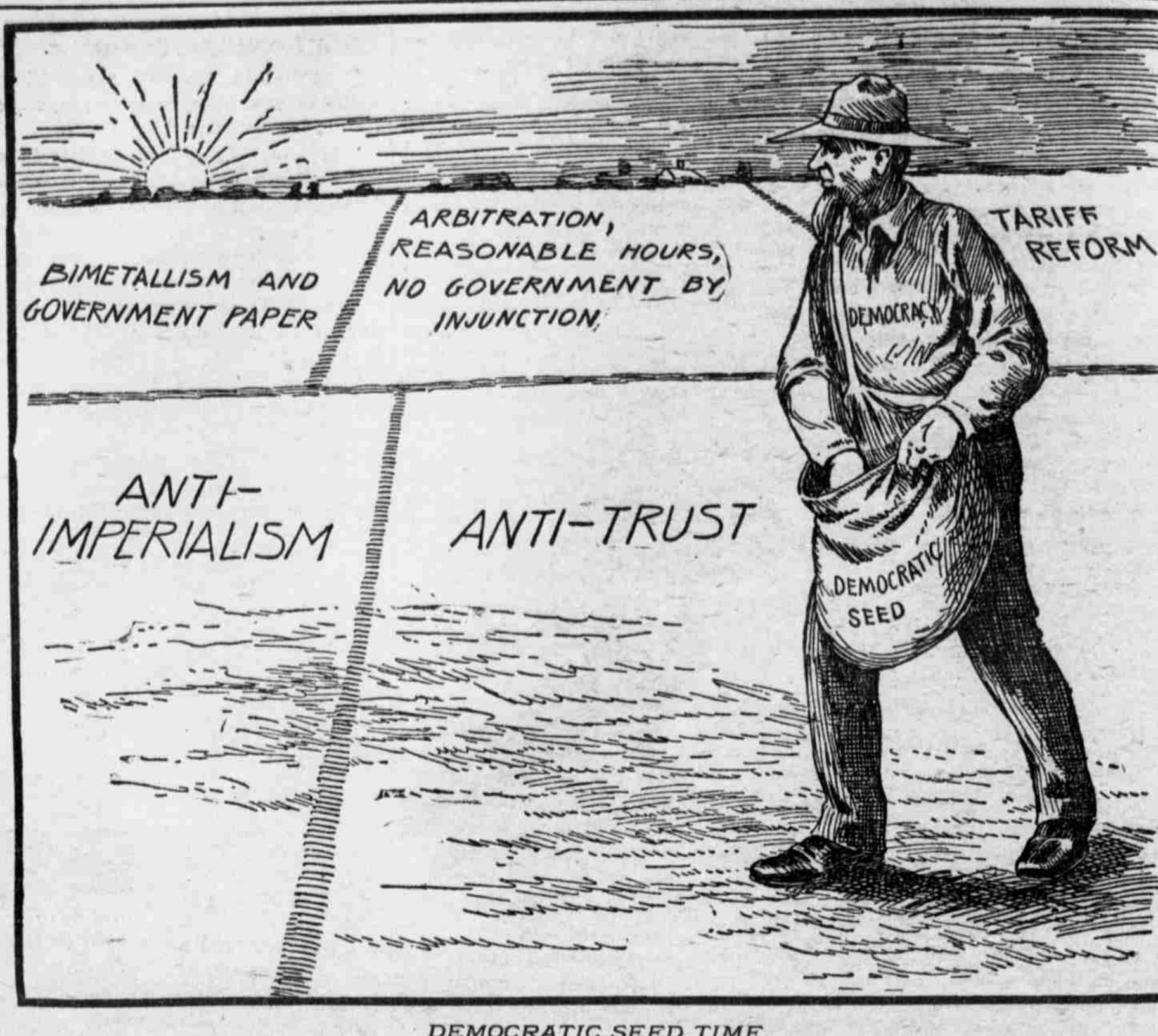


Degrading a Great Occasion.

President Roosevelt, in his speech at the World's fair dedication, utterly failed to rise to the dignity of the occasion. He also exhibited wretched taste. It was a grand opportunity to glorify one of the chief builders of the great American republic—Thomas Jefferson, to whom this country owes more than to any other man except Washington. Mr. Roosevelt mentioned Jefferson's name only once in his speech, and that was to say that the Louisiana purchase took place under Jefferson's administration. He could have stated the historical fact—that Jefferson was the sole author of that great deed. Good taste required that politics should be kept out of the celebration. Mr. Roosevelt abused the honor shown him, by trying to make Jefferson's peaceful, patriotic and statesmanlike act a precedent for and an extenuation of the hideous crime of murdering four hundred thousand Filipinos, men, women and children, and robbing those left alive of their independence, and that, too, in flagrant violation of the laws of God, the constitution of the United States and the Declaration of Independence. Mr. Roosevelt degraded the occasion he was expected to glorify. . . . There was every reason why W. J. Bryan should have been invited to participate in the World's fair dedication. He is one of the very few Americans who is devoting every energy to preserve the constitution of the United



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