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FROM BRYAN

Believes Principles Advocated Will Yet Prevail and Rejoices That His State West Democratic

Lincoln, Neb., Nov. 5.—William J. Bryan today gave out the following statement:

"The election has gone against us by a decisive majority. The returns are not all in and it is impossible at the present time to analyze them or to say what causes contributed most to the Republican victory.

"We made our fight upon a platform which embodied what we believed to be good for the American people but it is for the American people themselves to decide what laws they desire and what methods of government they prefer.

"I have faith that the publicity which we asked for will yet commend itself to the American people that the election of Senators by the people will be secured, that inequities of the trusts will arouse an opposition that will result in the elimination of the principle of private monopoly. I am confident that the people will see the necessity for the labor legislation and the tariff reduction which our platform demanded. I am confident, too, that the educational work done in this campaign will result in securing greater protection to bank depositors.

"The above are the most prominent reforms for which we labored and I believe that these reforms will yet come together with more effective regulation of railroads and independence for the Filipinos.

"I desire to commend the work of our National committee. I am entirely satisfied with Mr. Mack as the chairman and with the members of the committee. I do not see how they could have done more than they did, and as for myself, I put forth every effort in my power to secure victory for our cause. The nomination came from the hands of the voters. I have obeyed their command and have led as best I could. Words will not express my gratitude for the willingness of the Democrats during the past twelve years. Neither am I able to adequately express my appreciation for the kind words which have been spoken since the election. If I could regard the defeat as purely a personal one I would consider it a blessing rather than a misfortune for I am relieved of the burdens and responsibilities of an office that is attractive only in proportion as it gives an opportunity to render a larger public service.

"But I shall serve as willingly in a private capacity as in a public one. God does not require great things of us. He only requires that we improve the opportunities that are presented by private life.

"In this hour of national defeat, I find some consolation in the cordial support given by my neighbors and by the citizens of the State of Nebraska. With a Democratic governor and a Democratic Legislature we shall be able to put into practice so much of the Denver platform as relates to State legislation and I trust that our State will set an example that will be an influence for good in the nation."

Taft Sounds the Keynote of Coming Prosperity

Cincinnati, O., Nov. 5.—Speaking to the Cincinnati Commercial Club, of which he has been a member for 15 years, William Howard Taft to-night sounded the keynote of prosperity for the country for the next four years.

"Every business man who is obeying the law may go ahead with all the energy in his possession; every enterprise which is within the statutes may proceed without fear of interference from the administration, when acting legally; but all interest within the Federal government may expect a rigid enforcement of the laws against dishonest methods," was the keynote of what Mr. Taft said.

Mr. Bryan's Defeat (Charlotte Observer)

The case of Hon. William Jennings Bryan is one full of pathos. From whatever motive, whether selfish ambition as his enemies asserted, or an unselfish desire as he claims, to be in a position to serve the interests of the people, there is no doubt that he was keenly anxious to be elected President—never so anxious as this year, nor so confident as in the campaign just ended. His disappointment, therefore, in the result of yesterday's election must approach anguish of mind, and be the keenest by reason of the fact which must be perfectly apparent to him that his last opportunity to be President has passed. Men have run for this office three times but none four, and Mr. Bryan's name will now be dropped, no doubt at his own instance, from the list of the available candidates of the future. Clearly in the last moments of the campaign he realized that his star was about to set; one reading his speech at Marysville, Kan., Monday night, could detect between the lines that he had seen the finger of fate. Every man with a heart in him must feel very sorry for this man whose hope of twelve years has been dashed.

RAPIST TO HANG DEC. 18TH

Will Graham, Who Was Being Tried at Concord, Confesses to His Crime.

(Concord Special, 6th, to Charlotte Chronicle.)

Will Graham is a self-confessed rapist and adulterer of death. On the 18th day of December Graham is to be hanged until dead. Judge Ferguson having so sentenced him after the evidence had been taken and a verdict of guilty reported by the jury.

