

# MEN WHO HAVE DESERTED BRYAN FOR MCKINLEY

## GENERAL LEW WALLACE OUT FOR MCKINLEY

General Lew Wallace, of Crawfordsville, Ind., who has frequently criticized the Republican administration, has declared in favor of re-electing President McKinley. He says: "I shall vote for Mr. McKinley, and I shall vote for the entire Republican ticket. I shall vote for Mr. McKinley because the thought of the election of Mr. Bryan is abhorrent to me for several reasons. In the first place, I hold the man insincere, for no candidate can take nominations from three parties without intending to fool some one in case of his election. "In the next place, Mr. Bryan's financial policy is one which, if put in effect, would bring disaster and ruin on the country. Free silver is a menace to the business interests of the country.

"Finally, I am opposed to Mr. Bryan, as I hold him directly responsible for the death of every one of the brave American soldiers slain in the Philippines. It is the encouragement held out to the rebels by Mr. Bryan and others of his ilk that keeps up the struggle there. The war was over, but the sympathy and promises held out by Mr. Bryan have caused the fighting to break out afresh, and it will from this time until concluded be fraught with more disaster to our boys, for they have slowly and surely been teaching their adversaries how to fight. For each man who falls there, be he inspired by the sense of duty or the love of war, Mr. Bryan is responsible. The thought of electing such a man as this to the presidency is utterly repugnant."

## WAYNE McVEAGH CANNOT SUPPORT BRYAN

Wayne McVeagh, whom President Cleveland appointed minister to Italy, has decided to support McKinley and Roosevelt. His reasons are given below: "The controlling reason is the unwillingness I feel to trust the government of the country to the men who now represent and control the Democratic organization, standing as they do upon the Chicago platform of 1896. I fully appreciate the desirableness of having two great political parties to either of which the destinies of this great and growing republic can be

safely committed, but, in my judgment, the Democratic party does not at present meet that requirement. "It seems to me the present tendency of President McKinley's mind as to a foreign policy can be discerned in the true American policy he is now pursuing in China. "On the currency question I have always advocated a single gold standard of value, and at last I find myself in harmony with the Republican platform on that subject."

## FORMER CONGRESSMAN PAGE FLAYS BRYAN

Ex-Congressman Charles H. Page, Providence, R. I.: "What choice have I except McKinley? There are candidates besides McKinley, but I guess I won't have to look far.

"Bryan—I know Bryan. That's why I won't vote for him. I am just as good a Democrat as I ever was, but Bryan is no Democrat. I was with him in Congress. I knew him there, and I watched then all the populist tricks he had.

"I am against Bryan because I

do not believe in denouncing the Supreme Court; because I believe in upholding the Supreme Court. There is no longer a place in the Democratic party for men who think like I do. Men like Hill, who are good Democrats, are letting things go along and helping this man in his course to get rid of him. They think—they know, in fact—that the only way he can be gotten rid of is to have him beaten thoroughly. "That's what I think of Bryan. I am still a Democrat, understand."

## "MCKINLEY SOMETHING MORE THAN A MAN AFTER AN OFFICE"

James S. Evans, Chicago, Ill.: "I come of a long line of Democrats who have been conspicuous in the political history of the Gulf States. I cannot subscribe to the teachings of Mr. Bryan. Believing them to be dangerous and especially detrimental to the interests of the South, I shall cast my vote for the first time in the history of a member of my family, for the Republican National ticket. \* \* \* It seems to

me to be the very acme of insincerity for a Southern Democrat \* \* \* to preach about individual liberty, the right of the governed to be consulted about matters of state issues. \* \* \* A Southerner by birth; in politics a Democrat; an American by the grace of God, I shall, in the absence of a Democratic nominee, vote for William McKinley because he is something more than a man after an office."

## MORE MICHIGAN MEN RALLY TO REPUBLICANS

Professor Ferris S. Fitch, Pontiac, Mich., formerly chairman of Democratic county committee, and founder of the Post: "Bryanism is revolting to me. The maintenance of the honor and credit of the nation is as incumbent on every citizen to-day as in 1896, when Democrats who preferred the integrity of the old Democratic party and the welfare of our common country were compelled to vote for McKinley."

