

any one a wrong, he is first to acknowledge it, but he very rarely goes wrong.

Minden (Neb.) Courier—The World-Herald is eager to clip articles favorable to Harmon and derogatory to Bryan. Monday it printed an article from the Chicago Record-Herald which says in substance that the Bryan influence is subsiding and the Harmon boom increasing and further, that the candidate will not be of the Bryan type. The facts are, the editors of the Record-Herald, the World-Herald and the Courier knows no more about it than a rabbit, but the evidences are now that a democrat will be nominated and elected. The "interests" may sneak in one that has the mellow, cooing voice of a dove and the instinct of a bird of prey, but it is hardly probable while we have a man on guard who can discern between virtue and hypocrisy, merit and pretense. While we have such men as Clark, Wilson, Folk and a score of others who are tried, true and prominent. It is assuming too much to suppose these men will be turned down for a man on whom suspicion rests. Jealous ones may suggest and crafty ones dictate, but safe and sound democracy will nominate and elect.

Grand Rapids (Mich.) News—Just now the New York World and various other democratic journals of its type, and numerous republican papers as well, are indulging, in view of the recent Bryan-Underwood controversy over the wool and metal schedules, in obituaries over the political death and burial of the great Nebraskan. For the last dozen years or so these periodical deliverances have been so common that they long ceased either to surprise or edify.

"Three times leading his party to defeat," it is declared by both his democratic and republican critics, that Mr. Bryan should now recognize that he is "politically dead and buried beyond the hope of resurrection" and cease to be a stumbling-block in the way of the "safe and sane leaders of his party, who now seem to have a fair chance of achieving success."

The News holds no brief for Mr. Bryan—but of this it is thoroughly convinced. He is today, despite his three defeats—and, to a certain extent because of them—by all odds the most influential factor in his party—and this because, to a far greater extent than any other man in it, he commands the confidence and reflects the political and moral sentiments of the rank and file of the democracy. It is risking nothing to assume that no man who can not command the confidence of the Bryan following is at all likely to secure the democratic nomination for the 1912 presidency—while the overwhelming defeat of any such man, if nominated, may be counted certain. The opposition to Governor Wilson by the New York World, and other democratic papers of that stripe, because he is said to be "satisfactory to Bryan," gives strength to the Jerseyman's candidacy, while the support of Governor Harmon by these same journals, because Bryan opposes him, weakens the Buckeye statesman instead of strengthening him with the men who cast the votes.

MR. BRYAN'S LARGE ORDER

Mr. Bryan's latest announcement is one of great interest to his party and to the country. He is going to inform himself thoroughly about democratic aspirants for the presidency, and give the public the benefit of his information and deductions. He will play no favorites. Much as he may like this man or that, or much as he may already have criti-

cised this man or that, he will treat all alike in this investigation, and aim for the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, with the sole object of aiding his party in its task of making the best possible nomination for president.

A large order, and one not likely to be undertaken by anybody else. The Harmon men, the Wilson men, the Clark men, and the Marshall men, will all be active as special pleaders. They will offer much as to their respective favorites, but only praise. They have made up their minds, and are in no sort of doubt as to what the democracy should do in the selection of a candidate.

Evidently Mr. Bryan is in doubt, and has mapped out a plan for removing it. He knows a good deal to begin with—about men, as he puts it, "who have hindered and those who have helped the party"—but he will enlarge his knowledge, and then make his recommendations for and against in the great convention battle of next year.

Mr. Bryan's opportunities for executing his self-imposed task are exceptional. His acquaintance with politicians is wide. He travels a great deal—is almost always on wheels. As a platform speaker he is the best drawing card in the country, being as popular in communities that oppose his political doctrines as in those that support them. In the next eight or ten months he will meet a larger number of politicians anxious to discuss politics than any other public man in America.

But the character of his task and the opportunities he will enjoy should put him on his guard against impositions and attempted impositions. He has issued no invitation to tattlers, or busy-bodies, or malicious fakers, but many such creatures will so appraise his announcement, and seek to impress him with inventions and scandalous hearsays. The amount of guff that will reach him by mail and by word of mouth under the inspiration of his declared purpose will be enormous.

But Mr. Bryan is at heart a clean, just man, who fights in the open and on the level, and his object, we may all be sure, is to do the square thing in this business. He is naturally very much interested in his policies, and desirous that the democratic nominee for president next year shall be friendly to them; but nothing in his record would support a suggestion that he would advance such a man's prospects by any unfair or indirect means.—Washington, (D. C.) Evening Star.

ALREADY "BRYANIZED"

Editor of the World: The World asks today, in its leading editorial article, in a tone of bitter disappointment: "Is Woodrow Wilson Bryanizing?" The answer to the question is simple and it is "No." Woodrow Wilson isn't "Bryanizing," he is already "Bryanized."

It has been perfectly apparent to most keen observers that from the day of his election to the governorship of New Jersey Woodrow Wilson (by reason of his inordinate ambition to become his party's standard-bearer in 1912) has woefully neglected the duties of the office to which he was elected and has emulated Bryan and Roosevelt in his cheap, loose and demagogic appeals to ignorance on his six weeks' tour of the west and south. He absented himself from Trenton to such an extent as to bring upon himself the humiliation of having his salary "docked" on two distinct occasions—an ignominy rarely if ever suffered by any one of the state's chief executives.

Taking all these matters into con-

sideration, it is most odd that the astute New York World has been blind to Dr. Wilson's most glaring shortcomings all these months. But happily your newspaper (that great formulator of public opinion) has taken the doctor's measure, and it is to be hoped that from now on it will

pursue him (whenever he plays the role of demagogue) as relentlessly as it did his two prototypes, which crusade was largely responsible for their ultimate elimination as potent factors in American politics.—A. B. H., Lenox, Mass., July 31, in New York World.

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