



WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN.

THOUSANDS CHEER BRYAN

Trip Through Western Nebraska One Continuous Ovation to the Great Commoner.

PEOPLE TRAVEL MILES TO GREET HIM

With Wisdom, Eloquence and Fearlessness, the Champion of the Common People's Cause Proclaims a Rightful Inheritance Wreathed from Them by Injustice and Greed.

"BRYAN, BRYAN," everywhere.

Amid a whirlwind of applause, Hon. William Jennings Bryan made his triumphant tour throughout western Nebraska this week.

It was a trip long to be remembered as the most important in the history of public men expounding important questions. That the pride of Nebraska was cheered and feasted as no man has ever before been treated was evident and he and his company were most expressive in thanks for the magnificent receptions at every point and the warm friendship and hospitality accorded them by the people of all parties. It was a remarkable trip in one respect and that was the glad hand of good fellowship extended as it never was before. Even Mr. Bryan was dumbfounded over the frankness with which hundreds of others than his party followers met and talked with him on the issues of the day. Even as the official Republican organ of Alliance put it in Tuesday's report of the meeting here, fully one-half of the audience at the Bryan meeting were Republicans. So it was everywhere, the same. Party lines seemed entirely eliminated on Mr. Bryan's trip. That the distinguished visitor enjoyed the trip was evident, and as the special train carrying him and his associates sped over the beautiful green prairies of this section of the state, an expression of complete contentment overspread the orator's manly countenance. He gazed through the car window over the landscape like one in deep admiration of a pleasing picture.

Mr. Bryan and party, composed of Edgar Howard of the Columbus Telegram, Arthur Mullen, president of the Bryan Volunteers of Nebraska, Secretary Gruenther of the same organization, and Official Reporter A. P. Sprague, Sunday at Valentine where Mr. Bryan was the guest of Hon. A. M. Morrissey, who will represent this district at the democratic national convention as delegate. His time Sunday was spent in delivering two lectures on topics of a religious nature, namely, "The Prince of Peace" and "Signs of the Times." Early Monday morning the party started for Chadron by special train, arriving there at an early hour. Here Mr. Bryan was the guest at breakfast at the home of Judge A. W. Crites. Shortly after, Mr. Bryan found himself in the midst of an audience of great numbers in the opera house to whom he spoke on the issues of the

day for two hours. It is reported that his arguments brought forth the applause of the audience so vociferously that it was feared at times the roof of the building might be raised.

A special train awaited the distinguished party at Chadron to convey them to Crawford, a delegation from the latter place headed by the Fort Robinson band being present. Judge Westover was among the prominent men to accompany Mr. Bryan to Crawford. It was about 12:30 when the train rolled into the town, the depot platform swarming with humanity who stood out in a drenching rain eager to get the first glimpse of the distinguished visitor. When Mr. Bryan stepped from his car it seemed as if the surging mass of people would swallow him up before he could be hustled into a vehicle awaiting him. "Bryan, Bryan," everywhere. Bands played, engines screeched, men cheered and the clapping of thousands of hands echoed through the rain.

An elaborate program was mapped out by the committee at Crawford for the reception of Mr. Bryan. Following an address at Syndicate opera house, his party was escorted to the hotel, where a sumptuous banquet was tendered him, Mayor C. H. Chase delivered a brief address of welcome and State Representative George M. Adams acted as 'toastmaster.

Mr. Bryan spoke briefly, thanking the people for the hearty reception. He took occasion also to recommend to the people the Bryan Volunteers, under whose auspices the present state tour made, and said that organization was the foundation of success.

The menu card was headed with a portrait of the honored guest and beneath it was a picture of the White house, with a significant inference connecting the two pictures.

