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THE JAMESTOW .. EXPOSITION

As will be seen by the speech reported in this issue, Mr. Bryan attended the Jamestown exposition on Patrick Henry day. Having had an opportunity to inspect the grounds, the buildings and the exhibits he urges the readers of The Commoner to visit the exposition. The place is not only historic but delightful. All the attractions of the seashore are to be found there and one can enjoy an outing while he refreshes his memory as to the early settlement of Virginia. At Williamsburg, an hour's ride from Norfolk, are the college which Jefferson attended, the church in which seven presidents worshipped and the foundation of the house of Burgesses where the doctrine of "no taxation without representation" was promulgated.

At Hampton Roads one sees a number of modern battle ships and recalls the epoch making engagements between the Monitor and the Merrimac. The representation of this battle on the grounds of the exposition is, by the way, one of the most interesting side features that any exposition has presented.

The exhibit of the national government is the best that has ever been made and is in itself a liberal education. The group representing the pioneers trading with the Indians is a superb thing.

The state exhibits are very complete and great taste is displayed in their arrangement.

The buildings are well planned and sub-

stantially built.

While the lateness of the spring has delayed some of the work there is more there now than most of the visitors have time to see and the government's work will be completed soon.

Go to the Jamestown exposition and take your children with you. They will find inspiration in the memory of the early days and instruction in the evidences of the nation's progress.

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HARRIMAN'S BATH

When E. H. Harriman appeared before the interstate commerce commission he answered such questions as he saw fit to answer and refused to give testimony on other points, yet it has been decided at a White House conference that Mr. Harriman "is immune from criminal prosecution as the result of his testimony before the interstate commerce commission."

That provides the cheapest method yet suggested of avoiding prosecution for violation of

anti-monopoly laws.

If a monopolist may appear as a witness and tell only the things he desires to tell and at the same time obtain immunity from prosecution then even the paying of fines is a waste of good money.



The "Safe and Sane" Rally to the Standard

"No Taxation Without Representation"

Mr. Bryan's speech on Patrick Henry Day at the Jamestown exposition (Norfolk, Va.) May 30, 1907:

Ladies and Gentlemen: It gives me great pleasure to return to Virginia at any time. And I have frequently given myself the gratification of coming among the people of the state in which my father was born. I know that there is no distinction quite equal to being a son of Virginia; but a grandson comes next to it. And it is with an added pleasure that I come today, when I am to participate in the commemoration of an event that so strongly influenced for good the history of this country and the destiny of the world.

I appreciate the very kind words that have been spoken of me; the invitation that brought me here; the greeting that you accorded, and the introduction which I have received. I enjoyed the inging of the children—the singing of the northern Yankee Doodle, and then I enjoyed the singing of the southern one, Dixie, just after it. I am glad that our national music rests upon two songs; that we have a sort-of-a-double-standard-music, so to speak; and I am satisfied that, according to the sentiment of this audience, it is sixteen to one in favor of Dixie.

W: like Dixie in the north. The anxiety of our people to get that war concluded was not entirely because it was a costly war in money and in men, but we wanted to get through with it so we could get "Dixie" and have it for a national air, and not have you monopolize it. You will find that Dixie brings forth shouts in

the north as well as in the south.

This day brings us to a consideration of the pioneer; and the more I have thought of

the pioneer, the greater has been my respect for him. The pioneer lays the foundation upon which subsequent generations build. I have been thinking of those pioneers who, three centuries ago landed here with an ocean behind them, an unsettled continent before them, and began to lay the foundation of an American civilization. I am reminded of the early instance of faith, where Abraham, at the call of the Almighty, went a thousand miles away from home and friends, and began the establishment of a race and the founding of a religion based upon the worship of one God. As the result of that man's faith there grew up a race that has not been surpassed in history; and as the result of that man's faith, nearly four hundred millions of human beings daily bow in worship of one God. A remarkable act of faith, and yet it was a faith that was akin to that which brought people across an ocean three thousand miles wide. In three centuries their work has increased until eighty millions of people rejoice in the most advanced civilization that history has known; and they can trace its beginning to the pioneers who settled here, at New York and at Plymouth Rock. Three hundred years-how long that seems! The city in which I live is only forty years old, and has nearly fifty thousand inhabitants. Three hundred yearsthat seems long to us in Nebraska, for our country is new, and yet, measured by years, this Jamestown settlement is not an old settlement. Go to Kiota, Japan, and you will find a temple twelve hundred years old, and by the temple there hangs a great bell as old as the temple. Nine hundred years before your ancestors turned the prows of their vessels towards