

BRYAN AND WHAT HE STANDS FOR

(John H. Atwood, of Kansas in Success Magazine.)
Primarily, Mr. Bryan is a well-rounded man. Many who have and do fill the public eye may bear inspection in their public capacity, while their private lives are best left in the shadow. Such men are like statues made to be placed in niches; the front is the front of a statesman or philosopher, while the back is but uncarved ugliness. But the Nebraskan you can view from any side, and you always see a man—a whole man. Every phase of his character will sustain study, and nothing need be slurred over in order to find all commendable. I have known him well for nearly twenty years. In 1890 he was the young country lawyer leading the forlorn Democratic hope against Congressman Cornell in the First Nebraska district—a forlorn hope that distinguished as splendid as it was unexpected. In his private business affairs he is prudent and careful. His Scotch-Irish blood will serve as guaranty against a Bryan administration even indulging in such a saturnalia of extravagance as has been made common by recent Republican regimes. On public questions, time has demonstrated that his attitude has generally been right. That his judgment was correct on the money question few familiar with fiscal matters now deny. He never looked upon silver as other than a means to the end—that of an enlarged circulation. His suggestion of Federal license is the best and most practical of all the suggestions that aim at trust extirpation. The wisdom, let alone the righteousness, of his anti-imperialistic position is thrown into strong relief by the half-lighted war torches that are now glaring balefully at us out of the Orient. Without the Philippines, war with Japan would be beyond the realm of the possible; but now who can read our future in the Far East? It is not my purpose, however, to discuss in detail his attitude toward public questions. I have said thus much to point the truth that his judgment on public matters has been shown to be accurate at all times in a remarkable degree. But great as is his recognized ability, the very keystone of his strength with the people is quarried from their faith in his honesty. The people have been surfeited with smart scamps and cunning criminals, Government grafters and Senatorial short-change men; now they want honest men. They want the head to be right, but, more than all, they want the heart to be right; and that Bryan's heart beats with and for them they well know. It is difficult to place a just judgment upon any man; there are

so many standards by which to measure. Napoleon was first in the field; Disraeli first in the cabinet; others have conceived ideas of grandeur and beauty and placed them upon a page. Then, too, there is the sorcerer scientist who harness the intangible, lets you see through solids, and permits you to hear the voices of the dead. All these are great men. But is it not true to-day, as in the ancient time, that leading all the rest in the book of gold is the name of him who is great because he loves his fellowmen? If so, then is Bryan great! He is the God-fearing man in politics; the Christian without cant; the politician who knows no price; the citizen whose life is an inspiration. Strong is he with the strength that means steadfastness. The cunning can not cajole him; the sophist can not mislead him; the briber can not buy him; nor can he be made afraid. He is the leader of a great party, whose leadership no man questions; he is the idol of millions of his countrymen; he is conceded one of the great personages of the earth. Without office, as a plain American citizen, he has been the guest of emperors, the conferee of kings, the teacher of senators; and yet, with all this, he is so simple in his living, so kindly in his commerce with his fellows, that the one title that fits him like a garment is "The Great Commoner." He stands for the guarantee of bank deposits, because it is a protection that the unprotected, need and to which they are entitled. A small tax based on a bank's deposits (one-half of one per cent. would be enough) would be a trifling burden to a banker and yet make the savings of the citizen secure; and that, too, while keeping the Government out of the banking business. And besides, such a law makes panics impossible. Panics are born of fright; the guaranty eliminates fear and so eliminates the cause of the panic. He stands for a severer punishment for the trust malefactor than a fine that the people must pay; saying that if the prison is proper for the criminal pygmy it must be so for the criminal cyclops—that the penalty should not diminish as the magnitude of the wrong increases. He would revise the tariff down because otherwise no relief from tariff evils can take place. If elected, his platform will fit his purposes, for his party and he are in accord; while his adversary can only vainly strive to match his party's proclamations with his personal professions. Mr. Bryan would have all men equal before the law; hence his views upon injunctions. He would have one charged with indirect contempt accorded what is conceded to the murderer who is seized with his victim's blood yet wet upon his hands—and so he says, give him a jury trial. He stands in private life for the

simple, unostentatious piety of his fathers, and in public life for that righteousness which recognizes that the uplifting of the creature is the most acceptable service to the Creator; that the righting of any man can be the wronging of no man. His greatness is like that of Washington and Lincoln, in that, ramifying every part of it, is the moral element; the particles that compose it are pure. The banyan, mighty in girth, sprawling its thousand roots in the slimy mud of a tropic river-bank; the Oregon pine, anchored in the clean mold of the mountain side and towering to the clouds, its top a mighty instrument, its bark, its fiber, sweet to smell and clean to touch—which is the greater tree? Perhaps the One who made them both can alone determine that, but there can be no doubt which appeals most to us. Men say that he can not be President, because the great men of the nation are rarely chosen; and as a proof point to the disappointed ambitions of Webster, Clay, and Blaine. Answer: What of Jefferson, Jackson, and Lincoln? And, besides, the disappointed ones, great as they were, yet lacked a roundness on the moral side without which the complete confidence of the people is seldom commanded. Mr. Bryan would give to the high office of President the simple dignity of the elder days, a thing replaced in recent years by a cunning clarlantry. No Wall Street magnate collects or conserves the campaign fund of his party, the sources of which can be read by all the world. Candor has controlled his utterances; doubt as to his position can not exist. His election will be an answer to the question: "Shall the people rule?" It can excite fear in none but the wicked, and will give to all the people that sense of security that is ever theirs when they know that conscience is the chiefest of their servants.

