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WILLIAM J. BRYAN. Mr. Bryan, the brilliant young statesman of Nebraska, is a man with many admirable qualities. He is talented, he is sincere, honest, earnest and aggressive. Only in one particular, as we have seen, does he fall to measure up to the requisites for a Presidential candidate. He is not as much backbone and inflexible will as Andrew Jackson had. Jackson's courage and firmness are very necessary qualities for a President at all times, and especially so in such times as these, when the combined power of the gold ring and monopolies, in every form now ten times stronger and more dangerous than when Jackson was President) must be faced and fought to the death. We do not believe that all of these powers combined could buy or corrupt Mr. Bryan with money; but they would attempt to approach him by indirection, as they did even Andrew Jackson and Abraham Lincoln. They would surround him, if possible, with seeming friends, and would try to persuade, flatter, corrupt, or coerce him. They would corrupt, if possible, the men in his cabinet, and other men associated with him as counselors and advisers. These are the methods that Satan and his allies always use when they have to deal with an honest man. When a man of a different stripe is President, they simply go to headquarters and buy him.

We fear that if Mr. Bryan were elected President, that he would be under the influence of the old party bosses and fogies, who have themselves, for more than twenty years, kept the money question in the background, and fooled the people into fighting sham battles over the tariff. These old mossbacks have stifled conscience so long to serve party that they see no wrong in trading and dickering with the goldbugs and betraying the people into the hands of their enemies for party spoils and party success. Here would be Mr. Bryan's danger; for these old party fogies would desire to see him cut off his moral tail to the same length to which theirs has been clipped.

On the other hand Mr. Bryan would have made a splendid candidate for a reform party, for then, if elected, he would be surrounded by earnest and sincere friends of the people instead of by men who have for a quarter of a century been into a conspiracy with the Republican politicians to fool the people in order that the gold gamblers might thrive on the fatness of the land.

But of all the Democratic candidates before the convention, probably the best man that the party could have nominated is Mr. Bryan. He is not only still young and independent, not having been contaminated and fossilized by long association with the old mossbacks of the party, but he is the only man among the straight-out Democratic candidates who has ever said that he would not vote for a goldbug, but would leave the party and denounce it and join the Peoples Party. If, in 1896, the platform did not declare for free silver and financial reform, that evidence of manhood and patriotism, that determination to put country above party, causes us to warm up no little toward the young statesman, and makes us hope that there is much of the Andrew Jackson courage and firmness still latent within him. It is true he ought to have taken this position in 1892, but there are many of the best men in the country who did not then, yet who have since taken that position. Mr. Bryan may not have known at that time, as others did, that Mr. Cleveland was in league with the money power.

In this connection, one important phase of the political situation should not be overlooked. Every man in the past who has shown independence and asserted his manhood by laying down the principles that he would stand for, party or no party, in advance of the action or permission of his party bosses, has been marked for slaughter by the Democratic machine. There was no higher crime or treason in the eyes of the party bosses than to commit to what Mr. Bryan has done. Now, why is it that this brilliant young man, who ten years ago, or even four years ago, if he had dared to take the same position then, would have been branded as a traitor and driven from the party in disgrace, is to-day made the nominee of that party, amid great enthusiasm, for the highest office in the Republic? It is simple proof of the fact that the old party bosses are frightened, demoralized, and panic-stricken. They are alarmed at the increased intelligence of the voters, and at the indignation against their folly and treachery for the last twenty years.

No one knows better than do these party bosses that not for a single time since the war has their party put forward a platform or named a candidate that stood for at least one of the great fundamental principles of Democracy, as laid down by Jefferson and Jackson, and that now the masses who believe in those principles are about to rebel against their party. And hence

it is that they grab this young patriot, who is on the verge of leaving the party and going to the Peoples Party, and make him their standard bearer, because they realize that over half of their voters are also on the verge of leaving their party and going to the Peoples Party. This is why the old party machine, which has ridiculed the Peoples Party in the past, stole the Peoples Party in the past, and appropriated it as its own. In short, they have put up that platform and nominated Mr. Bryan in order to try to kill the Peoples Party, that young giant which came into existence to preserve and defend the principles of Jefferson and Lincoln, which both of the old parties had betrayed and deserted. Yes, to try to kill the Peoples Party, which has driven them into making their first patriotic declaration in national convention since the war.

