

Mr. Bryan Campaigns for Wilson

IN ARIZONA

[From the Prescott Courier, Sept. 16.]

The dinner given in the big dining room of the St. Michael hotel, Friday evening, with Hon. William Jennings Bryan as the honored guest, was an epoch in Prescott's history. It was in no sense a democratic gathering, but rather an expression of the good will of all classes of citizens toward the great Commoner. Certainly after his address at the dinner, and his great oration afterward in the Elks theatre, no partisan hearer, be he republican, socialist or what not, could doubt the sincere Americanism of the great advocate of the rights of humanity.

At the dinner, Mr. Bryan was introduced in a few words by Senator Ashurst, as the "greatest apostle of human liberty" — five words which speak volumes.

Mr. Bryan spoke with manifest sincerity of his gratification that the young state of Arizona has admitted the equality of women by giving them the right to vote, thus placing Arizona in a position where she can consistently fight for national suffrage. He also expressed the greatest satisfaction because of the passage of the prohibition amendment.

He said that it was not his purpose at that time to make a political speech—that would come later; that he had met so many good republicans and so many bad democrats that he had learned that the good and the bad grow together, as do the tares and the wheat. Mr. Bryan expressed his great satisfaction that "Arizona has so splendidly lived up to her opportunities," and that she has manifested her leadership in the idea of popular government by the adoption of the initiative and referendum.

The speaker was so cordial, so sincere, in what was really more in the nature of a heart-to-heart talk than an attempt at oratory, that even those who are diametrically opposed to him politically were drawn to him.

The occasion was an unqualified success — the repast was excellent, which served to put the banqueters in good humor, and all departed at eight o'clock for the Elk's theatre with pleasurable anticipations of the greater discourse to follow.

Theatre Was Packed

This heading is literally true. When the diners arrived from the St. Michael they found Prescott's largest auditorium already jammed full of humanity to the very topmost seat of the gallery, and the aisles lined with those who were compelled to stand. Some went home to stay; others went home and returned with chairs. The platform was fittingly decorated with American flags, and when the speaker and a score or so of democratic committeemen and other prominent democrats had taken their places, the whole made a scene which was inspiring. Evidently it proved so to the speakers, for never before were there such orations heard in that building.

Pithy Speech by Ashurst

Senator Ashurst, having but just returned from Washington to his Prescott home, had been asked to make a few remarks of welcome to the honored visitor. This he did eloquently, and he also summarized the true principles of democracy as tersely as has ever been done by tongue of man. He called attention to the great achievement of Bryan in bringing about treaties with thirty

nations, these treaties being so framed as to make it practically impossible for nations to rush hastily at each other's throats, as was the case at the beginning of the present war. He dwelt briefly upon woman suffrage in Arizona, calling the attention of the ladies present particularly to the fact that this was a democratic state when they gained the ballot, and that years ago, when we had a republican governor a democratic legislature had passed a bill giving them equal suffrage and that said bill had been promptly vetoed by the republican governor, with Judge E. W. Wells, republican, then acting as attorney general of the territory and advisor of the republican governor. The speaker also called attention to the inconsistencies of Candidate Hughes, who has much to offer in the way of criticism, but nothing to suggest as remedy of the evils which he alleges. It was a pithy, pointed speech; a two-hour oration "boiled down" to fifteen minutes of statement of hard facts.

Morgan Introduces Bryan

My Friends: As chairman of this meeting, and on behalf of the national, state and local democratic committees I welcome you.

The primaries are over. The spirited contests decided on last Tuesday have served to unite in closer relationship the members of the democratic party in Arizona. The defeated candidates and their supporters are not skulking in the woods as the opposition would like to have them do. They are coming to the front and fighting in the van shoulder to shoulder with their democratic brethren. Past differences are forgotten. United, with impregnable front and in unconquerable hosts we are advancing to certain victory on the 7th of November.

We know not what other states may do, but we can assure the distinguished representative of the national democracy who is with us this evening that Arizona, politically, if not geographically, can be counted as part of the "Solid South." Arizona will vote overwhelmingly for the re-election of President Wilson. Mr. Ashurst will be returned to the senate and Hayden to the house. We will elect the governor and all our other state nominees, and fill the legislative and county offices with democrats.

Our party in Arizona, and particularly in this county, takes especial pride in its record on "Woman's Suffrage." The democrats of Yavapai county, who voted almost unanimously in favor of the equal suffrage amendment, and two years ago elected a woman to the state senate, have for the third time displayed their confidence in this principle by selecting Mrs. Edith Ruffner as their candidate for county recorder.

We are honored in having with us tonight the greatest champion of democracy and democratic principles since the days of Jefferson. When the history of our time is read by future generations the student will find the name of this man emblazoned on its pages in undying characters. He will read the record of a great citizen; of a man who for twenty years influenced, dominated and directed, by force of his genius and his personality, the destinies of a great political party. A man who always fought valiantly for the people's rights; who led the party and kept its legions intact in the face of certain defeat; and who as a private citizen witnessed its triumph and as a cabinet officer assisted that party

to put in force many of the just principles which he had so long and steadfastly advocated.

