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## BRYAN ON THE FLAG.

### His Reply To "Who Will Haul It Down?" The Flag Is

## OBEDIENT TO NATIONAL WILL.

### The Flag Was Made for the People, Not the People for the Flag. We Are Confronted by Perils More Deadly Than the Menace of Foreign Foes. Gold Standard, Trusts and Imperialism Must Be Met and Crushed.

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 23.—Col. William J. Bryan returned to Lincoln this afternoon and was tonight tendered a reception at the Oliver Theatre by the Woman's Bimetallic League. The house was crowded, and Col. Bryan received an ovation. He was introduced by Gov. Holcomb, who formally welcomed him home and complimented him for his patriotism in enlisting in the army.

After thanking his neighbors for their cordial welcome and complimenting the members of his regiment and Col. Vinton, in whose charge he left them, he justified his resignation as follows:

"I had five months of peace in the army and returned in order to take a part in a fight. I am as much interested in the people of the United States as I am in the people of Cuba, and unless I am mistaken in judging, we are called upon to meet more important problems in the United States just now than will confront our army in Cuba.

"Some of these problems were under discussion before hostilities began, others have been thrust upon us as a result of the war. Let me improve this, my first opportunity, to assure you that my zeal for the reforms advocated a few months ago has not in the least abated.

"Vital questions cannot be killed or buried, and we were dealing with vital questions when the call to arms resounded throughout the land.

"The American people have not accepted the gold standard as final. It has wrought more injustice in our country during the last 25 years than Spain has wrought in all her colonies, and opposition to it will grow until the gold and silver coinage or the constitution is fully restored. The trusts which now flourish in defiance of law are more merciless than Weyer, and the new trust—the paper money trust, which is seeking to obtain control of all the money of the nation—is a greater menace to the country's welfare than foreign foes.

"There are, however, two new questions which demand immediate attention because congress is asked to set upon them at once. The president recommends that the regular army be permanently increased to 100,000 men. This question must be met now or not at all.

Taking up the subject of imperialism, Mr. Bryan said that the president has misinterpreted the sentiment of the people. They are opposed to giving the Philippine islands back to Spain, but they have not as yet declared in favor of embarking upon a colonial policy. So great a change, he said, could not be undertaken without more investigation and deliberation than the people had yet given to the subject.

The principal part of Mr. Bryan's speech was devoted to the Philippine question. In this connection he referred to President McKinley's inquiry, "who will haul down the flag?" He replied:

"The flag is a national emblem and is obedient to the national will. It was made for the people, not the people for the flag. When the American people want the flag raised they raise it; when they want it hauled down they haul it down. The flag was raised upon Canadian soil during the war of 1812 and is

was hauled down when peace was restored. The flag was planted upon Chapultepec during the war with Mexico and it was hauled down when the war was over. The morning papers announce that Gen. Lee ordered the flag hauled down in Cuba yesterday because it was raised too soon. The flag will be raised in Cuba again on the 1st of January, but the president declares in his message that it will be hauled down as soon as a stable government is established. Who will deny to the people the right to haul down the flag in the Philippines, if they so desire, when a stable government is established there?

"Our flag stands for an indissoluble union of indestructible states. Every state is represented by a star and every territory sees in the constitution a star of hope that will some day take its place in the constellation. What is there in the flag to awaken the zeal or reflect the aspirations of vassal colonies which are too good to be cast away, but not good enough to be admitted to the sisterhood of states.

"Shall we keep the Philippines and amend our flag? Shall we add a new star—Mars—to indicate that we have entered upon a career of conquest? Or shall we borrow the yellow, which in 1896 was the badge of gold and greed, and paint Saturn and his rings, to suggest a carpet-bag government with its schemes of spoliation? Or shall we adorn our flag with a milky way, composed of a multitude of minor stars, representing remote and insignificant dependencies?

"No, a thousand times better to haul down the stars and stripes and substitute the flag of an independent republic than to surrender the doctrines that give glory to 'Old Glory.' It was the flag of our fathers in the years that are gone; it is the flag of a united country today; let it be the flag of our nation in the years that are to come. Its stripes of red tell of the blood that was shed to purchase liberty. Its stripes of white proclaim the pure and heaven-born purpose of a government which derived its just powers from the consent of the governed. The mission of that flag is to float, not over a conglomeration of commonwealths, but over the land of the free and home of the brave and to that mission it must remain forever true—forever true."

### "A Dangerous Man."

Here is a story illustrative of the ignorance of the colonies that once prevailed in the colonial office and is not yet entirely banished from Downing street. As we all know, the late Lord Carnarvon, when colonial secretary, officially recorded his opinion of Sir George Grey as "a dangerous man." Sir Charles Gavan Duffy, on one of his visits from Victoria, called upon Lord Carnarvon in Downing street, and in conversation chanced to introduce a reference to Sir George Grey.