And still it rained. The streets were crowded with an immense throng awaiting the hour when Mr. Bryan would appear at the city park south of town for his principal speech. Though the thoroughfares and roads were literally covered with mud and water, the crowd tracked on ankle deep in slush to get a seat in the amphitheatre in advance of the speaker and party. It is estimated that 4,000 people listened to the distinguished Nebraskan at this place. Mr. Bryan's speech included a review of the financial condition of the country, the banking system, and other issues that will be important questions

in the coming national campaign and which will be fully put forth by the democratic party.

At the conclusion of Mr. Bryan's speech an informal reception and hand-shaking took place in which thousands surged forth eager to grasp the hand of the next president.

The hour had now arrived for the trip east over the Burlington railway and the delegation that arrived from Alliance by special train in the morning took charge of Mr. Bryan and they were escorted to the depot where at 4:19 p. m. the special started on the trip to Alliance.

The special train consisted of six coaches, well filled with people from this city, Hemingford, Marsland and Belmont. The first stop was made at Belmont which was for but a few moments, Mr. Bryan going to the rear platform and shaking hands with the people who had gathered at this point.

When Marsland was reached quite a large gathering of people were waiting to welcome the special and hear Mr. Bryan in a short talk, which was along lines of general governmental affairs. He complimented himself on the fact that he was a citizen of the great state where he observed so much thrift and energy and he paid a compliment to the people of western Nebraska that indicated that he held them near and dear to his heart. Mr. Bryan is a typical Nebraskan and he is so proud of the fact that he never loses an opportunity to speak of it.

Hemingford was the next stop. Here Mr. Bryan had the pleasure of addressing several hundred people. He spoke for fifteen minutes and graphically ran over important questions of the day that are being daily expounded through the democratic press and of which he is the father.

Being somewhat late, Engineer Davenport and Conductor Armour turned them loose for a hurry-up trip to Alliance. It was after six o'clock when the train pulled into the depot platform amid the cheering of thousands of voices. The Fort Robinson band accompanied the delegation and joined in the tumult in honor of the occasion.

Muddy streets and crowded sidewalks were the condition of affairs here as elsewhere and the delegation finally crowded its way to the Hotel North-West where quarters had been secured for Mr. Bryan and his party. An elaborate supper had been prepared and was in readiness when they were ready for the repast. The menu was elaborate and the tables in the dining room of this popular place were engaged by all who were able to secure supper tickets.

The fact that the weather for several days before the event was rainy and windy, kept many from attending the speech, yet it is estimated that there were several thousand out-of-town visitors in town. A delegation from Bridgeport, Scottsbluff and Mitchell arrived that day to escort the party over the Guernsey line the next morning.

There is no doubt that Alliance took the lead in way of preparation and arrangements for the important speech Mr. Bryan was to make on this trip. The question of where to accommodate the great numbers that would be here perplexed the committee. An out-door gathering was the only thing to be considered, no building in the city being able to hold the crowd. This obstacle was happily overcome when Dr. Bellwood announced that he would tender his residence and beautiful lawn for the purpose. It was just the thing, and Dr. Bellwood was particularly gratified that he could in this way show his appreciation for the great Commoner, whom he has always held in the highest regard. Not only this, the genial doctor appointed himself a committee of one to see that the place was put in the best of order for the occasion. He even denied himself the pleasure of the trip to meet Mr. Bryan along with the other boys from here, to look after the arrangements. It never rains but it pours. Manager Lawrence of the electric light plant was asked if lights could be secured for the occasion and he too broke forth in a desire to show what he could do to show Bryan that he was a good fellow, and the way he trimmed up the grounds with electricity was grand. Owing to the threatening weather the electricians were not able to get to work till late in the afternoon, but they nevertheless strung electrical bulbs that brought forth Bryan's name and the word "welcome" most conspicuously. The Bellwood residence was arrayed in hundreds of lights that lent a most enchanting appearance. It was a good job and the committee feels gratified with the efforts of Mr. Lawrence.

