

BRYAN SPEAKS AT WEEPING WATER

Immense Erowd of Representative Cass County Citizens Gather To Honor Their Leader.

Questions Now Occupying the Attention of the Nation Were Aply Handled By Two of Nebraska's Favorite Sons.

With possibly one exception, the largest and most enthusiastic political gathering ever known or seen in Cass county, occurred at Weeping Water, on September 21, 1900. Not less than 4,000 people, consisting principally of the yeomanry of Cass and Otoe counties crowded the capacious and beautiful park, to listen for nearly four hours to words of wisdom, patriotism and unanswerable truths that fell from the lips of two of Nebraska's most distinguished sons.

On last Friday evening, one among the great political meetings now being held by William J. Bryan, was held at Weeping Water. The people—men, women and children—came from all directions to see, greet and shake hands with the ideal of the American people—William J. Bryan. Not only Cass county, but loyal and gallant old Otoe, the home of the Sage of Arbor Lodge, Julius Sterling Morton, the inveterate political enemy of William J. Bryan, came to Weeping Water by the hundreds and showed their loyalty to the great tribune of the people.

A special train was run from Plattsmouth by way of Union, consisting of four coaches, and after leaving Nehawka every coach was packed almost to suffocation. Old time democrats, old time republicans and old time greenbackers mingled together in the immense crowd.

The park where the meeting was held is one of the most beautiful in the state, just across the Weeping Water creek from the city of that name. The platform was at the north side of the park, and ground gradually rises to the south, so that those on the extreme south could see and hear quite as well as those nearer the stage.

Hon. W. D. Oldham, fusion candidate for attorney general, was the first speaker. He occupied nearly an hour, and his discussion of imperialism, militarism and other questions involved in the present campaign, was most masterful, profuse and convincing. His reference to the destruction of Roman liberty, and of the Carthaginian, by territorial expansion by conquest was peculiarly felicitous, and deliverance in the most eloquent language, and the applause throughout was hearty, and at times almost deafening.

After Mr. Oldham concluded, Mr. Bryan was introduced by the chairman, Dr. J. B. Hungate, and as Mr. Bryan arose to commence his speech, the audience went wild. Handkerchiefs waved in great profusion, hats were thrown in the air, four thousand people were shouting themselves hoarse, and it was fully ten minutes before the vast audience could be quieted. Mr. Bryan occupied about two hours and delivered, perhaps, the greatest, most eloquent, most argumentative and most convincing speech ever delivered by Mr. Bryan in Cass county or anywhere else.

Imperialism, militarism, the money issue, and every question presented in the Kansas City platform was thoroughly discussed. No abuse was made by Mr. Bryan of the republican party, but the methods of many of the leaders were thoroughly dissected and the truths made plain.

The foreign policy of the McKinley administration was discussed in a most masterly manner. Mr. Bryan was in excellent voice, and from start to finish held his great audience as if by magic, and at times, and frequently too, the plaudits were deafening and long continued.

At the close of his speech he received a great ovation, men, women and children shouting and striving to shake hands with their neighbor, friend and with the next president of the United States. The consensus of opinion is that this speech has added very largely to the fusion vote in Cass county.

In view of the great political work

Mr. Bryan has been doing during the last few weeks, it is simply wonderful and most marvelous how nature assists him in preserving his physical strength and endurance. The hand of God must be in his great struggle for the rights of freemen.

Death of Mrs. Chris Stohr.

Phillip Stohr, a young farmer from the vicinity of Cedar Creek, came to town Wednesday morning to secure information in regard to the rates charged for transportation to the old country, as his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Stohr, have for some time been contemplating such a trip. Shortly after his arrival here he received a telephone message announcing the death of his mother. She had suffered several smothering spells, and it is thought the cause of her death was heart disease. When the young man left home his mother appeared to be in the best of health, and the announcement of her sudden death was a great shock to him.

Gold Medal Contest.

The contest at Murray Tuesday evening for the gold medal was attended by a large crowd. Those competing for the prize were Roy Young, Mr. Burger, Elizabeth Craig and Grace McDonald of Murray; Miss Shinrock and Miss Hall of Omaha, Miss McDonald won first place and Miss Shinrock second. The former goes to Aurora in November to compete for the diamond medal.

