THE WAHOO MEETING

The cyclonic character of the storm at Wahoo on Tuesday, coming as it did about 10:30 a. m., kept a great portion of the crowd away from the meeting. Senator Allen opened the opera house to an audience which comfortably filled the seats, but after he had started people began to come and when Mr. Bryan arrived there were so many people assembled that an indoor meeting was an impossibility and he spoke from a stand in t.. square.

His greeting from the assembled 3,000 people was of the kind that makes a man appreciate friends. His address was as follows:

"I want to talk to you republicans, believing that you are just as anxious to help your country and help your fellows by your vote as the democrat, populist and the silver republican is. If I did not have faith in the honesty, in the patriotism and in the good intentions of the republicans, I would not make speeches at all, because I would not want to make so many speeches and do so much work to please men who already agree with me. But I desire to show you, if I can, that it is your duty to vote with us this fall. Now, if you were with us in 1896 there is no reason why you should be against us now unless the new questions have changed your opinion or unless you have changed your opinion on the old questions. But I do not believe you can find in this county any man who voted with us in 1896, and who understood the issues then before the country, who has changed his mind on those issues and now believes that the republican party was right in 1896. Therefore I want to talk with you about some of the new issues for a little while and see if there is a man who voted with us on the old issues who believes the republican party to be right on the new ones. I believe you will find many people who were against us on the old issues who are now with us on the new ones and will be on the old ones. The human mind is consistent. A man will apply the principles that he believes in to every question before the public if you will just give him time. A man will go out of the party on one issue, but if he goes out and begins to apply to all questions the principles that he applied to the one issue, he is apt to be with us on all issues. We had men in 1896 who came to us on the silver question, republicans who were not willing to turn over and vote the republican ticke just because the republican party had changed its position on the money question—republicans who were in earnest in 1888 when they denounced the gold standard, republicans who were in earnest when they advocated bimetallism and therefore they refused to take the republican position on the money question in 1896, and when they got out of the republican party and began looking at the republican party from the outside, they found that the same vicious principles ran through all the republican doctrines, and today they are with us, not only on the silver question, but upon all the new questions also. (Applause.) There is a consistency about the human mind. And the republican party is trying today the same deception that it practiced in 1896 on the money question. When I say that the republican party practiced deception on the money question in 1896, I do not want any republican here to think that I mean he was dishonest in his advocacy of the republican position in 1896. The republican party held out the hope of international bimetallism. I want to assert today that the republican leaders never intended that you should have international bimetallism in 1896. The republican leaders wanted the gold standard then just as they want it now, but they held out before the people the delusion of international bimetallism. The president sent a commission of three distinguished gentlemen and they were to labor with the European nations and try to get those nations to help us. Did they succeed? Of course they didn't. We told you in 1896 that they would not succeed. You could not expect England to join with us in restoring bimetallism. Now, how can you tell whether the republicans were in earnest or not when they held out that promise? If a man sets his heart on a thing and does not get it, he feels sore and sad and unhappy and sorrowful. You cannot find a republican leader that felt sorrowful because they did not get international bimetallism that they promised to get in 1896. (Applause.)

A voice: "Hurrah for McKinley!"

Mr. Bryan: Now, I do not know whether that man is hurrahing for the McKinley that denounced Grover Cleveland or the one following in Cleveland's footsteps. (Applause.) I want to assure you that I do not object to any one cheering for McKinley, but I think that you owe it to the audience to describe which McKinley you are cheering for when you are cheering. (Applause and cheers.)

Now, the republican party today does not talk in favor of silver at all. There is no talk about international bimetallism. If international bimetallism was good in 1896 it is good now. If the double standard was desirable in 1896, it is desirable now. Then why is it that the republicans do not talk about it? Because they did not want it in 1900.