The second story of the residence had been reserved for the band and shortly before eight o'clock they appeared but not before the spacious lawn and far into the streets the people

crowded for desirable positions. Though the night was chilly and damp when the military band opened up with one of the popular pieces the audience forgot all else but the sweet strains and cheered the band boys lustily.

Shortly after eight o'clock Mr. Bryan was brought to the house and escorted to the lower balcony where he made his speech. He was surrounded by a number of Alliance people, besides others from abroad which included Mr. Garrett, democratic aspirant for lieutenant-governor, who was also a member of the Bryan contingent.

After an invocation by Rev. J. L. Vallow of the M. E. church, the distinguished speaker was introduced by Mr. Robt. Graham in a few words. The approach of Mr. Bryan on the platform was heralded by great applause from the audience and the kindly expression of the man so near to the hearts of Nebraskans whose favorite son he remains gave warmth to the hearts of the audience despite the chilly, damp wind that swept over them.

Mr. Bryan spoke for over two hours and covered the field of questions pertaining to governmental affairs completely.

Imperialism, which today is sapping the vitality of the nation in the Philippines was most explicitly explained by Mr. Bryan. How the wealth of the nation was being expended for islands 7,000 miles away. The question of plutocracy and democracy was explained most thoroughly. How the former held for the rich only, while democracy was the doctrine of all the people of a nation. The tariff which today threatens the republican party and on which they are divided was a prominent subject and, of course, the question was presented from a democratic standpoint, as the party has always advocated a lowering of the same. The spirit of the speaker was noticeably aroused when he reached the all-absorbing discussion of combinations and trusts. Here Mr. Bryan appears as a gladiator, his voice rising in fearless defense of the American people. He jumps at this serpent which today is striking at every home and thunders out in no uncertain tone a warning to the people to beware of its poisonous bite. It is the destruction of the government, the spirit that is preparing the way for plutocracy and serfdom.

Mr. Bryan included in this question that of government by injunction. How laws were applied to disarm the laboring class at the behest of the rich. A horse thief could demand a trial by jury, but a poor man whose rights were circumvented would be cast in prison if the petition were proposed. Shame upon the court that would so throttle liberty and justice. The passing of the recent emergency currency bill by congress was spoken of by Mr. Bryan as an injustice and he held the dominant party responsible for the same. This bill is in the interest of Wall street bankers and gamblers who can now use the government treasury as a common purse in time of need. He endorsed the banking system now in vogue in Oklahoma, which secures the depositor with a reserve fund taxation.

The labor question received its important consideration, and Mr. Bryan urged employes of railroads and other corporation to stand up for their rights and repulse intimidations for it was the people and not the combinations who, after all, were their helpmates. A corporation cares only for the poor man's vote, and after that has served its purpose he is cast aside or discharged on the least pretext.

Mr. Bryan concluded his speech by denying the accusation that he was attempting to array the rich against the poor. But he wanted to act as a peace mediator between the two so that they might become acquainted with each other without waiting till they crossed the river of life to become introduced on the other shore. He wanted to see a getting together ere that time and if he has his way about it the task will be accomplished.

After the speech Mr. Bryan was surrounded by hundreds of people anxious to express their approval of the principles he expounded and to shake his hand.

It was the conclusion of a strenuous day for the "Peerless Leader" and while his voice showed signs of huskiness, he performed his task well and the genial smile imparted to those who met him will not soon be forgotten.

After the speech and reception, Mr. Bryan was piloted to the Elks club where an informal reception took place. He then repaired to his room at the Northwest Hotel, expecting to leave on the early morning train for Bridgeport in company with his associates and the delegation in whose company he was to travel.

A meeting of members of the Bryan Volunteer club took place at the Northwest Hotel late Monday evening at which President Arthur Mullen and Secretary Gruenther outlined the campaign to be inaugurated by the club in state during the coming campaign. Mr. Gruenther as secretary has the matter well arranged, and the party's interests will be ably taken care of under these two gentlemen's leadership.

MEMORIAL DAY

Is Honored by Veterans of the Grand Army and Many Other Patriots.

