

Walsh quoted it as an evidence of Cleveland's courage, and nine years after it was published in book form, Mr. Cleveland makes a flat, insulting denial.

"And yet we remember that there were few leaders among the democrats of the south who stood closer to Mr. Cleveland than that faithful Irishman, Pat Walsh.

"Now, if there was one point upon which Mr. Cleveland was more coarsely emphatic than another it was as to the attendance of Fred Douglas upon the reception which was held after his marriage.

"Mr. Cleveland was married at the White house on June 2, 1886, in the presence of a few personal friends, went upon his bridal tour and upon his return held a grand reception—the first since his wedding, and, therefore, alluded to as his wedding reception.

"The Washington Post gave an elaborate account of that reception in its issue of June 16, 1886.

"The list of guests included some of the most distinguished people in the world. There were present Prince Leopold of Brazil, the celebrated Archibald Forbes of England, Commodore Schley, Colonel Bonaparte and General Sheridan. There were also the justices of the supreme court and the senators of both parties, and many other eminent citizens and social leaders.

"Amid this glittering throng, mingling with it on terms of social equality, moved Frederick Douglas and his wife.

"Now, Mr. Cleveland, was this your wedding reception? If it was not, you held no wedding reception at all, and you should have said so. If it was, then you should have admitted that Fred Douglas and wife were there.

This reception of June 15, being the first which was held after your return from your bridal tour, and being an especially brilliant affair, came to be known as your wedding reception, whether correctly or not I leave to 'society' experts to say.

"In conclusion, having established by convincing testimony the truth of every statement made by me and denied by him, I leave it to the intelligent, fair-minded reader to make his own comments.

"THOS. T. WATSON."

#### Mr. Bennett's Mistake.

Philo S. Bennett is dead and his widow is hostile to the plans which her husband had cherished with respect to the use of a portion of the money which he left. Mr. Bennett was an ardent champion of democratic democracy. He spent his money freely while alive in promoting the cause to which he was devoted. He wanted to see this cause prosper and he believed that in Mr. Bryan it had a champion of the highest ability and the most unflinching courage. And in order that Mr. Bryan might the more uninterruptedly devote himself to the work of propaganda, that he might be unhampered as an advocate by lack of means, he provided out of his ample fortune a sum that he believed sufficient to enable Mr. Bryan to keep up the agitation which Mr. Bennett felt to be so important to his country.

His mistake was in entrusting the fulfillment of his wishes to his wife. He did not realize that she might be less interested in promoting the ends which were so much to him than he. He perhaps did not imagine that his bequest to Mr. Bryan could become a point of attack against his friend on the part of rancorous devotees of monopoly and privilege. Yet the event has shown that Mrs. Bennett was far from feeling that sympathy with the ideals of her husband that he perhaps

believed she felt. She was obviously ready to listen to the suggestion of partisan enemies of Mr. Bryan that she had been badly used by her husband and that Mr. Bryan had plotted to rob her of a portion of her husband's estate. It made no difference that she was amply provided for in the will. It made no difference that others had in like manner been remembered perhaps even beyond what kinship demanded. The fact that Mr. Bryan had been left a portion of the estate as an aid to him in spreading a hated gospel of human brotherhood and freedom and equality was enough to excite the wrath of bitter partisans and the widow was cajoled into a contest which reflects infinitely more upon herself than it possibly can upon the beneficiary of the will whom she is seeking to shut out.

Had Mr. Bennett given the \$50,000 to Mr. Bryan while living no one could have challenged his act. His fortune was his own and he had the same right to dispose of it as Mr. Carnegie has to dispose of his fortune in building libraries and in providing churches with pipe organs. But he delayed the gift till death and then it was open to his widow and to others to defeat or seek to defeat his wishes.—Johnstown Daily Democrat.

#### Democratic Features of "The Truth About the Trusts."

1. The introduction points out the purport of the book, defines the trust, and also the investing public and the trusts. The general discussion of the subject in the introduction is further amplified in Part VII. of the volume, beginning page 483, where the trust movement is reviewed as a whole.

2. Part I. of the volume is devoted to the greater industrial trusts, of which there are seven, with a capitalization exceeding \$2,660,000,000. These greater industrial trusts are all described in detail and their histories are given at length and their general position analyzed. Part II. is devoted to the lesser industrial trusts, giving brief but accurate descriptions of more than eighty of them. Following this are the industrial trusts in process of reorganization, including full statements of those which have created the greatest amount of public interest, such as the shipbuilding trust.

3. The articles on the greater franchise trusts and the greater railroad groups treated in part IV. and V. should create much public interest, as many facts are embraced which have never been presented in this form before. This is particularly true of the chapters on the greater railroad groups.