G. J. McClintock, ex-mayor, Laingsburg, Mich.: Prosperity. "William Johnston, hardware merchant and Populist, Leslie, Mich.: "Let well enough alone."

James Nesbitt, Schoolcraft, Prosperity. Dr. S. B. Snyder, Fulton, Prosperity.

R. H. Buckhout, Kalamazoo, Quibbling of Bryan. Benjamin F. Rowe, Kalamazoo, Expansion.

Hon. James Powers, Scotts, Expansion. Frank J. Milliman, Scotts, Expansion.

C. J. Daniels, jeweler, Athens, Mich. John Broad, Harbor Springs, Good times.

Dr. S. S. C. Phippen, Owosso, Is against free silver. Chas. Hamper, Owosso, chairman Democratic-Silver Committee Shiawassee County. Left the party because they endorsed Democratic platform of 1896.

C. H. Hudson, merchant, Marcellus. Henry Allen, Vicksburg. Bird Williams, Vicksburg. Jay Williams, Vicksburg. Fred Prolo, Vicksburg. Philip Prolo, Vicksburg. George Smith, old soldier, Marcellus.

N. W. Newhouse, editor Stanton Clipper, Stanton, Is for expansion. W. E. Lear, Grand Ledge, Silver Republican, 1896. He has a boy in the Philippines.

John Simpson, Grand Ledge. Says times are good enough for him. Thos. Wade, Fennville. Money question.

William Truax, Wayland, Expansion. David F. Hunton, Grand Haven. Tired of 16 to 1.

E. E. Bostwick, Union City, Mich., formerly state senator: "A man who accepted a commission in the late war should stand by the results of that war."

A. R. Barrett, Union City, Mich., formerly an officer in the twenty-second Michigan volunteers: "A nation to be vigorous and strong must expand, and the flag should not cease to float over territory which rightfully belongs to the United States."

Curtis Morrell, Union City, Mich. "Bryan's ideas in regard to finance, if carried out, would paralyze industries, and the country would suffer untold misery in getting to another monetary basis."

M. E. Blair, Union City, Mich.— "When any man, or set of men, propose to pull down the stars and stripes from any land that comes to us by purchase or otherwise, he nor they can have my vote. I believe in letting well enough alone. We are, in a financial way, all right, and I will vote to continue existing conditions."

John Cooper, Union City, Mich., lifelong Democrat: "McKinley will administer the affairs of the government in a satisfactory manner in the future as in the past, and it is extremely bad policy to make a change at this time."

## COLONEL MORTON, DEMOCRAT, IS AFRAID OF BRYAN

Colonel Morton of Fargo, S. D., an old-time Democrat, is out against Bryan. He was once on General Sherman's staff during the civil war and a few years ago was chairman of the Democratic State Committee of Minnesota. He is now one of the leading farmers of South Dakota. He says: "I note that the Democratic press throughout the country is claiming the many Democrats who voted against Bryan in 1896 are lined up for the free-silver advocate now. I don't know how it may be elsewhere, but it is not true in this section. I have been a Democrat all my life, but the free-silver heresy drove me—as it did thousands of other life-long Democrats—to the support of McKinley. The farmers of the West cannot afford to have a change in our financial conditions, and with the election of Bryan and a Democratic Congress—of course I mean both houses of Congress—being Democratic—a change would be inevitable. That it would be suicidal for our people of the Northwest to hazard even a remote chance of a change is evidenced by the fact that to-day our farmers can borrow on their rich acres from 40 to 50 per

cent of their value, at from 5 to 6 per cent interest. Four years ago the prevailing rate was 8 and 9 per cent, and loans were much more frequently made at the latter rate than the former. Mr. Bryan is a young man of ability, a young man of promise; and while I respect his powers of oratory, I should not care to be a member of a firm in which he managed the finances. I don't believe that Mr. Bryan will be elected. I should regard his election as a great calamity.

