

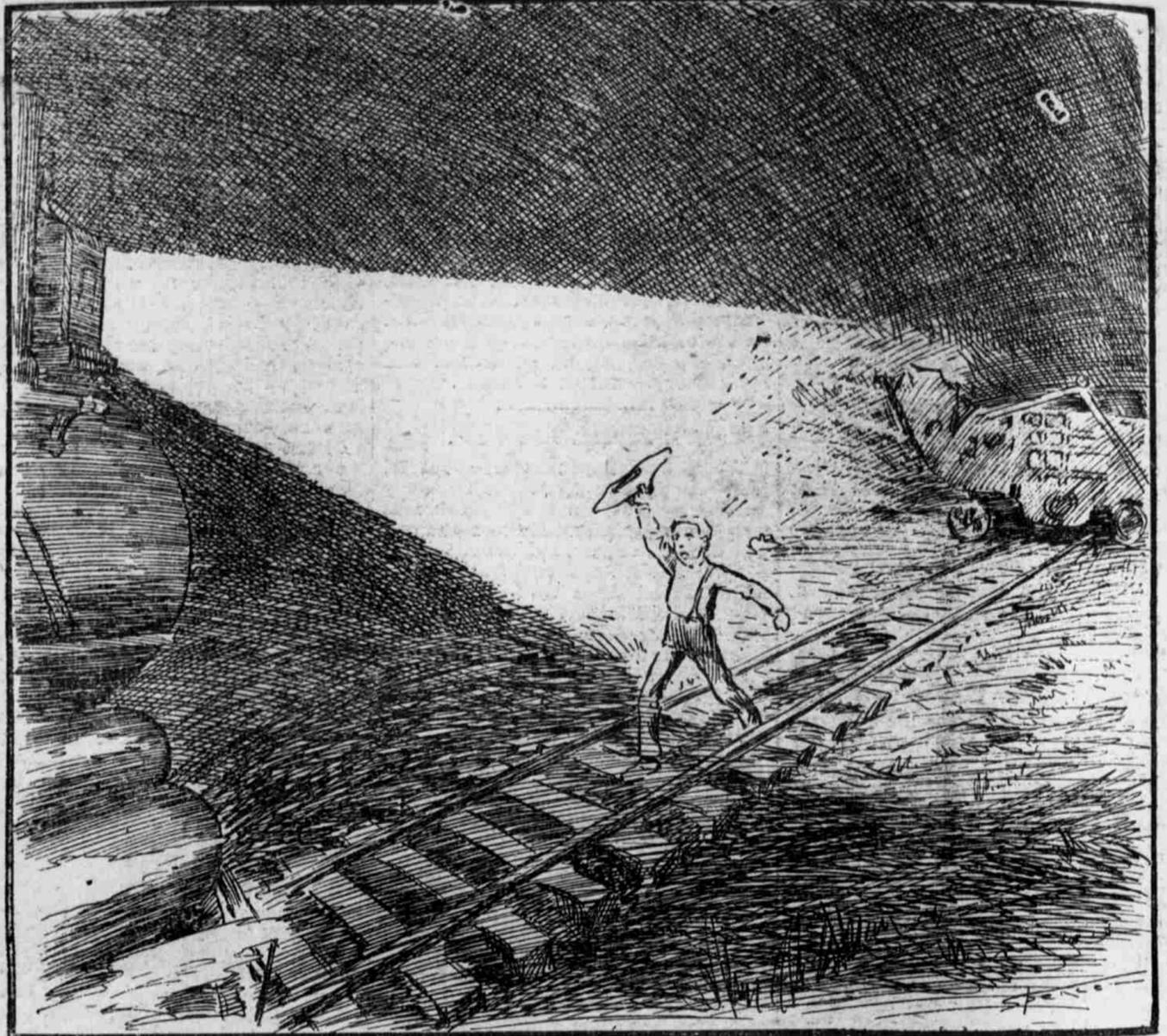
Bryan's Last Stand.

Williams Jennings Bryan came from the St. Louis convention bereft of the crown of leadership won at Chicago in '96, and defended for eight years. He left in the gloom of defeat thrust outside the inner councils of democracy by the machinations of Dave Hill and the machine. Still Bryan in defeat was greater than Hill ever was or can be in victory. A peanut shell may stop a dynamo.

