

Tribute to Mr. Bryan in Jackson Club Speech

(The following report of an address of Judge Samuel White, delivered in August, 1915, is taken from the Portland, Oregon, Journal.—Ed.)

"I do not think that history records the name of any man in all time, who has rendered as great a service to mankind, and the cause of the plain people as has Mr. Bryan."

This lofty tribute was paid William Jennings Bryan by Judge Samuel White, who was the principal speaker at the meeting of the Jackson club. His subject was "Mr. Bryan—His Great Service to the Democratic Party and the Cause of the Plain People."

Judge White pointed to Bryan's labors in behalf of peace, declaring that in spite of the horrors of the present European war the world is ripe for such a peace movement as has been launched by Mr. Bryan.

Man Has Developed

"Man, as an individual, within the last 100 years has developed in civilization more than man in aggregations—the citizen more than the nations," said Judge White. "As a consequence, there is more brotherly love, more charity, more kindness, more consideration, more helpfulness among men as individuals than there is between men in collective units as nations."

"The code of morals which actuates and governs the individual is enlightened and civilizing. The code of morals which actuates and governs the nations of the earth—aye, the greatest and most enlightened of them—is still barbarous, inhuman and unChristlike."

"A part of Mr. Bryan's great work, in which he is just now engaging, is to make the world everywhere, even the crowned heads and rulers of nations, understand that there should be but one code of morals between men as individual citizens, and men collectively as nations. Nation-

Lessening the Cost

Complaint is often made that life insurance costs too much. Many times the ones who raise the question are very, very slow in signing an application. They put the agent off from time to time and do not treat with any degree of seriousness his attempt to explain a policy or to discuss the present need of insurance.

One way to lessen the cost of insurance would be to save this reckless waste of time of the prospect and the agent. Why force an agent to call from three to five, or a dozen times before granting him a genuine interview? Why delay facing and deciding a question the wife and children are so vitally interested in? Why neglect providing for your own old age until some forceful agent has induced you against your protest, silent or expressed, to sign the application?

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al ideals and standards should be even higher, purer and more ennobling than individual ideals and standards, for a government should reflect the best there is in its best citizenry.

Murder is Murder

"The intentional killing of a human being is just as deplorable, just as wrong, and should be in the minds of all men, just as much a crime when committed by men collectively as when committed by the individual. As a reasonable proposition, murder is just as much murder when committed by a nation as by an individual."

"The destruction or taking of another's property against his will is as indefensible and inexcusable when done by a nation as when done by an individual."

"A nation, if it lives up to its highest ideals, aye, if it lives up to the ideals of the best of its individual citizens, will scorn to do wrong to another nation either in its people's lives or property."

Inspired to Act in Harmony

"A nation which lives up to the highest ideals of Christianity and civilization will be inspired to act at all times in harmony and accord with that most ennobling sentiment and principle so courageously and forcefully expressed by our great and Christian President, Woodrow Wilson, when he said in his speech to the newly naturalized citizens of America at Philadelphia last spring, 'There is such a thing as a nation being so right that it does not need to convince others, by force, that it is right.'"

"The President, when he said this, was only giving utterance to American standards and ideals of national honor and duty; standards and ideals which are well-known and understood by the American people, but which are too far advanced along the lines of enlightenment. Christianity to be appreciated or understood by the benighted crowned heads of the old world."

Ideals Stand for Truth

"A few months ago some of the partisan fault-finding press of the country were charging that Mr. Wilson and Mr. Bryan were not schooled in European diplomacy and were making invidious comparisons concerning our diplomatic relations with the old world when we view the awful cataclysm in Europe resulting from European diplomacy, we should thank our lucky stars that Mr. Wilson and Mr. Bryan were not versed in the European brand of diplomacy."

"American ideals and American diplomacy, as represented by Mr. Wilson and Mr. Bryan, stand for truth, straightforward fair dealing, plain honesty between nations, the sacred rights of humanity and world peace—a peace which is the result of a conscientious regard for the rights of others."

"It has been Mr. Wilson's and Mr. Bryan's part, as representatives of this government in these unhappy times, to set an example to the world of a new diplomacy based upon justice and right. As the President so aptly puts it, 'the example of America must be a special example, not merely of peace because it will not fight, but peace because peace is a healing and elevating influence of the world, and strife is not.'"

Bryan Has Done Most

"Mr. Bryan's greatest service to this country has been in arousing

the people to a realization of the fact that the political powers and wealth of the nation was being used by the few in the interest of and for the enrichment of the few at the expense of the many.

"Mr. Bryan has done more than any other man to awaken the people out of their lethargy into an understanding and appreciation of their true rights, powers and responsibilities as citizens. He has done more than any man to divorce government from corrupt business, to take the legislative power out of the hands of selfish business interests and put it back where it properly belongs—into the hands of the people."