"So far as imperialism is concerned, I don't think that many of us are worried over the situation in that regard. I wonder whether these anti-imperialists believe that we should have allowed Spain to have sunk the Texas after sinking the Maine—destroying three or four hundred more of our sailors—before declaring war. I have a supreme contempt for the fellow that thinks more of his dollars than of the national honor, or fears that his cowardly carcass might come in contact with foreign lead in case that he should be drafted and sent to the Philippines."

## LEADING COAST BANKER DECLARES FOR MCKINLEY

I. W. Hellman, President of the Nevada Bank of San Francisco and Farmers' & Merchants' Bank of Los Angeles: "I am a life-long Democrat, but I shall not vote for Mr. Bryan for President. The 16 to 1 idea \* \* \* if put into practice, would upset all values. Everybody would be injured; the mechanic and laborer as well as the banker and merchant. America is today a creditor country and will continue to be so unless we change our monetary system. Let the ratio of 16 to 1 be adopted and it will drive out what gold there is here. Our securities will be sent back from abroad to be sold here in immense sums. One crisis would follow another. Manufacturing interests would be greatly injured; labor, which is now in

good demand, would suffer. "Another objection to Bryan is that he is not a Democrat. "I am a moderate expansionist. Without expansion I believe that this country would stand still, just as any large corporation does which does not expand and keep up with the times. I believe in holding on to every foot of land that the American flag flies over, and would not give up one bit of it. "California has been much benefited by this expansion. Our trade has grown and is growing continually by reason of the policy of the present administration. I believe that this trade will keep on expanding if Mr. McKinley is re-elected. It would be lost if Mr. Bryan were elected."

W. A. Paulson of the New York Life Insurance Co., New York: "Republicanism stands for all that will benefit trade, commerce and the industrial welfare of the entire country."

Morgan Green, cashier of the Bank of McKenzie, McKenzie, Tenn.: "I will cast my first Republican vote this fall for McKinley and Roosevelt and the straight Republican ticket. I have voted the Democratic ticket for thirty years without a scratch, and have always given liberally to the campaign fund. I voted against Mr. McKinley four years ago because I believed that the gold standard would take away what money was in circulation. This was what my party said would be the result, and I believed it. Mr. McKinley was elected, and all have profited by the result. The gold standard restored confidence and opened the mills, furnaces and shops and farms. I do not propose to experiment any more. I am going to vote for the policy that prospered us under Harrison and McKinley. From this day I am an all-wool, yard-wide Democrat."

Jay Williams, leading attorney, Salisbury, Md.: "I could not vote for Wm. J. Bryan in the presidential campaign of 1896. I have now the same reason for declining to vote for Mr. Bryan. His letter of acceptance and oft-repeated declarations on the subject show his desire to give us free silver at the ratio of 16 to 1 just as soon as he can. I have been pleased with the present administration, with the progress we have made under it, with the present splendid financial condition of this country."

W. S. McChesney, Sr., vice-president of the Mexican Veterans' Association and postmaster of Lexington, Ky., under Grover Cleveland, will support McKinley in the presidential race this year. Mr. McChesney has been a consistent Democrat for years and was led to take this step by Mr. Bryan's attitude on the question of "imperialism." He says: "The soldiers and honor of our country should follow the flag. No patriotic citizen can fail to support the party that is for the prosecution of the struggle to the end. We veterans are for fighting it out when we begin. When the Philippines are brought under control and the honor of the flag vindicated it will then be time enough to talk of the kind of government they can have."

John F. Moors, Fall River, Mass.: "I am a sound money Democrat and an anti-imperialist. Let the nation dream great dreams, let it seek high ideals, but let it not forget that the rule of 70,000,000 people is a mighty responsibility, not to be idly entrusted to a young man with hallucinations, who always appears with a cure-all. Do not Bryan's managers smile as he changes his bait and draws into his net the anti-imperialists?"

John F. Valle, Denver, Colo.: "It is manifest that the present Democratic idea is not bimetallicism, but inflation, with flat inflation preferred. True bimetallicists look to the smelters and the stamp mills, and not to the pulp mills, for money material."

W. H. Bright, formerly of the Daily Times, Portsmouth, O., who has been an active Democrat for many years: "Prosperity."

Col. James Matlack Scovel, of Philadelphia, the veteran of many a Democratic campaign: "The administration is all right. Bryan is a demagogue."

