

politics as well as in business. That is one of the great declarations of public life, in my opinion, gentlemen, and, if that principle is followed, a man will not intentionally go astray, not intentionally, at least, and it is a safe guide in the public life of this state and I adopt that declaration and in the application of that declaration, my friends, I will say that I will decide what is right on everything that comes before me by my own judgment, my own convictions and my own conscience. That will be my test.

"In looking down the vista of coming years and generations in this country, I can see, I believe, a glorious future for this country. I believe that this country was designed by God to be a country where the greatest measure of political, civil and religious liberty should prevail. Can any intelligent man think that when Christopher Columbus crossed the Atlantic in his vessels, the frail little boats encountering times of storm and unknown dangers, that it was an accident that he discovered this country. No, I don't believe it my friends. I believe the hand of Providence was in it and looking down the aisle of future years to come, may be after I shall have passed away, I see this country represented by a solid pyramid of granite, as enduring and lasting as the Rock of Ages itself. I see it surmounting all of the good principles and all other good gifts of this world. I see toiling millions climbing up the wayside to that monument, devoting their energies to elevating and benefitting mankind, the wage-worker enjoying the just proportion of the products of his labor and every

man enjoying the fullest measure of political, civil and religious liberty. Surmounting it I see the Goddess of Liberty with the torch of liberty in one hand, enlightening the world and shedding its rays all over creation, and in the other hand, furling to the free air of heaven and heaven's domain, the glorious stars and stripes. (Applause.) It is not entirely so now, not as much as it should be but it will come my friends. The picture may be overdrawn, but, if so, let us still strive to attain it. Let us fix the ideal of political righteousness and public attainment under it and then, if we shall fall short of the measure, we shall have done our duty and, if I can contribute one mite to that attainment I shall be glad that I have been called into public life. And now, my friends, I thank you for your kind attention and wish you all happiness." (Applause.)

THE PASSING OF PLUTOCRACY

William Jennings Bryan gave his lecture on the "Passing of Plutocracy," before a large audience at Carnegie Music Hall recently, under the auspices of the Emory Methodist Episcopal Church Brotherhood.

Mr. Bryan defined the three kinds of government as the monarchy, the aristocracy and the plutocracy. The first represented the power of one man; the second the power of a few, and the third the power of money. His conviction that the power of money is passing is based on the vast increase in world education within a few years; the determination of the people to have more to say in government, as illustrated in Russia, China, Turkey and Persia in their new parliaments; the attack in England on the house of lords and the demand in America for direct election of senators, direct primaries and the rapid adoption in the states of the initiative, referendum and recall.

"The senate represents the plutocracy of America," he declared. "It is the body farthest removed from the people. Time and again the house has passed the bill providing for an amendment to the constitution for the election of senators by a direct vote, but the bill has been pigeon-holed in the senate. The proposed amendment will be passed by the next congress, will be ratified by the states, and plutocracy will pass from the senate of the United States."

Referring to the Lorimer scandal and the admission of Lorimer to a seat in the senate, he said: "It seems to be the opinion of the senate that if a man can keep out of the penitentiary he is fit for the senate."

Another evidence of the passing of plutocracy was the enactment of the income tax amendment to the constitution which is now being adopted by the states, and the original law, which he assisted to write when he was in congress. The passing of the political boss is another reason why Mr. Bryan is sure of the passing of plutocracy, and he then proceeded to show how admirably the initiative, referendum and recall would operate in the enactment of good laws and the extinction of the boss.

Mr. Bryan, during the afternoon, talked for a short time to the students of the high school. At the Fort Pitt he was asked whether he had knowledge of the movement for the reorganization of Pennsylvania democrats and replied that he was not conversant with it, but "that any change would be for the better."

At noon a luncheon was given at the hotel to Mr. Bryan by M. J. Caton, and the guests were several leading democrats. In the evening at a dinner given the distinguished visitor by George W. Acklin the guests were M. J. Caton, S. J. Toole, Charles A. Fagan, George P. Murray, William J. Barton, John A. Mar-

tin, James F. McShane, Judge B. C. Tunison, John Marron, R. B. Whitington, Warren Worth Bailey of Johnstown, William E. Howley, John Murphy, Charles A. Fagan, Rev. Jesse C. Bruce, Judge J. J. Miller, J. S. Keffer, Frank I. Gosser, Frank Thompson and Hal P. Denton.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

A little boy, listening to the weird skirl of the bagpipes of a street performer, once said to his father: "Father, why does the piper keep on the move all the time he plays?" "I can't say, my boy," the father answered, "unless it is to prevent any one's getting the range with a cobblestone."—Ex.

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