Each recurring Decoration Day is sadder than the one that went before. There are fewer of the old heroes in line, and the frost and weight of the years that have passed since the titanic struggle between brothers show plainer upon those not yet called than ever before. Soon there will be no one to say even "missing" when the roll is called. All will be "keeping the silent bivouac of the dead."

Will Decoration Day then be forgotten? Will the memory of these departed heroes perish from the earth? Will their children, in the struggle for place and power in this selfish world, forget the respect, honor and veneration they owe their parents for preserving this Union and making it the greatest Nation on earth?

Forty-odd years have passed since the close of the great civil conflict, and the memory of the services and sufferings of that strenuous period is yet burning in the minds of the surviving participants. And they will bequeath it as a sacred heritage and obligation to their children.

No. Decoration Day will not be forgotten as long as love, honor, patriotism and liberty endure.

Decoration services were held in Alliance on Sunday this year. At 3 p. m. a procession was formed at the opera house corner of soldiers of the civil and Spanish-American wars, and proceeded to the cemetery in vehicles. The twenty-eight soldiers' graves there were decorated with flags and flowers.

A union memorial service was held at the Baptist church Sunday evening, presided over by Dr. H. P. V. Bogue, of the Presbyterian church. Rev. G. C. Jeffers, of the Baptist church, prayed, and Rev. J. L. Vallow, of the Methodist church, delivered an appropriate oration. Music was provided by two quartettes composed of Mrs. J. O. Thomas, Misses Kate Bogue and Ruth Aspenwall and Acheson. Jas. H. H. Hewett, Frank Pearson F. H. Strout and Wayne Zediker.

RAILWAY NOTES AND PERSONALS

C. H. Grothe and A. T. Fitt spent Sunday in Denver, returning today.

Mrs. Frankie Stewart is on an extended visit with relatives at Louisa, Mo.

Mrs. J. W. Reed and daughter Ruth are visiting at Deadwood with relatives.

Superintendent Birdsall is making an inspection trip over the Deadwood line this week.

Superintendent Lyman of Sterling passed through Alliance Tuesday enroute to Lincoln.

Chief Clerk Holden of Sterling was in the city Wednesday to attend the wedding of F. A. Hively.

Brakeman C. F. Yockey and wife are visiting friends and relatives in Scottsbluff this week.

Mrs. W. S. Metz returned to Alliance last week from an extended visit in the eastern part of the state.

Mrs. M. O. Joder and daughter departed on 44 Tuesday for Madison, Wis., to visit her parents and other relatives.

Engineer Bales and Fireman Joe Raby have been transferred to Ravenna on the new run between Ravenna and Broken Bow.

Steve Tupper, an old-time employe of the road at this point, is in the city this week visiting friends. Mr. Tupper is now agent at Hardin, Mont.

Conductor W. J. Hamilton and W. J. Pool returned Sunday from Omaha where they were initiated into the fourth degree of the Knights of Columbus.

Engineer D. Landrigan and wife are visiting friends in Falls City, Neb. Mr. Landrigan attended an initiation of a class of Knights of Columbus there last Sunday.

Frank Potmesil who has been employed in the master mechanic's office the past year, has left the service and will make his home on his ranch northeast of the city this summer.

C. P. Hamilton, the genial baggage man who has been employed at this station for some time, has been transferred to Lincoln where he will assume his former position as express messenger between that city and Ravenna.

The "devil" has had another poetic spasm, and the following is the result:

THAT NEW AUTO
Did you ever see an autoist
Who didn't trust to luck?
Just see the way the editor
Rides around in his new Buick,
A-buckin' in the sticky mud
And a-tyin' at a post—
Next thing we'll hear of that machine
A-sein' of a ghost.
It sure is an imposin' sight
To see him sittin' there
With nothin' in the world to do
And not a bit o' care.
But, Gee! it is a risky thing
A-drivin' it alone,
For the way it "jiggers" sometimes
Fairly makes a fellow groan.

