

THE SACRIFICE HIT



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Mr. Bryan at Baltimore

CALHOUN ON BRYAN

Sylva, N. C., July 4.—To the Editor of the State Journal: I have just read with much interest and approval your editorial of July 1, "What Bryan Is Doing." Written, as it was, two days before the end of the memorable contest at Baltimore, it depicts the situation and delineates the purposes of Bryan as if it had been written by a friendly pen after the conclusion of the event. Bryan has accomplished the great object at which he aimed. He has freed the democracy from the incubus of corruptible conservatism, without loading it with the impetus of wild radicalism. That he is the great living American has long been conceded. To this estimate he has added the triumph of being the most successful. He has taught his countrymen that the right will prevail in the ultimate and everywhere, and reestablished the verity of the trite old saying that honesty is the best policy.

During the twenty years that Bryan has been before the national

public it has been generally accepted that his policies, beliefs and methods have been superlatively the best, but practical men have been slow to put faith in their actual application to politics for either individuals or masses. Today it is demonstrated that truth will rise again, and men will hereafter look with confidence for its resurrection after any temporary reverse. During all of these twenty years Bryan has made the same fight he brought to a glorious conclusion at Baltimore, and that without fear or faltering. Many times beaten, he has renewed the struggle with faith and courage—and those qualities will be called for many times in the future. The struggle between good and evil will go on, with fluctuations and reverses. It can not be settled in a single victory, no matter how apparently decisive, but no man since He came out of Nazareth has done so much for the uplift as Bryan has accomplished at Baltimore.

It is as yet doubtful whether

Bryan's party will accept with their whole souls the results of that memorable conflict. But whether they do or not, there will be millions of men who will, who can rise superior to the petty limitations of weak humanity, and who will join in the nation-wide movement for the betterment of politics and all the relations of life. The detail incidents of the contest in the convention have all concluded happily, harmoniously and symmetrically, beginning precedently with the weak and wicked blunderings of Taft, continuing with the rash and foolish and baseless blusterings of Roosevelt, and including the skillful threading of the mazes of democratic stupidity, cupidity and ignorance. The future student of history will point to his disciples that the three successive defeats of Bryan in his pursuit of a laudable and lofty ambition were the very influences that refined and drilled and qualified him for his final victory.

But by no other process could he have risen to the standard of patriotic devotion, the precision of absolute impartiality, the complete absence of personal interest, the comprehension of the issues at stake, all

of which and more were necessary to enable him to control, guide and direct the masses behind him. Great and glorious as was the triumph at Baltimore, the hardest fight is yet to come and the outcome is by no means settled. Election day in November will dawn with an outlook no more certain, no clearer, than the crucial day of the fight at Baltimore. The world, the flesh and the devil will be arrayed on one side, with the spirit of liberty and progress on the other.

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A HIGH PLANE

Omaha Chancellor: When before in American political conventions have we seen such a magnificent spectacle as Bryan presented at Baltimore? His resolution reading out of the democratic party the tools of Morgan, two of whom, Ryan and Belmont, he named, was an act of courage too rarely seen on such occasions. His denunciation of Murphy the Tammany boss, was of the same order.

When it is considered that party politics, as usually conducted, demand a large "barrel of coin," and that it is such men as these who are always the ones to "raise the coin," always, however, with a string attached, Bryan's determination to purge the democratic party of such contaminating influences becomes commendable in the highest sense. For let no one forget that when such men as the Morganites, as these men are, and all the others who have debauched both the leading political parties of this country, raise money to carry on campaigns, they do not do it from any worthy motive. Their donations are always given with the understanding either that no adverse legislation touching their various grafts shall be enacted or that there shall be some form of special favors enacted for them.

It is when we consider that fact that the courage of Mr. Bryan becomes so highly commendable. It is not necessary for political party machines to raise the enormous campaign funds which they so often do, and when they do raise them, the major portion of them is used for nothing but to debauch all who handle it. And it is in consideration of this fact that Bryan was justified in making his fight against Clark. No man can be tied up as Clark has been with such creatures as Hearst and the Tammany crowd, and still remain true to the people's interests. Clark's acts of omission were as grave as were the acts of commission by others. It is Bryan's high plane of truth and honor in political matters that makes his position unique and difficult of comprehension to his critics.

THE VALEDICTORY

Kathryn Howard in the Baltimore Star: The only enthusiasm in that last session was in the interest given William Jennings Bryan when he rose to give what he termed his "valedictory." The biggest man in the convention, he did not lose force on this last day, when the party had selected a president, and the rumor that he was to speak roused the lackadaisical audience to a state of keen interest. It doesn't matter how weary people have been during the long hours of this session, the fact that Mr. Bryan was to speak always acted as a tonic upon the most tired system.

MR. BRYAN AS SEXTON

Lincoln (Neb.) Trade Review: From burying Mr. Bryan on the opening day of the democratic national convention, to his making them eat out of his hand at the close of the convention and disfranchising Tammany was the record of the demo-