

est heart of Lincoln thought that any one act, save the surrender of Lee at Appomattox, gave him so much pleasure.

Taking his cue from the Lord, Lincoln loved the common people and it was because of his love for them that in the closing days of his life he said:

"Sometimes when I think of the rapid accumulations of great private fortunes that have gone on since the war began, I fear for the future of my country."

Look at Rockefeller, the billionaire; Carnegie, the half-billionaire; 5,000 other millionaires and multimillionaires, every mother's son of them nursing at the breast of the bloated, dissipated old republican party, and then talk about holding a celebration "under the oaks at Jackson," to commemorate the founding of the "party of Lincoln."

Bah! Keep away from the oaks of Jackson, you mumbling hypocrites who almost soil the name of Lincoln when you speak it; turn aside your faces if unhappy chance should ever lead you near the silent tomb by the Sangamon; and if you must celebrate the semi-centennial of the founding of the republican party, let the body of the party be taken where its spirit is—to the gold-glutted street called Wall.

Then call upon the great and glorious Morgan, if you like, to fall on his knees on the pavement that he could resurface with gold, if he pleased, and thank his lucky stars that a republican party was founded that in the days of its degeneracy placed so high a tariff on steel that the various plants could afford to pay him \$200,000,000 for combining them in a trust.

All wrong from the American people. And when he is through, let John D. Rockefeller tell how the kindness of republican administrations in not sending him to the penitentiary when he was forming the criminal, plundering Standard Oil company, and continued kindness of the same sort during all the intervening years, have enabled him to advance from a clerkship to a billionaire's estate since 1873.

All at the expense of the American people.

Gather, if you like, all the little plunderers that are pillaging under the protection of the republican party and call upon them to sing paeans of praise to the political harlot that brings them their money.

Do all of these things, and more, if you like; but in the name of Lincoln, in the name of the common people whom he would not stand idly by and see you plunder if he were living, in the name of common decency, hold your celebration, if you must have one, in Wall street and not in Jackson.

Better still, drop the whole undertaking. The republican party, like a once-pure woman, had best be silent about its past. Such contrasts are for the heart to feel—not for the tongue to utter.—Detroit Times.

Long Prairie (Minn.) Democrat: The St. Cloud Times don't seem to like the attitude of William J. Bryan in his opposition to the eastern wing of the party in trying to get control of the organization, and adds: "We opine that the democratic party, and not the 'reorganizers,' nor Mr. Bryan, either, will dominate the next convention." Well, Bro. Mac, if the democratic party really does run the next convention you won't hear any kicks from Bryan or any other western democrat of the rank and file. What the real democrats of the country are trying to do is to keep the organization right where it is—in the hands of democrats that can be trusted.

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