

## Mr. Bryan's Birthday at Chattanooga, Tenn

Sixteen years ago "The Bryan Club" was organized in Chattanooga, Tenn., and for a number of years they have been meeting around the banquet table on the anniversary of Mr. Bryan's birthday. The Chattanooga News gives the following report of the club's celebration this year on the evening of March 19:

"Expressing confidence in the policy of William Jennings Bryan and admiration for his high standard of character, and at the same time urging party harmony in Tennessee, a group of representative Chattanooga democrats gathered around the banquet board at the Hotel Patten Thursday night. The occasion was in honor of Secretary Bryan's birthday, and was arranged by a committee composed of F. A. Hood, chairman, G. W. Chamlee, J. S. Shoff and Col. W. R. Crabtree.

"Mr. Hood acted as toastmaster, and during the evening there was a number of short addresses. A feature of the occasion was the reading of a letter from Congressman John A. Moon.

"In his preliminary remarks Mr. Hood referred to the progress the democratic party is making nationally, and declared that by uniting the democrats could make a clean sweep in Tennessee. The Bryan club, of which Mr. Hood is president, was organized in Chattanooga during the great commoner's first campaign for the presidency.

"Mr. Hood outlined the democratic legislation of the past year and

showed how the party had carried out its pledges. During his address he said, in part:

"First, this club was organized in 1898, sixteen years ago, in honor of W. J. Bryan, the great progressive leader, and he has been the progressive leader ever since 1896, and from that time until now the democratic party, in every national convention has taken advanced positions on progressive policies and principles, and now we have a progressive democratic administration. We have the most progressive, ablest and aptest president the country has ever had. President Wilson is a man of courage, of the highest honesty and great wisdom. He knows what to do, and does it. He has in the first year of his administration put more good legislation behind him than any president has done in four or eight years. There are two great measures to his credit—the revision of the tariff and the currency bill. The tariff measure is one of the best measures we have ever had. The currency and banking bill is the best that has ever been signed or that has come from the hand of any president, and when it becomes fully effective it will be far-reaching, a cure for panics. It will give us a safe, stable currency and banking system; it will taken the control of our national finances out of the hands of private individuals and a few men can no longer block the progress of the country.

"We have the income tax law, and that is a good law. It puts a part of the burdens of the government where they belong, and where they are easiest borne.

"Mr. Bryan has for sixteen years been advocating the election of United States senators by the people and now they are elected by the people, which brings that branch of government closer to the people.

"There are some minor acts of legislation that I have not time to discuss, and some trust legislation now in process that is intended to unscramble the big ones, unshackle and give more freedom to business and commerce. But I think that I am selfish about President Wilson's administration. I am selfish to want to see his administration the best the country has ever had. I am so selfish that I want to see the country progress and prosper more under his administration than under any former one. I want to see better business and fuller dinner pails, and I am again selfish to want to see, under his administration, the completion of the Panama canal, which will give us a shipway through the Culebra mountains and commercially join the two great oceans, and then the United States will occupy an island position which will give us a close frontage on the markets of the whole world, and our goods and wares will go out quickly and cheaply to all the markets, and no part of the world will be benefited so much as the United States and North America.

"Under democratic administration the government will do some railroad building for Alaska from tide-water to the interior, and that will mean great progress for Alaska; that will give the common man a chance and he can go there, build up and develop that territory. Alaska will give homes to and eventually take care of fifteen millions of people.

"My friends, while this is a day of democratic success and progress, behind all this progress stands Bryan, the great progressive democrat. For eighteen years with faith, honesty, courage and great wisdom he has pressed the fight for progressive principles and policies, and the people have accepted them and they

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"Almost from the beginning of the use of coffee it hurt my stomach. By the time I was fifteen I was almost a nervous wreck, nerves all unstrung, no strength to endure the most trivial thing, either work or fun.

"There was scarcely anything I could eat that would agree with me. The little I did eat seemed to give me more trouble than it was worth. I was literally starving; was so weak I could not sit up long at a time.

"It was then a friend brought me a hot cup of Postum. I drank part of it and after an hour I felt as though I had had something to eat—felt strengthened. That was about five years ago, and after continuing Postum in place of coffee and gradually getting stronger, today I can eat and digest anything I want, walk as much as I want. My nerves are steady.

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are now the fixed policies of this country. For eighteen years he has been pointing the nation towards the harbor of safety, and now under the greatest president we are entering that harbor, and if it is not a new birth of freedom it is a birth of safety."

"Col. Crabtree was the next speaker. He referred to the change in opinion as to Bryan that has taken place since he first ran for president. He attributed it to the fact that Bryan was misunderstood, and declared that the wisdom of his opinion and policies was coming to be more and more realized by the thinking people. Col. Crabtree said that Bryan was coming to be recognized as the greatest champion of the people's rights against the powers of the few.

"Col. Crabtree then told what he believed Bryan would do if he were a citizen of Tennessee. He declared that he believed the commoner would stand for such reforms as barring all campaign funds and eliminating the participation in political affairs by railroad and other corporation attorneys. He would favor, Col. Crabtree believed, a public service corporation

commission and would stand against political schemes hatched behind closed doors.

"Judge Moon's letter was then read, expressing his regrets at not being able to be present. He declared that the occasion should call forth a full and free expression of opinion on state and national affairs. He said that the national democratic party was united and was consistently carrying out its pledges to the people.

"Dr. M. B. Mocre, John M. Johnson, Geo. M. Chamlee, J. W. Hallberg, T. C. Latimore, Geo. F. Milton, T. C. Betterton, Judge N. L. Bachman, and others also made short talks."

The new compulsory education bill passed by the lower house of the South Carolina legislature provides that district school trustees shall furnish clothing and text books for poor children. Trustees are required to investigate all cases of alleged inability to attend school for reasons of poverty and are authorized to furnish necessities, paying for them from the public school fund.