

stronger than it was in 1894, two years after a Cleveland victory.

Mr. Cleveland left the party demoralized by his conduct and disgraced by his record. Can the party afford, even as a matter of expediency, to travel again the road that it traveled from 1892 to 1896? Is it not better—aye, is it not necessary—that it should resolutely defend democratic principles and espouse the cause of the people, trusting to the intelligence and patriotism of the people for accession from the ranks of those who really sympathize with the masses, but either have been led into the republican party by misunderstanding or have been held in the republican party by allegiance to the party name?

Now Watch the States Puncture the Parker Platform.

The Parker boom is on the wane. It is certain to burst before the national convention.

The state of Pennsylvania jabbed a big hole in it yesterday.

Massachusetts will soon puncture it. Illinois will follow suit.

Kentucky will take a shot at it. Missouri won't stand for it.

And on down the list the states are going to emphatically repudiate the effort of the Cleveland-Belmont-Hill reorganizers to dictate to the party.

The loyal democrats of the United States will not stand for the milk and water platform adopted by the New York democrats.

They will not surrender tooth and toe nail to the Wall street crowd.

The New York platform is a cowardly evasion of the issues of the campaign.

It is a subterfuge and a sop to the trusts and "reorganizers."

It utterly repudiates the declarations of two national campaigns.

New York turns its back on the organization and seeks to set up a new democracy which is next kin to republicanism.

There is not one word of reaffirmation of a single plank of former party principles.

The entire tenet of democracy is repudiated and a new eastern doctrine offered by Hill's crowd, which they mean to force the party to swallow.

The loyal democrats of the nation will not accept the dose.

It is as good as blown to the winds.

If the New York platform represents Judge Parker's views, and it was written by his managers who rode rough shod over the only real democratic forces in New York, the issue in the party is made.

The party is not yet ready to aban-

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don all of its principles and accept the Belmont doctrine.

The New York platform contains no reference to the question of imperialism.

The trust issue is almost ignored by the adoption of a weak expression of "opposition."

Not a single arraignment of the coal trust, the beef trust or the railroad trust and other predatory combinations which have robbed the people.

The labor problem, the question of injunction law, the canal question, and other issues which must become prominent in the campaign are handled in the most gingerly style, if at all.

In short, the platform stands for nothing vital in American politics.

It is a weak compromise with Wall street and does not represent the views of the aggressive, dominant democracy of the United States.—Charles Daniel in Atlanta News.

A Green Goods Platform.

Mr. Bryan has promptly and emphatically repudiated the Albany platform. He rented a hall in Chicago the other night and performed a clinic on the new Hill-Parker codex of democratic doctrine. It was hardly to be expected that the Lincoln leader would let pass unnoticed the extraordinary suppressions and evasions of the Parker program. Whatever else may be said of Mr. Bryan, he is neither a coward nor a trickster. He does not stoop in politics to concealment and equivocation. What he thinks he says, and says in language capable of only one interpretation. It is greatly to his credit as a man that when entreated in 1900 by the practical politicians of his party to dodge the silver issue he consistently declined to stand on any platform which misrepresented his real opinions. He still believed in the free coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1, and wished the country to know that he had never wavered or weakened in that belief. To a leader so constituted, the burrowing tactics of the Hill-Parker canvass are naturally an offence and a challenge. They smack of the petty cunning of the "green-goods" man; and against the emptiness and folly of that sort of cunning the editor of The Commoner has taken the stage to enter his sober and timely protest.

Mr. Bryan never had an easier task than the one he set himself last Saturday night at Chicago. The Albany platform is a piece of transparent insincerity. It is constructed for purposes of deception only. Mr. Bryan analyzes it plank by plank, and finds it meaningless, except for a single obscure phrase—and that phrase is itself intended to bear a double interpretation. Take that phrase out—the declaration that "corporations chartered by the state must be subject to the just regulation of the state"—and the Hill-Parker resolutions could, in his opinion, be subscribed to by the extreme partisan in any known American party, and exploited with equal unction by a republican, a democrat, a populist, a prohibitionist or a woman suffrage candidate for president.—New York Tribune.

The Crowd Germ.

And now it is the crowd germ—the little microbe that watches for his opportunity to put us to sleep when we find ourselves in large gatherings.

The crowd germ has been discovered by Dr. Marshall, professor of toxicology in the University of Pennsylvania. The existence of the germ was, of course, suspected, for in the experi-

ence of nearly everybody there have been times when his soporific influence has been sorely felt.

