

**MR. BRYAN IN 1908**

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1900, he wrote the following from Stockholm, Sweden, June 18, 1906:

"I have been watching political developments and have noted with gratification the vindication of democratic principles. You have correctly stated my position. As I wrote to Colonel Wetmore, I shall do nothing to secure another nomination and do not want one unless the conditions seem to demand it. I may add that I enjoy the freedom of private life and feel that I can do some good without holding any office.

"There are, however, certain reforms which I would like very much

to see accomplished and to assist in the accomplishment of these reforms I am willing to become the party candidate again, if when the time for nomination arrives the advocates of reform are in control of the party and think that my candidacy will give the best assurance of victory. If some one else seems more available I shall be even better pleased.

"I need not assure you that I am more interested in seeing our principles triumphant than I am in the personnel of the ticket. The country needs to have Jeffersonian democracy applied to all the departments of the government, state and national, and I am content to help make this application.

"Yours truly,  
"W. J. BRYAN."

Sincerity and candor mark the spirit and letter of the above statement. Mr. Bryan could not have declared more positively that he is not seeking the nomination, and that he does not desire it if a more available candidate can be found. Had he been seeking the nomination he would have played the politician and not the statesman in his Madison Square address, upon returning from his tour of the world. The party leaders sought to induce him to modify his views on the railroad question, which he refused to do, preferring to speak his honest and well matured convictions, let the consequences to his own personal fortunes be what they might. He said he believed government ownership would be the ultimate solution of the problem. It was not a discreet utterance, from a party standpoint, but when the history of the present era is written, it will be seen that the credit for bringing the railroad corporations to their senses belongs to him. They have been forced to choose between obeying the law or hasten the application of the remedy which Mr. Bryan warns them will be ultimately applied.

The fact is that Mr. Bryan's place in history is secure. He has not won the presidency, but the principles for which he stands have been vindicated. But for the Bryan campaigns Roosevelt would never have forced the republicans to pass a railroad rate bill nor wielded the big stick over the trusts. But for the denunciation of "government by injunction" in the platform of 1896, there would be no such sentiment as that which has backed up Judge Long and Governor Glenn in this state and Governor Swanson in Virginia in resisting the arbitrary interference of a federal judge in our local affairs. But for the criticism of the methods by which the income tax was defeated; by a divided court, one judge changing his opinion, we would not today have the spectacle of a republican president demanding that wealth shall bear a part of the burdens of taxation. Granting Mr. Roosevelt full credit for being better than his party, yet all must concede that the most potent weapon he has employed in carrying his point has been that the favored interests could choose between mild republican regulation or kick out and let Mr. Bryan come in.

**PIE**

The old lady who distinguished her pies by marking them with a "T" signifying "'tis mince" and "'tain't mince," has been outdone by the culinary expert of a little hotel among the Green mountains. The chance guest had finished the serious part of the wholesome dinner, when the cook, who was also waitress and landlady, asked him if he didn't want some pie.

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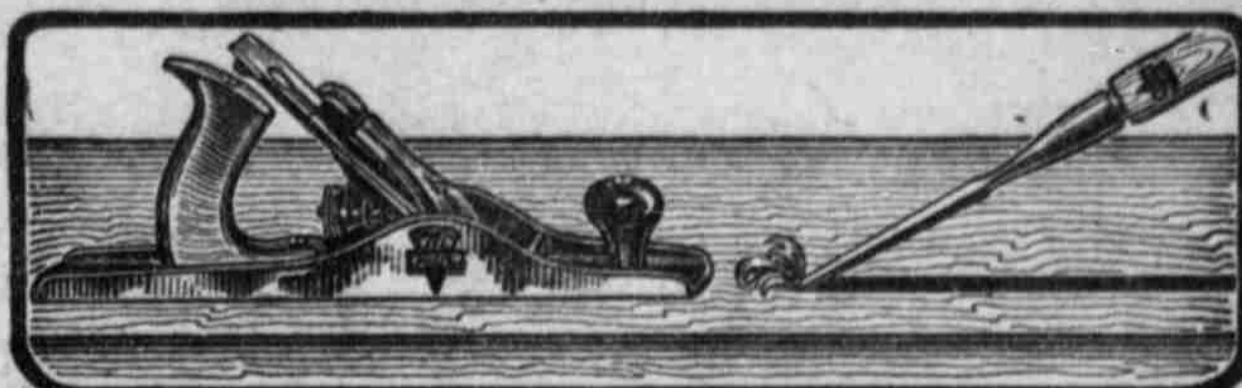
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