BRYAN DISCUSSES POLITICAL SITUATION AS IT EXISTS TODAY

Reviews the Part He Has Played in the Various Presidential Campaigns and Gives Some Sidelights on Present Day Possibilities—Commoner Was Here Yesterday.

Col. William Jennings Bryan, fresh from a speaking tour of several days in the south, was in Asheville yesterday and last night for a few hours, visiting his son and family at their home in Grove park. Col. Bryan left during the evening for Miami, where he will join Mrs. Bryan for several weeks.

In an interview regarding the public men and democratic candidates he criticized, Col. Bryan also took occasion to place himself in the list of those who are not seeking the democratic nomination for President.

His statement is as follows: "My criticism of Edwards and Cummings has brought upon me the charge that I am making a wholesale attack on public men with a view of being a candidate myself.

"First, as to the attack on candidates. It is now thirty years since I entered congress and nearly twenty-four years since my first nomination for the presidency. My political activities, therefore, cover nearly a quarter of a century. During that time I have criticized only a few men and have seldom answered criticism, although I have been the recipient of as much criticism as any other man in public life. My fight has always been for principles and I have only mentioned men when they assume a position which made them a menace to what I believed to be the public interest.

"I criticized President Cleveland, not personally, but because of his attitude on the money question, and in that view I had the support of the democratic party, which refused to endorse his second administration.

"I opposed the nomination of Judge Parker in 1904. It was not a personal criticism, but opposition to the forces behind him. He was nominated and defeated, falling a million and a quarter behind the democratic vote in both the preceding and succeeding campaigns.

"In 1912 I opposed Judge Parker for chairman of the Baltimore convention. It was not a personal criticism, but I felt that his attitude on public questions and his political record made him an unfit man to sound the keynote of a progressive convention.

"In that convention I changed from Clark to Wilson because New York was attempting to select the candidate. I did not criticize Mr. Clark. I stated when I voted for Wilson that I could change my vote from him to some other candidate if New York voted for him. This ought to be sufficient proof that it was not a personal opposition to Clark.

"In the present campaign Governor Edwards is the only candidate I have criticized and my criticism of him is not personal. I do not know the man and have been able to form no opinion of him personally. I oppose him because of what he stands for and I did not say anything against his candidacy until after he fled in Nebraska, my own state. Am I offending against the proprieties when I express an opinion against the availability of a candidate who comes into my own state and asks for instructions at a primary?

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abstainer or a drinker, but he is against prohibition, and that means he is in favor of bringing saloons back to the United States. The papers have quoted him as promising Atlantic ocean, and since the campaign he has announced his intention of preventing the enforcement of the amendment in his state if possible.

"Can any democrat be indifferent to the injection of such a candidacy into our campaign? Three-fourths of the democratic senators voted for submitting the prohibition amendment and more than three-fourths of the democratic members of the house voted for it. Every democratic state ratified it. It is an insult to the democratic party for any man to ask it to deny the conscience of the United States and the expressed wishes of the party and make itself the champion of an outlawed business.

"I criticized Chairman Cummings not personally but because as a democratic official he attended Governor Edwards' coming-out party and gave respectability to the Edwards' boom.

"So much for my attacks on public men. Now for the second proposition. Do I act like a candidate? Candidates are very careful not to disturb the harmony of the party or to arouse opposition. A candidate usually sits on a stool and looks pleasant so that everybody will like him, hence it is necessary that some men in public life shall be free to speak for the public without being afraid of hurting themselves. No other democrat is under so great an obligation as I am to speak out on men and on policies, because no other democrat has received such favors as I have. No other democrat now living has carried the party standard in three campaigns or enjoyed the confidence of so many democrats for so long a time.

The Press. "Nobody is in a better position than I am to speak out against any man whose candidacy threatens the country's welfare and against any principle or policy which seems hostile to the country's interests. I have so many enemies that a few more don't count. And I have been in politics long enough to expect abuse from two sources—

"First, from the papers that openly champion the predatory interests. "Second, from those papers less courageous that promptly attack any public man who criticizes the predatory interests.

"The first class represents the big dog that does the fighting, and the second class represents the little dogs that do the best they can to help the predatory interests without running any unnecessary risks. Just now the liquor traffic is the greatest as well as the most contemptible of the predatory interests, and the friends of prohibition have to meet the abuse of the open champions of the traffic and also vilification at the hands of that part of the press which does not dare to support openly the liquor business, but is bold enough to vilify anyone who attempts to protect society from it."

"I believe them and still believe that the candidate of the Baltimore convention, whoever he might have been, would have been defeated if New York had been permitted to select him. In the present campaign Governor Edwards is the only candidate I have criticized and my criticism of him is not personal. I do not know the man and have been able to form no opinion of him personally. I oppose him because of what he stands for and I did not say anything against his candidacy until after he fled in Nebraska, my own state. Am I offending against the proprieties when I express an opinion against the availability of a candidate who comes into my own state and asks for instructions at a primary?

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NOBLE WILL ALLOWED PROBATED BY CLERK

Second Will of Elizabeth L. Noble Is Matter of Contention Between Number of Legatees.

Hearing of the petition asking that the second will of Elizabeth L. Noble be probated in solemn form was conducted here yesterday morning before John H. Cathey, clerk of the superior court, and after a considerable legal battle had been waged before the clerk on various questions arising over jurisdiction and other matters concerning the case, the clerk decided to allow the will to be probated as called for in the petition. It was intimated that the matter will now be carried to the superior court under a caveat and the validity of the will based upon the question of the sanity of the maker will be tested.

Walter Murphy, of Salisbury, former speaker of the house of representatives in this state, and whose children inherited the bulk of the

estate of the deceased under the first will which was probated in Salisbury, was present for the hearing. Several points of law are involved in the litigation and brilliant legal talent was arrayed on both sides, but Clerk Cathey held that he had jurisdiction over the matter since evidence was introduced at the hearing and that there was nothing in this case for him to act upon but to decide whether or not the will should be probated in solemn form. The question of the sanity of Elizabeth L. Noble, he states, would be one for the jury and not one to be decided in allowing the will to be probated. Also the question of the residence of the maker of the will at the time it was drafted will be one for the jury.

Between \$35,000 and \$40,000 is involved in the case and under the terms of the second will a number of colleges, charitable institutions and a large number of individuals, including one colored servant, are legatees.

MRS. WILLIAMS TO REMAIN GUARDIAN

Petition of Dr. Williams Is Denied at Hearing Before the Clerk.

The petition asking the removal of Mrs. C. S. Williams as guardian for the property of her two children, which was filed by Dr. John Roy Williams, was heard before John H. Cathey, clerk of the superior court, yesterday afternoon and after hearing exhaustive evidence from both parties, denied the motion and Mrs. Williams, under a former order of the court, will retain the guardianship of the property of her two children.

Dr. Williams alleged that Mrs. Williams is not competent to manage the affairs of the estate and filed several other allegations. Mrs. Williams submitted that she had filed the proper bond and had the money received from the estate placed in a bank. Mrs. Williams has the custody of two children and will under the order yesterday continue as guardian of their estate.

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