

alimony in the sum of \$36,000. Justice Dowling gave Mrs. Gould a complete vindication and bitterly condemned her husband for charges he preferred against his wife.

The Taft-Aldrich corporation tax bill was presented to the senate by the Rhode Island senator. It provides for a levy of 2 per cent on net earnings of corporations, joint stock companies, and insurance associations, foreign and domestic. An exemption of \$5,000 in earnings is allowed before the tax takes effect. Latitude is given for depreciation in property, debts and the like. The amendment will make publicity in the management of corporations necessary. Penalties are provided in case of false or fraudulent returns. Books and papers of corporations are subject to examination.

Sarah Orne Jewett, author of the book "Deephaven," died at her home in South Berwick, Maine.

Mrs. Albert Pulitzer, wife of the well known journalist, who is a brother of Joseph Pulitzer of the New York World, died at her home in New York City.

Arthur P. Heinze of the copper company, was fined \$250 in a New York court for impeding the administration of justice in connection with the disappearance of the United Copper company's books.

MR. BRYAN AND THE SENATE

Some time ago a newspaper dispatch said that the associate editor of The Commoner had formally announced that Mr. Bryan would be a candidate for the United States senate to succeed Senator Burkett. No such statement was given out by the associate editor. Mr. Bryan wired to the Omaha World-Herald this statement:

"I reiterate what I have said several times before, namely, that I do not desire to be a candidate for the senate and do not expect to be. While I will not say I will not be under any circumstances, it will require some emergency now unforeseen to bring me into the race, and I hope no such emergency will arise."

Some of the comments on Mr. Bryan's alleged candidacy are interesting and for the benefit of Commoner readers the following sample extracts from editorials are reproduced:

New Orleans Daily States: The report that Mr. Bryan will be a candidate for the senate will, we think, be accepted to mean that he has retired from the presidential field.

This is something over which his enemies in and out of the party should be rejoicing, but we have heard no shout of exultation from any of them. For a number of years they have been striving with no success for the "elimination" of Mr. Bryan from the leadership of the democracy, and when they had despaired of ever getting rid of him he voluntarily eliminates himself. All things considered a big celebration should be coming to the anti-Bryanites.

It is safe to say, that the announcement of Mr. Bryan's candidacy for the senate was not very pleasant news for a number of democratic and republican members of that body who are not in accord with his views on important public questions, but recognize his ability to ably maintain them should he be elected to the senate. But while the distinguished Nebraskan retires from party leadership and is out of the next presidential race there is not the least doubt that he will continue

to exercise great influence in the counsels of his party.

It is conceded even by the republicans of Nebraska that his chances of election to the senate under the new primary law are excellent, and therefore it is quite probable that three years hence his voice will be heard in the senate chamber pleading the cause of the common people. Although he retires from the leadership of his party, he will continue to be more influential than any other man in it. His eloquence, his high character and the esteem in which he is held by the people make this certain.

The Paducah (Ky.) Sun: The spirit of the times is advancement. Once we thought it disloyal to even admit it that the founders of the republic did not reach the limit of human achievement in government at the very outset of our experiment. Now we begin to see that we do not yet realize the full measure of the possibilities of a democratic government.

Bryan in the senate with his analytical powers and phrase making ability will ever be a goad to the majority, forcing it, sometimes against its will, toward the goal of a perfect democracy. As to the honor of the position, the honor is in the man, not the office.

The country owes much to the virgin soil of the great Mississippi valley; but for nothing is she more under obligation than for this wonderful man.

Washington Post: But if Mr. Bryan should see his latest ambitions realized he must be prepared to face some conditions such as he has not been called upon to meet in recent years. He will find that memories cling about the halls of the capitol very much as ivy clings to old towers, and that the men gathered there have not forgotten him since his salad days, when, as a member of the house of representatives, he was widely famed as the boy orator from the Platte. In all likelihood he will have to take up the burden of statesmanship again at about the point where he left off in the early 90s. He will not find in the senate, as he found in the political field and on the lecture platform, audiences made up solely to hear Mr. Bryan. The magic of his voice will not carry far with the men he finds there unless it is backed with something more substantial than tuneful sound. To the strong men who have sat in that chamber and made the country's laws for a score or more of years he would not be the peerless leader, the oracle whose tongue giveth commandments to the democratic hosts and sways multitudes to exaltation with the wine and honey of words. He would be merely the new senator from Nebraska.

Mr. Bryan need not be discouraged, however. We would not wish to roll stones in his path. Should he be chosen at the Nebraska primaries in 1910 let him have recourse again to that modesty which he assumes so becomingly and abide his time for a spell. Then, having served his apprenticeship, he may reasonably expect to be given the place in the senate which his gifts, his industry and his opinions entitle him.