The closing hours of the trial were tragic and pathetic. Last night Graham told Captain Brown of the local militia that he wanted to talk with a preacher, and at his request Captain Brown brought Rev. T. F. Logan, a Presbyterian minister and superintendent of the colored graded schools, to whom Graham made confession.

The court was this morning busy taking evidence and in wrapping around and about the prisoner the net of guilt, when Logan and Rev. Thompson, another colored preacher, were called to tell the story of the confession. A half hour of hearing evidence and investigating the confession, led to the court's allowing the two preachers to tell their story. Each of them in open and honest frankness told the story, giving the events of last night, Graham's confession and the story as told by the prisoner.

A brief charge, a quick verdict, and Judge Ferguson passed the sentence. A deathlike silence hung over the courtroom, while outside the militia paced up and down the walks in front of the court house. Graham sat silently with his water-laden eyes fixed on the court while sentence was being passed. Judge Ferguson addressed the crowded courtroom, showing how the law finds the guilty one and administers justice in the case where the law is allowed to take its course, and in giving the negro a fair trial carried out the ends of justice. He also commended the members of the negro race for their fidelity and the manner in which they gave testimony against the prisoner.

While the court has been largely attended and interest has been high, perfect order has prevailed. Universal satisfaction follows the result of the trial.

The assault was committed upon Miss Pearl Tucker, aged about 17 years, about one month ago in a cotton patch on the outskirts of Concord.

The assault was taken back to the penitentiary to await the day of his execution.

Child Burned to Death (Staley Enterprise.)

Banner May Garris, the 4-year-old granddaughter of Mrs. Morrison of the Lillian mill of this city, was fatally burned Sunday afternoon about 2 o'clock, dying about 6 o'clock without pain, save intense thirst.

It seemed that the child was wanting to assist its grandmother in starting a fire, and that she climbed by means of a chair to the place where the matches were kept. She was discovered first by F. W. Anderson, who gave the alarm. The child had lighted some paper at the wood pile, and when seen by Mr. Anderson her clothing had caught and she was entirely enveloped in flames.

Another Child Burned To Death (Statesville, N. C., Nov. 6.)

Odena, a little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Weston who live three miles north of Statesville, met death in a horrible manner yesterday, being badly burned about twelve o'clock and dying a few hours later.

The Greatest Blunders of My Life Here are some "Blunders," written down by five hundred men, and to be found in the Crerar Library.

"The greatest blunder of my life was gambling."

"When I left my church and mother."

"My greatest blunder was when I first learned to smoke."

"When I left school before I was past the fourth grade."

"Did not stick to my trade."

"Was to fool away my time when at school."

"Not keeping my position, but grew slack in my work."

"Reading worthless books."

"Thinking that my boss could not do without me."

"Refused a steady position with a good firm."

"Would not harken to the advice of older people."

"Not saving money when I was young."

"Beating some one out of money."

"Did not stick to anything."

"Careless about religious duties."

Ter's Love of Excellence and Its Sure Reward

(Success Magazine)

William Howard Taft's remarkable career is an illustration of the steady and persistent advancement which comes from doing things with a lofty purpose in view.

Mr. Taft did not have great genius to start with, but he decided to make it an invariable rule to do whatever came to him so especially well that it would become a stepping-stone to something higher.

Many young men look for an open door to advancement outside of their regular work; to some mysterious power or good luck. But young Taft knew that his ability to do something more important would be judged by the quality of his daily work, and that the step to something higher, to the place above him, was in the thing he was doing at the time.

He knew that his record must ultimately stand, not on what people thought he could do if he had an opportunity, but upon what he actually did, and that his advancement depended on the trade-mark which he stamped upon everything that went through his hands.

A love of excellence for its own sake characterized Mr. Taft from boyhood, and it is this, above all else, which has enabled him, amid the turmoil and temptations of public life, to keep his record clean and to stamp superiority upon everything he does, and to do everything to a complete finish.

His career is a good example of the advancing force of high aims, and the possibilities that lie in doing everything entrusted to one just as well as it can be done.

