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For President, 1900:

Hon. W. J. Bryan,
Of Nebraska.

THE BROWN DEMOCRATS.

Below is a tale the enemies of Hon. W. J. Bryan have sent out from Louisville. Here it is:

Louisville, Ky., Nov. 15.—It became public tonight that the Brown Democrats held secret meetings before Bryan came to Kentucky to speak for Goebel, and pledged themselves to vote for Brown for governor if Bryan came not, and if he came to vote straight for Taylor and the Republican ticket. They wrote letters to him to remain out of Kentucky, telling him it would not do Goebel good and would injure his own chance of carrying the State. He refused to listen to their protests and they got mad. They declare that he shall not receive the delegation from Kentucky in the next national Democratic convention if they can help it. They say that had they voted for Brown, as originally intended, Goebel and the entire State Democratic ticket would have been elected; so that the coming of Bryan has resulted in the election of Taylor beyond a doubt. They are more bitter against Bryan than were the sound-money Democrats in 1896.

The falsehood is so palpable that it need deceive no one. If may be that a few isolated cases exist; but that such action was general it is absurd to say. These Brown Democrats were Goebel's enemies and their candidate, Brown, was nothing but a boy duck. He was intended to get such votes as would not vote for Taylor, yet could be controlled under the plea that Brown was a Democrat. All who could be induced to vote for Taylor did so to defeat Goebel. Mr. Bryan's canvass had nothing to do with it, except to lessen Taylor's majority. If Goebel had been elected, he would have owed it to Mr. Bryan's canvass. Any Kentucky Democrat who does not admire rather than condemn Mr. Bryan for his course is a very sorry man. Mr. Bryan was influenced by principles and his conception of duty, and did not hesitate in the face of loss of support and even of personal violence to do his duty. The talk of keeping Kentucky from going for Bryan is all "fol de rol." The gold brigade cannot influence enough Brown Democrats who believe in Bryan's principles and his noble character to go against his nomination and election to constitute a "corporal's guard." Bryan will not only get Kentucky, but most of the States. We believe he will be nominated by acclamation and triumphantly elected by the people. Satan has "many devices," so have the enemies of Mr. Bryan. This canard from Louisville is one of them.

A PICTURE.

Pictures are great teachers. They speak through the eye. They are both teachers and subjects—object lessons they give and are. Of course, the lesson is good and elevating, or bad and corrupting, according to the subject matter of the picture. It is of great importance not to have the latter kind in our homes; in public places; in books, in papers and periodicals. All—especially children and youths—are so easily and greatly influenced by them. We have seen such a picture recently. It is most suggestive. It teaches, in the first place, a lesson of low, sneak-

ing cunning and deception. It is disgusting and repulsive to all who see at once its purpose. It may be so, even to some not yet debased, yet without settled principles; but many applaud it because they are already corrupt. Those, not yet corrupted, are likely to be. Pope's lines: Vice is a monster of such hideous mien, That to be hated needs only to be seen, But seen too oft, familiar with its face, We first endure, then pity, then embrace.

are all too true. But the picture to which we allude suggests, in the second place, the low, mean, debasing, degrading business it is intended to represent and advertise. It is a business in which no one with a spark of self-respect would engage, if it were not for the money there is in it. It debases all connected with it. Satan wants no better agent than the man that can devise and use such a picture; yet it is most suggestive of the character of the business itself and shows to what a depth it will lead. The picture teaches, in the third place, that it is possible, not to say probable, that there may be official collusion—we do not say there is—but we write concerning the picture. It is said that "love is blind." Be that as it may, the picture suggests that if law is not blind, its officials may be—yes, blind. For "none so blind as those who do not wish to see." That picture so suggests and is a direct accusation against the officials. If a false accusation it should be resented as a direct insult. The picture is an insult to the moral, not to say Christian, element of any community. How long will the moral people of any community suffer such things to be flaunted in their faces and such demoralizing business to be conducted in their midst? But we have seen another picture from the same source, as bad or worse. Shame! Shame that one shall demoralize both by his business and by pictures also. Let the moral sentiment of every such community be felt.

Goebel.

This telegram came from Louisville, Ky., day before yesterday:

"Although the count is still going on and it is being fought with great vigor on either side, there is now little doubt that Goebel has given up hope of his election. The Courier-Journal this morning claims a plurality of one vote for Goebel on contested and uncontested votes, but corrected figures do not even bear out its claim. On the other hand, in two counties in which the Democrats claimed contests, the officers have declared that the votes were legal, thus adding over 1,000 to the Taylor column. State Senator Linney, who has been supporting Goebel, arrived in the city this afternoon from Frankfort. He confirms the story that Goebel has given up hope of being elected, but that he is laying his own wires to make himself Senator. According to the story, Blackburn is to be sacrificed outright, and also the remainder of the State ticket. It is undoubtedly a false story, so far as the Senatorship is concerned, Joe Blackburn will be Senator. It is a slander upon Goebel, we have no doubt. Were he guilty of such ingratitude and meanness, he would be detested as a Benedict Arnold almost—and justly so. The story is, doubtless, a base fabrication of his enemies who hates him for his virtues; for he has some of a high order. There is no danger of a rupture between him and Blackburn.

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