Yes, Mr. Bryan owes his nomination to the existence and rapid growth of the Peoples Party, and the party bosses are out trying to use him to destroy the very power that gave him his nomination.

Ordinarily the acts of an idiot or fool are noticed to be pitied and excused; but it is possible that honest and sincere men may become disgusted at the action of even so big an idiot as the ordinary Democrat, and so thoroughly disgusted as to make any future relation of any kind with him an utter impossibility. The action of the Democrats in this matter may prove to be a great instance in point.

The condition now existing is about this. The silver Democrats have thrown around themselves a barrier which may prove, and in all probability will prove, insurmountable to other forces of a kindred character. It is practically impossible for the Democrats to get out of the enclosure into which they have thrown themselves, and it probably may be the best policy to let them die therein without any special effort to aid them and without any sympathy for them. Die they must if aid is not given them, and their foolhardy course and contemptible action may cause it to be thought that they are unworthy of so much as an effort to aid them, even though they should now beg for it.

We clip the following from an Associated Press Dispatch from Chicago, under date July 3rd.

CHICAGO, Ill., July 3.—The gold standard leaders are here. That means the fight is on.

Ex-Governor Roswell P. Flower was the first to arrive and he did not wait to get the train of travel from his home before he had launched into the fight. The first place he tackled was the West Virginia headquarters, where he met delegate Chilton. He had a very animated conference with him, and when he had finished he said to the Associated Press representative: "I had an idea about the spread of this silver fallacy and now I have confirmed it. These West Virginia people admit that they are not particularly in favor of this silver business, but they have some other end to attain. In West Virginia, the Democratic party has been losing votes to the Populists each year. They believe that they can recover this vote by going for free silver. The situation is the same all through the country."

This tells the whole story. It is another piece of direct convincing testimony to prove what Senator Butler said in his speech in Wilmington recently, and what THE CAUCASIAN has frequently said since the silver convention at Raleigh last September. It shows why these Southern machine politicians, who have sacrificed the cause of silver and financial reform for twenty years, who have deliberately betrayed the people into the hands of the goldbugs, are now yelling so loud and so vociferously for silver. They are frightened at the rapid growth of the Peoples Party. They see that they cannot fool the people any longer about the real issue. Yet these machine politicians are now yelling for silver in order to try to save their political machines, and to keep themselves in office. If by this means they can kill the Peoples Party, then they will again after this campaign go into co-partnership with the eastern goldbugs and betray the people for party spoils.

None know better than the Wall street goldbugs how basely the Southern politicians have betrayed the welfare and prosperity of the people in the past, and none have a better right at this time to express their supreme disgust at the hypocrisy of these leaders when they now declare so loudly for silver and the people. Governor Flower tells the whole story in the above interview when he says that these Southern politicians care nothing for silver, but are now clamoring for it in order to fool the voters of the South and hold them in party ranks. These false professions will not fool all of the people; some will be fooled, and they have ample time to repent their folly.

CURIOUSITIES OF DEMOCRACY. The curiosities of Democracy have for some years been a marvel to us. For instance, Samuel R. Randall was a high protectionist and was a Democrat when the party was called a free trade party. Then Cleveland is a goldbug when the party swore it was for free silver four years ago. Then there are the various kinds of Democrats which we have mentioned—all curiosities.

Now, last week the national Democratic convention bragged that it had downed the eastern and northern Democrats. It declared for free silver; against national banks; for government ownership of railroads, and then—what? Why it nominated Arthur Sewall, for vice-President. If he should be elected, there is no certainty that he may not be President. And who is he? A railroad magnate, national bank president and shipping prince from Maine. That

the extreme of folly and in their madness and monomania plunged into a position which other silver forces may find themselves unable to approach or reach. And if this proves to be so, the silver Democrats have foolishly made impossible that unity of the silver forces which is absolutely necessary to victory.

"No, get out, we don't want you!" was the plain response of these fool Democrats to the overtures of friends. "If you can't go OUR way, do as we do, and march as WE say, you can let it alone," was the further apparent reply of these silver Democratic ninnyhammers.

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we warn the people now that they need not expect any reform through it. A leopard cannot change his spots, neither can a compost heap purify itself.

