

THE BRYAN BANQUET

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KEY NOTES OF PROGRESS

Holcomb, Poynter, Weaver, Bryan and Others Deliver Brilliant Orations.

Things to Think About.

The banquet that was given to Col. Bryan at the Lincoln hotel on last Friday night was a brilliant and enthusiastic affair. It was the third that had been given to Mr. Bryan by the Nebraska Traveling Men's club and was the most successful of them all.

PLEASURES OF BEING GOVERNOR.

At midnight Mr. T. F. Lasch, president of the club, in a short speech introduced A. J. Weaver as toastmaster. Mr. Weaver complimented the club, paid a tribute to Mr. Bryan as the democratic leader and introduced Governor Holcomb. The governor was loudly and vociferously cheered. He was to tell what pleasures there were in being governor. One was to attend the travelling men's annual banquets which he had done three times in succession.

HITCHECK ON THE VOLUNTEER.

Gilbert M. Hitchcock of the Omaha World-Herald responded to the toast "The Volunteer." He was liberally applauded on taking the floor. Though the toast, which he had prepared was "The newspaper in politics," a misunderstanding having occurred between him and the program committee as to his toast, yet he spoke eloquently and effectively on the toast designated on the program.

THE O. C. P. IN NEBRASKA.

Hon. W. D. Oldham followed with a characteristic speech in responding to "The republican party in Nebraska." If he were selected to draft an epitaph for the republican party's strategy board, he would follow the language of the epitaph which he said was discovered on the Wyoming tombstone: "Here lies James Sawyer, in many respects a mean man, but in many other respects a great deal meaner."

POYNTER ON NEBRASKA.

Governor-elect Poynter responded to Nebraska. When he arose the gathering accorded him an enthusiastic ovation. He said he would not make his speech correspond to his subject in longitude. He paid a tribute to the statesmanship of Thomas Jefferson, which nearly a century ago, by one bold stroke, had added to the domain of the United States a vast and fertile territory of which Nebraska was a favored section.

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don the motto of the republic and go back a century to the monarchial motto which asserts that might makes right?

"Be not carried away by the excitement incident to war; it will soon subside. Our people will turn again to the paths of peace; justice will resume her reign."

"Be steadfast in the faith of the fathers; your fight is for yourselves as well as for your country."

"Imperialism finds its inspiration in dollars, not in duty. It is not our duty to burden our people with increased taxes in order to give a few speculators an opportunity for exploitation; it is not our duty to sacrifice the best blood of our nation in tropical jungles in an attempt to stifle the very sentiments which have given vitality to American institutions; it is not our duty to deny to the people of the Philippines the rights for which our forefathers fought from Bunker Hill to Yorktown."

"Our nation has a mission, but it is to liberate those who are in bondage—not to place shackles upon those who are struggling to be free."

"We rejoice in the marvelous victory won by Dewey in Manila bay; we would give to him a sacred place in history and crown his memory with blessings. To us he is a hero; to the Filipinos he can be a saviour."

J. B. WEAVER ON THE DEAD ISSUES.

Mr. Toastmaster, Gentlemen: You will pardon me, but I must confess that I feel a lack of confidence in myself as a postprandial speaker. The disciples of Jefferson and Jackson, who are endowed with the courage of their convictions, have felt called upon to do so much talking during the past twenty-five years that they have come to regard the dinner hour as a happy relief from their usual occupation. And then elaborate men are conducive to the philosophic and meditative mood rather than fervent oratory.

The issue in the great struggle of 1896 was between a proposition to promote international free coinage of silver, and a declaration for immediate and independent free coinage. The republican party, in its platform, stood pledged to promote the former and declared that the gold standard should be maintained during the interim negotiations.

"We are opposed to the free coinage of silver except by international agreement with the leading commercial nations of the world, which we pledge ourselves to promote."

Both the republican and democratic platforms, it will be noted, declared for free coinage. They only differed as to how this thing, so universally desired, should be secured. Our standard bearer and all subordinate representatives of the united silver forces felt impelled to charge that the republican platform was both impracticable and insincere. We declared that the pledge to promote international free coinage was a subterfuge, and that if the republican ticket were successful, the ulterior purpose was to advance to the naked gold standard, to maintain which they would be compelled to redeem and practically cancel all forms of government paper, and they would be forced also to provide for the redemption of silver dollars in gold.

This contention, advanced by the silver men, was bitterly resented everywhere by republican leaders. Their candidate promptly came forward with his letter of acceptance and brazen his platform with the assurance that there was no such purpose in view, either expressed or implied. His language was: "The republican party has inaugurated no new policy. It will keep in circulation and as good as gold, all of the silver and paper money now included in the currency of the country."

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women, in all parties, this administration must stand convicted of having secured its elevation to power by false pretenses and promises which they secretly intended should be broken. It is a well established rule of law, which is as old as courts of justice among men, that a compact must be understood and enforced exactly as the parties making it intended it should be understood when they entered into the covenant. Applying this rule, which is universally understood and accepted among honest men, there is absolutely no escape from this indictment, either for the administration or its most artful apologist.

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I think a little closer analysis here will develop the attitude of the president still more clearly. Mr. McKinley's letter of acceptance, as we have seen, said they "would keep in circulation and as good as gold all of the silver and paper money now included in the currency of the country."

What is the deadly purpose of those who now control the leadership of the republican party and furnish it with its sinews of war? It is to secure complete and lasting control of the sources of money supply for this mighty people. This is more dangerous to the prosperity of this nation than it would be for a besieging army to gain control of the water supply of a great city. If our adversaries are successful their triumph will carry with it also the power to regulate the volume of our money. This will give into their hands the keys which lock and unlock the springs of our prosperity.

WHAT OF THE FUTURE?