The republican party is trying today the very same policy on these other questions that it tried on the money question in 1896. They attack the trust question in their platform, and yet you can find a republican paper and read it, if it is a daily, for a week, and if it is a weekly paper for a month without finding a defense of the trusts. The republican platform denounces the trust and republican editors are spreading before the public arguments defending the trusts. You will be told what a liberal man the man at the head of the trust is. You will be told of the great advantages to be derived from the great corporations because of the permanency in the employment of men. Now, why it is? It is because the platform is hypocrisy. The republican party does not intend to destroy the trust, but under the cover of a platform denunciation of the trust, the republican leaders are trying to quiet the minds of the people and make them accept the trust as a good thing. I want you who have been voting the republican ticket to ask yourselves how the republican policy is going to help the people of this community. Let every man ask himself how the trust is going to help him—I would ask that, but I would be accused of appealing to selfishness, but the man who stands at the head of the trust may be selfish, while the man being gouged cannot be selfish. It is all right for head of the trust to vote the republican ticket and contribute to the campaign fund, but if I tell the man who pays the dividends that he ought to look for his own interests, the republican party says I am bringing the appeal down to too low a level. The man who buys trust-made articles has as much right to look after his own interests in this campaign as the man who sells a trust-made article. Suppose you wanted to buy barb wire. Haven't you a right to inquire why it has gone up? Suppose you wanted to buy oil, haven't you a right to inquire why it has gone up? You know the republicans for years told us what a great blessing the Standard Oil company was to reduce the price of oil. That was because they were trying to secure all the properties. Yet they declared dividends so far of 40 per cent. Was it necessary to raise the price of oil in order to make a dividend. And while this great corporation is amassing its wealth by means of monopoly, the republican party does not raise one hand to stop it.

Why is it that republicans can vote for the republican party while it protects such monopolies as that? Not only does it not confine itself to oil, but it has gone in the banking business, and I read a statement that the banks controlled by the Standard Oil company had on deposit more money than the banks of five states named in the article. And yet you cannot get some republicans to consider their own connection with this question. They form associations that will raise the price of what you have to use, and the republican party allows it to be done. I want you republicans who have been voting the republican ticket to ask yourself this question: If the republican party won't look out for your interest, why need you look out for the republican party's interest?

There are republicans who were denouncing the trust until the republican party got in, and then there were more trusts organized under the republican administration during the last three and a half years than were organized in the previous history of the country, and they are now trying to make themselves think it is good. They have had to change their opinion as fast as the republican party changed its position. Let me give you a recent illustration. When Mr. McKinley sent his message to congress saying it was our plain duty to give free trade to Porto Rico, those republicans walked on the streets and echoed "plain duty." Then something happened. Some power behind the throne began to work. We have never been able to locate it exactly, but we know of this power. Just as this power overrode the recommendation of the governor general of Porto Rico; this power overrode the petition of the people of Porto Rico; this power overrode the chairman of the committee on ways and means and compelled him to bring in a bill directly the opposite of the bill he first introduced; this power overrode the president and made him sign the bill when he said it was our plain duty to do the opposite, and the republicans have to turn summersaults and say "It is our plain duty to deny what was our plain duty before." It was last December when the president said "plain duty," and it was after that time that you men were shouting "plain duty," but a power greater than your administration, a power greater than republicans who stand out in the open, that secret power was great enough to tear the flag from the constitution, and to assert the doctrine that the president and congress are not restrained by the constitution when dealing with people of the United States. (Great applause.) Republicans, are you willing to turn over on this question just because your party has done a thing that you know is not right? The young republican whose back is so strong and supple that he can turn summersaults easily may keep on, but the old men are getting stiff and I do not believe they can turn much longer. Men like Governor Boutwell of Massachusetts and others who have received honors at the hands of the republican party, men who have been prominent in its affairs, but who hold their conscience above party allegiance declare that they will not turn merely because the republican party has turned on these questions.