In presenting the medal to the winner, Mrs. Shinrock made a neat little speech.

The judges were Mr. Garvin, Dr. Swartz and Mr. Fling of Nebraska City. The music was furnished by Misses Lillian Kauble, Florence White and Messrs. Hilt Wescott and J. C. Koch of this city.

Bur-Kett Still Wobbling.

Dunbar, Neb., Sept. 24.—E. J. Burket gave one of his slack wire performances at Dunbar Saturday evening to a fair sized audience, consisting to a great degree of fusionists, who came out of curiosity to see how he could evade the arguments of Mr. Berge, recently made here.

Some one gave him a tip that a few questions would be put to him regarding "Philippine independence" and the "Porto Rico law," and consequently he wore a troubled expression and made the assertion that he did that he did not believe there was a man in the United States who thought this country was drifting to imperialism.

He threw out a challenge for anyone in the audience who thought so to stand up. Three men rose to their feet, which seemed to stagger the speaker for a time. Then, gathering all his energy, he most shamefully abused these men for standing up for their convictions. His entire address was made up of vague assertions without any foundation. For instance, he claimed McKinley confidence and prosperity had raised the price on all the farmer has to sell, including horses and mules, insulting the intelligence of the farmers.

He was taunted several times during his short stay here about refusing to debate with his opponent, Judge Berge.

Quite a large crowd will go from here to Nebraska City Wednesday, when Mr. Bryan speaks in the evening.

Old Landmarks Go.

Louisville is keeping pace with the procession in the line of improvements. H. E. Pankonian has a force of men at work tearing down the old Albee hotel building and will replace it with a fine brick with a 50-foot front and 60 feet deep to be used as an implement store. The building now being removed is an old landmark, having been erected by Prof. Albee,

deceased, away back in the pioneer days, for a hotel.

Protection of Militia Does Not Result in Resumption of Operations.

Philadelphia, Pa., Sep. 24.—Instead of the expected clash between the troops and the striking miners in the Schuylkill region today, a peaceful calm pervaded the region and there was not the slightest disorder for the soldiers to be called on to quell. In fact, in all the districts of the anthracite coal fields the day was extremely quiet, there being no demonstration whatever on the part of the strikers.

While the operators claim that a number of their employes returned to work in the mines in the Schuylkill region, it was early in the day evident that operations did not assume the activity which the mine owners had yesterday expected, and indications tonight are that tomorrow will find more idle colliers than since the strike began.

Meets Death in a Well.

A distressing accident occurred Wednesday of last week at the farm of William, Sutton, jr., south of Rock Bluffs, resulting in the death of a child. Mrs. Sutton was drawing a bucket of water from the well, while her two-year-old daughter was leaning against the curb, and, as the lady turned to pour out the water, the curb, which evidently was not secure, toppled over and the child was precipitated to the bottom of the well.

In falling, the child's head and shoulders struck against the stone wall, and death probably resulted instantly. Mrs. Sutton summoned assistance at once, and in a short time the body of the unfortunate child was hauled out of the well. The body was frightfully bruised and crushed.

The funeral was held Thursday afternoon, interment being made at the Rock Bluffs cemetery.

Their Names Caused Trouble.

William Neville of Plattsmouth was at the state house yesterday visiting friends. This Mr. Neville is not the William Neville who is representing the Sixth congressional district at this time, though they are of the same political faith.

"I know Congressman Neville well," said Mr. Neville, "as I became acquainted with him in a peculiar way many years ago when I was a member of the legislature. During the session Congressman Neville frequently attended court in Lincoln. He was a comparatively young man then and was to be married soon. One Saturday when I went home my wife handed me a bill for household furniture amounting to \$175. Of course it devolved upon me to explain that I was not furnishing another house besides my own, a feat in which I think I succeeded. I told my wife if she would send the bill to North Platte she would probably find the right man. In those days Congressman Neville and I often got our mail mixed, but when I received a letter which began, 'My Darling William,' I knew it was not for me, but for the other man, who was then in that business."