The crowd germ is particularly active on Sundays, especially when the preacher talks in a monotonous drawl and about the time he turns over the forty-sixth page of his carefully prepared sermon. It sometimes, but not so often, attacks people in political meetings. It has been known to put in an appearance at club meetings, when the papers have been over twenty minutes in length. And, notwithstanding its name, it is likely to affect one who is listening to the personal experience of a friend who goes back to the glacial period to relate something that is not likely to happen until the day after tomorrow.

Professor Marshall deserves the thanks of humanity for the pains he has taken to clear up this mystery. We now know where to turn for an excuse when we nod during a lecture on morals, or snore during the course of a sermon on the difference between some kinds of theology and various other kinds.

If the friend who is never happier than when he is repeating to us the old jokes we have told him finds that we are peacefully dreaming at the moment when he expects us to be convulsed with laughter, all we need to do in order to redeem ourselves in his valued estimation is to tell him of Dr. Marshall's wonderful discovery. Then, if he is at all reasonable, he will be attacked by the germ himself and pass into sweet unconsciousness.

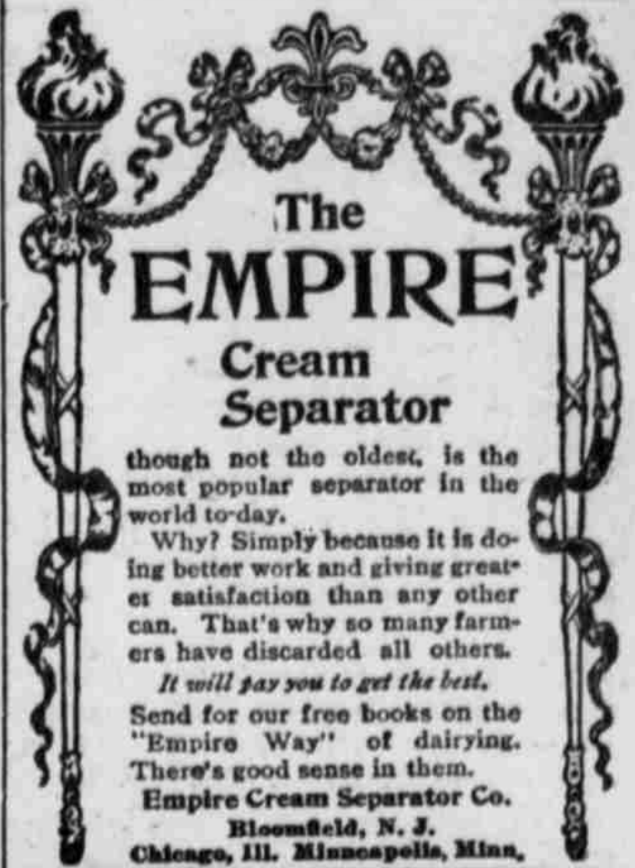
Perhaps it might be as well to add, for the benefit of those who do not know it, that the University of Pennsylvania is located in Philadelphia, and that, for this reason, Professor Marshall has enjoyed exceptional advantages in the carrying on of his investigation into the cause of drowsiness among crowds.—Chicago Inter-Ocean.

Acquisition of Wealth.

Lyman J. Gage addressed the members of the Young Men's Bible class of the Fifth Avenue Baptist church on the question, "Is the Acquisition of Individual Wealth Inconsistent With the Material Welfare of Society?" He was introduced by the leader of the class, John D. Rockefeller, Jr., and said in the course of his address:

"A clergyman has declared that no man can acquire a million dollars in a lifetime without robbing somebody. If the man who can make two blades of grass grow where only one grew before takes to himself one-fourth of the increased product and lets the three-fourths go to society, society gets a very good bargain.

"There is a blind idea that if a man has money he must have taken it from somebody, that there is a fixed amount of wealth. That is not so at all. New wealth is being produced all the time. The men who have accomplished the great things are the most poorly paid, no matter how wealthy they may be."—New York Correspondence Chicago Record-Herald.



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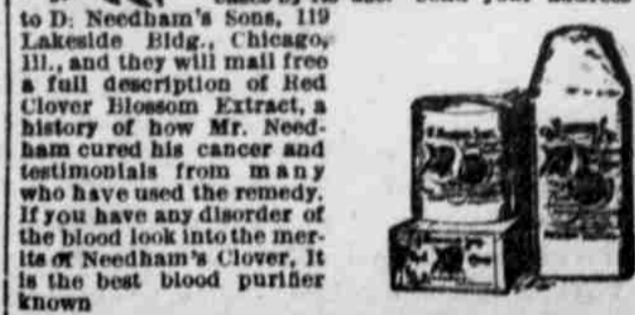
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