

MR. BRYAN IN VIRGINIA

To the editor of the Richmond Virginian: Sir—In nominating Woodrow Wilson, clean, cultured, scholarly and progressive, to be its standard bearer, the democratic party did great honor to itself in the Baltimore convention just ended. It was a great struggle before victory perched upon the banner of Governor Wilson's adherents in the convention, for it was a fierce battle between the old style politics and the better, up-to-date, progressive party, between unclean and clean politics. The nomination for the presidency of Governor Wilson is full of significance and prophecies a brighter future for our great country.

In bringing about this splendid result, in the opinion of this humble writer, William Jennings Bryan, of Nebraska, played a most important part. The brave, uncompromising stand Bryan took in the convention against the money power as represented by the New York delegates, and his fight for the progressive ideal in our politics, made it easier for Governor Wilson to get the nomination. Bryan may have had to the last the desire for the nomination at the hands of the convention, and he, like all other human beings, under the same circumstances may have shown faults and weaknesses, but there can be little doubt that when the future, impartial historian shall record the acts of that memorable democratic convention, the great democratic leader and peerless orator from Nebraska will be credited with no little honor as an instrument, whether he was for Wilson or for himself in bringing about this splendid result. If this be true, the great Nebraskan has done a good service for the party that has repeatedly honored him. Colonel Bryan has, as all men have who stand uncompromisingly for high ideals, and clean politics, bitter enemies, who have said some very bitter things about

him in the estimation of the best thinking folks. Colonel Bryan's dignified, wise and manly course after one of the New York delegates made his terrific attack on him put him in the best light. It is very probable that Bryan will never be president of this great country, but like the great Henry Clay, who said: "I had rather be right than president," he has wrought well and left an indelible impression upon American civic life.
E. P. PARHAM.

BRYAN AND BELMONT

The correspondent for the Chicago Record-Herald sent to his paper the following: An indication that William Jennings Bryan's fight is against the financial interests as a body and not personally against any of the men usually identified with Wall street was an incident that occurred in the Belvedere during the recent democratic national convention at Baltimore.

Mr. Bryan and his brother were in the elevator going to their rooms on the ninth floor. When the car reached the third floor Perry Belmont stepped aboard.

At first the New York financier, who had been bitterly denounced by the Nebraskan, did not notice who was in the car. When he glanced around he started to step out, but then thought better of it and remained.

He looked embarrassed. As the New Yorker, after a glance at the westerner, turned partly around, Colonel Bryan saw him. Instantly his face broke out into a smile.

"How are you, Mr. Belmont?" he asked, extending his hand.

Mr. Belmont's face relaxed into part of a smile as he shook hands.

"It's pretty warm," was his perfunctory reply.

"Yes," said Bryan. Then looking directly at Belmont he asked, "Were you there?" referring to the convention.

"I was," replied Mr. Belmont.

"Quite a demonstration," remarked Bryan, genially.

"It seemed to be," said Mr. Belmont, non-committally, as he turned with evident relief to get off the car. The conversation did not seem particularly agreeable to him. Mr. Belmont could not fathom the commoner's way of doing things.

Saturday, before the Bryan party went to the Armory, the New York financier was moving around the hotel lobby. He seemed nervous and ill at ease. That family conference of Bryan's was evidently known to him and he expected that in spite of Mr. Bryan's kindly greeting there was more of the same kind of "hot stuff" being cooked for him.

In striking contrast to the nervous attitude of the New Yorker was the bearing of the commoner. Cool and collected, with an air of victory radiating from him, he prepared for the great struggle he expected to come.

Doris was radiant over a recent addition to the family, and rushed out of the house to tell the news to a passing neighbor.

"Oh, you don't know what we've got up-stairs!"

"What is it?"

"It's a new baby brother!" and she settled back upon her heels and folded her hands to watch the effect.

"You don't say so! Is he going to stay?"

"I guess so"—very thoughtfully.

"He's got his things off."—Everybody's Magazine.

A political orator, evidently better acquainted with western geography than with the language of the Greeks, recently exclaimed with fervor that his principles should prevail "from Alpha to Omaha."—Christian Register.

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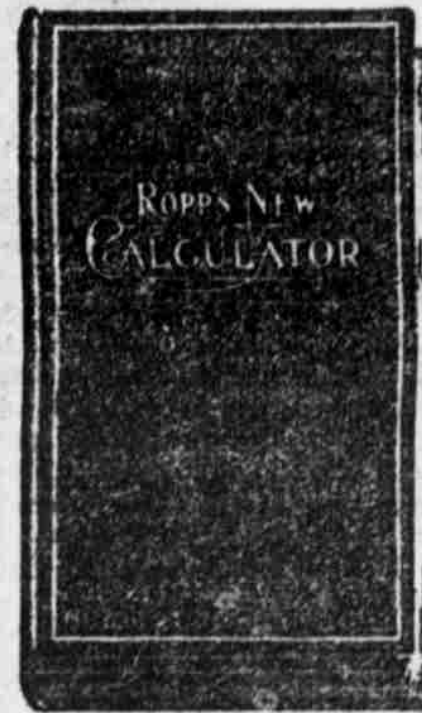
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"Uncle," said the traveling man, "why in the world did you bring me three boiled eggs? I only ordered two."

"Yes, sir," said the old darkey, bowing and smiling. "I know you did order two, sir, but I brought three, because I just naturally felt dat one of dem might fall you, sir."

—Harpem's Weekly.