4. In the general review of the trust movement, there are chapters on the magnitude of the trusts, dominating influences in the trusts, the chief characteristics of the trusts, and review of so-called remedies. The first two of these chapters are of great value to the general public, as they give a panoramic view of the entire trust movement as it exists today.

5. The charts and maps, which supplement the text, are well worth close examination. They bring out vividly many important features. The elaborate statistics on page 451 to 482 give details of trusts of an aggregate capitalization of \$20,379,162,511. Moody Publishing Co., 35 Nassau street, New York.

#### Cleveland "Queers" Parker.

Grover Cleveland in a statement to the New York World has given his unqualified indorsement to the presidential candidacy of Judge Parker of New York. Mr. Cleveland's indorsement of the New York candidate has

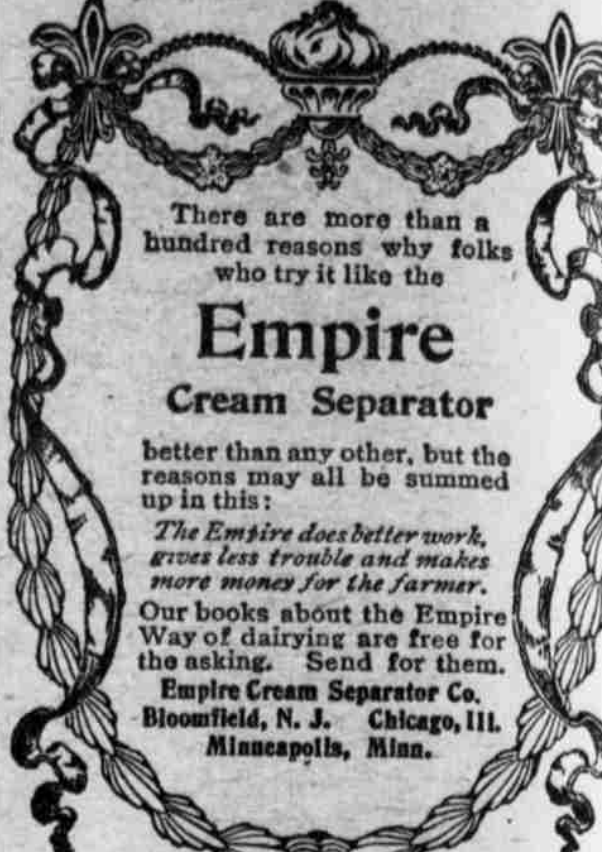
been received with great satisfaction by Judge Parker's supporters, seemingly unaware that it is a blow to his candidacy from which he will find it difficult, if not impossible, to recover.

Outside of New York and the offices of those newspapers the managers of which have been devoted to the Cleveland third-term movement, the effect of the "stuffed prophet's" indorsement is likely to be exactly the opposite of what it was intended to have. A Washington dispatch to the Chicago Record-Herald states that "it will help Parker in the east and south, where he stood in need of help, and will injure him in the west and northwest, where it will do his candidacy the maximum of harm." The Record-Herald's correspondent reports that "in the opinion of a majority of the democrats in Washington it is a most inopportune declaration. . . . Some of the congressmen who take this view of it have been pronounced Parker men, but they are very chary about attaching themselves to any movement that bears the Cleveland brand. One of them had prepared a Parker interview for distribution throughout his state, but as soon as he saw the Cleveland indorsement he recalled it." This attitude of the democratic representatives at Washington is indicated by an interview with Representative Burleson of Texas, who has been outspoken in his support of the Parker candidacy. In commenting on the Cleveland letter, he said:

"In my opinion, the fact that Cleveland has come out for Judge Parker weakens him by fully 25 per cent in the south and west, and strengthens Hearst by just that much. The loyal democrats are strongly opposed to Cleveland as they ever were, and they do not want his advice upon this or any other matter. Parker has been hurt by his fool friends in New York, who seem unable to realize that there is any part of the country except their city and streets."

In view of the fact that the larger part of the democratic representation in congress is from the south, the attitude of democrats in Washington toward the Parker movement since it has received Cleveland's indorsement does not indicate that Mr. Cleveland has strengthened Judge Parker in the south to any greater extent than his indorsement has commended the New York candidate to the democrats of the west and northwest. In fact, there is every indication that Cleveland has dissipated whatever chances Judge Parker may have had of obtaining the nomination and that the nam-

ing of a compromise candidate will be absolutely essential if the democratic party is to enter the campaign with any hope of success.—Milwaukee News.



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