The Nebraska City News has the following to say of Mr. Bryan's visit to that city last Wednesday night: "A cold wave assisted by Jupiter Pluvius was not sufficient to dampen the ardor of the thousands who assembled last evening to hear the next president of the United States, Hon. W. J. Bryan, Col. Smythe and J. Harrison Lewis. It was one of the greatest political gatherings ever held in this city, and it was one of the very best meetings. Those who imagined that the people of Nebraska City would so far forget themselves as to do violence to the speakers or in any way attempt to interfere with free speech were woefully mistaken; those who imagined the various stories sent out for the purpose of disparaging people or preventing them from attending would accomplish their purpose were also mistaken. In spite of rain, cold, wind, adverse circumstances and unscrupulous opposition, it was one of the grandest rallies ever held in this city."

Saturday evening a jolly crowd of young folks called at the home of Miss Frances Ptacek, in the west part of town, and enjoyed a pleasant social time. Games were played and ice cream and cake was served. Among those present were Misses Mary and Frances Ptacek, Emma Hadraba, Mary Numbal, Josephine Wurga, Martha and Florence Muchlincki, Julia Skoumal, and Messrs. Anton Choutka, Mike and William Wurga, John Wooster, Joe Hadraba and James Ptacek.

A rather serious accident occurred at the B. & M. hammer shop Tuesday. While hammering a piece of steel, Abe Stull caught his hand under the hammer, where it was so badly mashed that it was necessary to amputate the first three fingers. Only the thumb and little finger were saved.

A VICTORY FOR STRIKERS.

Great losses have been sustained by Kentist beekeepers owing to the intense heat having run the honey from the comb, making it useless and smothering many swarms of bees.—London Express.

Costly College Athletics.

In the past year, according to authority, Harvard, Yale, Columbia, Princeton, Pennsylvania and Cornell universities expended \$304,243 on athletics.

Where Pasturage Counts.

It is now a question with Missouri farmers as to which is the most profitable, the dairy or the Belgian hare industry. One family of hares will consume more pasturage than a whole colony of cows.—St. Louis Star.

Author and Professor.

Professor Oliver J. Lodge, recently appointed principal of the University of Birmingham, England, is the author of several scientific works. He is a leading authority on electricity.

Dewey Arch.

For over a year New York City has been passing the hat for subscriptions to the Dewey arch on Fifth avenue. Less than half the required amount has been promised and only a small part of that has taken the form of cash payment. They now talk of pulling it down as an obstruction. Its original beauty has long been concealed by a thick coating of city grime and the chairman of the committee having the enterprise in charge expresses his willingness to have the arch removed.

Order of the Crown.

As a mark of appreciation of the conclusion of the commercial agreement between the United States and Germany the Emperor has conferred upon the ambassador of the United States, Dr. von Holleben, the order of the crown; upon Herr Koerner, of the foreign office, the order of the red eagle, and upon Herr Herman, who is attached to the embassy at Washington, the order of the royal eagle of the fourth class.

Westminster Abbey Crumbling.

Considerable alarm is expressed in England over the discovery that the stone work of Westminster abbey is so badly rotted in some places that only a touch of the finger is needed to make it crumble into dust. This condition has been brought about by acid fumes from the famous Lambeth potteries. These fumes are largely produced by hydrochloric acid and measures are being considered looking to a remedy for the trouble.

Lord Hopetoun's Entertaining.

Lord Hopetoun, the new governor-general of Australia, is expected to dazzle the colonials with his magnificent entertaining. He is taking an enormous amount of baggage with him, and what he may do as governor-general of the united colonies may be inferred from the fact that when he was governor of one of them, a few years ago, his wine bill alone at the Government house, in Melbourne, amounted in one year to more than the sum total of his official salary.

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King Confers an Honor.

Mr. J. Parker Anderson, one of the librarians of the British Museum, who is a native of Jedburgh, has had conferred on him by the king of Serbia for literary services commander (third class) of the Order of St. Sara.

