

tween the husband who shirks his duty of bread-winning and the wife who shirks her duty of motherhood. He is right when he says that 'the primary duty of the woman is to be the helpmeet, the housewife and mother.' Is he not right when he asks, 'What true mother would barter her experience of joy and sorrow in exchange for a life of cold selfishness, in a flat where there is 'the maximum of comfort and of luxury but literally no place for children.' Individuals may deem this counsel impertinent, but the American race which is 'dying out at the top' must admit that it is urgently needed."

The deliberate approval of the New York Journal just quoted is sufficient to offset the shrieks of a whole army of blue-stockings. The Times avows that the American race is dying at the top—an acknowledgement which would be appalling were not the facts already familiar to all students of modern conditions, and which admits the existence of an evil greater than the traffic in human flesh, greater than any problem that the nation has yet been called upon to settle.

Such being the case, it must be acknowledged that the president in arraigning those who shirk their first and greatest duty to the state, is discharging a public service no less important than the making of treaties or the directing of armies.

If we add to the president's weighty words the consideration that the Eternal has fixed His canon against the slaughter of the innocent, it is not too much to expect that the national conscience should be aroused and that the evil should, in some measure be abated.—Catholic Transcript.

**"GET BACK TO THE PEOPLE"**

Mr. Bryan says that "the aggressive element of the democratic party is getting together in active preliminary work for the great battle of 1908."

It is well if this is so.

If the party is to accomplish anything "the aggressive element" must accomplish it.

We tried it last election with a ticket that stood for practically nothing that is democratic—cooked up especially for the republican east—and lost out hopelessly.

Mr. Bryan says, "the party does not need reorganization—it only needs to get back to the people, that there may be united, harmonious effort for the campaign of 1908."

"Get back to the people," that's the proper thing to do.

When the democratic party gets back to the people—stands for men in whom the people have confidence—and advocates principles in which the people feel deep interest, then the people will stand by and support the party, but until then they will scatter, and at election time refuse to be counted.

It is better to stand for what we believe to be right and meet defeat honorably, than to pander to what we know to be wrong and be absolutely crushed, as we were in the last election.

Past experience should teach democratic leaders the folly of trying any more "all things to all parties and nothing to nobody or anything" experiments, during a presidential campaign. There's nothing to it, and the policy adopted in the last national campaign by the eastern leaders should be tabooed in democratic councils in future.

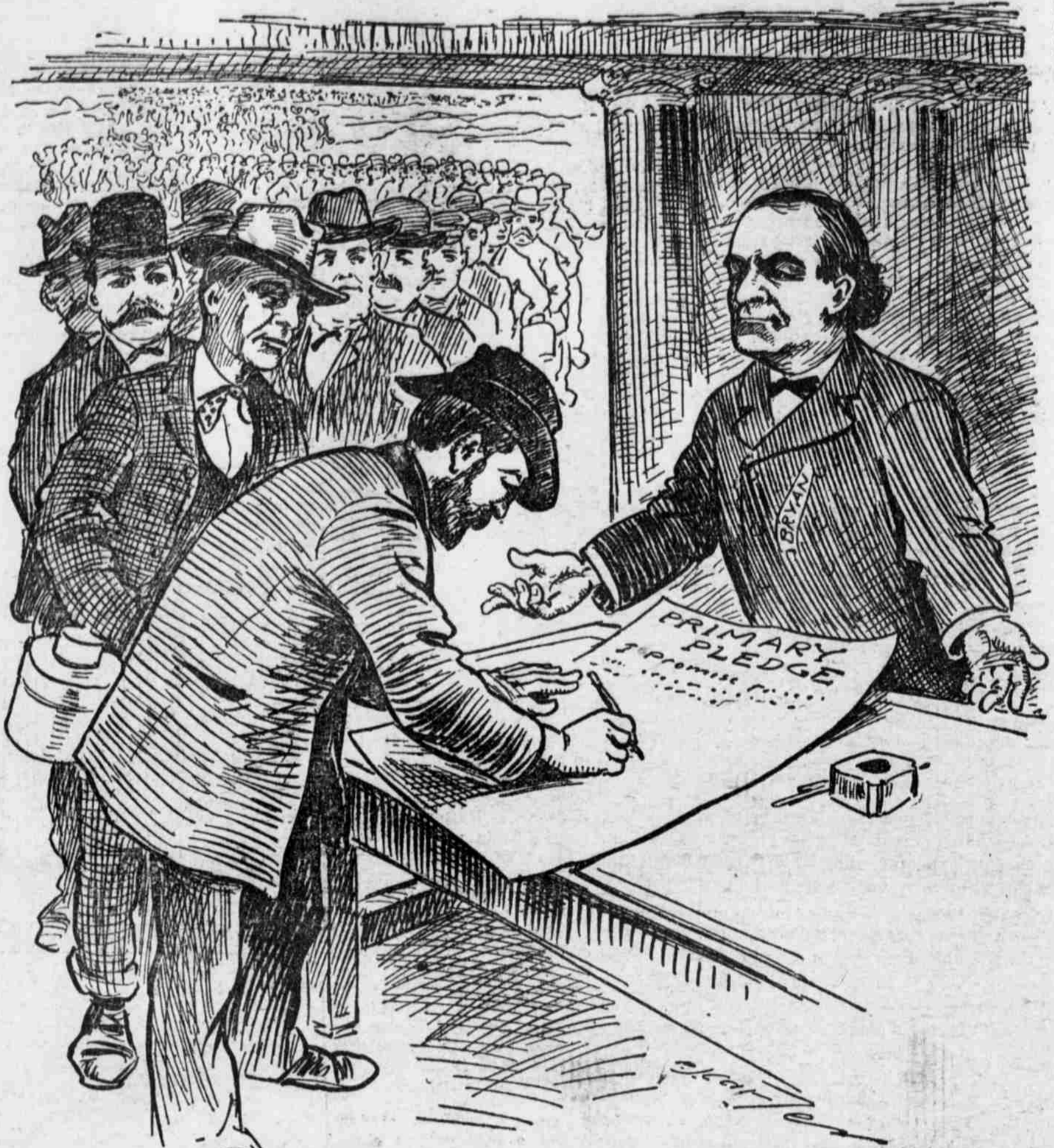
Democracy may not win by taking an open, honest, aggressive course, but when the contest is over those who advocate its policies and vote the ticket will at least be conscious of their own self-respect.—Nevada (Mo.) Mail.

