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## MEN AND MATTERS

When in 1896 William J. Bryan, a candidate for the presidency, announced that he would take the stump in his own behalf, the g. o. p. press unanimously, and the subsidized democratic press generally, threw fits at such a lack of dignity. They couldn't find words with which to frame their denunciations. They fairly frothed between the column rules. And the g. o. p. leaders shook their heads sadly and inquired: "What is the republic coming to when candidates of great political parties take the stump just like common candidates for ordinary office?" And every Tray, Blanche and Sweetheart among the weekly g. o. p. press echoed the denunciations of the metropolitan press.

But how times have changed! Mr. Bryan was always dignified; he never abused anybody or anything; he never yelled "liar" and "thief" and "renegade" at those of his own party who had bolted him. He never allowed politics to interfere with his personal friendships. Yet it was undignified for him to make speeches in behalf of his own candidacy after he was nominated. But how dignified and how eminently proper it has all along been for Theodore Roosevelt to do far more than Mr. Bryan ever did. With striking dignity Mr. Roosevelt has grown red in the face as he clenched his fists and yelled "liar" and "thief" with all the venom and animosity of the ward heeler. How statesmanlike and dignified have been his actions as he gave the lie to his own declarations that he would not again be a candidate. Just read the attacks made upon Mr. Bryan by the opposition press in 1896 because he took the stump after being nominated, and contrast them with the fulsome flattery heaped upon Theodore Roosevelt, who has given us the greatest exhibition of "dignity" ever witnessed coming from an avowed candidate for the presidency.

Major General Leonard Wood, who leaped from the rank of regimental surgeon to that of Major General commanding the army of the United States in two jumps and a promotion through the death of a superior, has been saved, temporarily, by an executive veto. President Roosevelt "jumped" Colonel Wood more than 700 numbers. Wood was colonel of the "Rough Riders," a regiment recruited from cowboys and society swells, which regiment got a lot of glory that properly belonged to the Thirteenth Infantry, a regiment of colored troopers. Had it not been for the "smokes" or the "Dinges," or the "Buffalo soldiers," as the negro troops are variously called, the Rough Riders would have been wiped off the island of Cuba. As it was the colored troops saved them, and they had fairly to kick the much touted Rough Riders out of their way as they rushed the Spanish position at the top of that famous hill. Upon such an exploit was the military fame of Colonel Wood and Lieutenant Colonel Roosevelt builded.

We believe we can imagine just what a lot of fun Mr. Bryan has been having at Chicago. Blessed with a keen sense of humor, and always bubbling over with good spirits, the Chicago struggle has been "nuts" for Bryan and he has enjoyed it to the full. He has been a center of interest all the time, and as usual he has carried himself well under all the stress and strain. Every time we see Mr. Bryan we are more fully convinced that the American people have not formed the habit of electing the biggest and best of their number to the presidency. Clay, Webster, Blaine, Bryan—eliminating Washington, Jefferson, Jackson and Lincoln, pray tell us what four of our presidents have measured up to those four in all the things we would have our presidents possess.

"Aldrich has been an aggressive progressive for years; Morehead has been as aggressively reactionary," says the Central City Nonpareil. As a fighter for democratic principles Morehead was an "aggressive progressive" when Aldrich was still clinging to the mossgrown traditions of his party. Morehead was fighting behind Bryan all the years when Mr. Bryan was advancing the progressive doctrines now so loudly and strenuously claimed as being of republican origin. Morehead did not have to change his opinions or his ways in order to be a progressive. The statement that "Morehead hung back on direct legislation," which statement the Central City Nonpareil makes, is absolutely false and wholly unfounded. Morehead was pledged to direct legislation, openly favored it, as openly advocated it and voted for the passage of the amendment now submitted to the people. At no time did he offer an amendment to the bill when it was in the senate, although he favored some of the amendments offered, just as the framers of the bill favored some of them. The senate record, not the home-made opinions of opposition editors, is best evidence of the progressiveness of John H. Morehead.

Kearney is building big hopes upon that proposed new railroad from the Canadian line to the Gulf, and we hope fond anticipation will be realized. But we honestly believe that Kearney is going to get more and better results from the extension of the Callaway branch of the Union Pacific than from any north and south line from Our Sister of the Snows to the Gulf of Mexico.

Speaking of the occasional exchange of "pleasantries" between the daily newspapers of Omaha and Lincoln, the Seward Independent-Democrat says: "Both cities are children of Nebraska, and the state would not part with either of them. But if both cities should be wiped off the map the state would still exist, but wipe out the rest of the state and there would not be much occasion for the existence of either Lincoln or Omaha." All of which ought to be kept constantly in mind by certain citizens of the two big cities.

The latest "Joe Cannon" story is hardly fitted for parlor recital, but just the same it expresses a lot in mighty few words. It is even better than Depew's bon mot: "It is now a question as to which corpse we will cover with flowers."

Florence Clark of Elk City, Nebraska, knows a thing or two worth while. Miss Clark is visiting in Los Angeles, and while there was a guest at the London apartments until they burned down. When the fire started the guests were lined up by firemen and started for safety. Suddenly Miss Clark broke from the line, dashed back into her room where everything was ablaze and safely emerged triumphantly waving her railroad ticket in her hand. When remonstrated with by firemen for taking such a risk for a mere railroad ticket Miss Clark replied: "Well, I haven't any place to go here, so I am going back to Nebraska." Of course Miss Clark assumed a great risk, but the reward was worth the effort. It was a railroad ticket back to Nebraska, the best state of them all.

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