The name and fame of this man with each succeeding generation will grow brighter. He is not in the political firmament a flashing meteor which for a moment brightens the heavens, then is lost and forgotten. He is and has been for almost a quarter of a century the transcendent star of the political universe whose resplendent and refulgent rays shed their benign influence on the political affairs of the nation.

IN UTAH

Speaks at Ogden

[From the Ogden Examiner, Sept. 20.]

More than 300 people waited for more than twenty minutes at the north side of the union station yesterday before they were favored with a sight of William Jennings Bryan, the Commoner, who came to Ogden on his tour of championship of Woodrow Wilson for the presidency. Most of those who were at the station when the train to which was attached the private car Salt Lake, occupied by the Bryan party, pulled in were members of the reception committee. For some reason, though the train arrived on schedule time of 12:55, it was 1:10 before Mr. Bryan alighted and was greeted by the people assembled. There were cheers and waving of hats and handkerchiefs, as Mr. Bryan appeared accompanied by State Campaign Chairman Matthonah Thomas, Simon Bamberger, democratic candidate for governor; C. C. Richards, S. S. Smith, W. W. Browning and others.

Automobiles were in waiting and Mr. Bryan was whirled in a short trip about the main business and residence districts and then taken to the Weber club for luncheon in the private dining room. In his party at the luncheon were Matthonah Thomas, Aquilla Nebeker, U. S. marshal; Simon Bamberger, and others. About midway in the luncheon James H. Moyle, democratic national committeeman, joined the party.

From the Weber club the party went direct to the theatre.

A defense of the attitude of President Woodrow Wilson and his administration in the Mexican policy and the European situation and for women's suffrage, together with an outline of some of the things accomplished by the administration, were some of the points brought out in the address of Bryan at the Alhambra in firing the opening gun of the democratic campaign in Utah. The speech of the Commoner was heard by an audience of about 3,000 people, which filled every seat in the theatre auditorium, and on the stage, and crowded the aisles and entrances. At the conclusion of the speech an ovation, lasting 12 minutes was given Mr. Bryan. As many of those in the audience went to the stage and shook hands with the speaker and to each of whom he recalled some instance of many of his former visits to Utah in the past 20 years. When Mr. Bryan left the theatre he was given a reception at the front of the theatre by a crowd of about 300 admirers. Mr. Bryan went to Salt Lake at 4:40 o'clock and delivered an address at the auditorium at 8 o'clock. He continues his journey east this morning, and will make addresses at Laramie, Cheyenne, and one in the northern part of the state.

Almost an hour before the time for the beginning of the address, the Alhambra theatre was rapidly filling up and at the hour appointed for the address there was not a vacant



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seat in the theatre. It was a good natured and appreciative audience who passed the intervening time by listening to excellent pipe organ selections rendered by Professor Larson, director of the theatre orchestra. As Mr. Bryan and prominent democrats of the state came upon the stage Professor Larson played the "Star Spangled Banner," and the cheering audience arose. Without any delay Mr. Thomas, chairman of the democratic state committee, introduced Charles C. Richards as chairman of the meeting. Among those upon the stage was Simon Bamberger, Aquilla Nebeker, U. S. marshal; James H. Hoyle, national committeeman, and many county candidates.

Mr. Richards said:

"My friends and fellow citizens: We are here this afternoon, not as partisans, but as citizens of the greatest nation on earth, to greet and listen to one of the greatest statesmen, orators, politicians and leaders the world has ever produced. For a quarter of a century our distinguished visitor has been one of the most eloquent, forceful and magnetic expounders of democracy and defender of human rights that history has given us record of. To him, more than to any other person, are we indebted for the nomination, in the stirring convention of 1912, of our matchless President Woodrow Wilson; and to him, as much as to any other, are we indebted for President Wilson's election. His keen knowledge of the condition of the American people; his indomitable will; his magnetic eloquence, convincing logic and untiring efforts for the struggling masses have kept him dear to the hearts of the people and on the top rung of the ladder of fame and, after a quarter of a century, his light shines forth as brightly as ever. He has come to tell us why Woodrow Wilson should be re-elected president. I have the honor to present to you Honorable William Jennings Bryan."

Salt Lake City

[From Salt Lake Tribune, Sept. 20.]

William Jennings Bryan, former secretary of state, spoke to an immense gathering at the auditorium on Richards street last evening. The crowd not only jammed the big structure, but approximately 2,000 persons were unable to gain admittance. Mr. Bryan was enthusiastically received, and talked for nearly two hours on the issues of the campaign in the interests of President Wilson and the democratic party in general.

Not so much by direct attack against the policies of the republican