

BUY MONTICELLO

A senate committee has unanimously agreed upon a resolution for the appointment of a commission to ascertain the advisability of the purchase by the government of Monticello, the home of Thomas Jefferson.

Mrs. Littleton is to be commended for her good efforts and congress ought to act upon her suggestion. There is no name in American history more important than the name of Jefferson.

In a speech delivered in the house of representatives June 5, 1904, Mr. Bryan paid this tribute to Jefferson:

"There are wrongs to be righted; there are evils to be eradicated; there is injustice to be removed; there is good to be secured for those who toil and wait. In this fight for equal laws we can not fail, for right is mighty and will in time triumph over all obstacles.

"Yea, though thou lie upon the dust; When they who helped thee flee in fear. Die full of hope and manly trust, Like those who fell in battle here.

"Another hand thy sword shall wield; Another hand the standard wave; Till from the trumpet's mouth is pealed The blast of triumph o'er thy grave."

"Let us, then, with the courage of Andrew Jackson, apply to present conditions the principles taught by Thomas Jefferson—Thomas Jefferson, the greatest constructive statesman whom the world has ever known; the grandest warrior who ever battled for human liberty!

"Alexander wept for other worlds to conquer, after he had carried his victorious banner through the then known world; Napoleon rearranged the map of Europe with his sword, amid the lamentations of those by whose blood he was exalted; but when these and other military heroes are forgotten and their achievements disappear in the cycle's sweep of years, children will still lisp the name of Jefferson, and freemen will ascribe due praise to him who filled the kneeling subject's heart with hope and bade him stand erect—a sovereign among his peers."

"BACK TO WORK"

Washington dispatches say that William Lorimer, late senator, is "going back to work," but that he is not fully decided whether to re-enter politics and seek vindication.

The best way for Mr. Lorimer to vindicate the friendship shown him by many distinguished men would be the devotion of his efforts to good citizenship. He would do well to forget the past and abandon all effort to justify his election to the senate.

Suppose the Baltimore convention had known of the \$250,000 contributed by August Belmont (one of the men condemned by resolution) to Judge Parker's campaign fund, would the convention have selected him to sound the key-note of a progressive campaign? And Mr. Ryan is yet to hear from.

"The Folks at Home" in West Virginia

William R. Thompson was nominated for Governor of West Virginia at a convention held at Huntington. It will be remembered that former Governor William A. McCorkle of West Virginia fought the Belmont-Ryan resolution offered by Mr. Bryan at Baltimore.

The demonstration came when McCorkle introduced a resolution providing that any resolution introduced in the convention be referred to the committee on resolutions without debate.

The cat calls and hisses started in the Ohio county delegation when McCorkle attempted to speak on the resolution, and in an instant spread throughout the hall.

McCorkle attempted to gain recognition to withdraw the resolution after it had met with strenuous objection, but was forced to take his seat and send word to the chairman that he desired the resolution withdrawn.

The convention was called to order by State Chairman W. G. Bennett.

He named John H. Holt, of Huntington, as the temporary chairman; A. E. Kenny, of Calhoun county, temporary secretary; M. A. Strickler, assistant secretary, and H. A. Garden, as sergeant-at-arms.

Judge Holt sounded the keynote in an address that bristled with denunciation of the favoring of special privilege under republican rule, and the promise of a change under democratic rule.

This the speaker took up by declaring the world had produced two great commoners, William Pitt and William Bryan. The Bryan demonstration continued for eight minutes.

Mr. Holt said: "Four years more have rolled away and once again the democracy of West Virginia, through its accredited representatives, is gathered in state convention. The times are auspicious. After nearly fifty years of continuous republican rule in the nation and one-third that period in the state, we are at last gathered today around the open grave of the republican party.

"Upon the subject of the tariff there must be no hesitation, there can be no compromise. We must stand flatfooted on the constitution. So long as we have representatives in congress voting for a protective tariff upon coal, and so long as we have democrats in congress from the state of Virginia voting for a protective tariff upon peanuts, we can not expect to succeed.

"When we further review the history of the republican party we find that it has almost completed the centralization of our government. This evolutionary process began in the days of the federalists, and was subsequently checked through the democracy of Jefferson.

"When the history of this country shall finally come to be written one brilliant advocate of this modern doctrine of the election of senators by the people will take his place alongside of Jefferson and Jackson as distinctive and characteristic as theirs, and his democracy has been as pure—indeed, he gives you the key to the true theory of local self-government; and the day is not far distant when the American people will recognize him not only as a benefactor, but as a patriot as well. The English-speaking people have produced two great commoners—

one was William Pitt, and the other is William Bryan."

"THE FOLKS AT HOME" DID THE BUSINESS

Louis F. Post in The Public: It is no empty compliment, that which pretty much all the papers but Hearst's—the latter for obvious and disgusting reasons—are paying to William J. Bryan as the Warwick at Baltimore. Few public men of any country or time, having his opportunities for self-service, would have undertaken what he accomplished: no other man in our time and country could have accomplished it had he made the effort.

A SQUARE GAME CONTEST

Editorial in Moberly (Mo.) Democrat: Attacked without cause Bryan was plunged into a fight not of his own making. The national committee exemplified the old adage, "Whom the Gods would destroy they first made mad."

Then followed the most remarkable exhibition of generalship and political manipulation the world has ever seen. He went down for the first round and Parker was elected temporary chairman. The interests back of Parker thought that Bryan would take the count. He was merely gaining an estimate of the forces he must fight.

It was a square game contest and not a blow below the belt. It establishes the champion as the gamest political fighter in the country, and proves that he is the ablest organizer and has more knowledge of the political prize ring than all his opponents combined.

CIRCULATE THE COMMONER. An old-time reader of The Commoner writes: "Wherever The Commoner is regularly read the democratic vote increases. One of the most effective methods of increasing Governor Wilson's vote would be by the circulation of The Commoner (particularly among men who have heretofore voted the republican ticket) in every state of the union. I suggest that you make a special rate for campaign purposes and I am sure there are many hard working democrats who will take advantage of that rate to put The Commoner regularly into the hands of their republican neighbors." The Commoner will be sent to any one from now until the close of the 1912 campaign for the sum of 35c, or three subscriptions will be entered until the close of the campaign for \$1.00.