

"interstate commerce." The business man who desires to do something besides become a "hireling" for a trust, the father who hopes for his boy to become something besides an employee for the "fellows of the baser sort" who have gathered into their grip the reins of commerce, must get together for the protection of the business of the present day and the manhood of the future. They must arouse the people to necessity of patronizing independent manufacturers in preference to the trusts, whenever it can be done.

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LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

A. H. Bracken, Gordon, Texas—We should have a law providing that the government pays campaign expenses; also a law forbidding individuals contributing to campaign funds and forbidding committees to receive such contributions. Of course you have done a good work by speech and through The Commoner. I hope you will have success and a long life of usefulness.

Dr. S. A. Johnson, Nevada, Mo.—Democracy is inherent to a republic and will survive defeat at elections. If only her leaders will remain true to her tenets, honest with the people, together with education of the masses along the lines of governmental questions. Consequently a less subservient vote with honesty in elections, it will come unto its own. We have impressed many reforms upon the dominant party. President Taft is favoring an inheritance tax, not so good as an income tax of democratic contention but so close to it that it would appear to be purloining from us. While a republican party is not essential to our form of government, the spirit that directs it has always been with us and will remain. The autocratic element of it has no confidence in the voice of the people and want a concentrated federal power at Washington to direct governmental affairs against the doctrine of local and state self government, then the powerful special interests are so firmly entrenched will seek to continue in government favoritism. Another term of Roosevelt would have brought the agitation of federal control of marriages and control of our public schools and it is now contended that all railroad legislation is a function of the general government. While we could more ideally live in this republic without them, they are, for reasons mentioned, here to stay, but a decadent age will be upon an enervated populace when the force of democratic principles are not reflected in the spirit of her laws enacted. I have faith to believe in the final triumph of our cause and right and under our leader, William J. Bryan, we will accomplish incalculable good, by blazing the way for this and future generations and we can afford to await results, confidently relying on the intelligence and honesty of the masses to accept the light when shown. It is possible for false prophets and leaders to arise and confuse and proselyte many by strange gods—even the party name may be dropped as some have suggested, but for me I am steeled against their invasion. Here lessons are set deep within my breast and shall not soon depart—in short—I am a Bryan democrat.

L. A. Francis, Beloit, Wis.—In sentiment this nation is clearly and essentially democratic upon every vital issue. So generally are democratic principles believed that with the mistaken alarm, so foolishly spread in '96, once eliminated, Mr. Bryan would win, overwhelmingly, hands down. So loyalty and a united front and not dissension and alarm constitute the easy solution and certain slogan of our return to power.

Frank Collins, White River Junction, Vt.—While I am somewhat dis-

couraged, yet I think we should keep up the fight against the selfish and centralizing policies of the republican party.

D. H. Chamberlain, Sr., Harriston, Miss.—In this day of books and education it is discouraging to find the larger part of the people of such dense ignorance as to listen to tommyrot. The major part of the people may have progressed to the extent that they are a little less blood thirsty but they have little use for a man who pleads the cause of humanity.

IMMORTALITY

Many years ago I heard a distinguished American orator deliver a lecture upon the evidence of immortality outside the Bible. In the stress and pressure he held the rapt and breathless attention of an immense audience comprising all that was most cultured, brilliant and renowned in the social and official life of the capital.

He dwelt with remarkable effectiveness and power upon the fact that nowhere in nature, from the highest to the lowest, was an instinct, an impulse, a desire implanted, but that ultimately were found the conditions and the opportunities for the fullest realization. He instanced the wild fowl that moved by some mysterious impulse, start on their prodigious migrations from the frozen fens of the pole and reach at last the shining south and the summer seas; the fish that from tropic gulfs seek their spawning grounds in the cool, bright rivers of the north; the bees that find in the garniture of fields and forests the treasure with which they store cells, and even the wolf, the lion and the tiger, that are provided with their prey.

Turning to humanity, he alluded to the brevity of life, its incompleteness, its aimless, random and fragmentary careers; its tragedies, its injustices, its sorrows and separations. Then he referred to the insatiable hunger for knowledge, the efforts of the unconquerable mind to penetrate the mysteries of the future; its capacity to comprehend infinity and eternity, its desire for the companionship of the departed; its unquenchable aspirations for immortality; and he asked, "Why should God keep faith with the beast, the bee, the fish and the fowl, and cheat man?" — John James Ingalls.

AN HEROIC ACCOMPLISHMENT

A prominent democratic politician, who lived in Allentown, was appointed to the position of naval officer at Philadelphia during the second Cleveland administration. While in the city he made a host of friends, and all of his waking hours, when he was not engaged in official duties, were spent with these gentlemen, attending various interesting and costly entertainments. At the expiration of his term of office he returned home, and his good mother, who was an old-fashioned German woman, said to him, curiously:

"John, what did you save during the four years you were in office?" "Mother," he said, with a smile lighting up his countenance, "I accomplished wonders—I saved my life."—Washington Post.

CARRYING OUT DEMOCRATIC POLICY

Attorney General Wickersham has rendered an opinion to the effect that a national bank has the right to make a contract to insure its assets. This is simply beating about the bush. The form of insurance proposed now is voluntary, but it is remarked that insurance by one bank will force all others in its territory to insure, making it in the end practically compulsory.—Washington (D. C.) Bulletin.

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