NIGHT RIDERS MURDER PROMINENT LAWYER
Murdered Man's Associate Barely Escapes to Tell of Awful Tragedy in Tennessee Woods
Union City, Tenn., Oct. 20.—Col. R. Z. Taylor, aged 60 years, and Capt. Quinten Rankin, both prominent attorneys of Trenton, Tenn., were taken from Ward's Hotel at Walnut Log, Tenn., fifteen miles from here last night by masked "night-riders" and murdered. Captain Rankin's body was found this morning riddled with bullets and hanging from a tree one mile from the hotel. "According to this report the 'night-riders' lined up outside the hotel, pulled out their revolvers and called Colonel Taylor and Captain Rankin. The two men did not suspect trouble and came down immediately. As the attorneys passed into the front yard of the hotel the 'night-riders' covered them with revolvers. Before Captain Rankin and Colonel Taylor had an opportunity to retire they were surrounded and seized. They were put on horses behind 'night-riders' and carefully guarded. The 'night-riders' then quietly took up their march from the hotel, turning down the road toward Reel Foot lake. Proceeding to the edge of Reel Foot lake the 'night-riders' pulled out a rope and placed the noose about Captain Rankin's neck. Captain Rankin was strung up from a limb on the bank of the lake for the fishing privileges of which he had contended with the 'night-riders.' The masked men then stepped back and opened fire on the swinging body, riddling it with bullets. Leaving the corpse of Captain Rankin hanging on the bank of Reel Foot lake the 'night-riders' took Colonel Taylor to another spot. Search near Rankin's body has failed to reveal a trace of the murderers. Captain Rankin was a prominent lawyer of Trenton. He was captain of a military company in the Spanish-American war and served in the Cuban campaign. The trouble between inhabitants on the banks of Reel Foot lake and Colonel Taylor and Captain Rankin originated years ago when the two latter men organized the West Tennessee Land Company, bought Reel Foot lake from non-resident property owners and made regulations of their own concerning fishing privileges. Colonel Taylor also secured the passage in the Legislature of an act making it a misdemeanor to fish in the lake without paying a heavy fee. Fearing trouble, Captain Rankin and Colonel Taylor remained away from the vicinity of the lake for some time. Recently, however, they heard that feeling against them had somewhat subsided. The attorneys went to Wal-

nut Log yesterday to see about some legal papers. Tiptonville, Tenn., Oct. 21.—Unharméd, save numerous scratches received in a thirty-hour trip through unfamiliar woods and the fatigue incident to the trip without food and the mental strain, Col. R. Zachary Taylor reached here today after a miraculous escape from night-riders at Reel Foot lake, who murdered his partner, Captain Quinten Rankin, night before last. His own story of his experience was told by him today as follows: "Monday night last Captain Rankin and I went to Reel Foot lake in response to a letter from a Mr. Carpenter of Union City, who wanted to lease some timber lands. On our arrival at the lake we went to the Log House, or Ward Hotel, and early after supper retired. Some time during the night we were aroused by some one knocking at the door, and on opening the door a mob of masked men was found standing in the hall. We were ordered to dress, and as the leader of the mob said, he wanted to talk to us, we put on our clothes and accompanied the men to the back of the lake some distance from the hotel. The leader of the mob talked with us, telling us we were associated too much with Judge Harris and taking entirely too much interest in the lake. He said that the course of Harris and the West Tennessee Land Company in prohibiting free fishing was causing the starvation of women and children, and that something had to be done. "I never dreamed that the mob intended us any harm, but just then the mob threw a rope around Captain Rankin's neck and swung him to a limb. He protested and said: 'Gentlemen, do not kill me,' and the reply of the mob was a volley of 30 shots. "This was the first evidence of any intention to harm us and when the firing began I jumped into a bayou, and made for a sunken log. Behind this I hid and the mob fired several hundred shots into the log. They evidently believed I was dead, for I heard one of them say: 'He's dead and let him go,' and with that he rode away. "I remained in the water until after the mob was out of hearing and went to an island in the lake where I remained all day Tuesday. "At night I started out and walked all night, coming up to a house at 6 o'clock this morning. "Why James Lee Got Well Everybody in Zanesville, O., knows Mrs. Mary Lee, of rural route 8. She writes: "My husband, James Lee, firmly believes he owes his life to the use of Dr. King's New Discovery. His lungs were so severely affected that consumption seemed inevitable, when a friend recommended New Discovery. We tried it and its use has restored him to perfect health." Dr. King's New Discovery is the King of throat and lung remedies. For coughs and colds it has no equal. The first dose gives relief. Try it! Sold under guarantee at Parsons Drug Co. 50c. and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

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