Every little while we hear of young men and young women taking sudden, tremendous jumps. Apparently without any intermediary steps they leap from the position of a stenographer or private secretary to a much more responsible position. If we investigated we should find that the person who seems to advance at a bound has been preparing for a higher position for years; by earning vastly more than he found in his pay envelope, by doing whatever was given him to do to a complete finish, thus building up a reputation for doing things in a superior way, and also establishing confidence in his employer that he is capable of filling a more responsible position.

Make it an unvarying principle of your life to touch nothing upon which you cannot put the trademark of your character, the patent of your manhood. When any piece of work goes out from your hands, let it bear the stamp of a man.

Too Many Opportunities. (Success.)

It takes a strong purpose and a great deal of determination to resist the thousand-and-one distractions in city life and concentrate one's mind upon self-improvement.

There is such a thing as having too many opportunities, too many facilities. As a rule, boys who are born and brought up in the midst of libraries, books and schools, become indifferent to the value of these opportunities; while in the country, where books are rare and opportunities for education limited, the ambitious boy is more anxious to make the most of his time, to seize every opportunity for self-culture with avidity, to redeem himself from mediocrity.

One of the greatest dangers of city life is that of becoming superficial. Where there are so many editions of the daily papers every day, we get in the habit of "skimming," which is very dangerous; we just glance at a paper for a few minutes and throw it aside—just look at the headings and read a few lines of the most important paragraphs, then lay the paper away. This desultory habit is suicidal to all deep and lasting culture. After we acquire the habit, it is almost impossible to get rid of it.

No great and lasting success can be attained until one has formed a habit of continuous, persistent thinking along fundamental lines. A little dipping into this and that, a few minutes reading with very little thinking or contemplation, or reviewing of what we read, will result in a most shallow life.

To Extract a Splinter. (Woman's Home Companion.)

When a splinter has been driven deep into the hand, it can be extracted without pain by steam. Nearly fill a wide-mouthed bottle with hot water, place the injured part over the mouth of the bottle, and press tightly. The suction will draw the flesh down, and in a minute or two the steam will extricate the splinter and the inflammation will disappear.

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Sunday School Department

Conducted by Special Editor.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15

The Lord Our Shepherd.—The Twenty Third Psalm.—The Golden Text.—"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want."—Ps 23:1.

Setting.—Author.—David. Time.—Probably in the time of Absalom's rebellion, although authorities differ.

PRACTICAL 1. It will be well to transfer the figure of the shepherd entirely to Christ. He used it of himself, and throughout the thought is employed with variations. Jesus pitied men because they were as sheep without a shepherd. When he was about to die he called himself the "good Shepherd," and made his own death the proof of his claim. He pitied his disciples because they would be as scattered sheep, and the shepherd would be smitten.

2. Food and rest are the two thoughts most prominent in each part of the psalm. They are the factors insisted on by every physiologist as absolutely necessary to the winning back of vitality. Jesus used both thoughts in connection with his mission to mankind. He was sustained because he had met the need of which disciples knew nothing. He told those who followed him that unless they ate his flesh and drank his blood they could have no life in themselves. He also invited men to find his rest—his yoke would be easy and his burden light.

3. The valley of the shadow of death is passed through every day. Whenever a soul is rescued or defended it has been in the valley. Is it any marvel that the instrument which does it is a "comforter"? We are rescued in different ways, often by blood and hard treatment.

4. The house of the Lord forever; it was the Jewish idea of perfect felicity. It may not be ours. That which we long for is the ideal of the wearing hour and the hard journey. Find out what the pupil's ideas of heaven or happiness are and show how useful they can be made.

IN DAILY LIFE The true conception of the Christian life.—As represented here it is the life of a shepherd of sheep. All we like sheep had gone astray. Hopelessly were we lost. The son of God is the Good Shepherd. "The good Shepherd giveth his life for his sheep." "He came to seek and save the lost." Having once sought them out he declares that "They shall never perish, nor shall any pluck them out of his hand." "Having loved his own he loves them to the end," and has assured them that they shall not lack any good thing. Sheep safely folded need not tremble, though without the storms beat and the wolves howl. So the Christian rests in peace, saying: "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want."