John Gregor Olson of Fort Ransom, N. D., one of the brightest young Scandinavians in the country, has abandoned the Bryan cause. Mr. Olson is a teacher and farmer and is an influential member of the community. Prosperity and expansion. J. E. Defebaugh, editor American Lumberman, Chicago: "Mr. Bryan is well suited to the party and the principles which he represents. His prophecies, and even his absolute assertion of four years ago, have been proved false, but he learns nothing. He would subject the Supreme Court to executive influence wielded by himself; he is the apostle of evil; financial fallacy; he is the champion of every foolish or dangerous dogma; he would be the promoter of business and social anarchy. Such principles, such a party, and such a candidate, I cannot support."

Ex-Assemblyman Lyman W. Redington, of New York, a bred-in-the-bone Democrat: "The Philippines are legally the property of the United States and any of its natives opposing our sovereignty are rebels. Hence I maintain that legally, morally and commercially our Philippine policy must be maintained and the Democratic party defeated in the campaign."

A. L. Smith, mine owner, Detroit, Mich.: "Four years ago I thought Bryan was sincere. Now I think he has proven himself an ardent demagogue. I am a Democrat and Mr. Jas. H. Eckles, President Cleveland's Comptroller of the Currency, has expressed my views to a nicety."

C. M. Kimbrough, of Muncie, Ind., general manager of the Indiana Bridge Company, one of the leading manufacturing institutions of the state: "Bryan's insincerity. Believe in letting well enough alone."

Judge H. H. Trimble, one time Democratic candidate for Governor of Iowa: Favors sound money, believes in expansion and says that there is nothing to Bryan but talk.

While Governor Roosevelt was speaking at Victor, Colo., and the interruptions, hoots and shouts for Bryan were frequent, a tall, brown-faced man arose, walked to the platform, faced the audience, raised his hand for silence, and said: "Four years ago I voted for Bryan. I have been a champion of silver for a long time. I believed in the doctrine, but I tell you now I am done with it all. This year I vote for McKinley and have done with you towards and curs." There was not a hiss, jeer or shout in decision. The man, in reply to the Governor's question, said his name was Foulke, that he lived at Victor; and then left the hall.

William Crotty, Burlington, Kan., farmer and stock raiser: "Bryan's election would be disastrous to the business interests."

## AFRO-AMERICANS FOR MCKINLEY

The undersigned members of the National Afro-American Press Association very much regret that the impression has gone abroad, from the action of the association, that the association is unfriendly to the administration of President McKinley. This is not true. It has been the uniform policy of the association not to commit itself to any partisan indorsement as an organization.

The undersigned members of the association, who constitute more than five-sixths of the membership present, unreservedly indorse the foreign and domestic policy of the national Republican administration, and believe that the best interests of the country at large, and the Afro-American people in particular, will be served by a consistent support of McKinley and Roosevelt in the coming election: Cyrus Field Adams, The Appeal, Chicago, Ill.

T. Thomas Fortune, The Age, New York City. W. H. Steward, American Baptist, Louisville, Ky. George L. Knox, The Freeman, Indianapolis, Ind. John C. Dancy, A. M. E. Z. Review, Charlotte, N. C. L. D. Wilkins, The Conservator, Chicago, Ill.

J. W. Wheeler, The Palladium, St. Louis, Mo. I. B. Scott, S. W. Christian Advocate, New Orleans, La.

W. A. Pledger, Age, Atlanta, Ga. J. H. Deveau, Tribune, Savannah, Ga.

J. Chavis, Express, Dallas, Tex. C. H. Handy, The Afro-American, St. Louis, Mo.

T. T. Allen, The Forum, Houston, Tex. L. T. Fox, Preacher-Safeguard, Kosciusko, Miss.

J. R. Marshall, The Bee, Paducah, Ky. R. R. Wright, College Journal, Savannah, Ga.

Recorder, Indianapolis, Ind. Christian Recorder, Philadelphia, Pa.

