

About The Commoner Editor

Chicago Journal: In this, the hour of democratic triumph, the eyes and hearts of those who have kept the faith will turn to William Jennings Bryan. For this is the hour toward which Bryan has worked and fought through sixteen dragging years.

The battleground has shifted. The object of the battle has remained the same. Bryan's one unflinching purpose has been to get government out of the hands of the interests, and put it in the hands of the people.

Bryan has fought Hannaism, and its heir, which is Rooseveltism.

He has fought to break Wall street's grip on the money and credit of the people.

He has fought for revision of the tariff in the interest of consumers.

He has fought for the direct election of United States senators, for presidential preference primaries, for freedom from the trusts, for freedom from needless government espionage, for publicity of campaign contributions, for justice to the Philippines.

He has led forlorn hopes; and he has stepped aside for another leader when victory was assured. His last and greatest battle was to secure a new leader who could be trusted to carry on the fight.

Abating no jot of the admiration due Governor Wilson, taking back no single expression of confidence in his patriotism, his wisdom, his courage, his judgment, the fact remains that the heroic figure of this victory for democracy, for the people, for the republic, is William Jennings Bryan.

Pittsburgh Leader: The result of the balloting is a magnificent victory for William Jennings Bryan.

The voters of the country made Woodrow Wilson president of the United States, the highest office in the gift of the greatest nation of the world, but the victory is the victory of William Jennings Bryan.

The votes have gone to Wilson, but the glory and the honors are for Bryan.

It was Bryan who made Wilson possible. It was Bryan who made the election of Wilson certain. It was Bryan who made it possible for the democratic party to exist to receive victory at the hands of the American people, and William Jennings Bryan.

Bryan made Wilson a candidate before the people. Bryan made Wilson a candidate before the Baltimore convention. Bryan made Wilson the winning candidate in that convention, and a winning candidate before the American people. It is a complete, honorable, magnificent victory—for Bryan.

Davenport (Iowa) Times: The democratic party must thank Mr. Bryan for having the far-sightedness to insist, with all his power, that Mr. Wilson and not someone else with a long political record should be nominated.

Hartford Courant: It must not be forgotten that Mr. Bryan will have a hand in the new order of things. He has waited long, but his day is at hand. It may not be personal association, but intellectually he is a part of the new order.

Nashville Tennessean: The commanding sentiment of the American people was accurately reflected at Baltimore when that great representative democratic body, led by the great Nebraskan, threw off the agencies of greed, and stood out before the country clean-handed, uncorrupted and unafraid in the advocacy of those things the people want and which they have been long denied.

Then it was that democracy triumphed.

Then it was that the party of Jefferson, of Jackson, of Bryan, of Wilson and of Marshall bravely rose to the exigency of the occasion and became what its originator and expounders designed it to be—it became the party of the people as against the party of the interests.

From that moment the triumph of the democratic party was assured.

Even the enemies of democracy felt that the party of the people, the party of the constitution and the party of law would triumph.

Chicago Record-Herald: But the democrats nominated their strongest man. Though Wil-

son had not been long in public life he had achieved distinction as the scholar in politics and enjoyed a national reputation. He had kept pace with the times, was a successful fighter of the bosses, had made a brilliant and successful campaign against machine rule. When he was nominated it was so commonly believed that he was a true progressive that large defections from the democracy were considered impossible. The very manner of his nomination, the superb generalship shown by Bryan made assurance doubly sure on this score, and he has justified the confidence that was reposed in him.

Dubuque (Iowa) Telegraph-Herald: Let us not forget, while cheering at Sea Girt, to give other cheers at Lincoln.

Let us not forget that the man who, more than any other made Governor Wilson's nomination and election possible, is William Jennings Bryan.

It was his great patriotism and masterful political genius that brought about what even at this distance seems a miracle—the nomination of the one man for president whom the bosses most wanted to defeat.

It was his unwavering courage that forced the Baltimore convention to repudiate the men who seek to underwrite the democratic party for their own selfish enrichment.

It was he, following unvaryingly the compass of right, who kept the democratic party at Baltimore true to its best traditions and made it impossible for the opposition truthfully to say that the nominee of the Baltimore convention was a bosses' man or a trusts' man.

There are those who say that William Jennings Bryan wrecked the democratic party. They must now, hats in hand, concede that Mr. Bryan has rehabilitated the democratic party.

