

DEMOCRATIC ISSUES

(From an interview with Mr. Bryan in the Nashville (Tenn.) Daily News.)

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Mr. Bryan was interviewed by a reporter for the Daily News in the library at the home of former Mayor James M. Head.

"It seems to me that the democratic party never had a better opportunity to make a successful appeal to the people. The only thing in the way is the obstruction offered by the reactionary element, which is represented by a number of daily newspapers, owned by corporations and edited by republicans, which fly the democratic flag in order to do more effective injury to the democratic party. I think that a great many persons are alarmed at the plutocratic tendencies of the republican party, but it is hard to convince them that the democratic party is any better, so long as so-called democratic newspapers are more servile than many of the republican newspapers, in their support of organized wealth; and so long as office-hunting politicians seem more

anxious about getting a chance at the spoils, than in carrying out any reforms. I believe that we would be stronger if we could get rid of some (and this applies to newspapers, as well as men) whose utterances are used to convince the party of insincerity, and whose presence in the party profanes the temple of democracy.

"There is a real and live issue between corporate wealth on the one side and the masses on the other, but no party can represent the masses so long as it attempts to so shape its policy as to collect a campaign fund from the very syndicates and combinations that should be attacked.

"During the last three years, the shrinkage in stocks amounted to over \$2,000,000,000, and the exposure of the methods of the trusts has opened the eyes of a great many people to the truth of the indictment brought against the trusts by the democratic party in 1900. A great many people who would not look ahead have learned, by experience, that the financiers who have been using the treasury as a private asset are just as willing to plunder their stockholders as they are to extract from the public generally.

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"The reaffirmation of the Kansas City platform is the first step towards this end, for that will be an announcement that the party is not going backward to the position that it occupied under Mr. Cleveland's last administration, but that it is going forward to meet the present issues in the same spirit that it manifested in 1896 and 1900. Not only is such a course the right one, but it is the easiest one. An attempt to surrender any of the issues of the last campaign would be followed by a prolonged struggle over a new statement of the party's position on the money question, and no plank could possibly be written that would satisfy those who deserted us, that would not (either expressly or by implication) indorse the republican position. And, even if the democratic party conceded, on the money question, everything demanded by the Wall street democrats, it would have the same people to fight on the trust question, or on any other question upon which it took a stand, because the issues never have been gold or silver, so much as whether the financiers or the people should control. That question is involved in every issue with which the party has to deal.

"Those who think that the large dailies accurately reflect the real sentiment ought to remember that the same newspapers fought the Chicago platform from 1896 to 1900, only to find it indorsed by nearly every state in the Union when the campaign opened. These so-called democratic dailies, that are run in the interest of railroads, gas companies, street car lines, telephone companies, school book trusts, or other franchise-owning corporations, are not safe-guides, nor do they honestly reflect the views of the people.

"When the primaries are held and the rank and file get a chance to speak, there will, I think, be a very different showing."

"Does the reaffirmation of the Kansas City platform in toto mean that there are to be no additions made to it?" was asked.

"No," replied Mr. Bryan. "Having reaffirmed the Kansas City platform the party would be prepared to write a platform dealing with those questions which will form the basis of our

campaign. Neither does it mean, as some have thought, that the money question be made the paramount issue. The Kansas City platform declared that the money question was not the paramount issue, and I have not, since that time, presented it as the paramount issue. I have simply insisted that our principles not be abandoned and that we must meet those phases of the money question which are now before the country in the same spirit that we have met other phases of the money question. To turn the party over to the money changers would not be ignoring the money question, it would simply be authorizing further legislation hostile to silver and hostile to greenback legislation, which neither the republicans nor the gold democrats dare to advocate in a platform, but which they are already constantly striving to secure secretly."

Asked about his choice of a candidate to carry the democratic banner this year, Mr. Bryan said:

"I have no desire whatever to influence the selection of a candidate, provided he is a man who can be trusted to carry out the democratic principles as they were set forth in the last platform, and as they will be set forth in the next platform. I have

simply objected to candidates whose opinions are unknown, or whose records are indefensible, from a democratic standpoint. If we take a man whose opinions are not known, we not only run a great risk, but we will rightly be accused of attempting to perpetrate a confidence game on the public. If we take a man whose record contradicts our platform the conflict between his position and the party's position will give the party more trouble than our republican opponents. We can stand a joint debate between our party and the re-

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