H. T. Kealing, A. M. E. Church Review, Philadelphia, Pa. James Lewis, Republican Courier, New Orleans, La.

J. Q. Adams, The Appeal, St. Paul, Minn. J. P. Green, The Bee, Washington, D. C.

W. V. Penn, The Appeal, Louisville, Ky.

## SILVER REPUBLICANS RETURN TO THE FOLD

Col. A. W. Hogle; Capt. A. McD. Brooks, Teller candidate for sheriff in 1893; Senator Thomas, William E. Bates, L. A. Lang, W. S. Mayfield and two hundred other Silver Republicans of Denver have organized a straight-out Republican club and will support the administration of President McKinley. Their reasons are: "The Silver Republican party cannot live beyond the present campaign. The Democrats now use its friends, not to advance the cause of bimetallicism but simply and only to elect Democrats to office, and in Arapahoe county to elect a ticket that is not creditable to any party. We, therefore, hereby unite to form a re-united Republican club in Arapahoe county to assist in the election of the Republican ticket this fall."

George B. Weston, Belchertown, Mass.: "I have voted the Democratic ticket since Franklin Pierce was our President, but the 'pull down the flag and sneak home' policy is too big a dose, and if I live I shall vote for McKinley. Any American in whose soul dwells one spark of national pride who is willing to humiliate his country in the eyes of the world should be stood up and shot."

M. F. Bumgardner, farmer living near Ottawa, Kan.: "Four years ago I was for Bryan. I shall vote for McKinley and the straight Republican ticket this fall. I am satisfied with conditions. I don't want any change."

J. T. Yerkes, near Ottawa, Kan.: "Four years ago I voted for Bryan. I am satisfied with present conditions and think a change would be disastrous. I notice that all the Populist predictions of four years ago have proven false, and every promise the Republicans made has been kept."

Walter Marks, farmer near Ottawa, Kan.: "I was a Republican until four years ago. They got me 'off' then, but they can't do it again. I was convinced two months after McKinley's election that I had been misled. I have had enough of Bryanism to last me."

H. F. Shively, Lane, Kan., a school teacher, and one of the most effective fusion workers in the campaign of 1896: "I voted for Bryan and the other fusion candidates. I shall vote the straight Republican ticket this fall. One of the causes for my change is the expansion issue."

Chas. McCumber, Lane, Kan., a farmer: "I voted for Bryan four years ago. I have always noticed that we have hard times when the Democrats are in and good times when the Republicans are in. I am done with the Democratic party."

J. C. Wakefield, banker, Lane, Kan., who supported Bryan four years ago and who is a man of wide influence in his community, said: "Of course I shall vote the Republican ticket this fall. There isn't anything else for a man to do."

B. C. Smith, farmer, near Ottawa, Kan.: "Count me for McKinley and the whole Republican ticket. I was a Bryan man in 1896, but you bet your life I'm cured."

William Archer, near Ottawa, Kan., a well-known farmer: "I have voted the Populist ticket for ten years; I have been a Populist ever since the party was organized. A farmer can't afford to vote for a change this year. I am going to vote the Republican ticket."

J. B. Whitaker, near Ottawa, Kan., farmer: "I was a Republican until ten years ago. I left the party when I lived in Dakota and identified myself with the People's party. I have a son who served in the Philippines with Company J. Any man who reads Gen. Lawton's words to the people of this country in which he said, 'If I am killed by a Filipino bullet my death will be at the door of the Filipino sympathizers in America,' and then votes the Democratic ticket, he is disloyal to his country. My sons were all Bryan sympathizers in 1896. They are all for McKinley this year."

E. P. Sessions, Ottawa, Kan., undertaker, said: "You may put me down as one of the men who voted for Bryan in 1896 and who will vote for McKinley this fall. McKinley's administration has been superior in every respect. The people do not need a change."

O. B. Merrill, near Ottawa, Kan.: "The things we expected to happen didn't come about. Instead of disaster we have had good times."

