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MR. BRYAN ON THE ISSUES OF THE DAY

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cents and a quarter over and over and over again."

"But," his friend says, "what does she do with so much money?"

He says: "I don't know. I ain't give her none yet."

The line on this trust question is drawn. The democrats have a doctrine and the republicans have a doctrine.

The democrats say a private monopoly is indefensible and intolerable. The democrats say that God never made a man good enough to stand at the head of a private monopoly. The democrats say that the law should make it impossible for a private monopoly to exist in the United States. That is our doctrine.

What is the republican doctrine? Why, that they must be regulated and restrained and restricted, and we have had ten years now of regulation, restriction and restraint and we have as many trusts as we had when they commenced.

How long will it take to settle the trust question at the rate we are now going? Well, I have made a nice calculation. I have figured that if we proceed at exactly the same rate we have been going for ten years—no faster, no slower—that in about one thousand years the republican party will reach a point where it will be willing to ask a little more time.

Why, I read a speech made by a republican in which he said that in the long run—in the long run—the trusts would die themselves. In the long run!

But what if a fellow is short winded and can't stand a long run?

Will a trust rob you all its life and then will you sit and wait for it to die? Suppose you see a burglar getting into your house; what would you do? But the republicans would say, "Don't bother him. Don't bother him. There is a chance he may die of heart failure just as he goes to steal."

Why don't they destroy the trusts? Because the trusts buy immunity by their campaign contributions. They bought it last time and when the democrats tried to get a bill through to investigate campaign contributions the republicans didn't dare to pass the bill. When they had an investigation outside of congress they brought out the facts that enormous sums were contributed—taken from the widow and orphan for whom a life insurance policy was written in order to carry the republican campaigns.

I think I understand now why they called me a dangerous man in '96. They said I wouldn't enforce the law. The trouble was they were afraid I would enforce the law and they were not prepared to have the law enforced. These men have been purchasing immunity, and if you want to know how difficult it is to regulate the trusts when you permit them to live, let me tell you that in the campaign of '96, when I received six mil-

lion and a half votes and when people showed more interest in the election than they had shown in a quarter of a century, we were only able to collect for our national committee a sum less than one-half million dollars to carry on the campaign, while Rockefeller alone can give ten times that sum: from the profits of his trust that are secured to him by the election of republicans to office.

How are you going to regulate trusts when a few trusts can give a hundred times as much to a campaign fund as you can collect from all the people who believe in the doctrine of equal rights to all and special privileges to none?

The only thing to do is to exterminate the private monopoly, root and branch, and not permit one to live anywhere in the United States.

That is the only protection the people have. My friends, if you don't know what "the trusts" means now, I hardly see how it is possible to inform you. If you read the papers you have had the chance to see what the trust magnates themselves have said. The best illustration of trust methods we have ever had is the illustration given us by young Rockefeller. A beautiful illustration. He says that as you can only bring the American Beauty rose to perfection by pinching off ninety-nine buds that the strength of the bush may flow into the one hundredth one, so you can only bring a great industrial enterprise to perfection by pinching off the smaller and weaker ones.

How simple the process! Just pinch them off—so easy. You have seen it done. I am just old-fashioned enough to think it is better to have one hundred roses, giving perfume to one hundred homes than to have just one rose—a great big one—in one splendid home and the rest of the people without flowers. What do you think friends? I am just old-fashioned enough to think it is better to have tens of thousands and hundreds of thousands of independent industries giving hope and ambition to thousands who work with them than to have a few gigantic industries exploiting the country and reaching them by the taxing power as the owners transmit independent wealth from generation to generation. Here is the line drawn. On which side are you? The democrats believe in exterminating the trusts; the republicans believe in regulating, restraining and restricting them.

Well, we are told that the president gained a good deal of popularity by getting a rate bill through. Yes, I am glad he did. I am willing to praise him, but where did he get his inspiration? From a democratic platform, where all good things come from nowadays.

Let me give you a bit of history. Six years ago last July a man came up to the door of my house in a carriage. He introduced himself and said he was a clerk in the office of the interstate commerce commission. He drew out a little slip of paper on which was a plank that he wanted inserted in our platform. It was in favor of enlarging the scope of the interstate commerce commission. He said that he had been to Chicago, that he had tried to get it into the republican platform and had failed, and that he came to Nebraska to see if I could help him to get it into the democratic platform at Kansas City. I showed him a draft of the platform that was under consideration and showed him a plank on that subject. He read it and said that was all right, put his own plank in his pocket and went away. He had tried to get that plank in the republican platform and had failed. We had it before he asked for it, and when the president wanted to do something he found the inspiration

in the democratic platform.

Well, what about the bill in the senate? They wanted somebody to manage it. Why didn't they get a republican? Because the republican leaders didn't want it passed. They were against it. They put it in the hands of a democrat in order to make it odious to republicans and make it appear as a democratic measure. And to what democrat did they give it? They gave it to the one democrat who was not invited to the White House—to the one man who was not on good terms with the president. Yes, republicans, your republican leaders tried to humiliate a republican president by putting his pet measure into the hands of the one man in the senate who was not invited to the White House and would not go there. When did you ever have such an experience as that before? And yet they say we must stand by the president because of what he did on the rate bill.

Why, my friends, in the senate that bill was improved by amendments proposed by democrats. Senator Stone, of your state, proposed one of the most important amendments. It restored the criminal clause of the interstate commerce law. And why was it necessary to restore it? Because a republican senate, house and president had stricken it out of that interstate commerce law four years before. Senator Stone proposed an amendment reinstating it. After a while a republican did the same thing and when they went to vote on the amendments Senator Stone's amendment was so much better than the republican amendment that it was accepted.

Senator Culberson of Texas proposed an amendment prohibiting passes, an important amendment, and it was carried. Two democratic amendments made important provisions in the bill. Senator LaFollette, a reform republican, proposed nine amendments; seven of them had been indorsed by the interstate commerce commission, but they were voted down by the republicans, although the dem-

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