

term—then we should take our stand with Bailey and Colquitt and put down this three-horned devil of demogogy. But if we agree with Senator Bourne that "the composite citizen knows more and acts from higher motives than any single individual, however great, experienced or well developed," for "in the composite selfishness is minimized, while

in the individual it is usually dominant," then we should arm the composite individual with this three-pronged instrument of a pure democracy nor suffer bourbons longer to defeat the will of the people.

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**CHARLES BARNETTE WOLF, WHO** lately sold the Alton (Iowa) Democrat after making it one of the best paying and most widely quoted weeklies in the state, and in a town of 1,200 and a country strongly republican at that, would like to get into communication with democrats in the west who want a good democratic paper to represent their town and county. Mr. Wolf is residing temporarily at Vancouver, British Columbia, and those interested may address him at 2728 Second Avenue. Mr. Wolf is thirty-five years old and has been out of newspaper harness but a few months.

Houston, Tex., Post, Bailey Organ.—There is little to be said with respect to the events in Washington which culminated in Senator Bailey tendering his resignation, except that Senator Bailey failed to understand how distinguished democratic colleagues could deliberately approve a constitution such as that adopted by the people of Arizona. He undoubtedly felt aggrieved that men claiming to be democrats could endorse the principle of the initiative, referendum and recall, especially when it went so far as to include even the proposed state's judiciary, and invited from his own people an expression upon his act in standing out against nearly all of his party associates.

But the feeling of the people of Texas is not open to question. They are not ready to dispense with the services of their great senator on account of Arizona. If other democratic senators want to sacrifice party principle to expediency that is their affair and they must bear the responsibility for their votes. But it is gratifying to know that there is one senator in Washington who would lose his office rather than sacrifice a principle, and this is encouraging as well as gratifying when it is now such a common incident of public life for men to strangle principle without the slightest hesitation rather than endanger their tenure.

The prevalence of such weakness is largely responsible for the growing tendency among democrats to adopt and vouch for populist doctrines which the party fought and defeated some twenty years ago.

The refusal of Governor Colquitt to accept the resignation, the action of the senate in promptly adopting a resolution requesting its withdrawal, and the telegram of similar purport signed by a majority of the members of the house which was not in session, aptly expressed the overwhelming desire of the people of Texas, and Senator Bailey promptly did the right thing in abiding by the indisputable will of the people who have so long honored him.

In a time like this, democrats like Bailey can be spared by neither the country, the state nor the democracy. And we need no better proof of the fact than the vote on the resolution to ratify the Arizona constitution, when out of consideration of mere expediency democratic senators without hesitation sacrificed a principle fundamental alike with the democratic party and with the republican form of government to whose perpetuity the democracy and its honor are irrevocably committed.

Fort Worth, Tex., Record, Bailey Organ.—The nation today needs the giant resistance which he always stands ready to offer to rash experiments in legislation, for never before did it confront such peril to the original principles which have wrought out the greatest republic since time began. We do not say that there are no other able and virtuous men to do this patriotic work, but there are few others who combine the discernment and the courage which he possesses. Many men see danger, but fear to act; others are brave enough to act, but do not see beyond the circumstance of the moment. Bailey sees with rare vision and acts with utter disregard of personal fortune.

Buffalo, New York, Times, edited by Norman E. Mack, chairman democratic national committee.—The outcome is as gratifying as it is

prompt. The country cannot afford to lose from the senate a man of the remarkable ability of Joseph Weldon Bailey. The cause of his withdrawal was the difference of opinion between himself and many of the democratic senators on the Arizona constitution. He returns at the earnest request of his democratic colleagues. The spirit which on both sides has merged divergence of views, for the common good of the party, is an illustrious example of democratic patriotism and good feeling.

**NAGGING AT BRYAN**

Some anti-Bryan democratic newspapers are going out of their way to thank the Hon. William J. Bryan for contributing to recent democratic success "by not actively participating in the campaign." The fact is, Mr. Bryan did effective campaigning in several states, and while the Nebraskan in times past has advocated measures which probably contributed to the defeat of the democratic party, we can see no good in the midst of victory to hark back to the Nebraska colonel. Especially is this true when democratic papers of a certain class did as much harm to the democratic cause as Bryan by means of their ill-advised assaults on their party nominee and platform at a time when it aided the enemy in defeating democracy. Colonel Bryan is now doing nothing to injure his party and it is time to let him alone.

The trouble with some editors is that they want Colonel Bryan to agree to their standards of democracy while they reject his. It is very frequently the case that the standards set up by some of our newspaper friends wouldn't cut any more ice than some of Bryan's unfortunate "paramount issues." A serious drawback to the party is that the average democrat is a law unto himself and obeys his own law. In the recent election Colonel Bryan acted in state matters to suit himself, like anti-Bryan democrats did in the national campaigns when he tried to win a victory for democracy but was prevented by many of his present day critics. As Colonel Bryan and most of his critics appear to be in the same boat of inconsistency they will please not "rock the boat." Is what the Wilmington Star thinks about the senseless effort to discredit Mr. Bryan.

And the editors referred to are not alone in the boat. There are some other democrats so-called, who have

more stomachs than they have brains right along-side with them. While Mr. Bryan was not a candidate in the recent election his policies were endorsed by an overwhelming majority everywhere. — Hendersonville (N. C.) Daily Herald.

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