It is only a little more than two years ago that the president sent a message to congress in which he said that forcible annexation is contrary to our code of morality, and criminal aggression, and yet today republicans are asked to approve of a thing that was denounced as criminal aggression and against our code of morality less than three years ago. Has the code of morality changed? They have changed their code of morality and now assert that that is right which they even declared to be criminal less than three years ago. I said that I had no fear that those who were with us in 1896 are against us now, but I do believe that many people who did not realize in 1896 how the dollar was rising above the man in the consideration of government, I believe that many who did not realize then how organized greed has been pressing for consideration before the republican party and securing special privileges from the government for private gain, I believe many of these realize on these new questions what they did not understand of the old ones and there will be more people leaving the republican party because of its position on militarism and imperialism than have ever left it in one campaign before in all the history of the republican party.

I do not mean to say that every republican who gets up on the platform will tell you that the Declaration of Independence is a worn-out document, or will tell you that he does not believe that all men are created equal and that governments derive their just powers from the consent of the governed, because there are degrees of terpitude. There is the fellow who does wrong and is ashamed of it and there is a fellow who does wrong and brags of it, but most of the speakers have not got to the second degree yet. But my friends, it is the action and not the word that you are to be governed by, and if the republican party believes in a colonial policy then it does deny in action the doctrine that governments derive their just powers from the consent of the governed.

When Mr. McKinley spoke in Boston a year ago last February he said that no sordid doctrine entered into the Filipino question, but it was just destiny and duty and yet when Senator Lodge come from the city of Boston to preside as chairman over the republican convention, he made a speech in which he said that the republican party made no hypocritical pretenses, but that what we want is trade and we want to expand that trade. A year ago last February the president said that no commercial idea entered into it, and Mr. Lodge now says that we are interested in the Philippines for the United States and that the trade question is the great question. Yes, the trade question is a question that has an important influence in determining the policy of the government in the Philippine question. Take away the trade argument and you could not find a respectable guard to keep watch over the remains of imperialism.

Further on Mr. Bryan said:

If you could kill the Filipinos off and then go over there and establish a republic and forget all about having killed them, you might get over it. But you do not dare to kill them off because you would not have anybody to trade with over there. If you would kill the Filipinos off there would be no chance in the world for a carpet-bag government. You have got to let them live and if they live they have got to be a part of you. They have got to be citizens, share in the destiny of our nation or subjects.

We say that all men are created equal no matter what his nationality may be and no matter from what country he comes. He is one of God's children in the universal brotherhood of man. Destroy that doctrine and you have no point from which to start in building up a government like this. Destroy that foundation and you are at sea and you will have continual wrangling and continual strife among the people; but start with the doctrine that all men are created equal and you can rear a government so strong that all the nations of the world together cannot prevail against it. We ask you to help us, to stand by the doctrine now. You may differ on some of these other questions, but when you begin to consider them you will find the same men who stand behind imperialism and would maxe the dollar of trade superior to tne rrghts of the people, stand behind the trusts, the gold standard and the systems of unjust taxation.

Mr. Bryan's Week

Tuesday Mr. Bryan was at Wahoo, where he addressed a large crowd. Yesterday he left for Topeka and just to fill in time he addressed the people of Auburn at 9 o'clock in the morning, talked at Tecumseh at 11 o'clock, drove twenty miles to Pawnee City where he spoke at 2 o'clock and went to Falls City for an evening meeting. From Falls City he went to Atchison and is due in Topeka about 10 o'clock this forenoon. While it is a populist notification meeting a hundred democratic and fifty silver republican vice presidents for the meeting have been appointed and the fusion forces expect to have the largest crowd of people and the greatest political meeting ever held in Kansas. Low railroad rates have been secured and several special trains have been chartered to carry great crowds of enthusiastic admirers to Topeka today. If he gets his seven hours of sleep tonight he will be in luck. Tomorrow (Friday) he goes to Manhattan, Kas., where he will find a big crowd to hear a forenoon speech and in the afternoon he will speak to another crowd at Marysville, from which point he will return home and go to South Omaha to the Jackson club meeting on Saturday.

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A Joke on Offenbach.

M. Ernest Blum told a joke which he and some friends played on Offenbach when "La Belle Helene" was about to be produced. The composer was most anxious that his airs should not get about before the first night and had asked all his company to be most careful not to let any one hear them, but his tunes were so catchy that it was impossible to help singing them.