As to a contest between Republicans and Democrats, and according to the programme of the Money Power which has controlled and now controls both the old parties, the year 1896 is not Democratic year. It was just after the war when the Money Power arranged its programme. It first arranged and inaugurated a financial system which, it was intended, should have the fostering care and protection of the government. It was a grand scheme of robbery and piracy intended to subject the workers and wealth producers to the spoliation of a few sharpers and gamblers. The success of that scheme is most eloquently and emphatically illustrated by the conditions of to-day.

The Money Power was sagacious enough to know that they could not keep their scheme concealed if elections continuously, so they took advantage of the ransom and animosities engendered by the war, and arranged a part of the programme so that Republicans and Democrats should win elections alternately, and that they should fight each other on some issue like sectionalism, tariff, bloody shirt, nigger and the like. But in the meantime the scheme of robbery was to be kept in the dark.

Some assinine Democratic ignoramus will say that THE CAUCASIAN is simply twaddling here and is dealing in inventions. Well, if he thinks so, let him refer to a book written by Henry Clews, a Wall street banker and speculator, and who is now the leading adviser of the banking gang. The title of the book is we think, "Twenty Years to Wall Street." It shows how the Wall street clique first went into politics for the purpose of controlling legislation in the interest of the Money Power.

His scheme has been wonderfully successful. They first went into the campaign of 1872 and secured the election of Grant, a Republican. The next election was 1876, and these same forces backed up Tilden, Democrat, in a quiet but effective way, and he was elected. But after his election, the Money Power grew uneasy at some of his independent utterances, and the same forces which secured his election then convinced to have him unseated.

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should be left to the first distinctly so-called anti-Eastern Democratic convention ever held to make such a choice is one of the anomalies of this campaign. That a convention whose platform denounced the issue of money by national banks should accept a candidate who was ESPECIALLY RECOMMENDED to it on the ground that he was a national bank president is another.

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EDITORIAL COMMENT.

Mr. Bryan is quoted as saying that he did not want a rich man as running mate; but then the party that nominated Mr. Bryan did want a rich man and a banker and a railroad promoter, and they took him for their gold-bug. That party seemed to lose confidence in Mr. Bryan as soon as they nominated him. If he should really be so foolish as to think the Democratic party meant all it said about banks and railroads, there must be somebody around to hold him down.

One of the brags being made by the Democrats is that their Presidential nominee has no record and cannot be attacked. Well, this may be so, but it is a fantastic fact that it would be difficult to find a Democrat who has been in public life for ten years, whose record would not fatally handicap him before a honest people. The greatest of the Democrats, therefore, is to bring forth men without records. They are still quite new.

Moreover we note that the Republicans put up a big corporation attorney for vice-President. Likewise we observe that the Democrats put up a big corporation President for the office. Now the fact is that if either one is elected he will preside over the Senate and have great influence and control over legislation.

The only reason or part of reason that the Populists can find for endorsing the Democratic ticket is this. The Democrats have got a big part of our platform and are running with it. It might not be a bad idea to run with them while for the purpose of trying to keep them from breaking our property all to smash.

And so that Democratic platform of just what for silver after all, even if Bob Glenn did have a personal letter from Cleveland saying it was, and also saying that Cleveland was for silver. Furthermore we note that Bob Glenn continues to hold down the office of silverite, as a whole lot of silverite, and also continues to say he is for silver.

And now David B. Hill and Congressman Sulzer, of New York, and Northern goldbugs, and the Charlotte Observer and Capt. Paul B. Means, North Carolina goldbugs, will support the ticket. These Democrats, goldites and silverites, are a whole lot of silverite twins when it comes to "party."

Some simpering, jibbering Democrats are grinning and saying "Have the Populists a hole? Dunces! Fools! Can't they see that Populists have them in a hole, and that the Populists have a strong notion of filling up the hole with the Democrats at the bottom of it?"

If a thief steals your ladder, the only use he has for it is to climb up to get something. Then he will kick it down. You have a continual use for your own ladder. Do you catch on?

The Democratic jobbers are saying that the weaker party should go to the designer. All right. Take your own medicine. Read the facts and figures in another column and come on.

The Democrats won't acknowledge that they are trying to get into the Populist hand wagon but they are making an open effort to swing on to the tail gate of the vehicle.

Those Person county Pops enunciated a doctrine so warmed by truth and sense as to make it burn its way to conviction. Those boys are "the stuff" sure.

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