

WHAT BRYAN MIGHT HAVE BEEN. CORN

Says Callow Youths With Tortoise-Shell Specs Know More Than Real Sages, They Think. (Special to The Star.)

As was revealed in his posthumous address, the late lamented Colonel W. J. Bryan actually had been informed that the world was not flat, that it had an annual rotation on its axis, that it pursued an ecliptic to effect the change of seasons; and even had aspeaking acquaintance with the law of gravitation discovered by Sir Isaac Newton who would have been a "scientist" but was foggyish enough to reverently believe that "exploded" myth known as the Bible. Newton was said to also be a very eminent astronomer; but of course didn't know much about it as he didn't rant about being "descended" from prehistoric monkeys that were flowing patriarchal beads.

Colonel Bryan was likewise conversant with evolution as set forth by Darwin, Huxley, Agazziz, etc., and even had a speaking acquaintance with the atheistic work prepared by Nietzsche, which seems to be a code and pandect of human laws and the Bible and hymnbook of Clarence Darrow.

Ever since Bryan, 29 years ago, electrified the country by his marvelous eloquence at Chicago, I have regarded him as one of the foremost characters of the present century, and have received sundry and withering rebukes for my championship of this great and exemplary character. Men whose wallets looked like they had been stepped upon by an elephant and whose wardrobes were in the most deplorable stages of decay, were the most vehement opponents of a "fifty cent dollar" and the most blatant proponents of "sound money." It turned out that gold being found in immense quantities in the Klondike mines and in the mines of Africa relieved the situation and it was not necessary for us to have a dollar "good in Europe." How does our money supply compare with that of "Mother England" and which is now the debtor nation?

Bryan was an advocate of popular election of U. S. senators, of prohibition, of woman suffrage; and had been as gifted as Clarence Darrow they might have been enrolled upon the statute books; but Bryan an being an ignoramus they were buried avalanche deep in the dust of oblivion.

If "Old Bryan" had gone to school and kept his mouth closed when smart men talked he might have known something and been alive today, holding down a job as county commissioner, or been a justice of the peace in good old Cleveland county. As it was

he had the college degrees, A. B., A. M., LL.D., Ph. D., and should have let men talk who never read anything but an almanac and had never been five hundred miles from home. Of course Bryan travelled all around the world and immense audiences heard him with rapturous applause in all European countries; but that was no proof that he was smart. A man who believes the Bible is behind the times; for Clarence Darrow said so. Bryan was old fashioned enough to teach a Sunday school class at Miami, Florida, and Colonel Theodore Roosevelt and the gifted and patriotic Woodrow Wilson together with Chief Justice John Marshall were all Sunday school teachers and enthusiasts for the cause; but what do and did such men know when compared with the apostles of agnosticism as exemplified by the gifted and saintly Clarence Darrow? Washington and Napoleon reverently believed the Scriptures, and "The Iron Duke" who caused the star of the gifted Corsican to forever set on the field of Waterloo was a Christian, as was James Wolfe, the hero of Quebec, who caused the Cross of St. George to float over Canada where it triumphantly waves to this day.

"A little learning is a dangerous thing; but he who drinks deep of the pryean springs" is very apt to realize that Inspiration is wiser than man with his finite mind and other limitations.

A young, callow youth that comes back from college wearing tortoise-shell specs knows five times as much as a real sage; and imagines he is the only man who knows "The Origin of Species." Some writings ridiculed Bryan for "not knowing science." Every atheistic and agnostic publication had a jokesmith to ridicule and caricature Bryan and their charmed adherents tried to add to gawdety of nations. Like Samson, Bryan slew more in his death than in life.

M. L. WHITE.

Bryan Asked Mercy For Clarence Darrow

Dayton, Tenn., Aug. 4.—William Jennings Bryan pleaded for mercy for Clarence Darrow, his opponent in the Scopes evolution trial, shortly before his death here, Judge John T. Raulston said today.

"Either immediately before the apology of Mr. Darrow to the court for his remarks at a preceding day's session, or subsequent to the apology and prior to my action in dismissing the contempt proceedings, Mr. Bryan came to me and urged me to 'be merciful,'" Judge Raulston said.

"This, however, did not influence me in my decision to dismiss the proceedings. After the apology of Mr. Darrow, no intervention by any person was necessary to induce me to drop the proceedings."

CAR WRECKS CLAIM HUGE LIFE TOLL

Washington—The number of deaths caused by automobiles in 57 American cities for which statistics are being currently collected by the Commerce Department, totaled 418 during the four weeks ending July 18 as compared with 417 in the previous four weeks ending June 20.