One day Blum and his friends were sitting opposite Offenbach in a cafe when one of them began to hum a leading air of "La Belle Helene."

"Who taught you that?" cried Offenbach in a rage.

"No one," replied Blum. "I have known it for ages," and they all agreed that their nurses used to sing it to them when they were children. Presently Albert Wolff, who was one of the party, began to sing another of the airs.

"What!" cried Offenbach, "you know that too?"

"I composed it myself," said Wolff.

Offenbach then saw that they were playing a practical joke on him and demanded the name of the singer who had sung them the opera. They refused, and so the composer threatened that he would fine every one in the theater unless they told him. So Blum and his friends stood up and began the first chorus of the first act and declared they would sing the finale before the whole cafe unless Offenbach relented. The composer, in terror for his music, gave in, beaten by his own facility in writing music.

A Gastronomic Cyclone.

All men and women eat. If they don't, they won't last long, and no one need worry as to whether they count for much or not. But good eaters are usually very depend-on-able. By good eaters I do not mean large eaters or greedy eaters, though I may include some of both, but I mean the men and women who enjoy what they eat and show no disposition, either from dyspepsia or other form of indigestion, to quarrel with their food.

Gluttons, however, are not very lovely. I sat at table once with a woman at a summer resort who every day for dinner ate 12 ears of corn from the cob. That is more than the regulation midday feed for a horse. And in the operation she greased her hands and her cheeks, and every now and again her nose was decorated with the well buttered grains. She was a sight, and at the end of the table she bred a famine that it took waiters to relieve. And she was in repose not by any means a bad looking woman, but in action—in action at the table—she was a kind of human cyclone, leaving desolation in her path. She had had three husbands and is a widow again. What became of the poor men I never knew. Maybe she ate them.—John Gilmer Speed in Criterion.

When Bees Beat Troops.

It is on record that a swarm of bees as weapons of war were used not once, but twice, and with the best possible effect.

When Themiseyra, in Pontus, was besieged by Lucullus, the Romans employed turrets, built mounds and made huge mines beneath the city. While they were creating the mines the people of Themiseyra dug down through the earth to the mines and then cast in upon the Roman workers bears and other wild animals, together with a swarm of bees.

History repeated itself in England when the Danes and Norwegians made their attack upon Chester, about ten centuries since. The town was held by the Saxons and some Gallic allies, who tried stones and boiling water upon the besiegers without effect. As a last resource they collected all the beehives and upset them into the enemy's camp beneath the city wall.

This had the effect of making things "hum," so to speak, and it is recorded that the enemy were so badly stung that they could move neither arms nor legs.

A Good Lincoln Story.

Mr. Lincoln said once that the best story he ever read in the papers of himself was this:

"Two Quakeresses were traveling on the railroad and were heard discussing the probable termination of the war.

"'I think,' said the first, 'that Jefferson will succeed.'

"'Why does thee think so?' asked the other.

"'Because Jefferson is a praying man.'

"'And so is Abraham a praying man,' objected the second.

"'Yes, but the Lord will think Abraham is joking,' the first replied conclusively."

She Was the One.

Bridegroom (after the ceremony)—Maud, you and I are now one. It only remains to be decided which is the one. I tried to win you, didn't I?

Bride—Yes, Harold.

"And I won. That seems to settle it."

"Not quite, Harold. You tried to win me. You succeeded. Then you are the winner, are you not?"

"Yes, dear."

"And I am the won."

The Patient Chinese.

An example of patient industry is the sorting of hogs' bristles as it is carried on at Tien-tsin, China. Each bristle of the 600,000 kilograms exported from that place last year had to be picked out, measured and placed in the bundle of hairs of corresponding length, and the different lengths by which the hairs are sorted are numerous.

Senoras and Senoritas.

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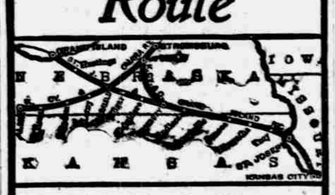

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