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Mr. Bryan's Tour

Following is an Associated Press dispatch: Denver, Sept. 16.—One term for president and the necessity of selecting Woodrow Wilson for that office in November was the central thought of campaign addresses delivered today by William J. Bryan in his tour of northern Colorado. At Fort Collins he emphasized this point and assailed Roosevelt for asking a third term.

"Roosevelt is an eleventh hour convert to progressive principles," said Mr. Bryan, "and should not be trusted until he has proved his sincerity."

"Mr. Taft distrusted the people and is dead politically," was Mr. Bryan's characterization of the president.

Following are dispatches to the Denver News: Greeley, Colo., Sept. 16.—More than 3,000 people here today heard William J. Bryan lay bare the failures of Taft as a president, and flay Roosevelt until there was nothing left but shreds.

Escorted by a band and accompanied by prominent democrats, the commoner went to Lincoln park at 9 o'clock, and there delivered his address, which was interrupted time and again with vociferous and prolonged applause. He was introduced by Hubert Reynolds, the chairman of the democratic county central committee.

Bryan said that Taft as a man was worthy of public confidence, but he took issue with him because of his political principles. He praised the initiative and referendum, and called attention to the fact that Ohio recently had adopted them, despite Taft's opposition.

Bryan took a vote of the crowd on the proposition of the election of senators by direct vote and practically every hand in the large audience went up.

Speaking of Roosevelt Bryan said:

"No man who asks for a third term as president is worthy to be given that distinction. To my mind the question of a third term as president at this time overshadows all other issues."

Ft. Collins, Sept. 16.—One thousand persons heard William Jennings Bryan speak from the steps of the county courthouse at noon today. He characterized President Taft as being distrustful of the people and Colonel Roosevelt as being over-trustful of himself. He scored Roosevelt on account of his third term aspirations and said the Moose leader regarded himself as the only man fit to be president of the United States.

He declared Wilson should be elected because he is running on the most progressive platform in the history of the country.

Boulder, Sept. 16.—William J. Bryan was given the greatest ovation ever tendered a man in Boulder at the Curran opera house this afternoon, when he addressed an audience of more than 2,500 people, 1,000 being unable to get in.

The cheering which followed Bryan's entrance on the stage lasted several minutes and it was

with difficulty that the crowd was quieted so that the commoner might be introduced.

Senator C. B. Ward was chairman and introduced Rody Kenehan, Senator Thomas McCue and Governor Shafroth. Governor Shafroth introduced Mr. Bryan. Bryan's party left at 5:30 for Denver.

Colorado Springs, Sept. 16.—William Jennings Bryan tonight tore to shreds the claims of Taft and Roosevelt to the consideration of the voters of the country as presidential candidates.

"I can please everyone," said Bryan. "My speeches were never so popular, for I can say enough against Mr. Taft to tickle the Roosevelt people, enough against Mr. Roosevelt to tickle the Taft people, and enough against both to make every democrat happy. I am having the time of my life."

After declaring that neither of these men is a people's candidate, Bryan dissected the records of both to prove it, and concluded by demonstrating wherein the record of Woodrow Wilson proved him to be a man sincerely, unequivocally and courageously a champion of the people against Wall street and the interests.

Every seat in Temple theater, floor stage and gallery, was occupied by those who went to hear Bryan. They packed the aisles like sardines, crowded into the street, and hundreds were turned away unable to get a vantage point outside the doors. Three thousand people heard Bryan and the other democratic speakers. Every telling point of every speaker was vigorously applauded and on a dozen or more occasions the audience was moved to roars of laughter at pointed shafts hurled by Bryan.

Unusual interest also attached to the speech of Senator Elias M. Ammons, who opened his campaign for the governorship tonight. Ammons made a forceful address, advocating a more liberal public land policy by the federal government, a comprehensive system of good roads and the wider advertisement and more extensive development of Colorado's resources, pledging himself to an economical administration of the state's affairs. He was followed by ex-Governor Charles S. Thomas, candidate for United States senator, who kept the audience in constant laughter by the witticisms which punctuated his sharp criticism of Taft and Roosevelt.

Bryan's appearance was the signal for a wild demonstration lasting several minutes, and while the colonel "got his breath," as Mayor H. S. Avery, who presided, expressed it, Governor Shafroth spoke briefly.

Bryan opened his speech by declaring that Colorado has as good a representation of what democracy is and ought to be as any state in the union.

"The primary law," he said, "has received all the endorsement it needs in the ticket presented to the people this fall."

The speaker referred in terms of high praise to Senator Ammons and the congressional candidates, ex-Governor Thomas, Governor Shafroth and H. H. Seldomridge of this city, candidate for congressman, declaring that if congress were filled with men like Seldomridge there would be nothing for the lobbyist to do.

