

place from where the chief justice sets it. Many jurists and political economists (take Judge Doster, formerly of the Kansas supreme court, as an example) say that such statutes as that for an income tax, that compelling or allowing workmen's compensation, etc., are political, and that it is properly and legally for the legislative department to determine whether they violate the constitutional provisions against confiscating property. Of course, those who take this view recognize that the courts do the other thing; but they protest, nevertheless.

Then, too, such decisions as that of the majority of the court in the Dred Scott case, invalidating the Missouri compromise statute, have confused the popular mind, at least,

as to what is a political action within the opinions of the judiciary.

The people will be very glad that the court has taken the view it has with regard to the initiative and referendum. It was not clear how the court could prevent the people from legislating for themselves, even if the court took the opposite view to what it did take. Still, it is gratifying that a clash between judicial reasoning and popular necessity has been avoided.

It might be wished that the problem of adjusting our judicial system to such public necessities are manifested in the general progressive tendencies of the time could be as easily solved—or avoided.

It may be added to what has been said, that the supreme court does not

hold that everything which may be done by the people through the initiative will be constitutional. In that regard there remains the always possible conflict between the people's right to legislate and the court's power to veto legislation by constitutional construction. The court holds only that if the people wish to legislate directly as well as by representation the court has no jurisdiction either to prevent or approve that way of transacting the political business.—Kansas City Times.

TEN YEARS OF CINCH

How would you like all your money in a bank you did not control, and, if you didn't like it, be unable to change to another bank for ten years?

You would say that anybody who would tie himself up that way needed to have a guardian appointed, wouldn't you? Well, that is what Aldrich and some of your so-called "representatives," otherwise known as United States senators, are trying to do to Uncle Sam.

The latest central bank scheme is known as the "national reserve association." Senator Burton from Ohio introduced it a few days ago. It is known as S. 4431. Ask your representative or senator at Washington to send you a copy of it.

Section 23 provides that when the national reserve association is organized, the United States government shall deposit its general funds with it and "thereafter all receipts of the government, exclusive of trust funds, shall be deposited with said association and its branches, and all disbursements by the government shall be made through said association and its branches." So your Uncle Sam would have to put all his money in just that one bank and do all his banking with it.

The national reserve association will be governed by a board of 46 directors and on it your Uncle Sam is to have only four; to-wit: secretaries of treasury, agriculture and commerce and labor and controller of the currency. (See Section 9.) Pretty small minority for so heavy a depositor. Four out of 46, wouldn't cut much ice?

But notice the way the thing is cinched:

"Section 58. Congress reserves the right to alter or amend the provisions of this act, to take effect at the end of any decennial period from and after the organization of the N. R. A." That is, Uncle Sam can not change his banker for ten years.—The Oklahoma News.

THE BRYAN BANQUET

Last Saturday night William Jennings Bryan the foremost statesman in America, honored the city of Cheyenne with a visit. He was given a great reception at the Plains hotel, where a sumptuous banquet was spread and Mr. Bryan made an address on co-operation and reform, which appeared in the Sunday Leader.

It was essentially a gathering of the progressive leaders of the state to meet the originator of the progressive movement in the United States. As usual Bryan measured up to the full expectations of his admirers. His masterly address clearly demonstrated what this paper has heretofore pointed out. That Bryan is the father of the progressive sentiment which has completely absorbed the democratic party as well as a large faction of the republican party. If a coalition of the progressives of both parties could be formed with a platform embodying the principles enunciated by William Jennings Bryan last Saturday night in Cheyenne it would irresistably sweep the whole country.

Yet in all that he said, which con-

stituted a crystalized statement of the reform doctrines he has been proclaiming throughout the country for years, not a word, not a sentence was uttered calculated to offend the feelings of the most sensitive stand-patter. William Jennings Bryan is a greater man in the eyes of the American people today than if he had been elected president.

His honorable and clean record as a man; his high ideals of moral and social ethics and his eminently just and practical principles of political economy can not be successfully assailed, and his influence may go a long ways toward naming the progressive standard bearer of the coming presidential campaign.—Cheyenne (Wyo.) State Leader.

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