## ANOTHER COLORADO PAPER IN LINE

The Boulder County (Colo.) Herald has decided to support the McKinley administration. The Herald left the Republican party in 1896. It says:

"On the issue of 'imperialism,' which is a misnomer, the Herald believes in standing by the present administration. It believes in the light of events that the administration is pursuing the proper course. It looks upon the cry of 'imperialism' as a foolish play upon words which should not be indorsed at the polls. The Herald has the highest admiration for Mr. Bryan. It believes him to be sincere, but it also believes him to be in error in this instance. Further than that the cry of free silver still has an effect upon the business interests of the East similar to the shaking of a red rag at a bull. The fear of it would so frighten business interests as to cause a financial collapse equal to, if not greater in extent to, that of 1893."

E. Y. Smith, farmer, near Ottawa, Kan.: "I voted for Bryan and all the other fusion candidates four years ago, but if I live I shall support the straight Republican ticket this year. I haven't voted the Republican ticket since the days before the Greenback party, but you can count me this time sure."

St. Hughes, Populist, Ottawa, Kan.: "The Republican party has done what we Populists have been striving to accomplish, and that was to bring good times. It would not be wise to change now."

James L. Davis, a lifelong Democrat, Chillicothe, Mo., who has stumped the state for the Democrats for thirty years: "Mr. McKinley has done nothing more than his duty under the treaty of Paris. For every act in his administration \* \* \* Mr. McKinley had ample authority from precedents established by Democratic presidents who preceded him."

Attorney J. E. Robinson, Fargo, S. D., who is known throughout the state: "Many Populists who once voted for Bryan now propose to vote for McKinley. We never vote to haul down the flag, and we never vote so as to encourage armed rebellion. The genuine Populist must be a patriot. We voted for Bryan as the honest and able champion of free silver coinage and monetary expansion. Conditions have changed; there is no longer dearth of money. That has been relieved by the discovery of rich gold mines, which yield an output of about \$100,000,000 a year, and by the banking and currency act, which add largely to the circulating medium. The circulation is now larger than at any other time in the history of the country. The McKinley administration has been such as to inspire and retain the confidence of the nations and the confidence of the business world, and the result has been a period of commercial expansion, of trade balances, of thrift and prosperity, such as was never recorded in the history of any country."

Judge E. H. Norton, of Platte City, Mo., ex-member of the Missouri Supreme Court, an old-time Democrat, did not approve his party's platform on the money question in 1896 and he has not taken up the cry of imperialism in this campaign. He regards it as a false issue and says: "I regard it as a mere blind behind which to hide the real issue, viz.: the free and unlimited coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1. The charge of imperialism is based by Mr. Bryan upon the action of President McKinley, in endeavoring to maintain the authority of the United States in the Philippine islands, by putting down by force the armed rebellion of Aguinaldo. I regard the silver plank in the platform, together with the assailing of the integrity of the courts, as revolutionary in the extreme—as freighted with evil—promotive of disorder and bloodshed—destructive to the best interests of the law-abiding—at war with good government, and an invitation to the lawless to commit unlawful acts with impunity."

J. B. Dozier, District Attorney of Shasta County, Cal., and a leading Democrat of northern California: "The great civilization which we have achieved and our great development is due to the spirit of expansion. I believe the action taken by the government of the United States in regard to its foreign policy is right, just, progressive and proper."

John B. Rhoades, proprietor and operator of the cotton and woolen mills at Aston Mills, Delaware County, Pa., several times chairman of the Delaware County Democratic Committee: "I am still a Democrat but cannot give my support to Bryan. He is a man who is always trying to cause a dissatisfaction between the laboring classes and the capitalists, and in my judgment these two forces should always be harmonious. I consider any man who endeavors to make these two forces clash, is nothing short of a demagogue and not a safe man to be entrusted with the important position of President of the United States."

John Warren Hardenbergh, Jersey City, N. J.: "Sound money." Judge R. J. Graham, a well-known lawyer of Ottawa, Kan., was one of the strongest Bryan men of the city in 1896. He served as justice of the peace by appointment of Gov. Leedy and was nominated by the fusionists for the same office a year ago. Judge Graham has campaigned all over Franklin county for fusion. "The only question of importance to me in this campaign is the question of expansion, or as the Democrats are pleased to term it, 'imperialism.' On this question I am fully in accord with the present administration and have been from the beginning. We have as much right to own, control and govern the Philippine islands as we have the territory embraced in Texas or that acquired by the Louisiana purchase."