BRYAN TALKS IT OVER

There was a very able review in the Chicago American of the last campaign by W. J. Bryan. After giving a history of the contest that resulted in the promulgation of the Chicago platform and stating that he supported that platform for four years in every state of the union—that every state convention but three of the democratic party had indorsed that platform and instructed its delegation to vote for his nomination he says:

"I believed it wise to meet the issue candidly by restating the party's position. An honest reasonation would nave meant the same as a reiteration and an honest candidate would have been compelled to so construe it. A reaffirmation intended to relegate the question to the rear would have transferred the controversy from the platform to the candidate."

He concludes by saving.

The democratic party stands for the Declaration of Independence and will oppose any policy which will violate the principles set forth in that sacred document; the democratic party stands for the Jestersonian doctrine of equal rights to all and special privileges to none, and it will oppose any policy which violates that doctrine. It will

We are engaged in a contest between plutocracy on the one side and democracy on the other. The democratic party cannot take both sides: it must stand on the one side or the other, and it must choose between the two elements which are seeking its

in 1904, as it did this year, appeal to

If it takes the plutocratic side, it will not only lose the support of those who now look to it to champion the rights of the people, but will find itself unable to outbid the republican party for the favor of those who believe in putting the dollar above the man. This year our party took the people's side against the encroachments of organized wealth, and while it was opposed by many whose interests it expoused it must continue the fight, for it has no other reason for existence.

There is some talk of reorganizing the party, but this does not, as a rule, come from those who supported the ticket. The threat of reorganization will not amount to much so long as it is confined to the men who show their love of democracy by voting the republican ticket.

A man who calls himself a democrat and then urges his opposition to silver as a reason for defending trusts, a large army and an imperial policy in the late campaign will hardly be accepted as a democratic leader, so long as the party deserves the democratic name.

It is generous of these self-styled democrats to offer to withdraw from the republican party long enough to inoculate the democratic party with the virus of plutocracy, but the offer will not be accepted by those who are wedded to democratic principles and to democratic policies.

Whenever it becomes necessary to reorganize the democratic party (a necessity not yet apparent) it will be reorganized from the bottom, so that the voters can have a voice in the work of reorganization. The suggestion that a party can be reorganized and controlled from the outside smacks too much of imperialism. It is an attempt to apply the colonial idea to party management and violates the democratic doctrine that a party organization, like a government, derives its just powers from the consent of the

Defeat does not make it necessary for us to abandon anything for which we have fought.

Imperialism was declared to be the paramount issue of the late campaign; must we now indorse imperialism because the republicans have won? We also opposed a large standing army, and pointed out the danger of militarism; must we now favor a large standing army because the republicans have

(The trust question was a prominent saue in the campaign, and we desounced private monopoly as indefensble and intolerable; must we abandon our fight against the trusts because the republicans have won? We denounced the Dingley tariff law; must we now advocate a high tariff because the republicans have won? We declared in favor of the election of United States senators by the people; must we now abandon this reform because the republicans have won? We opposed government by injunction; must we now favor government by injunction because the republicans have won? We declared ourselves in favor of the greenback as against the bank note; must we now favor the retirement of the greenbacks because the republicans have won?

It would be just as reasonable to in
mist that the democratic party should
accept the republican position on these
questions as to say that it must accept the republican position on the
gold question. Every man who talks
about reorganizing the party mentions
the tariff question as an issue, and yet
the tariff question was in the platform
when the democratic party was defented in 1880, in 1888, in 1896 and in

The democratic party was defeated on the tariff question in 1888, but it went into the campaign of 1892 with a still stronger tariff reform plank. The republican party was defeated in 1892 on the tariff question, but it reiterated its position in 1896.

If it were to be said that we can gain the support of gold standard advocates by abandoning the party's position on the money question. I would reply that the great financiers who stand behind the gold standard also stand behind the trusts a large army and an imperial policy. If they can coerce the people into supporting the gold standard, banks of issue and a perpetual debt, they can coerce them into submission to private monepoly, militarism and colonialism.

The democratic party must be consistent: it cannot make peace with the money powers on one issue and fight it on other issuer. Some party must represent the interests and the hopes of those whom Lincoln described as the plain people, and, speaking for myself I would rather see the democratic party defend the rights of the masses and be in the minority, than to see it secure power by becoming the plant tool of predatory wealth here and the exponent of imperialistic doctrines alroad.

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