

WHAT HE THINKS OF BRYAN.

A business man in this city received a letter from a democratic correspondent in another state which closed with this inquiry: "What is there of Bryan? I think he is brilliant, but not deep, and a pop in politics; how is he?"

The business man made the following reply:

"You ask what there is of Bryan. He is a successful politician, an eloquent speaker, an incisive debater, a master of the art of presenting reasons sound in appearance only. He possesses and emits a vast amount of vocal patriotism. He preaches the gospel of discontent and denominates a new crusade. Quick to see an opportunity, he is equally quick to take advantage thereof. He is a most pleasant man to meet, and of excellent reputation. He will receive the support of that class which a few years since supported Dennis Kearney, and will also have the indorsement of a larger and better class of citizens; but those who believe in a stable government, in the enforcement of law, the protection of property and society, in the performance of obligations, who believe that repudiation is dishonest, will not find their ideal in Mr. Bryan. He electrified an audience in Chicago by a declamatory protest against crucifying a man on a golden cross. Neither the character of the cross nor the manner of crucifixion would call from him a protest provided such crucifixion tended in the least degree to his personal aggrandizement. He is not a democrat; he was not nominated by democratic votes. Two years ago in Chicago a lawless mob undertook to prevent commerce between the states. The president, acting under his oath, called into action the forces of the government to enforce the law. For this action he is condemned by the party which nominated Bryan. In view of what was said by Senator Gordon of Georgia on the floor of the senate at the time of the riot and what was said by Senator Peffer of Kansas, at the same time, it may be safely asserted that it was the party of Peffer instead of the party of Gordon that made Bryan a presidential nominee. He will receive the votes of Most, Spies, Altgeld and their followers, or leaders, as you may see fit to put it, who, when permitted by the authorities, march beneath the red flag of anarchy. He will also receive the support of those who look to legislation rather than to industry for prosperity; who make contracts and incur debts with the hope that a turn of the political wheel may enable them to avoid their obligations. The man who believes that the government should enact class legislation which will give a fictitious value to one metal but not to another; who, if he borrows \$1000, believes the government should enact a law which will enable him to pay the debt with \$500, will support Bryan. In my opinion, Mr. Bryan will not carry his own ward, his own city, his own county, or his own state."

BRYAN IN 1860.

With the usual facility for imaginative literature which possesses the boy orator of the Platte, Mr. Bryan tells the populists who cheered him at Mattoon: "This is a campaign in which there will be much of feeling—more feeling than there has been in any campaign in which you or I have been engaged since the war."

Of course Boy Orator Bryan's oratory has got into a habit of tangling up the facts. Bryan was born in 1860. The feeling which he must have had in the campaign to which he refers as the one of the war time must be simply such as might be alleviated by Mrs. Winslow's soothing syrup or a little Jamaica ginger. Mr. Bryan whooped it up during the war only as a squalling baby, while that mature and sagacious statesman, William McKinley, was laying the foundation of his great career by actually fighting the battles of his country.

The cause on account of which Boy Orator Bryan cried aloud in 1860 was doubtless inflation, while the cause on account of which William McKinley fought was national honor.—Chicago Times-Herald

SOME REPUBLICAN HISTORY.

Said a republican politician this week: "Speaking of tribute to Bryan, I want to say that Mr. Bryan has been made what he is by republican tribute. His boom, in the beginning, was pushed along by republican newspapers, right here in this city, too. Once in awhile some republican says republicans ought to turn in and assist in the Bryan demonstration Friday night. That reminds me of a little history. Not many years ago A. W. Field, of this city, was running for congress. He was opposed by W. J. Bryan. There were some republicans who thought then that it would be a good plan to give Mr. Bryan some republican tribute. One newspaper in this city, the Evening Call, under its former management, supported every one of Mr. Bryan's theories. Then Mr. Bryan was running his boom largely on free trade. The paper was for free trade. Field was defeated and Mr. Bryan was elected by the assistance of that newspaper and alleged republicans who thought it a good plan to give Mr. Bryan a little tribute. Had the congressman been defeated then he would not have been nominated for president in Chicago, last week. I notice that some of the republicans who paid this tribute four years ago are now a good deal troubled over what they fear may be the outcome of Mr. Bryan's success in which they assisted. There is a political lesson in this that should be heeded."

COUNTY POLITICS.

W. J. Crandall, of Firth, is a member of the republican state central committee. He was in the city this week several days on business connected with the committee, and he took occasion to look after his candidacy for county treasurer on the side. Mr. Crandall is greatly pleased at the outlook. There is no noticeable change in the situation. It is reported every few days that some new candidates are to enter the field, but thus far they have not made their appearance.

ORGANIZE FOR THE CAMPAIGN.

The candidates for state offices on the republican ticket and the newly elected state central committee, met in this city Wednesday and organized for the campaign. The candidates, with whom was left the selection of officers of the central committee, held private conferences Tuesday night and Wednesday morning and afternoon. Ex-Governor J. W. Dawes of Crete, was selected for chairman. Mr. Dawes said he could not give the campaign the necessary time and then the candidates turned to Hon. Peter Jansen, of Jansen, who made the memorable address in St. Louis, beginning: "God hates cowards." Mr. Jansen told the candidates he was not prepared to give the important work of the campaign all of his time, and finally it was decided to make George W. Post, of York, chairman. Mr. Post accepted, and it is agreed on all sides that he will make an excellent chairman. John T. Mallalieu, of Kearney, was made secretary, and Mr. Schneider of Fremont, treasurer. An executive committee will be named later. Lincoln was chosen as the republican headquarters, and the Lindell hotel was selected as the official habitation.

The executive committee of the republican state league met Wednesday night, and called the league convention to meet in this city August 5. President F. W. Collins, J. H. McClay and W. Morton Smith were made the committee on arrangements.

C. M. Rigg was made assistant secretary of the committee.

BRYAN AND TAUBENECK.

"Taubeneck has an immense amount of impudence, a very small amount of ability, and so long as he is at the head of the populist party that party's progress will be retarded."

"Taubeneck has a habit of embarking in novel missions. He has made more noise in favor of reform and has injured reform more than any other man in recent political history. He has an impudent way of thrusting himself upon gatherings where he is not wanted."

"Taubeneck belongs to that class of populists who have greater interest in supplying themselves with places than they have in the principles expounded by their party."

These are extracts from of Mr. Bryan's editorial in the World-Herald June 16, 1895, on the chairman of the populist national committee, the man who will have a good deal to say as to whether Mr. Bryan shall be indorsed by the populists at St. Louis.

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