

the revolutionists it was agreed that President Diaz would retire and that General Madero insists in tranquilizing the country. Madero insisted that Diaz should retire before Madero went to Mexico City.

#### KIND WORDS

For the past month the issue of a metropolitan paper without a dissertation on W. J. Bryan is incomplete. He is getting more and more in the lime-light of public gaze. In fact, he is becoming known; his true worth and merit is being realized. Heretofore it has been a sort of haphazard praise and criticism.

For a number of years partisanship has so swayed public sentiment that he was not given credit for his good intentions. This tension is being relieved at a rapid rate and good words and deeds are being appreciated to a large extent, regardless of the political or religious views of those who speak and perform them.

He has weathered the storm of the critics and can now be seen and appreciated as he is. It has become idle talk to assume that he is greedy for wealth or fame only as it accrues from actual merit. He holds to the right, win or lose, and it generally turns out that he is right. It remains to be proven that he was ever involved in a shady deal either financially or politically.

No person of the present age has lived to see so many of the principles he has advocated enacted into law as he has and be it remembered, nearly every one of them were subject of derision but a few years ago. From his advent into public life he has not wavered in his advocacy of the "people's rights," and he is as strongly opposed to the domination of trusts and corporations today as when he began. It is this consistency and loyalty to true democratic principles that has endeared him to those who rightly hold to democratic principles of government.—The Minden (Neb.) Courier.

#### POLITICS AND SCHOLARS

Washington dispatch, carried by the Associated Press: Scholarship accompanied by common sense will enable a college man to win success in politics, but scholarship alone is of little avail. This was Speaker Champ Clark's advice to the College Men's Democratic League at their meeting in celebration of the birthday anniversary of Thomas Jefferson. Addresses also were made by Warren Jefferson Davis of Virginia, president of the league; Thomas Nelson Page and Representative James A. Hamill of New Jersey.

Speaker Clark extended a welcome to college men "to enter democratic politics" and deplored the fact that "it is fashionable in this country to sneer at the scholar in politics."

"I am rather inclined to think," said Mr. Clark, "that this is only an exercise of the humorous faculty,

which is almost universal in America. It is incredible that there should ever have been, is now, or ever will be any general prejudice against learning or learned men. The scholar in politics is all right, but a pedant is ridiculous, whether in politics or out of it."

Mr. Clark declared that honesty in politics was an absolute essential and that the chief inducement to enter public life never should be the salary or the emoluments attaching thereto.

Speaker Clark contrasted the opportunities in politics today with those of fifty years ago, declaring: "Young men of America of this day, collegians and non-collegians, come upon the scene in a very fortunate era. This is the day of great things. It is the age of the world's interest activity and highest development. Men are prone to look backward to a golden age, I prefer to think this age is better than any of its predecessors and that the best is still to come. True, we have not reached the millennium yet. There are wrongs still to be righted, reforms to be effected. There is plenty for all of us to do in improving our methods of government under which we live."

#### DIVISION OF SOCIAL LABOR

The present King George in his younger days visited Canada in company with the Duke of Clarence. One night at a ball in Quebec, given in honor of the two royalties, the younger prince devoted his time exclusively to the young ladies, paying little or no attention to the elderly ones and chaperons.

His brother reprimanded him, pointing out to him his social position and his duty as well.

"That's all right," said the young prince. "There are two of us. You go and sing God save your grandmother, while I dance with the girls."—Ladies' Home Journal.

#### FOR HE WAS MARY'S SON

It was the Mary-part of him that prayed  
Beneath the garden's midnight sky  
That it might be the Father's holy will  
The death-drugged cup should pass him by—

The mother-heritage, the earthly trait  
So sweet and yet so prone to err;  
For he was half her child, this suppliant,  
Born of the blood and bone of her.

Had he been all divine, the dreaded cup  
He would have quaffed and made no sign.  
Nay, more; the draught had had no bitter taste  
Had he been all divine—

Had he been wholly God he had not feared  
E'en for a breath the stern decree  
That wrung from him the crucifixion cry:  
"Eloi, lama sabachthani!"

But he was Mary's child as well as God's;  
'Twas she dowered him with the strain  
That taught him kinship with an aching heart,  
Yet made him coward at the thought of pain.

'Tis that he dreaded while he drained the cup  
That courage is the world's high creed;

'Tis that, in agony, he cried for help  
That he is pitiful to human need!  
—Sara Beaumont Kennedy in Memphis Commercial Appeal.