Postmaster Tash, wife and daughter Nellie and Miss O'Keefe composed a party who autoed to Hemingford Decoration day to attend memorial services. The attendance was large, nearly 120 vehicles being in the procession to the cemetery. An interesting address was delivered by Rev. Vallow, the M. E. pastor of this city. The people of Hemingford and vicinity always manifest much interest on such occasions and it is a well known fact that no town in the state can boast a better or more patriotic class of people than those who reside there. Whenever an educational meeting is held or any public man of note comes to the county to speak, Hemingford is well represented. We almost forgot to say that the editor acted in the capacity of chauffeur on the trip, which was made either way in an hour, Mr. Tash rendering such valuable assistance as opening gates, carrying water, watching the speedometer and the telegraph poles along the road. We didn't even run out of gasoline on this trip.

Arthur Mullen, president of the Bryan Volunteers of Nebraska, returned yesterday from Scottsbluff to which place he accompanied the Bryan party, and left on the afternoon train for Broken Bow to attend to some business matters before returning to his home at O'Neill. He reports a splendid meeting at Scottsbluff, about 8,000 people being there to hear the great commoner.

W. P. Stephens, better known as "Billy Speed," is in the city again and busy writing signs on the windows of business houses. He's the best in that line that ever struck Alliance, his work being artistic—and he's sure got the speed. Mr. Stephens is different from the average traveling paint artist, as he is temperate and provident and gentlemanly in appearance and deportment.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS
REPORTED BY
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James G. Kennedy to Ida J. Ralls, lots 50 and 51, Co. add to Alliance, \$450.

J. D. Workman to Frank Gugskeys, lots 1 and 2, blk 5, Wyo. Ave add to Alliance, \$70.

Charles A. Anderson to Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R. R. Co. south 150 feet of lot 8, blk Y, Sheridan add to Alliance, \$1200.

Fred H. Mollring to R. M. Hampton, lot 5, blk 1, 1st add to Alliance, Nebr., \$1650.

F. E. Holsten to Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Ry Co. so. 150 ft. of lot 1, blk 6, Sher. add to Alliance, Nebr., \$650.

F. M. Knight to C. B. & Q. Ry. Co. so. 150 ft. of lot 2, blk X, Sheridan add to Alliance, Nebr., \$650.

James Doherty to C. B. & Q. Ry. Co. so. 2 ft. of lot 7, and lots 8 and 9, blk 5, Hitchcock, Hills and Snedeckers add to Alliance, \$400 and lots 3 and 4 and n of lot 5, Sher. add to Alliance.

Raymond Bros. & Clark Co. to C. B. & Q. Ry. Co. lot 2, and s of lot 3, blk 6, Hitchcock, Hills & Snedeckers add to Alliance, \$175.

Lincoln Land Co. to C. B. & Q. Ry. Co. lot 6 and s of lot 5, blk Y, Sheridan add to Alliance, Nebr.

Notice to Taxpayers

This being re-assessment year, the Board of Equalization will meet on June 9, 1908, and remain in session until all adjustments are made. All persons having grievances must appear at this time, as no adjustments will be made after this meeting adjourns.

By order of County Board.
24-2t

Notice to Advertisers

The Herald will be issued on Thursday forenoon henceforth, so that delivery to city subscribers may be made by the regular mail carriers early in the afternoon. Copy for advertisements must be in not later than Wednesday forenoon to insure publication.

Lost—Small gold locket with initials "L. C. T." engraved on front. Reward for return to Lloyd C. Thomas, room 20, Rumer block, Alliance. 24-2

For Sale—An extra good four-year old dark brown Percheron stallion. Enquire at the Phillips livery barn or address J. A. Keegan, Alliance. 2t

The John Hague Co., hardware, heating and plumbing, also tin and galvanized work.

For Rent—A 4-room house. Inquire at Herald office.