Now that the tumult is still and the cigar smoke has drifted away, the one figure that stands tall and clean cut above others in the democratic convention is that of W. J. Bryan. Headed by the pack he turned at bay like a lordly stag, and whenever he turned the circle of assailants widened. When he spoke the clamor ceased. At the head of a forlorn hope he checked the march of an army with banners and forced terms not of capitulation but of armistice. His rout was accomplished not in open war, but by strategy that many will call treachery. Bryan's sincerity, intellectual capacity and marvelous magnetism never shone more clearly than when he turned to die in the last ditch at St. Louis. Like Custer at the Big Horn, or the Greeks at Thermopylae, he faced the ringed forces of his foes without a thought of surrender, and made the bitter magnificence of his downfall overshadow its pathos.

Bryan was the great man of the convention. Parker was the foreordained nominee and the gold standard the foreordered policy. The delegates dominated by the pledges made by

An Unofficial Hero



Corliss, Wis., Aug. 6.—James Jenser, a farmer boy aged 18 years, was killed through his efforts to save a Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul pas-

senger train from destruction near here last night. He stood on the track waving his straw hat in the glare of the headlight until he was borne

down by the locomotive and crushed to death. The engineer saw him in time to slacken speed and, though the locomotive crashed into a thrasher, the train escaped a wreck.

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their bosses voted for Parker, but they listened when Bryan spoke and cheered him till the rafters rang. He could not stop the foreclosure of the chattel mortgage, given by the state bosses to Dave Hill, but he won two separate victories on tariff by his eloquence and personality and forced a compromise on currency against overwhelming odds.

Bryan had the best of it. He lost nothing but leadership at St. Louis. He came away a greater man than he went. When he rendered back his trust to his party he defied his enemies to show unfaith or dereliction in his record, and none questioned his sincerity or consistent faithfulness to the written platforms of democracy. Like a political King Arthur he cast an unstained excalibur back into the arena of changing democratic national policies and made ready to depart for his Nebraska Avilon.—Marshalltown, Iowa, Times-Republican.

What is Electricity?

First we must ask what is positive electricity? and the answer is still we do not know. For myself I do not even guess—beyond supposing it to be a mode of manifestation, or a differential portion, of the continuous and all-pervading ether. It seems to exist in lumps the size of the atoms of matter; and no portion of it less in bulk than an atom has ever been isolated, nor appears likely to be isolated. But although it may have bulk, it appears as if it had no appreciable mass; the massiveness or inertia of the atom is probably due to some-

thing else, in fact to the possession of negative charges in equal amount. This part of the doctrine is not yet certain. More investigation is urgently needed into the meaning and properties of positive electricity. Meanwhile we shall only be following the lead of Prof. J. J. Thomson if we assume that a unit of positive electricity has a massiveness (or what is often inaccurately called "weight") either zero or very small, most probably very small; perhaps about 1 per cent of the mass of some atoms of matter may be due to the positive electricity which they contain.

But concerning negative electricity we know a great deal more. This exists in excessively minute particles, sometimes called electrons and sometimes called corpuscles; these are thrown off the negatively charged terminal in a vacuum tube, and they fly with tremendous speed till they strike something. When they strike they can propel as well as heat the target, and they can likewise make it emit a phosphorescent glow; especially if it be made of glass or precious stones. If the target is a very massive metal like platinum, the sudden stoppage of the flying electrons which encounter it causes the production of the ethereal pulses known as X-rays. Electrons are not very easy to stop, however; and a fair proportion of them can penetrate not only wood and paper, but sheets of such metals as aluminum, and other moderately thin obstacles. That is because they are extremely small, much smaller than the atoms of matter.—Sir Oliver Lodge, in August Harper's.

An Open Crusade

Accompanied by eight armed members of his church the Rev. Herman G. Uorter, pastor of the Methodist church at Yorktown, Delaware county, has been preaching at night in the streets against the violations of the law on the part of saloonkeepers.

He declared that he would prosecute every saloonkeeper who kept his place open on Sunday or after 11 o'clock on week-day nights, and would proceed against the officers of the law for failure to do their duty. Last Sunday the minister preached in the streets and not a saloon was open. Crowds gathered around him, and among them were many who had been frequenters of the saloons.—N. Y. Herald.

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