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BRYAN'S LECTURE.

An Enthusiastic Audience Hears Him on "The Ancient Landmarks"—He Criticises Existing Political Evils.

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 23.—Hon. Wm. J. Bryan opened his lecturing tour tonight at the Grand Opera House before a large audience. All day long he had been entertained by one organization or another, and he held an almost continuous reception. Governor Atkinson took him to the Executive Mansion in the morning as his guest. At noon the Young Men's Democratic League tendered him a luncheon and tonight the Fulton Club entertained him. Among the speakers at the luncheon was ex Secretary Hoke Smith.

Mr. Bryan was introduced tonight by Hal L. Lewis, the Georgian who nominated him at Chicago.

The late nominee's reception was enthusiastic, the audience cheering loudly and long. His subject was "The Ancient Landmarks." The subject matter was extremely conservative. There was nothing in it to offend anyone. The address was a discussion of governmental questions.

Government, he said, is what the people make it, good or bad, as they dictate. They can remedy abuses if they seriously undertake to do so. Often they are indifferent; it has been said that the man who neglects to take part in controlling government is worse than the man who governs badly.

Mr. Bryan quoted liberally from Jefferson and Jackson. He touched on the leading issues of the campaign, but in a non-partisan way. The aim, said he, of advocates of different monetary systems is to secure that one which is best for the greatest number of citizens. Men differ as to which system will accomplish that, but all agree that the system which will give a unit of value of the least possible fluctuation is the best. In the end the people of this country and eventually the people of the world will select that system under which the unit of value is most stable. In reaching that decision selfishness must be taken into account. Selfishness is here to stay, but it is not wholly disadvantageous, for it is the manifestation of the instinct of self-preservation.

Government should not only avoid abuses, but should protect the weaker against the strong. A government substitutes law for force and right for might. Governments must restrain. Jefferson said that one of the most important duties of a government was to restrain one set of citizens from injuring the other. Trusts were denounced as a means of doing an injury to one's fellow citizens.

Mr. Bryan remarked that he did not think any party openly defended trusts. They are permitted to exist because the people are indifferent. They could be abolished by legislation or by public opinion. Newspapers form public opinion; but they are not expected to do it all. Every individual citizen should exercise his influence, take a position and let it be known. Public opinion is so potent that it can crush out any abuse, even trusts or the use of money in politics. The use of money by political parties is the most pernicious influence in politics. And the party is young indeed which does not use money to advance its ends. But it should be remembered that if the use of money is permitted the citizens will themselves be plundered to recoup the expenditures.

Unjust taxation was treated at some length. The speaker declared that unjust taxation is indirect larceny. It is taking money from one

man's pocket and putting it into the pocket of another man. The chief cause of the discontent in this country is favoritism in one form or another under the government. This favoritism may be manifested by unjust taxation in different forms. Mr. Bryan found good results in the recent campaign. It set the people thinking, a habit which they will keep up. Jefferson said that public officials who are not watched are wolves. Mr. Bryan thinks that hereafter public officials will be more closely watched. Good government consists in jealousy and not confidence. Over-confidence encourages abuse of confidence.

In concluding the lecturer remarked significantly that the Latin poet said we plant trees, the fruit of which we do not expect to pluck. We are laying the foundations now for those who come after us. A part of the foundation was gotten under way during the recent campaign. The superstructure will be built later.

Mr. Bryan will leave here tomorrow morning to go to Chicago, whence he will go to his home in Lincoln.

He has a series of lectures booked for Texas.

Wouldn't Bind Himself.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Mr. William J. Bryan has refused to accept a check of ten thousand dollars after his first lecture in Atlanta to bind the contract. The story of the quarrel between Roche and Comstock, Bryan's backers, are denied.

A Family Reunion and Baptismal Service.

There was a family reunion at the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Nash on North Main street today in which were gathered together in the old home circle the children of the host and hostess who have married off, some of whom live some distance apart. The party consisted of the mother of Mr. Nash and his four daughters, their husbands and their children, namely Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Mowrey, of Salisbury; Mr. and Mrs. N. F. Harris, of Lynchburg, Va.; J. H. Page and wife and E. M. Torrence and wife, of this place. Rev. J. D. Arnold, pastor of Forest Hill Methodist church, accompanied by his excellent wife, was present. After a sumptuous dinner had been served a baptismal service was performed, when the infant of Mr. and Mrs. Harris was christened. It was indeed a happy reunion.

Death of an Aged Lady.

A dispatch from Gastonia Monday morning, announced the death, at Dallas, Gaston county, of Mrs. Susan Withers. She was in her 99th year. She was the grandmother of James P. Cook and Mrs. J. A. Hendix, and great-grand mother of John M. Cook, of Clerk Gibson's office.

We understand that Mrs. Withers was Gaston county's oldest lady and her descendants number more than those of any other person in the county.

Ex Sheriff John R. Smith, of Goldsboro, now a director of the Raleigh Insane Asylum, is said to be hated by the Republicans for Superintendent of the penitentiary.

The Next Fire

May be at your house. Have you any insurance? If not you had better get some at once. Don't fail to protect your home. See J. F. Hurley.

KIRK'S PRELIMINARY TRIAL.

Committed to Jail Without Privilege of Bond—Mr. Lake's Condition.

Janitor L. J. Kirk, who several days ago shot Bookkeeper Lake, was Monday morning arraigned before Mayor Weddington for a preliminary trial. He was represented by Mr. Heriot Clarkson. Only two witnesses were called. Dr. Petree, one of Lake's attending physicians, testified to the character of the wound. Mr. O. D. Owens, manager of the Singer office in this city, testified to what passed between Messrs. Kirk and Lake in the office, when the shooting occurred. His testimony was precisely the same as that given in the Observer's report of the shooting. The mayor committed Kirk to jail without bond, to await trial at the next term of the Criminal Court.

Mr. Lake has been improving recently and the doctors said that his condition was hopeful.—Charlotte Observer.

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Waltz Poverty Row
Two Step Rastus on Parade
Lancers Honeymoon March
Waltz Sweethearts Again
Quadrill White Star Line
Waltz Over the Waves
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Quadrill New South Club
Waltz El Capitan

Intermission.

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