**HE'D WORK FOR NOTHING**

Andrew Carnegie plays golf well, and likes to talk about the game. Of one of his friends—a golf tyro—he said at a dinner in New York:

"Blank went to play one day, and,

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disliking the rather forward manner of his caddie, discharged the lad and took another in his place.

"The discharged caddie, instead of retiring in a seemly manner to the club house, hovered about Blank. He regarded closely the man's rather clumsy methods of play. On his freckled young face a sneer came and went.

"Blank chose a stick and swung for a long drive. But he missed the drive. "The discharged caddie gave a loud laugh.

"Blank frowned at the boy and swung again—a mighty swing—but again he missed.

"There came from the caddie another loud, harsh laugh.

"A third time Blank swung, and a third time only turf dust rose into the air.

"'Hi, mister,' yelled the caddie, derisively. 'If you take me back I'll carry your clubs for the fun of the thing.'"—San Antonio Express.

**A STRIKING CARTOON**

In its issue of April 2, the Minneapolis Times printed the cartoon reproduced on this page, and under the cartoon reproduced the primary pledge. In the same issue the Times printed an editorial entitled "A Novel Scheme for a Party Organization." That editorial follows:

"National politics, so far as the democratic party is concerned, is today in a peculiar position. That this is so is illustrated strikingly by the latest proposition put forward by The Commoner, edited by W. J. Bryan.

"There seems to be a feeling in the air that the democratic party can organize for victory four years hence and the tendency is to call upon Mr. Bryan and the other party leaders to do something, or say something, that will form a rallying point.

"Nor is there any question about the general principles of the party. These are reasonably well defined by past history, the writings of Mr. Bryan and others and the attitude of the democrats in congress.

"Mr. Bryan has within the past few months received many letters upon this point, asking him to undertake the task of organization. The question, however, is not so easily disposed of as might be supposed. Organization must have either a person or a principle to rally around. The time is not yet to discuss a candidate for 1908, and no one can at this time write the platform for a campaign three years off, even though he might be willing to assume the responsibility.

"But this does not mean that nothing can be done. Mr. Bryan's plan is so simple that it seems to be almost foolish.

"The pledge is as follows: 'I prom-

ise to attend all the primaries of my party to be held between now and the next democratic national convention, unless unavoidably prevented, and to use my influence to secure a clear, honest and straightforward declaration of the party's position on every question upon which the voters of the party desire to speak.'

"This is to be signed by the voter, with street and postoffice address and voting precinct or ward, and sent to The Commoner, Lincoln, Neb.

"These pledges can then be assorted and, if sufficiently numerous, a temporary organization of pledge-signers may be made in various localities, with county and state organizations.

"The wisdom of Mr. Bryan's plan lies in its freedom and simplicity; and also in the fact that it furnishes the basis for a real working organization. A man who will sign a pledge of this kind may be relied upon to be interested. He may not go to every primary election, but he has declared his position, which is the first important step. The opportunity for actual organized work will come in time and the man under pledge can be reached through the mails, having made himself known.

"Mr. Bryan's plan of getting the democrats together will without doubt be extensively adopted. It may be the beginning of the organization for victory in 1908."