Pleasant places in the Christian life.—We have here a glimpse of green pastures and the glint of limpid waters. There are such places for the Christian. They are the Bethels and "Jehovahirehs," the "Elms" and "Olivets" of the Scripture. Sometimes these pleasant places are represented under the figure of a banquet hall in the king's palace, as when the psalmist says: "Thou preparest a table before me, thou anointest my head with oil, my cup runneth over." Or as when Solomon says: "I sat down under his shadow with delight, his fruit was sweet to my taste, he took me to his banqueting house, and his banner over me was love." Because the Lord loves us he brings us ever and anon to such pleasant places, and we need to be brought to them or we should break down by reason of weariness of the way.

Dark places in the Christian life.—Over against the green pastures we have the "valley of the shadow of death." And the latter is needed no less than the former if we are to attain our noblest development.

Nature would not come to her best if there were not the darkness and dewy nights as well as the garish day. And sorrow and suffering have their uses in the building of human character. And this is what the Lord is at—not so much the promotion of our character—such character as will fit us for our eternal destiny. Soft conditions would not be best for this. And therefore he not only leads us through green pastures, but sometimes through the valley and shadow of death. The Captain of our salvation was made perfect through suffering, and like discipline is good for us. If left alone to bear it we would be broken by it, and therefore he does not leave us, but walks with us in the darkness and sustains us with the consolations of his grace.

Places of quickening in the Christian life.—"He restoreth my soul." Of this the psalmist had blessed experience. There was a time when David fell into grievous sin, but the Lord did not forsake him utterly. "I was brought low and he helped me." His penitence finds utterance in the fifty-first Psalm. Af-

ter confession and prayer for pardon

he cries, "Create in me a clean heart O God, and renew a right spirit within me; restore unto me the joy of thy salvation and uphold me with thy free Spirit." And the Lord heard him and brought him up out of the horrible pit, and set his feet upon a rock and established his goings.

ILLUMINATION

"The shepherdhood of Christ and the fatherhood of God are two of the most comforting assurances of the scripture."

He loves his sheep with an everlasting love. He gave his life for the sheep. He left heaven, home, became man; taught, suffered, died, that He might find the lost sheep.

"But none of the ransomed ever knew how deep was the waters crossed, nor how dark was the night that the Lord passed through."

Ere He found his sheep that was lost. Out in the darkness He heard its cry—Sick and helpless, and ready to die."

"The world could spare many a large book better than this sunny little psalm."—MacLaren.

That man standing yonder, with pencil and note-book, measuring the hours, counting the minutes, examining the seed, writing "growth" here, and "success" there, and "failure" in another place—that man, I say, I wish he would go away and let my heart live for an hour! He is ever speaking of "bringing things to pass," of figures as representing the true measurement of life; when the fact is he is not measuring life at all. Heart-throbs are not found in statistical tables, nor are longings after the infinite indicated on stock exchange reports. He is truly achieving who is living; whose heart is right toward God and his fellowmen; who makes each day a season for honest service; for lofty motives, for kindly relationships. Only vice is new, according to the newspaper standpoint; but heaven does not read the newspapers. The best life is the unrecorded life, and the success of heaven is a matter of heart and not of yardstick or bushel measure.—Geistweit.

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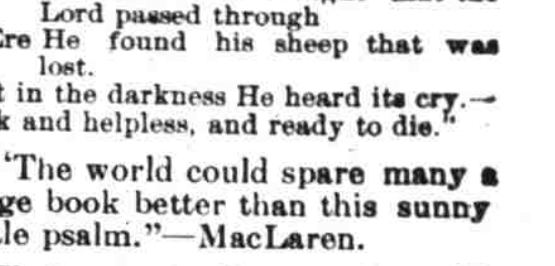
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