"Taft is honest and means well," said Bryan, "but he is constantly distrustful of the people; has not the confidence he ought to have in the intelligence of the average man. He is an aristocrat by birth and environment and he has never lent active help to movements for the benefit of the people. Taft is called a stand-patter because he stands still while the people go on."

The speaker took up the purification of politics, publicity of campaign contributions, direct election of senators, income tax, the tariff and the trusts and analyzing Taft's record declared that in none of these matters had Taft taken the lead or even lifted a hand in behalf of these reforms. Taft's position on the trust problem the speaker attacked with pointed ridicule.

"Taft dissolved two trusts," he said, "and lauded the decision of the supreme court inserting the word 'unreasonable' in the criminal clause of the Sherman law."

"That is what the trusts had been after for fourteen years," declared Bryan, "and now their song is 'dissolve us again.' If you want to understand the meaning of that decision take the ten commandments and insert the word, for example, 'thou shalt not steal—unreasonably.'"

Saying that he thought Roosevelt, too, was honest and well meaning, Bryan then flayed him more severely than he had Taft. "A year ago he never raised a hand to help La Follette in his fight with Taft, and La Follette is a thousand times better reformer than Roosevelt ever was," he declared.

Roosevelt's demand for a commission to regulate corporations, Bryan characterized as the

most dangerous plan ever presented to the American people.

"It is a step toward socialism," he declared, "and by placing complete power in the hands of a few men it would give the predatory interests still more powerful incentive to enter politics and elect a president."

Bryan concluded with a eulogy of Woodrow Wilson, who, he declared, has all the qualities of an ideal president.

"Wilson," he said, "put the branding iron on Thomas F. Ryan by refusing to accept his money to aid in getting the nomination at Baltimore, and he has shown in his every public act that he is a champion of the people. He will make all visitors enter the front door, and not like Roosevelt, have a back door for Wall street to enter."

Senator Ammons attempted no oratorical flights, and won the attention of his audience by the aggressive manner in which he discussed the questions of importance to the welfare of Colorado. After denouncing the power of money in politics, he launched into a plea for the opening of public lands and the development of Colorado's resources which this would make possible.

"Only 25 per cent of the land of the state is on the tax rolls," he declared; "and two-thirds of it is owned by the eastern states. By donating these lands to public use a comprehensive system of good roads can be perfected, resources now lying dormant can be developed, new population can be brought to the state and it can go forward on the era of development to which its magnificent resources so richly entitle it."

Pointing out that millions of dollars' worth of products, agricultural in particular, are imported annually into the state, Senator Ammons said that with better railroad facilities, new areas could be settled, others more thickly populated and these products produced at home.

"We must have a more favorable disposition by the government toward our development," he declared. "We must continue the settlement of our land and the development of our resources. There has been an increase in population of 48 per cent in a decade, but only 16 per cent in taxable property. We have the same right as the original states to self government and development. There has been a lack of the spirit of state pride. Let us begin now to purify politics so that we can invite people to Colorado, not only as a state of unrivaled resources but with the best governmental conditions on the face of the earth. I do not hope to reform the world or even a state, but I do hope to assist in making things better and at the end of two years, if elected, leave to my credit a good economical business administration."

Following the speaking, Bryan held an informal reception and his party, including Governor Shafroth, State Auditor Kenehan and others, left soon after the meeting to continue their tour into the southern part of the state.

It was one continuous ovation for William Jennings Bryan yesterday on his swing around the Horn in northern Colorado, winding up a most strenuous day of speech-making with a rousing reception at Colorado Springs last night.

Bryan started the day with a characteristic speech at Greeley at 9 a. m. Windsor was the next stopping point, where he addressed the people at 10 o'clock. At Fort Collins he was greeted by 1,000 people whom he addressed from the courthouse steps. Loveland, Berthoud and Longmont turned out en masse to listen to the commoner, and at Boulder the opera house was packed with people, hundreds being unable to gain entrance to the building.

Governor John F. Shafroth, State Auditor Rody Kenehan, and other prominent democrats in the state accompanied Bryan on the Horn trip, and at Colorado Springs last night he was joined by Elias M. Ammons, democratic candidate for governor; Charles S. Thomas, candidate for the short term as United States senator from Colorado, and others. Bryan leaves Colorado springs today for Salt Lake City.

Following are Associated Press dispatches: Pueblo, Colo., Sept. 17.—Denunciation of Taft and Roosevelt was a feature of a speech delivered by William Jennings Bryan at the Pueblo state fair today. He referred to President Taft as an "aristocrat by birth and early environment," and said that later associations with the interests had developed his aristocracy.

"Roosevelt would have been satisfied with the republican party had he been nominated," Bryan said.

"President Taft is honest and means well," said the commoner, "but he has no confidence in the intelligence of the average man."

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