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I am right, vote that way, or you are a moral coward. Do not fear that your vote will be "thrown away." Your vote is never thrown away until it ceases to be the representative of your honest convictions.

To the extent that the opponents of republican principles support me in 1904, the hands of those will be strengthened who shall make war upon the republicans in 1908. The present attitude of national democracy is an impossible one. They will be driven from it, beyond all doubt. Four years from now the Belmonts, Gormans and Hills should be put into the republican camp, where they belong. The real democrats will return to their Omaha and Chicago platform. In some honorable way, the Bryan democrats must act with us; the cause demands it; duty requires it; patriotism exacts it; to the success of true democracy it is indispensable. To preserve an organization of resistance to the plutocracy, to show them that they can not play their selfish games quite so easily as they had imagined, to make them feel that there is life in the people yet, to form a nucleus around which the betrayed people could rally, we make this struggle.

It has already grown into larger proportions than I could have foreseen. It promises to bring forth good fruit without heart-sickening delays. The effects of the attacks which we are making upon this unholy desertion of the democratic masses by the democratic bosses are even now apparent and reassuring. But even had not this been true, I should still have taken the same course upon the high ground of duty.

Carlyle's Advice

The great Scotchman, Thomas Carlyle, said:

"Cast forth thy act, thy word, into the ever-living, ever-working universe: It is seed-grain that can not die; unnoticed today it will be found flour-

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ishing like banyan grove after a thousand years."

Plunged into poverty when a lad, I have, from my sixteenth year, been looking at life from the seamy side. I know what the life of the poor boy is, for I have led it. To walk the streets looking for work and finding none, is an experience never to be forgotten, and I have had it. To take the side of the oppressed costs me no effort; to do otherwise would cost me my self-respect. As far as has been in my power, I have labored to so change our laws as to make it easier for other poor boys to do what I found it so difficult to do—find opportunity, find work, find adequate pay and reach a competence before the strength is so spent in the effort that enjoyment does not come with success.

Democratic in Every Act

Every speech of my life, every page of my books, every vote in the Georgia legislature and in the congress is in perfect harmony with the broadly democratic faith which finds partial expression in this letter. I hope there has been growth, development, expansion; I know there has been no contradiction or apostasy. Whenever by voice or vote or deed I could be of service to those who were working in the cause of humanity, I have not failed to respond. The eight-hour law passed by congress had my hearty support. The official record will prove that I led the fight for the automatic car coupler bill, against a corporation lobby led by Colonel Stahlman of the Louisville & Nashville railroad.

Father of Rural Free Delivery

Against the resistance of Judge Holman of Indiana, Mr. Loud of California, and others I passed through the house the first appropriation which this government ever made for the free delivery of mail to the people who live outside cities, towns and villages. That resolution, which was defeated on the first vote but which I carried through on the second (February 17, 1893) is the foundation of the present rural free delivery system which gives employment to forty thousand men, and which carries civilization to the remotest "neck of the woods." The farmers of America have seldom asked anything in the way of favors from the government; more seldom have they got anything even when they asked. The rural free delivery does

more for the farmer than any other law on the statute book of this republic, and before all of the farmers decide to vote against me I trust that they will consider what I did for them.

Regardless, however, of how any man will vote because of the laws referred to, I take some pleasure in alluding to them, for the reason that they prove that the sentiments animating this letter are those which have controlled my life. I regret that my opportunities for doing work of that kind have been so few. Republicans and democrats united their voices to prevent me from serving more than one term in congress, even when the plainest evidence was presented of the frauds which deprived me of the official commission.

Since then I have had no opportunity to do more than to advocate with the pen the principles to which I am devoted. To accept this nomination and expound those principles, this becomes a matter of serving the good cause. And no matter what the results may be, I shall find satisfaction in feeling that I have done right.

THOMAS E. WATSON.

Where Women Vote

In four states—Wyoming, Colorado, Utah and Idaho—women possess the right to vote on equal terms with men at all elections. Either full or partial suffrage for women exists in twenty-six states. In eighteen states women possess school suffrage. In Kansas they have municipal and school suffrage. Montana and Iowa permit them to vote on the issuance of municipal bonds. In 1898 Louisiana granted them the privilege of voting upon questions relating to public expenditures. With this exception the southern states have been slow in advancing the woman suffrage cause. The women of Wyoming, Colorado, Utah and Idaho vote for presidential electors—Kansas City Journal.

Boodle Not Partisan

The confession of former Speaker Charles F. Kelly of the St. Louis house of delegates goes a little more into detail than the admissions of the other repentant boodlers, repentant when threatened with state's prison. Bood-

ling, he avers, has been in practice in St. Louis for twenty-five years. Hardly a bill has passed without bribery. The combine usually received \$10,000 for its vote in bulk, but on one or two occasions the price got down to \$50 a vote, and some even accepted \$5, but Kelly naively adds, they were properly ashamed of selling themselves for so low a price. All this is sufficiently familiar to those who have followed the trail of graft in municipal and state legislatures. The one point which Kelly makes, and which ought to be taken to heart by the voters everywhere, is that there was no party line in the combine. Every man was looking out for his own pocket all the time. Republican boodler and democratic boodler cared nothing for republicanism or democracy when the greater issue of boodle was concerned.

So long as the voters persist in permitting themselves to be blinded by the false issues of party to the real issue of good city government and honest municipal officials, so long will there be combines ready to sell out party and public for their own interests. If these St. Louis revelations and those in other cities and states do not convince the voters that it is time they looked into the real issues probably nothing will.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

The Clergyman from Boston

An old clergyman in New Hampshire, who was not at all satisfied with the size of his congregations, made up his mind that he would have one good large one, at least; and so he said one day, mysteriously, to his church:

"I want you all to be here next Sunday, brethren and sisters, and to tell all the others to come; for we shall have a sermon, on that day, preached by a clergyman from Boston."

When the day came, the house was crowded, and the people were surprised to find no one in the pulpit, excepting the good old pastor himself!

"You see, my beloved hearers," he explained, before giving out his text, "I have been visiting in Boston, and came from there last night."—Everywhere.

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