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Jabbs at The Commoner Editor

A DEMOCRAT DEFENDS MR. BRYAN

To the Editor of the New York World: The principal reason for the perpetuation in power of the republican party is the fact that the leaders of that trust-bound body of chronic office-holders are wise enough not to ruin its chances of success at the polls before their candidates are put in nomination. The democratic press should cease its heavy firing upon this or that available candidate. The absurd talk of Mr. Bryan being politically dead when he has led the democratic party three times against the very interests that are today levying such heavy tribute upon the wage-earners is enough to prove that when he foretold to the American people that there was grave danger of the trusts

owning the people he wasn't far from telling the truth.

The reception he received at the Jackson Day dinner at Washington is enough to prove that the other candidates who go into the national democratic convention thinking it is a Bryan wake had better not be too sure. Many of his predictions have come true. Roosevelt during his seven years of rule advocated and put into use many of Bryan's far-sighted ideas. There is hardly an intelligent democrat today but that acknowledges Mr. Bryan's great ability, love of country, his having kept aloof from the money-changers. In fact, it is the common expression of many that "he is ten years ahead of his party." What would you think of a business man who would object to some invention being ten years ahead of the times?

Stop the loud denunciations of men who have fought for years for the success of the democratic party. One among them who has been so signally honored by the American people, even after three successive defeats by Wall street, rises and says like the Spartan of old: "I will work harder for the man who is nominated than I did for myself." To me that has the right ring and in marked contrast to "Augustus Caesar" Roosevelt's attitude toward the child of his own political creation. He sits in silence at Oyster Bay and utters the word "liar" to what his friends in kindness may say.—Fred A. Pettit, New York, Jan. 10.

HOW TO ELECT THE NEXT DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENT

To the Editor of the Baltimore Sun: Sir—Senator O'Gorman's views upon the selection of the candidate of the democratic party for 1912 are the most sensible I have yet seen. The anti-Bryanites and the Goldites, who have never "let up" on Mr. Bryan, seem utterly oblivious to the fact that he is today a tower of strength in our party, and has the largest following of any one man in America, irrespective of all parties. His high moral character, his courage, his loyalty to the democracy have endeared him to a vast multitude of admiring countrymen, and without his indorsement of the candidate of our party in 1912 the contest would be decided in advance. And it seems to us the height of political folly if the politicians who have incurred Mr. Bryan's enmity by their "crooked ways"—and he has not hesitated to denounce them—should not recognize this fact and cease their abuse of this greatly loved and distinguished man, who has a place in the hearts of the American people second only to that of Patrick Henry or Henry Clay.

Senator O'Gorman shows by his fearless expressions about Bryan his political shrewdness and loyalty to our party, and that he is perfectly willing to concede to Mr. Bryan the prominent position he is entitled to and willing to consent and abide by his advice.

Therefore, let the "small fry," who are not worthy to tie Bryan's shoes, stop their abuse and listen to the advice of the greatest man in America today, and we have no doubt Bryan would select a man as candidate of our party of the Woodrow Wilson type, and we know what the result would be. But if the politicians, in their folly, influenced by selfish considerations, refuse to allow Mr. Bryan a place in our councils he richly deserves and select a candidate to whom, for several reasons, he is opposed, defeat will be ours.—J. S. B., Freeland, Md.

To the Editor of the Baltimore

Sun: Sir—The letter of Mr. W. S. Boswell, of Brevard, N. C., seems unfair to Mr. Bryan, though I. S. B., to whom it is directed, may have deserved it. I did not see the letter of I. S. B.

There are many other democrats who were displeased with the appointment of Chief Justice White and the reading of the word "unreasonable" into the Sherman anti-trust law, it being the belief of many that the trusts wanted it just so.

I have always liked Judge Harmon, but it seems strange that all the bitter enemies of Mr. Bryan are ardent supporters of Governor Harmon for the democratic nomination.

Isn't the proper democratic position for the lowest possible revenue tariff? Do representatives Underwood, Adamson and Fitzgerald more nearly maintain this position than Mr. Bryan?

Who was it that asked President Taft why he named a trust democrat instead of an anti-trust republican to be chief justice of the supreme court? It really seems that the so-called democrats appointed to cabinet and other positions of importance by the present administration are men who never supported the national ticket in Mr. Bryan's campaigns.

How did Mr. Bryan knife Judge Parker? I heard him speak four or five times in Indiana for Judge Parker in 1904 and I heard Judge Parker return the compliment in 1908 with a speech in Wilmington, Del. The fiasco, as Mr. Boswell calls the 1908 campaign, was more due to knives in the hands of the so-called anti-Bryan democrats than to Mr. Bryan. He was nominated by delegates voted for by the people and I can think of nothing fairer from a democratic point of view.

Who advocated the open caucus? Was it Bryan or Harmon or Underwood?

Let's have as much real democracy in the platform and ticket as possible. If all the leaders will play fairly and be consistent, we can have harmony worth the price. It seems safe to assume that Mr. Bryan will give full and earnest support to the ticket and he ought not to be criticised for endeavoring to have a candidate and platform acceptable to all staunch democrats.

Millions of democrats consider Mr. Bryan a perfect gentleman and do not doubt that he will apologize when circumstances prove him mistaken in his accusations.—W. C. Dizer, Wilmington, Del.

AN "APPRECIATION"

A young lady who had returned from a tour through Italy with her father informed a friend that he liked all the Italian cities, but most of all he loved Venice.

"Ah, Venice, to be sure!" said the friend. "I can readily understand that your father would like Venice, with its gondolas, and St. Mark's, and Michelangelos."

"Oh, no," the young lady interrupted, "it wasn't that. He liked it because he could sit in the hotel and fish from the window."—Catholic News.

HE KNEW

"The object of the average explorer seems to be to acquire enough material for a lecture."

"Yes; that is my wife's aim when she explores my pockets."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

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