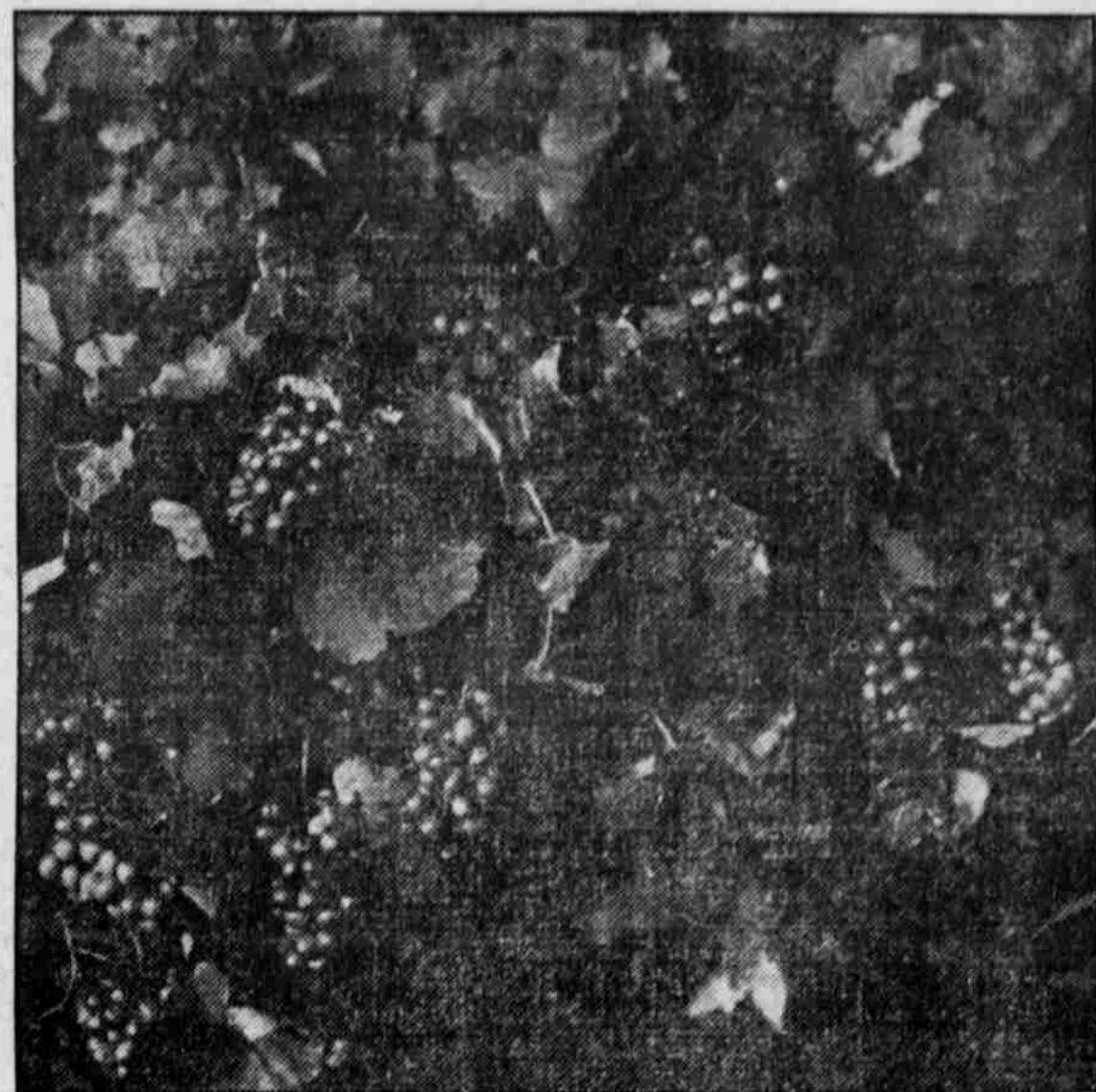
Chicago Inter Ocean (rep.): Mr. Bryan, the senator, would not appeal so powerful to the imagination of people as the Mr. Bryan of today. He might be a much more useful man. But the loss of prestige would be great. In the senate we would have the real Mr. Bryan. Thousands now see the mythical, heroic Mr. Bryan.

We mean no reflection on Mr. Bryan by this. It follows from what

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GRAPES

at San Benito, Texas



Grapes at H. G. Stillwell's, San Benito, May 30, '09.

The Lower Rio Grande Valley in which the lands of the San Benito Land & Water Company are located, is fast becoming known as a remarkable grape country. Not only do many of the very best varieties of grapes do well here, but they ripen many weeks ahead of those grown in other parts of the United States, thus insuring the highest price for this product. What would you think of having your table supplied with luscious, ripe grapes during May and June? This is what you can have at San Benito. The following letter from H. G. Stillwell will give you some valuable information concerning grape culture in this valley:

San Benito, Texas, June 17, 1909.

Frank Caldwell, Sales Manager, San Benito Land & Water Co.
Dear Sir: In replying to your inquiry concerning my San Benito vineyard, I will state that I have 8 acres planted in grapes, there being about 600 vines to the acre. While I have planted quite a number of vines of many varieties I have had the best success with three kinds and therefore have planted the greater part of my vineyard with these. You know I have had several years experience in raising grapes in the Rio Grande Valley before coming to San Benito and knew pretty well what varieties to depend upon. These three are "The Black Hamburg," "The Golden Hamburg," and the "El Paso Mission Grape." The "Black Hamburg" is a very large black grape, or almost black, and grows in large bunches. It is a very choice table grape and when grown in this climate has a very delicious flavor. These begin ripening here about the first of June. My "Black Hamburg" vines are all heavily loaded and they are ripening nicely. The "Golden Hamburg" vines are loaded with large loose bunches. The grape itself is not quite so large as the "Black Hamburg" but the bunches are larger. The "El Paso Mission" Grape is of a dark purple color, ripens about the middle of June here and these vines are loaded about like the other two varieties. The land on which these grapes are growing has been cleared about 18 months. These vines have all been planted as cuttings since that time. While these vines are young yet I am sure they will average not less than 10 pounds of grapes each. I can easily sell all of them at from 10 cents to 15 cents per pound, so I am expecting good profits on my grapes. I may be mistaken but I believe that I am shipping grapes earlier this year than any grape grower in the United States. I certainly believe this will become a great grape growing country. Very truly yours, (Signed) H. G. STILLWELL.

The spring truck crops are about all gathered and shipped. The cotton and sugar cane are doing fine. For several weeks our people have been feasting on home grown canteloupes and watermelons. For further particulars and for fourth edition of booklet, just out, write.

San Benito Land & Water Co.,

ALBA HEYWOOD, President and General Manager. San Benito, Texas.



New Cotton Gin at San Benito—Just Finished