"A very strange and comprehensible character," said Lord Carnarvon, with a shake of the head. "I hear he has now withdrawn to an island off the coast of New Zealand and surrounded himself with a number of wallabies."

"Oh, yes; I think that is not at all improbable," replied Sir Charles.

"You surprise me," rejoined Lord Carnarvon. "What must be the state of morality in a country where you make light of such a proceeding?"

"Why, my lord, what do you suppose a wallaby to be?"

"A half caste female, of course. Is that not so?"

"Certainly not; a wallaby is simply a small kangaroo."—London Chronicle.

### His Only Alternative.

Little Dot was very fond of Bible stories, and one day after her mother had read the story of Lot's wife she asked, "Mamma, what did Mr. Lot do when his wife was turned into a pillar of salt?"

"What do you think he did?" asked mamma.

"Why," replied the practical little mim, "I suppose he went out and hunted up a fresh one."—Chicago News.

## NORTH CAROLINA NEWS.

### Interesting North Carolina Items in Condensed Form.

## CLIPPINGS FROM EXCHANGES

### Of Items That Will Interest North Carolinians. Some News, Some Politics—All of Some Interest to True "Tar Heels."

Alex Allen, colored, is under arrest in Raleigh for brutally murdering his wife.

Near Monroe Thursday night a young man named Lowry was shot and robbed by a young man named Nicholson.

Brownlow Morris, a farmer of Halifax county, has been carried to Littleton on the charge of attempted rape upon his brother's wife.

Fire at Wilson Christmas morning consumed the stores of Farmer & Co. and J. J. Pruitt. Loss, \$8,000; covered by insurance. Fire thought to be incendiary.

Mr. R. H. Armfield, a farmer living four miles from Rocky Mount, was held up Thursday night about three miles from that town and robbed of \$520. There were three highwaymen well masked.

A case of smallpox has been discovered at Wilmington. A negro named Bernard has the disease. The case has been removed to an isolated house outside the city. If another case is discovered, compulsory vaccination will be ordered.

Newbern Journal: The news was telephoned to this city last night to the effect that Pamlico county was Democratic by a good safe majority. Upon the recount it was found that all the Democratic nominees were elected by majorities ranging from fifteen to forty votes.

E. City Economist: There has been one case of smallpox in our town, introduced from Norfolk, which has been isolated by our town authorities and there is no expectation of its spreading. Every precaution has been taken to prevent the spread of the contagion. There is no apprehension about it.

Gov. Russell has pardoned Tom Robertson, a white man serving a six years' sentence in Wake county for the seduction of Julia Hester. It was a compromise pardon, in that he paid \$500 to get it—the money ostensibly going to the poor girl, but it is said lawyers get most of it. There is much indignation expressed at the pardon.

The Monroe Enquirer says that Mr. Noah Green, a well-to-do farmer of Big Lick township, Stanley county, started to Monroe early last Thursday morning with a load of cotton. When going down a hill about half a mile from Rocky river, he fell on the double tree of his wagon and frightened his team, causing it to run away. Mr. Green fell under the wheels and his skull was fractured and the unfortunate man died from his injuries in a few hours.

Wilmington Messenger: When ignorance and superstition combine and take possession of people where is the help, where is the hope? The revelation in yesterday's Messenger of a negro fetich in this city shows to what extreme that race is capable in the midst of churches, Sunday schools, teachers, preachers and the public press, and the enlightenment rubbed off by contact with educated and intelligent whites. Think of people believing that a West Indian hoodoo is the Holy Ghost. That lays out Mormonism even.

### Cotton Market.

The New York cotton market at 1:30 today—January 5.44; August 5.65. Spot cotton at Kinston, 4.75 to 5.35.

Cancelling stamps, to cancel revenue stamps on checks, etc., ordered at low prices by Tax Free Papers.

### Statistics of Marriage.

The chances at birth that baby will eventually marry are 9 in 20, or rather less than one-half. This result may seem surprising, but it is largely accounted for by the great mortality of persons under marriageable age, especially of infants up to the age of 5. No fewer than 38 per cent of babies die before they are 5 years old, and 44 per cent of the whole population before the age of 18. In England, as in this country, according to belief, the females outnumber the males.

Out of every 100 persons now living, 60 are single, 35 are married and 5 are widowed. So that on the average 1 person in every 20 you meet in the streets, in the train, or wherever it may be, will be either a widow or a widower, and 8 out of 5 will be unmarried. In England an average husband and wife on their wedding day may expect to live together for 27 years, in France only 26, in Holland and Belgium 23, but in Russia 30.—New York Home Journal.

### The Hebrew Flag.

One of the results of the Zionist congress at Basel is the reappearance of the Hebrew flag. At the meeting place of the delegates a flag was hoisted which had two blue stripes on a white field, and between these the six pointed star, or sign of David. It was explained at that time that a similar flag was used as the standard of the Hebrews in the days of the Hebrew nation. Pictures and descriptions of the flag came to the United States with accounts of the proceedings of the congress, and dwellers in the New York Ghetto began to look for Hebrew flags. The consequence was that the American Flag company turned out a quantity, for which there was ready sale.—New York Tribune.