Automobile fatalities in the same cities from January 1 to July 18 numbered 2,511, while the total for the year 1924 was 4,992, and for 1922 it was 4,827. The estimated population of the cities for which the figures are given is 26,821,000.

From New York, 501 deaths from automobile accidents had been reported up to July 18 this year and 76 for the latest four weeks period. Other cities with the heaviest death tolls from automobiles are Chicago with a total of 299 for the year and 45 for the latest four weeks, Philadelphia 149 and 33; Detroit, 127 and 25; Los Angeles 122 and 14. New Bedford, with but two deaths in the year to date, has the best record among the cities of more than 100,000 population, while seven cities over the 100,000 mark, Bridgeport, Norfolk, Oakland, Oklahoma City, Spokane, Springfield, Mass., and Tacoma, had no automobile deaths at all during the four weeks period last covered by the report.

Mr. Sherrill Hopes Filling Stations Will Close in Shelby

To Editor of The Star: A great advertisement is carried in Monday's Daily Charlotte Observer saying that 51 filling stations will be closed on Sunday in Charlotte, the names of the stations given. Then follows the names of the wholesale oil companies, tire and battery dealers, wholesale tire companies, body builders, automobile dealers and distributors, whole sale accessory houses. These different companies operating 41 different places of business in Charlotte. All are to be closed on Sunday.

This is fine. It would be a splendid thing for Shelby filling stations and companies to do this.

C. F. SHERRILL.

Most every man likes to brag about how bad he was before he grew up.

Perhaps the movies are popular because actions speak louder than words.

What has become of the "laugh up the sleeve" since women are sleeveless?

Quick Feed For Dairy Cattle

Select your richest spots and sow in turnip seed now and Rye in September.

Two to three pounds of turnip seed will sow an acre—and will make a world of feed for your cows.

Prepare Now

To sow oats and vetch for hay next Spring. Don't wait. Feed is going to be short due to the dry weather. Start now and we'll have world's of fine feed this winter and next Spring.

Abruzzi Rye and Turnips for Feed (Extension Service)

From prospects feed is going to be scarce again in Cleveland county this fall for both dairy cattle and horses. The best solution for the horses is to sow plenty of oats and oats vetch for hay to harvest and mow next Spring.

For the cattle feed this winter Turnips is our best crop supplemented with abruzzo rye. Turnips can be sowed any time this month and will make an enormous quantity of feed, for dairy cattle. If turnips are fed after each milking they will not flavor the milk.

Where land cannot be turned the turnip seeds can be sown in rich land that is planted in corn. It requires two to three pounds of turnip seeds to sow an acre of land.

Turnips will make an enormous amount of feed per acre and under the present feed shortage turnips and abruzzo rye sown on rich land is the best solution for the dairyman in the county.

The turnips should be sown any time this month and the abruzzo rye the first of September.

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These Are Cash Crops

If we do not get busy now and grow quick feed crops we'll send thousands of dollars out of our county for hay and corn in the next year.

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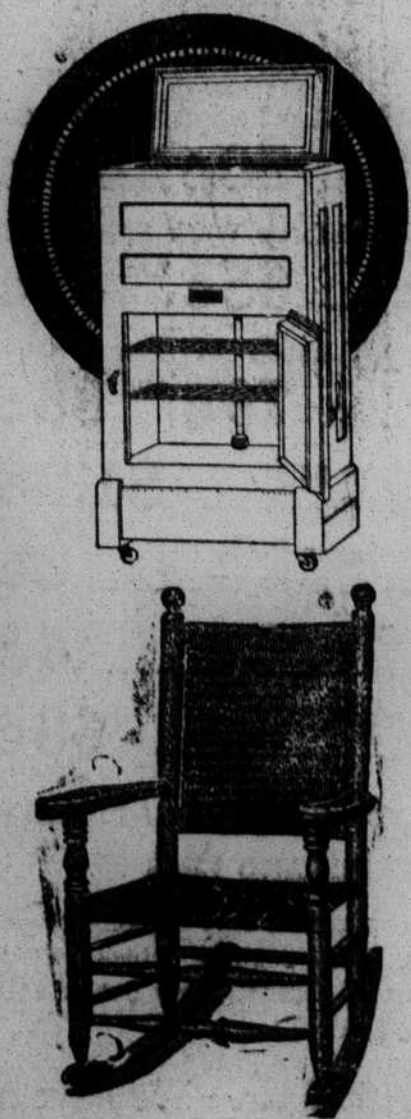
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