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**THE OHIO CAMPAIGN**

The political campaign in Ohio has not, so far this year, shown many spectacular signs of life. That is not a conclusive sign, however, that there will not be an interesting fight. Naturally there will be a warming up on the leading questions—after it has been definitely determined what the leading questions are to be—as the time for the election approaches.

The republican managers set out in their state convention with a regulation platform of a rather doctrinal character, and not recognizing the local contentions which, unless a good many thousands of people are mistaken, are to be topmost in consideration. They indicate that they are going to exploit their party as the party of patriotism, progress and success; as the party of the protective tariff, guaranteeing employment at good wages to the working people; as the party of "sound finance," and as the party of advancement, development and expansion. They especially hope to divert their voters in the mining and other working districts from consideration of the alleged sins of the governor and general assembly by sounding the annual alarm about the democrats trying to get power so that they may knock down the tariff which protects the poor man's home and keeps his wife and children from nakedness and starvation. Of course, any person of "gumption" can see that democratic success in a campaign on purely state issues can not affect the tariff situation. Congress has the tariff subject in hand. The Ohio legislature to be chosen this year does not even choose a senator of the United States, except under very unlikely contingencies.

The whole democratic trend in the earlier part of the year, the action of the state convention and the plain disposition since has shown a steady purpose to hold the state administration and legislature to a severe accountability. In this there has been a degree of sincerity and earnestness that will deeply interest, if not magnetically attract, a tremendous contingent of the regular republican vote. The most intelligent voters in the re-

publican party understand this question very well. There is no reasonable doubt that the hearts of Chairman Dick and his accomplished lieutenants beat more rapidly than would be guessed from their breezy and debonaire proclamations of promise. As astute men who have acquired much in the school of experience, they are bound to look for a falling off and transfer of republican votes—probably a large one. How large? There is where the tale hangs.

It can not be candidly denied, whatever may be the hope or bias of the person carefully examining the situation as it is now presented, that the democrats have taken the best advantage of the disadvantages under which their opponents labor. No stronger man than John M. Pattison could have been nominated to command partisan and independent votes. The matter of party reunion and harmony was not neglected. Indeed, they came as real harmony only can come, with a large degree of spontaneity. Mr. Pattison was nominated by a convention which went stark mad with enthusiasm at every mention of the name of William J. Bryan, and which embraced in its delegations many active workers who were against Bryan in 1896 and 1900. It was so with as distinguished a democrat as Melville E. Ingalls, whose game but losing fight for the mayoralty of Cincinnati did not unsteady him in a fight for democracy as the only instrumentality through which reform can be accomplished in this community and state. Such men as John C. Welty, Lawrence T. Neal and Judge Peck came out of the scrimmage without a pout or a scar, and with their teeth gritted for a fight for the winner.

The democratic convention might have done its work so poorly that the campaign would have been idle and perfunctory; but it didn't. On the contrary it has "put up a fight" which, if pursued intelligently to the end—as it is to be presumed it will be—will make the returns "mighty interesting reading" the morning after election.—Cincinnati, O., Enquirer.

**"A GREAT MAN"**

A document entitled "Ten Million Dollar Gift—An Endorsement," and addressed "To the Great American People" has been issued—according to the Washington Star—by Hon. Isaac H. Smith, of Newbern, N. C. Mr. Smith was at one time a member of the North Carolina legislature. His address follows:

"First—When God caused by divine providence John D. Rockefeller to be born into this world of misery and sin, it was then He blessed you and I.

"Second—To have a common interest in that portion of the world, in common with such a peerless character as Mr. Rockefeller is, such a people are blessed by the very omnipotent hand of Almighty God.

"Third—So far as Mr. Rockefeller is concerned, from now on, he will be upheld, protected and shielded from every harm and danger by the powerful and merciful hand of God, and his body will be preserved even on earth as his soul will be in heaven in one solidified heavenly bliss, in an endless duration.

"Fourth—The recent gift of \$10,000,000 for higher education, to be used wherever and in a manner to do the most good, puts Mr. Rockefeller at the head of the class of philanthropists and stamps him in his sphere the greatest living American.

"Fifth—Mr. Rockefeller deserves that the American people should rise up and call him blessed.

"Sixth—Let my meaning be understood. Among other things I mean to say that, on the other hand, had Mr. Rockefeller given this same \$10,000,000, or twice that amount to some college or school already rich or a

millionaire, we would have considered him far from par excellence and a philanthropist.

"Seventh—If I understand the precise way and manner the income from this gift is to be distributed and used, the human family will receive more good and benefit from it than any other gift from the first day the sun shone from his beautiful orb in radiant beauty, bathing mankind in his beautiful ray of silvery sunlight, in special obedience to God's command, being a great dazzling light created by Him out of nothing.

"Eighth—When at eve we retire as Americans in sweet repose, we know, among other things, two things undisputed: That our president, Theodore Roosevelt, and J. D. Rockefeller constitute (each in his sphere) the two greatest living Americans, or, if you please, the two greatest men alive in the world today."

**"THE THREAT OF BRYANISM"**

The Providence (Rhode Island) Journal, a republican paper, recently printed an editorial entitled "The Threat of Bryanism." The Commoner reproduces the editorial in full because, as suggested by a Commoner reader who directs attention to it, it "recommends 'Bryanism' in order to fight 'Bryanism.'"

Due apologies are made for reproducing the personal references to Mr. Bryan, but in order to give the editorial in full, such a course is unavoidable. Of course, the term "Bryanism" as used by the Journal, refers to democracy. The Journal's editorial follows:

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