### Digging For Fish.

The natives of Kottiar, in Africa, are in the habit of digging every year, in the summer, the dry banks of the Verge river for fish, which they dig out by hundreds, just as they would potatoes. The mud lumps are broken open and the fish, perhaps 8 or 10 inches long, will always be found alive, and often frisky, as if just removed from its supposedly native element—the water. In the dry beds of several African rivers a similar practice is often pursued. A kind of mud fish buries itself while the bottom is still moist, and remains there all the summer, waking up when the rains commence again.

### Illuminated Buoys.

Another form of beacon for mariners of smaller dimensions, but hardly less important, is the illuminated buoy. These floating lamp holders, placed in an estuary where the available channel is often only a narrow one, bounded by mud or sand banks only a few feet below the surface of the water, are invaluable to shipping. Hitherto the illuminant chiefly employed has been compressed gas, necessitating a high pressure reservoir and compressing machinery.

Mr. Wigham, whose name has long been known in connection with light-house apparatus, has introduced a mineral oil lamp which can be fitted to any existing buoy and will burn for a long period at very small cost. The maintenance of one form of lamp can be kept up at a cost of one penny for 24 hours, and as no compressing machinery is required this is the only expense plus the original cost of the lamp. The approach to port—such as that of Liverpool, for instance, where a ship has to enter through a long avenue of buoys—could by this invention be almost as well lighted as a city street.—Chambers' Journal.

### A Warm England.

The extremes of outdoor temperature in England vary more than 128 degrees. The greatest heat probably on record was registered in the valley of the Medway on July 23, 1868, when the thermometer at Tonbridge stood in the shade at 100½ degrees F. Eleven years later, in December, 1879, 55 degrees of frost were recorded at Blackadder, in Berwickshire—i. e., 33 degrees below zero F. More remarkable, however, than the heat in summer were the hot winters of 1748 and 1857 and the warm Januaries of 1877, 1884 and 1898.—Notes and Queries.

## GENERAL NEWS ITEMS.

### Matters of Interest Condensed into Brief Paragraphs.

## A LITTLE ABOUT MANY THINGS

### The Pith of the World's News That Might Interest Our Readers. Some of It Fresh. Some May Be "Salty," But Not Spoil.

Two more cotton mills have closed down at Augusta, Ga., adding about 3,000 more to the unemployed of that city. The movement is an attempt of the factories to force a cut in wages.

Orders have been sent to Commander Tausig, of the gunboat Bennington, now at Honolulu, to seize Wake Island in the Pacific and proclaim American sovereignty over it. This will form another link in the insular chain connecting the American continent with the Philippines.

The Spaniards evacuate Cuba officially on January 1st. At noon that day Americans will salute the Spanish flag with 21 guns; the flag will be lowered and the stars and stripes raised in its place, and the Spaniards will then salute the American flag. Spanish and American troops will march past each other, each saluting, and warships in the harbor will exchange salutes. Spanish troops left in the island on January 1st are to remain unmolested, enjoying privileges accorded a foreign army in a friendly land, but they will be hurried home as fast as practicable.

### Glass Cutting.

The layman who is introduced to the mysteries of cutting glass for the first time is amazed at the amount of work that the workman does entirely by his eye. The first stage of the bowl which is to be cut finds it in a perfectly plain condition, not a scratch upon it and only a half dozen or more marks in red chalk, which mean absolutely nothing to the unpracticed eye. But to the workman they mean the whole pattern. Perhaps the dish is a salad bowl. The marks in chalk will run from the edge, five intervals apart, down to the center of the bowl at the bottom. In one of the divisions of the bowl thus marked there may be a little further marking in the shape perhaps of a diamond. This indicates the pattern into which the bowl is to be cut, and it will be repeated in each of the five divisions. All the intricacies of the design the workman has in his head, and they develop on the glass in a way which seems to the looker on absolutely marvelous.—New York Times.

### A Wonderful Creature.

The polyp is the most remarkable creature on earth. If cut transversely or longitudinally into several parts, each will become a perfect animal. Tremblingly turned them inside out and they ate and enjoyed themselves as much as ever. He slit two longitudinally, placed the halves together, and united them into two animals. He divided two transversely and created one with two heads. He pushed one down the throat of another, and thus formed a creature with three heads.

### They Destroy His Works.

In China the faith in heredity is so strong that when a "habitual criminal" is captured they not only cut him into small pieces, but put all his sons and grandsons to death. The Celestials evidently believe that faith without works is dead.—Boston Globe.

### Blind Reading.

By a system of numeral type invented by Rev. W. H. Murray of Peking, originally a Scotch workman, the blind people of China are now taught to read and write in less than three months, and this in spite of the fact that there are 408 distinct sounds in the Chinese language. By a special adaptation of this system the blind are now actually teaching sighted pupils to read.