YALE WILSON-MARSHALL CLUB

A Wilson-Marshall club, representing the organized democracy of Yale university, was recently organized at New Haven. Wilson C. Hodges was chosen president and Francis J. Bennett, secretary. The club had the sanction of the Connecticut democratic central committee, and co-operated with that organization in forwarding the cause of democracy in Yale university and the city of New Haven. At the first meeting the following resolution was adopted:

"Whereas, Believing in the purification of politics in the United States, and the carrying out of those ideals as set forth by our great leader and standard-bearer, Woodrow Wilson, the Wilson-Marshall club of Yale university sends greetings to Nebraska's most gifted son in his untiring efforts to destroy boss rule and in his everlasting persistency in urging the Baltimore convention to nominate for the presidency of the United States a patriotic and high-minded American citizen."

GOOD LITERATURE

The Commoner: The enclosed list of thirty subscribers which I hand you herewith, makes a total of 58 that I have sent you within the last three weeks. I find it is only a question of calling the attention of the democrats and also a good many republicans to Mr. Bryan's paper to get subscriptions. I attribute it very much to the fight that Mr. Bryan made at Baltimore. People are beginning to realize that he is fighting the people's battle and Mr. Bryan's influence is increasing every day. Of the list of 58 which I have sent you, there are 20 republicans. In my opinion there is nothing better than The Commoner for campaign literature. Yours very truly, E. E. DILATUSH, Decatur, Ill.

MR. BRYAN'S PLACE

San Francisco Star: In this hour of triumph, let it not be forgotten that we are indebted to William Jennings Bryan, more than to any other living man, for the best things that democracy stands for today. We are also indebted to him for Woodrow Wilson, whose nomination he made possible. The services that Bryan has rendered to the American people in sixteen years can not be measured today. He has stood for God, for justice, for truth, for the people and their rights. Not only has he fought a good fight, but in every particular he has kept the

faith, and in all the world no man has cleaner hands. Among great Americans, among great men of all times, his place is secure.

IS THE REPUBLICAN PARTY DEAD

The veteran editor, Henry Watterson believes that the republican party is dead. In an editorial, printed in the Louisville Courier-Journal, Mr. Watterson says: "Tuesday was a proud day for democracy. Nothing was wanting to give it substance, color and effect. The old saying that it never rains but it pours was verified. Mr. Tilden once declared that it requires a revolution to loosen the iron grip of the republicans and to secure a national victory for the democrats. Tuesday was a revolution. 'Groundswell,' exclaimed Hop Price on a memorable occasion. 'It was an earthquake.' After the overwhelming triumph of the democratic ticket, the most decisive feature of this revolution is the annihilation of the republican party. Its defeat is even greater than that sustained by the old-line whigs in the presidential election of 1852, when Scott, the whig nominee, carried but four states. The old whig party, be it said, had never any such hold as the modern republican party. That makes the collapse of the latter by contrast the more pregnant and surprising.

"The whigs had hopes of the last. The republicans can have none. But they made bold to stand against the world. Today there is none so poor to do them reverence. With its armor on, instinct with life, its lines of battle, its flags and trophies yet visible, the G. O. P. sinks as a great wall of stone and iron before a tornado into a heap of shapeless ruins. It will never rise again.

"The little that is left of it the bull moose will swallow, even as know-nothingism swallowed the little that was left of the whigs. The great ability of Woodrow Wilson is not denied by his enemies. No one has questioned his integrity or his courage. The platform on which he ran is logical, consistent and practicable. There is nothing empiric about it. In front of him rise certain great problems of government. But under the democratic plan their solution is possible, not theoretical. Behind him stands the democratic party, revitalized and regenerated, unterrified and undefiled.

"A vote for Wilson, therefore, was a vote for a change both of parties and policies, for better things, for hope. Once again, and for the third time in 52 years, democracy is intrusted with the government of the country. Shall its opportunity be lost as twice before it was lost by insufficient leadership?

"The word along the line is 'not on your life.' Let no democrat give entertainment to such a thought. Let nothing come between any democrat and his rejoicing. It was truly a long, long lane. But its turning is reached and democracy marches proudly into the great broad highway of a radiant future. Shout, boys, shout! Let our songs be 'Old Times Come Again at Last.'"

THE SUN'S WISH

New York Sun: The best wish that the Sun can express for the president-elect, a comparatively untried man facing an unparalleled opportunity, is that he may seize upon the windpipe of Bryanism at the very start, and with all the strength that the sinews of long, lean fingers possess, throttle that persistent and fatal thing into eternal silence.

GOOD MEN

The country and the democratic party are to be congratulated upon the fine character of the democratic United States senators and governors chosen at the recent election. Without an exception they are splendid men and may be depended upon to work for the advancement of popular government.

ONE WORD

It is reported that when Uncle Joe Cannon was informed of his defeat he used just one word and that was "Damn." The people, having a warm personal affection for Uncle Joe, greeted the news of his defeat with one word, "Glory."