

STRAWS

WAITED TILL FORAKER GOT "KETCHED"

To the Editor of the New York World: The attitude of the author of "my policies" in belaboring Mr. Foraker after he was down does no credit to a brave man. In another respect he reminds me of the Georgia colored woman who was "skinning" her boy that had been caught in her neighbor's watermelon patch. As she industriously applied the thong she said: "An' yer stole dat watermelon, yer did, an' yer got ketched, an' yer got ketched, an' yer got ketched!" After the Ohio senator had buried the hatchet with Mr. Taft and had been invited to make campaign speeches in Ohio and New York for the republican ticket and after he had been "ketched" by Mr. Hearst, then the president began to use "his big stick." Why wait until "ketched?" The president knew all beforehand and said nothing.

A. S. J. STOVALL.

Elberton, Ga., October 2.

HISGEN IN THE PALMETTO STATE

To the Editor of the New York World: Several months ago I was impressed with the professions of the Independence party. They seemed to be fighting for the people, against the bosses, against the trusts and for the enlargement of individual opportunities. I thought such a party would be wholesome in the south, where now only one party exists and where by reason of the monopoly things are sometimes carried on with a high hand. So I went, as a delegate to Mr. Hearst's party. I had not been in Chicago half an hour before discovering that I was in the wrong pew. I was convinced that the aim and purpose was merely to magnify and glorify Mr. Hearst, and the effect, aid to Taft. Many delegates agreed with me fully on the way and after reaching Chicago, but when the convention met were assailing Bryan like veteran Hearst heelers. What caused the lightning change I don't know. It has become more apparent every moment since that Hearst and Taft are working together. Hisgen will not get over 100 votes in this state.

J. C. GARLINGTON.

Greenville, S. C., October 3.

AN OHIO FARMER FOR BRYAN

To the Editor of the New York World: I am a farmer and veteran, and I shall cast my vote for that peerless leader Bryan. I can not forget the insult that Mr. Taft gave to General Grant and the veterans in his speech on May 30 last at the tomb of that great and noble soldier. Which do rule, the people or the big four—Speaker Joe Cannon, Sereno Payne, John Dalzell and Jimmy Sherman? These are the stand-patters that dictate what legislation shall be considered. Is the tariff a benefit to the farmer? Is the farmer protected? He sells his crops in an open market and buys in a market that is protected from 20 per cent to over 100 per cent and pays a higher price for his implements than the farmer pays in Europe. What the farmer wants is relief, not taffy. If protection protects, why has wool dropped from 33 cents per pound in 1907 to 17 cents in 1908? Did the people rule in selecting the delegates to the republican convention, or did Hitchcock and his office-holders and the steam roller?

H. B. KIFFER.

New Philadelphia, O., October 3.

FORAKER AND OTHERS

To the Editor of the New York Herald: Senator Foraker accepted fees aggregating some \$30,000 from the Standard Oil company six years ago for advising that company as to its rights under the constitution and laws of Ohio. The most powerful industrial corporation in the world, widely useful, widely hated, possibly but not provedly the supreme violator of law, as Roosevelt charges, paid a \$30,000 fee to this conspicuously able constitutional lawyer for advice upon points of enacted law whereon his opinion was the very best obtainable. Senator Foraker states that all obligation on both sides ended with the delivery of the opinion and the payment therefor. Why should his word be doubted? * * * Per contra, in a moment of great danger to the republican party in New York in 1904 Theodore Roosevelt called over to Washington Mr. Edward H. Harriman, his personal and political friend and perhaps the ablest constructive railroad and financial genius

of his time, and asked Mr. Harriman to raise a quarter of a million at once as a fund "to carry New York." This sum was raised and put by Roosevelt's managers where it would do the most good and New York was carried. What otherwise was the result? Judge Parker knew of but could not prove the contribution and was publicly branded by Roosevelt as "a wilful and malicious liar." Later Roosevelt conferred the same distinction upon Mr. Harriman and further branded him as "an undesirable citizen."

SELRAHC.

New York, September 23, 1908.

BRYAN TALK AT MINNEAPOLIS

To the Editor of the New York World: At the West hotel, where one would expect all the talk to be republican, as much Bryan talk as Taft talk is heard. There is a large republican Bryan club at the state university. The intelligent negroes are outspoken for Bryan. Today the president of a local life insurance company told me that though a life-long republican he should vote for Bryan and that the vice president would do likewise, because of Bryan's character and Roosevelt's dictation of Taft's nomination. A republican from Iowa and another from the state of Washington expressed the view that this is a free country and no dictation from the president is wanted. They will vote for Bryan. Labor is being organized and will vote against Taft.

C. L. CLEMANS.

Minneapolis, October 2.

OUT WITH SHERMAN AND CANNON!

To the Editor of the New York World: Mr. Roosevelt's tender regard for public morals is most touching, and his denunciation of Governor Haskell will of course be followed by an equally stern denunciation of James S. Sherman, right-hand man of Joseph Cannon and mouthpiece of the trusts. If Mr. Roosevelt does not at once demand his removal from the republican ticket the attack on Haskell will look like a cheap political trick.

H. P. CHADBOURNE.

PREDICTS BRYAN LANDSLIDE

More than fifty democratic editors of New Jersey met yesterday at the headquarters of the state democratic committee in Newark, to form a democratic editors' association to support Bryan and Kern. Chairman Nugent, of the state committee; Jacob Bonnell, of Newton; James E. Carpenter, of Gloucester; Herman C. L. Beeper,

of Newark, and others spoke. Ex-Senator Winton, who was state chairman of the Palmer and Buckner gold democracy in 1896, said that more than 95 per cent of the gold democrats of that year in New Jersey are enthusiastic supporters of Bryan. Chairman Nugent predicted a landslide for Bryan in the state and nation.—New York World.

A FIRST VOTE FOR BRYAN

To the Editor of the New York World: I am to cast my first ballot for the electors of New York state. Indirectly I am going to vote for Bryan.

My father is a republican, my grandfather was a republican and I was brought up in a republican community, and yet I am a Bryan man. Why?

In the first place I am a Bryan man because were Jefferson here he would be; were Lincoln here he would be. In Bryan we have an example of both these great men, a founder of new and sound principles and the greatest of pacificators and emancipators.

Where can we find a man better fitted than Bryan to carry out the policies of his own, which Roosevelt is attempting to carry out? He who has been the real president, shall he not sit in the president's chair?

Do not vote for Bryan unless you can tell why you do.

E. F. T.

Sandy Hill, N. Y.

IF REPUBLICANISM SPELLS PROSPERITY

To the Editor of the New York World: In 1873 there began a monetary depression that lasted five years. Yet high tariff prevailed, the republican party was in full power and had been for years.

In 1883, Arthur being president, there were 9,184 business failures, involving a loss of \$172,874,000. In the following year there were 10,968 failures, involving \$226,343,000.

In 1890-91, Harrison being president and the McKinley tariff law in force there were 23,067 business failures, involving a loss of nearly \$400,000,000. The so-called panic of 1893 charged by republicans to the Cleveland administration, had its cause and its initiation under republican domination.

Query: If republicanism spells prosperity, what has been the matter with the spelling bee ever since last October?

JOHN HOWARD.

Hyattsville, Md., September 9.



"Afraid of the Light"