

MR. BRYAN IN IOWA

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At Woodward Bryan heaped ridicule on the republicans by charging them with taking credit for the growth of the crops, the shining of the sun, the bringing of rain. "In fact," he said, "they seize upon anything that they think gives a plausible excuse for voting the republican ticket."

At Maxwell he compared the granting of special privileges to a case of poison in the human system.

"There has been a poison at work in our politics," he declared, "and today its manifestations are such that I believe the American people are ready to apply the remedy, and that poison is the poison of privilege, the poison of favoritism. Our government has been run too largely in the interest of the favored few."

Drawing large cheering crowds all day in the course of his travels through the state, the democratic candidate, never in better form,

hurled defiance at his opponents and challenged them to meet his arguments. Fifteen speeches and hand-shaking with thousands constituted his day's work, the concluding speech being here tonight in the auditorium, which was filled to overflowing.

Previous to going to the hall he was serenaded at the hotel and addressed an immense throng from the balcony. The keynote of his remarks here tonight was that republican policies meant disaster, while democratic policies meant prosperity. On this subject he said:

"The democratic party is absolutely necessary to restore prosperity. The republican party has had its chance and it has failed. We are now in the midst of a depression for which natural conditions furnish no excuse. Artificial conditions are responsible for the present prostration, and those artificial conditions originated in republican policies. The business failures for the nine months ended September 30 were 11,942 in number, and the liabilities amounted to \$179,000,000.

"It means that if the assets are worth in fact the amount at which they are placed, there will still be a loss of \$56,000,000 to account for. This tremendous loss comes at a time when crops are reasonably good and when nature has not withheld her bounty. It comes when the republicans are in complete control. They have a president whom they idolize in their platform, a senate completely in the hands of the republican party, a republican house of representatives, dominated by a despotic speaker.

"We can assume, therefore, that they have done everything they could do consistently in their policies to prevent the panic and yet the panic is here. It comes, too, when we have a tariff so high that even the republicans promise unequivocally to revise it immediately, and Mr. Taft has ventured the opinion that the revision will probably be downward. What does it promise to do for the protection of the public. What pol-

icies has it that look to a restoration of prosperity?

"In amount the failures of the last nine months exceed in number the failures of the corresponding months of 1893 and the difference between assets and liabilities is greater this year than it was in 1893, although the total amount of liabilities was greater in 1893 than in this year.

"It must be remembered the McKinley law was still in force in 1893. It was in force until the summer of 1894. The Wilson bill was not passed until the summer of 1894. The failures of that year were not as great either in number or in the amount of liabilities as they are this year. The failures of 1895 were not as great in amount or in the total liabilities as they are this year.

"The failures in 1896 were not equal to the failures of this year in number or in amount of liabilities, and yet in 1896 the republicans were talking about a democratic panic and promising prosperity.

"A member of the British cabinet said recently in a speech that the exports of cotton goods from Lancashire had increased 11 per cent over last year, and he declared that the cotton exports of the United States had fallen off 45 per cent in the same period. If this is true, how will the protectionist explain it?

"The republican party can not escape from its record. Its policies have for their object not the advancement of the general welfare, but the enrichment of a relatively small number of the people at the expense of the rest of the people. If we are to have prosperity we must restore independence in industry. The republican party does not promise this. On the contrary, it pledges itself to a continuation of the policies under which trusts have grown and fattened at the expense of the public.

"The democratic party does promise to prevent the creation of private monopolies. To have prosperity we must have harmonious co-operation between labor and capital. The republican party does not promise this. On the contrary, it promises to continue the policies which estranged labor and capital and have made labor troubles acute. The democratic party promises justice between labor and capital and a restoration of peace and friendship between employer and employe.

"To have prosperity we must protect the bank depositors and thus induce them to take their money out of hiding and restore it to the channels of trade. The republican party does not promise protection of deposits. The democratic party does. The democratic party promises legislation which will insure depositors. The man who puts his money in a bank must know that he can withdraw it at any time, and this security should be given by the banks, because the banks make their money out of the depositors.

"If we are going to have prosperity we must have a reduction in the tariff. The people recognize that the tariff is extortionate. Even the republican leaders are forced to admit this, and yet they are deliberately planning to prevent any real revision by electing a stand pat congress while the republican candidate is talking about revision without giving any assurance that revision will mean a material reduction.

"If the democratic party wins there will be an immediate reduction of the tariff which will satisfy the public demand and remove the tariff question from politics for a number of years. A democratic victory means prosperity, prosperity to all the people, a prosperity that will be permanent. It means the remedying of abuses; until abuses are remedied there can be no peace, and the sooner abuses are remedied the more easily can the remedy be applied."

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