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DR. THOMPSON'S GLOOMS.

It was not our opportunity to hear much of Dr. Cyrus Thompson's speech Tuesday evening but we did take in a part. He is a clever speaker and much less provoking than Mr. Walter Henry. We think though he is too pessimistic. He brings up statistics and manipulates them so as to make conditions much worse than they are. For instance farming land after the war did rise as he said and it kept rising steadily and many ventured to go in debt for land at an abnormal price, it rose too high, and met the depressing results of the protective tariff and the growing pension burden. It is natural that it should decline at even pace with legislative abuse. But yet if you have the money you can't get land easily. And there are some who are buying and paying for their land every year and getting out of debt.

Mr. Thompson thinks too that the farmer's children are growing up without education. We think not. It is a notable fact that the harder the times the more solicitous parents are for the education of their children, and schools are

rather fuller when times are close than when great financial prosperity prevails. When parents see they can't leave much estate to their children they strive the harder to give them an education. Hence the schools this fall are unusually full and prosperous. Some of the very farmers he was talking to Tuesday were not half as poor as his picture made them. They have their farms, stock, etc. just as secure as can be and their children were in schools while Mr. Thompson was seeing them in his distasteful vision growing up in ignorance and their lands being sold to great land barons. If Mr. Thompson's picture has a counter part it is hardly in Cabarrus.

There are few of them that we would charge with being in the condition he represented them to be in. The funniest thing of all was in Mr. Thompson's drawing his pictures in darkest colors and then asking if it was not enough to make a man join the Populists. Did he mean that Populism is a cure all, or that it is an association for the gloomy?

We admit that conditions are far below what we wish them to be, therefore we are in the Democratic ranks doing all we can to make them better. We fully believe Republican rule is responsible for much of our troubles and therefore relief from there is not to be expected. Populism lacks the power to do anything alone. Democracy does work with her might to correct evils. Had Samuel J. Tilden been seated as he was elected in 1876, tariff and pension reform would probably have checked the rising current and Americans would not have learned to hang themselves on the government. Had General Harrison left the finances in as good condition as Mr. Cleveland turned them over to him we think nothing would have been heard of selling bonds and most of us would yet be ignorant of what the gold reserve is.

Mr. Thompson, like most of our opponents, says we had our own sweet way when Cleveland was elected the second time. But in this they are not fair. The lower house acted promptly in every measure of reform. The people had given it a working majority. The Senate was Democratic by only a small margin. The two Louisiana Senators knew their people had learned to want protection or bounty on sugar. Senator Hill stoutly opposed the income tax. Smith, of New Jersey, and Gorman, of Maryland, were not free from some notion hard to explain and they hindered. The Senate did not have a working majority so that the Wilson tariff bill is not what it was intended to be. That was not a fair test of Democracy. Now we think if Mr. Thompson will look at the situation with fair mindedness, he will find Democracy did all that the people gave her a chance to do. A bare majority is one thing, a working majority is another.

It seems to do much in holding the other parties together to be able to say unfair things of the Democratic party but it is the only source from which relief can be expected and it can give none while it is but half supported and sustained. Agitators may keep up a division among us and then make great speeches full of calamity, but just so long are they hindering progress in the direction of relief.

Relief, too, must come by a steady, constant, patient perseverance. Our evils have been coming on steadily, they will have to be counteracted the same way.

BRYAN'S RECORD-BREAKING CAMPAIGN.

While he was in North Carolina the Observer remarked upon the amazing versatility of Mr. Bryan. The Columbia State lays stress on his record-breaking campaign. I says: "A daily summary of Mr. Bryan's campaign work is made by the New York World. Up to and including Friday the record stood: Number of speeches delivered, 226; cities and towns spoken in, 189; States spoken in, 24; miles traveled since his nomination 9,006; number of words spoken on the stump (estimated) 248,000; miles traveled by all other Democratic candidates since 1860, 6,196; number of speeches delivered by all other candidates, 166. The speeches indicated are real speeches—not the brief utterances at way-stations, of which there must have been one or two thousand."

The State continues to wonder at and admire the power and achievement of this young Westerner, as follows:

It is a very remarkable record as to quantity, and still more remarkable as to quality. While parts of his arguments, from the very nature of the case, have had to be repeated, no two speeches of our candidate have been alike. In each one of them there was strong, original thought most aptly expressed. With a month of the campaign yet to run Mr. Bryan has already surpassed in the number of miles traveled, the number of States covered, the number of towns spoken in and the number of speeches delivered, the combined totals of all other presidential candidates. And we may add that the enthusiasm he has aroused and the number of hearers he has attracted have been without counterpart.

The fact that Mr. Bryan has been able to do all this without a sign of physical collapse adds to the remarkableness of his feat, and still the wonder grows when we hear him say that he is to continue his strenuous, intense campaign until the day before the election.—Charlotte Observer.

Our I's and... ...Other Eyes.

Our I's are just as strong as they were fifty years ago, when we have cause to use them. But we have less and less cause to praise ourselves, since others do the praising, and we are more than willing for you to see us through other eyes. This is how we look to S. F. Boyce, wholesale and retail druggist, Duluth, Minn., who after a quarter of a century of observation writes:

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