## Burrell Heard Bryan.

Washington, Ia., Press: But "the magnificent distance" has this drawback-only a rare voice, "a miraculous organ," could fill the convention hall. Bryan alone was heard, with distinctness, and so with pleasure. By the way. I fell in love with that man this time. He was the only man of courage in the hall-I mean among the leaders. He fought a losing battle from the first but he fought it with tremendous ability and force and eloquence. Those of my readers who heard his "lecture" at our Chautauqua can have no idea of his energy and eloquence. He was tame there, but here he was a lion at bay, and fought like an angel, like a god. I have heard many of the great speakers, but never one that pleased me like Bryan in the three splendid fights he made in this convention. 1 was proud of him as an American. He stood up in the face of sure defeat under Dave Hill's juggernaut machine, and with logic, facts, plain words and flaming thoughts fought like a doomed gladiator in a Roman arena. It required immense bravery to do it, and he held all-save that pitiless machine -in the hollow of his hand. The rest of 'em, in comparison, were, pismires. But it was in vain. The "machine" paid no attention, skipped never a cog, but went clanking on, like the inexorable thing it was.

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William Wittman of New York had a heart that grew so large that it finally failed to perform its functions.

William King of New Bedford, Mass., was found to have two hearts, two sets of ribs and a double breast bone. One heart was on the left side, the other on the right side.

Martin Welge of Brooklyn was hit by a trolley car and had his heart displaced. It was suspended by a small strip of tissue and vibrated like a pendulum.

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