

### The Bryan Myth

From the Times.

Now that the presidential campaign is finished, it is proper and timely to discuss some matters which could not be taken up before election day because it would have been improper to cause dissent or provoke virulent debate among Democrats. The purpose of all editors of Democratic newspapers who pretended to have any sense or foresight was to hold the party solid and do not say what could be done and said to make the vote for Wilson and the other party nominees as strong as possible.

Nothing was to be gained, for instance, and there was possibility of something being lost by public consideration of Mr. W. J. Bryan's part in the Democratic national convention at Baltimore. Now it is right and necessary to meet and try to correct some popular misunderstandings on that. We should not permit to pass into history, without dissent or protest, the assertion that Mr. Bryan controlled the Baltimore convention. It is bad policy and perpetuation of error to allow newspaper readers to believe that Mr. Bryan caused the nomination of Woodrow Wilson or that Governor Wilson is indebted for his nomination to Mr. Bryan. We will be having a howl directly for Mr. Bryan in the cabinet or as the dominating force of the administration. Mr. Bryan should not be in the cabinet. There is no place in the incoming administration in which he would be appropriate. He and his judgments and policies have been rejected three times by the voters of the country. The votes for Wilson Tuesday were not votes for Bryan. The purposes of Wilson and Bryan, are alike because both are patriotic, honest men. The methods of the two are widely different. The methods of Bryan have been rejected by the judgment and conscience of the majority in the republic. The methods of Wilson have been accepted and endorsed by an astonishing majority. Our hope is that Mr. Bryan himself will have the good taste and judgment to withdraw himself from consideration as part of the administration and will be content to advise as an eminent and honored private citizen and Democrat, according to his right and duty. In the cabinet he would be a force of discord, the object of doubt and suspicion. Naturally it would be believed and charged constantly that he was working for his own interests.

That was a widespread belief in the Baltimore convention. Mr. Bryan had the same influence there that William R. Hearst had in the Democratic convention at St. Louis in 1904—the negative influence of dread that somehow he might be nominated for president in some sudden stampede and lead the party to another disaster.

"Anybody to save us from Hearst?" nominated Judge Parker in 1904, in a kind of panic or last recourse feeling. "Anybody to save us from Bryan?" carried the delegates at Baltimore to Wilson when at last he showed the greatest strength—and a most wise and fortunate choice it was, even if brought about strangely.

It suited the newspaper writers to present Mr. Bryan as the controlling force at Baltimore. Reporters and correspondents, especially those who are young and lack political experience and sense of responsibility, seek to make sensations. Their business as they understand it, is to present spectacular figures and episodes to induce people to buy the publications for which they write and to tighten their holds on managing editors. The writers were helped by the Republicans, who sought to injure the Democratic party by making it appear that Mr. Bryan controlled the party, and by Mr. Bryan's enthusiastic and indiscreet friends, who probably would have brought us to defeat.

Post-Mortem Statement.  
An Irishman saw while passing through a graveyard these words written on a tombstone: "I still live. Be jabbers, if I was dead I'd own it to it!"—Unidentified.

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The man who's six feet in his sox will wed for good and all  
Some maiden who is passing fair, but only four feet tall.  
The brilliant girl who takes the prize and outshines all the school,  
Is more than apt to cast her fate in marriage with some fool.  
The learned man who knows his books and has a sober mind  
Most like weds the dizziest young damsel he can find.  
The prettiest of all the girls will wed some crooked-eyed gink  
Who doesn't look as though he knew even enough to think.  
The homely girl most likely books the handsome millionaire.  
The frivolous maid weds a man who's loaded down with care.  
The pious girl is apt to draw some old night-prowler's skate  
Who doesn't think that 3 o'clock is anywhere near late.  
The pastor of the church may draw a social butterfly  
Who thinks more of her new fall hat than mansions up on high.  
The more you try to solve the thing, the less you really know,  
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Man Who Claims to Be Stranger Keeps Police Posted.

The Boston police received three postcards last Wednesday all purporting to come from the stranger of Joseph Josephs of Lackawanna, N. Y., and who wrote postcards to the Lackawanna, Buffalo and Boston police.

One card bearing the longest message of the three said J. Frank Hickey, now under arrest in New Jersey, was not the murderer of Joseph Josephs at Lackawanna and also that the body of the O'Connor boy can be found in "Chestnut Hill Wood."

This was taken by the police as a reference to the disappearance of Joseph O'Connor, of West Roxbury, who disappeared from home November 2. A record card declared that the writer was not fooling.

### Inference There Somewhere.

"I don't think my husband loves me any more." "Why not?" "The other day I said to him: 'John, if I should die would you get married again?' and he said he wouldn't." "Isn't that all right?" "Yes, but I wish you could have heard the positive way he said it."

### Declare War on Colds.

A crusade of education which aims "that common colds may become uncommon within the next generation" has been begun by prominent New York physicians. Here is a list of the "don'ts" which the doctors say will prevent the annual visitation of the cold:

"Don't sit in a draughty ear."  
"Don't sleep in hot rooms."  
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### Snake Had Lived on Eggs.

On his morning round for eggs recently, Michael Heiseman of Custice, O., reached into a hen's nest and touched an object that made him jump back quickly. A closer examination showed a big spotted snake coiled in the nest. Spotting a hasty retreat, Heiseman secured a shotgun and on reaching the nest noticed that the snake had swallowed a china nest egg and was gradually working it down its throat. It was but the work of a moment to blow off the head of the reptile. Heiseman then recalled the fact that his egg supply had declined recently, and he thinks that the snake, with perhaps its mate, had been making forays on the roost for some time.

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