## WASHINGTON NEWS

An Associated Press dispatch says: "Prolonged cheers and applause followed the statement in the house by Republican Leader Mann that Speaker Clark was being considered by the democrats for the presidency in 1912. The demonstrations started on the floor, but the galleries soon joined in. The speaker, his face red with embarrassment, pounded vigorously with his gavel for two minutes before he could command any semblance of order."

Governor Osborne, of Michigan, appeared before the senate committee and delivered an argument in favor of Canadian reciprocity.

Representative Stanley introduced and the house adopted a resolution providing for an inquiry into the steel trust. The resolution says that the committees shall consist of nine members, to be elected by the house. Representative Henry, of Texas, nominated the members of the steel committee. They were elected unanimously. They are Representatives Stanley, Bartlett, Beall, Littleton and McGillicuddy, democrats; Olmstead, Young, Sterling and Danforth, republicans.

The supreme court of the District of Columbia, on its own motion, reinstated proceedings for alleged contempt against President Samuel Gompers, Vice President John Mitchell and Secretary Frank Morrison, of the American Federation of Labor.

President Taft sent a cordial message of greeting to the confederate veterans in session at Little Rock, Ark.

Secretary MacVeagh has called for bids on fifty million dollars of Panama canal bonds, bearing 3 per cent.

President Taft withdrew from all forms of disposition 2,550 acres of land in Wyoming to be reserved for examination and classification with respect to their coal value.

The judiciary recall was under debate in the house and Mr. Legare, of South Carolina, a democrat, denounced the proposal in the Arizona constitution as "the rankest of political heresy." He declared that the recall meant nothing more or less than the rule of the mob. Referring to statements made that the people demanded the adoption of the plan of recall, Mr. Legare exclaimed: "It is true that the people always want more power. Of course they want it. Once convince the people that through the recall of the judiciary the absolute control of this government can be placed directly in their hands, no human agency can prevent their acquiring that power, and once given that power the old ship of state will veer toward the maelstrom of revolution and anarchy."

Representative Martin, of Colorado, approved the recall, and criticized President Taft for his opposition to it. Asked by Representative Littleton, of New York, under what circumstances he would favor the use of the recall in application to the judiciary, Mr. Martin replied: "Under circumstances similar to those that would lead to impeachment."

The Washington correspondent to the Chicago Record-Herald says: "In the excitement and intense popular interest attaching to the Standard Oil decision of the same day by the su-

preme court which is regarded by the government as far more consequential in its effects has been almost entirely overlooked.

"Attention was directed to it at the department of justice, and Attorney General Wickersham expressed the view that it was, everything considered, the most important decision rendered by the highest tribunal in the country in a great many years.

"The case involved is that of the State of Oklahoma vs. the Kansas Natural Gas company. It arose out of a law enacted by the Oklahoma legislature which provided that corporations engaged in the transmission of natural gas within the state should not deliver gas to persons or corporations engaged in transporting gas to points outside the state.

"The apparent intent of the law was to conserve a resource of the state in the sole interest of its own people. This purpose is declared unconstitutional by the supreme court which holds that natural or other products cannot, once they are given over to private ownership, be kept from passing to the possession of consumers beyond the state limits.

"Decisions heretofore rendered by the supreme court have caused the legal lights and administrative officials of the nation to be in fear and trembling of the tremendously serious consequences that might result from radical action by states in the matter of cutting off interstate commerce in natural or even manufactured products.

"In a celebrated case involving the right of a prohibition state to prevent the manufacture of liquor within its borders even when the product was intended solely to sell in other states, the court held in favor of the prohibitory law.

"In the celebrated Knight case, involving the sugar trust, it was held that the fact that an article is manufactured for export to another state does not make it an article of interstate commerce and that the United States has no jurisdiction until interstate commerce actually commences.

"The opinion in the Oklahoma case, as presented by Justice McKenna, reverses the principle as heretofore interpreted in the light of the earlier decisions."

A United Press dispatch from Washington May 18th said: "Four bills to restore to the Sherman act its former power have been introduced in the senate.

"Jones (rep., Wash.) presented an amendment providing that 'combinations in restraint of trade, whether reasonable or unreasonable, should be unlawful.

"This would give the law the scope it had in the three supreme court decisions preceding the court's Standard Oil opinion.

"Culberson (dem. Texas) introduced an amendment that would make the law as effective as it was before the Standard Oil decision.

"An amendment offered by Reed (dem., Mo.) provides that every contract, combination or conspiracy in restraint of trade is hereby declared to be unreasonable and illegal."

"Another Reed amendment declares all monopolies or attempts to monopolize and all combinations and conspiracies to be unreasonable and illegal.

"It is said in senate circles that the changing of the law probably will go over until next winter.

"There is no prospect for an amendment to the Sherman anti-trust law at this session of congress,"

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