Favorite Food of Animals.

Sea lions, seals, walrus and pelicans are fed on fish when in captivity, monkeys, young lions and hippopotami drink milk—a full-grown hippopotamus will absorb fifteen quarts of milk in a day. Polar bears live on bread; monkeys like fruit.

Relic of the Civil War.

Colonel H. C. McMaken, on behalf of the local G. A. R. post, recently wrote a letter to Congressman E. J. Burkett, asking that gentleman to use his influence with the war department towards securing a cannon for the old veterans of this place. Mr. Burkett at once wrote to the secretary of the war department, and Mr. McMaken has just received a very favorable reply from Washington, together with a list of 300 guns to select from. An extract of the letter from the war department is as follows:

"If the commander of your post will make a selection from this list, naming the fort from which they wish the gun shipped, and forwarding his application to this office through Hon. E. J. Burkett, for his approval, instructions will be given to have a gun donated to your post. The law does not authorize the issue of cartridges for the guns mentioned, and it provides that the United States shall be at no expense on account of transportation or other incidental expenses in connection with the donations. In making application for a gun it will be well to make two selections, as the first gun may have been issued in the meantime."

At a meeting of the post Saturday night Messrs. H. C. McMaken, C. L. Marshall, H. J. Streight and B. C. Kerr were appointed a committee to select a cannon and arrange for having it transported to Plattsmouth.

Upon its arrival the cannon will be put up in some conspicuous place, and will certainly be a relic of which every citizen can be proud. Quite a number of the "old boys" would like to see it adorn the court house lawn, and will make a strong effort with this end in view.

PERSONAL.

Attorney A. M. Russel came in from Weeping Water, Saturday.

W. H. Hill of Eight Mile Grove was a county seat visitor Monday.

Banker Edwin Feary of Elmwood, was a county seat visitor Saturday.

Attorney H. D. Travis was doing legal business at Weeping Water, Tuesday.

Messrs. Chas. Ahl, Henry Keil and L. P. Pollard of Nehawka were in town Saturday.

Roy A. Dodge entered the Omaha medical college Monday. This is his last year as he will graduate next June.

John Hirz, a well known precinct farmer, was in town Monday and remembered the Journal with a pleasant call.

H. W. Cory, editor of the Sac County (Iowa) News, was in the city visiting his brother, John, and family this week.

M. S. Briggs went up to Omaha Monday and completed arrangements for receiving telegraphic market reports daily.

Mrs. W. B. Babbitt and two daughters of Cedar Rapids, Neb., who have been visiting relatives here for a couple of weeks, have returned home.

C. S. Sherman, who is now employed as telegraph editor on the Lincoln Evening News, visited in this city and a Mynard Saturday evening and Sunday.

F. J. Dickson of Louisville was in town Saturday, setting up the affairs of the defunct Rochford hardware store. Mr. Dickson was appointed receiver of the stock by the bankruptcy court.

Deputy State Treasurer Sam Patterson arrived in the city from Lincoln, Monday forenoon and returned to his duties at the capital in the evening. He reports that the feeling at the fusion headquarters is sanguine for the success of the whole ticket with the usual majorities, if they are not greatly increased.

Half Fare Rate to St. Louis.

See the St. Louis fair.

One fair for the round trip via the Burlington route—only \$11.50 to St. Louis and return.

Tickets on sale September 30, to October 5, inclusive. Return limit, October 8.

For tickets, or further information, call on nearest agent of the Burlington route, or write to J. Francis, General Passenger Agent, Omaha.

There is nothing like having a "drag." No one was able to get Congressman Burkett to do anything in Washington, except Judge Newell. The latter has property interests in Frontier county, and Burkett succeeded in getting a bill through congress for the re-survey of that county.

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Successful English Novelist.

Marie Corelli is the most financially successful English novelist of the time. Her income is said to average \$40,000. This surpasses all known records except that of Walter Scott, whose total literary earnings amounted to about \$1,500,000. The late Robert Louis Stevenson earned \$150,000 in twelve years, and Rudyard Kipling is credited with having just about equaled that achievement.

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