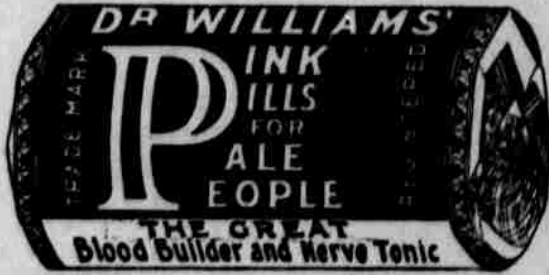
To what further efforts in behalf of democratic institutions are we called? He must be deaf indeed who cannot now hear the call of duty as it wells loud and clear from ocean to ocean. Verily it is bursting forth like a trumpet call to align for impending conflict. The republican party and the administration which it placed in power, have abandoned the solemn pledges which they made to a confiding

Heroes of the War with Spain

Thousands of them, are suffering from lingering diseases induced by life in poisonous southern camps, the result of changes of climate, or of imperfect nutrition caused by improper and badly cooked food. Sleeping on the ground has doubtless developed rheumatism in hundreds who were predisposed to the disease. In such cases the Boys of '98 may take a lesson from the experience of the

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Asa Robinson, of Mt. Sterling, Ill., is a veteran of the Civil war, having served in the 53rd Pennsylvania Volunteers. He went to the war a vigorous farmer's boy and came back broken in health, a victim of sciatic rheumatism. Most of the time he was unfit for manual labor of any kind, and his sufferings were at all times intense. He says: "Nothing seemed to give me permanent relief until three years ago, when my attention was called to some of the wonderful cures effected by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. I had not taken more than half a box when I noticed an improvement in my condition, and I keep on improving steadily. To them I owe my restoration to health. They are a grand remedy."

people and have broken faith with the country. They have shifted from the issue as they made it themselves, to the gold standard pure and simple. They are now moving forward to the destruction of our cherished currency and they propose to wrench from the people the controlling attribute of sovereignty. This contemplated stroke of policy is both unwarranted and cowardly. Unwarranted because the people have never been consulted and do not understand what is contemplated. Cowardly for the reason that its authors are making an unfair use of their position and a treacherous use of delegated power through promise that they would do exactly the reverse. It is the sudden movement of adventurers who reckon that their adversary, though possessing superior strength, is off his guard.

It is a confession that they look with apprehension upon another conflict in the open, and so propose to seize by sheer force a strategic point, declare their achievements fait accompli—a thing already done—and then cry: "Let us have business repose." But they stab the republic to the heart by this un-American movement and they stamp into the dust the most cherished principle of American civilization—that governments derive their just powers from the consent of the governed.

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There are four fundamental powers of government expressed in our constitution. There are others, of course, but they are in fact subordinate in importance to the four which I will name:

- First—The power to declare war. This is simply the right of self defense inherent in the collectivity of the nation and is exactly the same right which we recognize in the individual. Second—The power to levy and collect taxes to meet the expenses of government. Third—The power to regulate commerce among the states and with for-

sign nations. Fourth—The power to coin (or create) money and regulate the value thereof.

These are the four great powers of sovereignty. Now it will be readily seen that there can be no war without money to meet expenses incurred. There can be no adequate levy and collection of taxes without money to pay taxes. There can be no commerce worthy the name without the necessary volume of money to facilitate it. Hence the power which creates our money, controls the source of money supply and regulates its flux and reflux, is absorbing masters of this nation and will dictate its destiny. I appeal to the American people for an answer to this question: Can you, dare you surrender this great power to the hands of unelected, unsworn and irresponsible corporate speculators? Beware of the paths in which you tread!

Prominent among the causes which impelled us to declare war against Great Britain in 1812, was her Orders in council which prohibited us from navigating the high seas without her permission. Not a cargo could be shipped, either to or from this country to any port on the globe, without her authority. Our navigators were compelled to first enter a British port, pay tribute and secure clearance papers before they were permitted to hoist a sail upon the high seas. The prince regent declared that the purpose of these orders was to secure for Britain commercial supremacy throughout the world. To enforce this infamous decree, they captured a thousand of our vessels and impressed over six thousand of our sailors. She has never relinquished her deadly purpose, but has discovered a surer and less hazardous way. She has found out that the power which dominates the finances of the world can shape its institutions and regulate the commerce of the world to suit itself. She has learned that to cunningly control the legislation of neighboring nations is more effective and far less hazardous than to attempt to invade and burn their capitals. My friends, our beloved republic is hastening to a fearful crisis. When the British financial system is fully inaugurated among us; the British imperial colonial system finally installed under our flag, and the attention of our people diverted from the problems at home which are now pressing hard for solution; our standing army swollen to British proportions; the international and domestic trusts securely in the saddle controlling all our industries; our ship of state, as is proposed in the republican platform, compelled to clear from Lombard and Threadneedle, not daring to adopt a financial policy of our own; and when this group of fatal experiments is capped with the proposed Anglo-American alliance, it strikes me that we shall then have but little use for the Declaration of Independence, and none at all for set days on which to commemorate the lives,

LINCOLN, Neb., Aug. 1, 1898. TROVER & GINGERY, Undertakers, City. Gentlemen: Allow me to extend to you my heartfelt thanks for your work in taking care of Mr. Hayden, and of your kindness to me. I must say that your mode of conducting funerals is of the highest character. Also that Mr. Hayden's remains were in excellent condition and natural, of which a great many spoke in the highest terms of your ability. You certainly are well qualified in the profession you follow. You will long be remembered by me and my children.

Signed, Mrs. KENT K. HAYDEN. [Mr. Hayden was well known throughout the state, and his funeral was largely attended. The above letter is worthy of notice. They are located at 316 South Eleventh street, Lincoln.—Editor.]

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