"Every piece of progressive legislation beneficial to the people which has been enacted in this country in the past 20 years, every piece of legislation taking the function of government out of the hands of the classes and restoring it to the people has been the result of Mr. Bryan's reform agitation."

Owned by Special Interests

"Prior to Mr. Bryan's advent into national politics, both of the two great political parties were under the control and in the hands of the special privilege classes; both parties absolutely ignored or evaded the will of the people and turned deaf ears to their supplications."

"Both parties were owned body and breeches by those who were looking for special legislative benefits. Corrupt business contributed to the campaign of both parties. Mr. Bryan drove the money changers out of the democratic temple, put the people in charge of party machinery and made its platform principles responsive to the demands of the plain people, restored the democratic party to popular favor, and made it what it is today, the party of the plain people, and the people in return placed it in power, where it will remain as long as it continues as the party of the people and retains their confidence by truly representing and carrying out the will of the people."

"To Mr. Bryan is due the credit as to no other man in this nation, of making it an instrument in the hands of the people to right the people's wrongs and to carry out the people's will as expressed in legislation."

HOW MR. BRYAN HELPS US

The strength of a nation is in its honest controversies. If every man agreed with his neighbor on every subject the nation would make no progress. The sort of people that possessed within themselves no differences of viewpoint would possess no initiative; in that condition of mental repose no thought would ever be fused into conviction by the heat of controversy. Hence when Mr. Bryan comes tonight for a lecture against preparedness he does not arrive to settle anything; he comes merely to present his viewpoint honestly and to the best of his unusual ability. His lecture will be worthy the attention of all thoughtful people. It will not have the effect of settling the attitude as to preparedness in Wichita, it will have the better effect of standardizing argument, of increasing the general intelligence upon the subject, of revealing men who have not thought much about it to themselves. They will go away from Mr. Bryan's meeting tonight either agreeing with him or searching their minds for argument with which to combat his theories. And whichever they do, the nation is profited because public thought has been increased, minds have been awakened and the wholesome process through which democracy must arrive at its final judgments has received valuable impetus.—Wichita (Kans.) Beacon.

THE NEW BEATITUDES

The anti-preparedness committee has given out a "new version of the beatitudes, according to the 'preparedness' school of metropolitan preachers."

The text is by the Rev. John Haynes Holmes, of the Church of the Messiah, New York city, and reads as follows:

"Blessed are the proud in spirit for theirs is the kingdom of earth."

"Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be pensioned."

"Blessed are the mighty, for they shall inherit the earth."

"Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after preparedness, for they shall be drilled."

"Blessed are the merciless, for they shall obtain victory."

"Blessed are the sure in heart, for they shall steal God."

"Blessed are the war-makers, for they shall be called the champions of God."

"Blessed are they that are conscripted for preparedness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of earth."

"Blessed are ye when men approach you and tax you and conscribe you; for my sake rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is our reward in battle; for so conscripted they the soldiers that were before you."

"Ye are the best of the earth; but if the best have lost their security, wherefore shall they not be bested. They are henceforth good for nothing, but to be cast down and trodden under foot of men."

"Think not that I am come to destroy; I come not to destroy, but to fortify. For verily I say unto you, that heaven and earth may pass away, unless all be prepared. Except your preparedness exceed the preparedness of the Huns and Japanese, ye shall in no wise enter into the kingdom of earth."

"Ye have heard that it was said to them of old time, thou shalt not kill, and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment. But I say unto you, whosoever is not prepared against his brother shall be in danger of the judgment. . . . Deal with thine adversary quickly, lest haply the adversary refer thee to the judge and the judge deliver thee to the court and then be cast into arbitration. Verily I say unto you, thou shalt by no means come out thence, till justice be done."

"Ye have heard that it was said, resist not evil. But I say unto you, that this is ridiculous. Whosoever shall smite thee upon the right cheek, smash him upon the other also. And whosoever shall seek to take away thy coat, seize his cloak also. An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth. . . . Whatsoever ye fear that men do unto you, prepare ye also to do unto them. May this be the law—and the profits!" —Topeka Capital.

PROHIBITION WINS IN MANITOBA

A Winnipeg, Man., Can., dispatch, dated March 13, says: Prohibition swept Manitoba today. Out of 150,000 votes the majority was 20,000 to 25,000. No part of the province voted against the Manitoba temperance act which was a referendum placed before the electors by the Norris government. Winnipeg went dry by 5,000. The province went dry 4 to 1.

Counting the cost is the next consideration Manitoba has to reckon with. One hundred ninety-seven licenses go out on May 1. The city and provinces will have to make up a deficit of a quarter of a million dollars. Alberta province goes dry July 1. Saskatchewan is under government liquor license and will vote on prohibition in December.

Within six months all of western Canada will be within the prohibition column.