

ESTIMATES OF MR. BRYAN

Mr. Bryan declared that if any one very seriously accused Roger C. Sullivan of having any qualifications for a seat in the United States senate, Mr. Sullivan could readily prove an alibi.

The reply of Mr. Sullivan to Bryan's blistering attack is characteristic. It proves the alibi. He calls attention to the money he has put into campaigns. He hypocritically pretends to have been a political supporter of Mr. Bryan. He attempts to disguise himself as a martyr, and charges Bryan with attempting to wreck the democratic party in Illinois. He asks to be let alone and defiantly says he will remain in the senatorial race despite Mr. Bryan's opposition and consequences to the party. As in the formal announcement of his candidacy he utters no word of principle. His reply is the insolent retort of a professional political boss who, like Boss Murphy of Tammany, will rule or ruin.

This makes a fine issue for Illinois democracy—Bryan on one side; Roger Sullivan on the other. Bryan knows whereof he speaks.

Sullivanism draws a factional line across the whole state and through every county and city in the state.

No man in the democratic party in Illinois has caused so much dissension as has Sullivan.

No man, as a candidate for senator, could so successfully split the party as he.

His bossism has caused chaos and

confusion and menaced democracy for years.

He now seeks a seat in the nation's highest legislative body—the United States senate—but assumes impudently that Bryan, Folk, Owen and democrats of other states who are devoted to principle and concerned about the party's future, have no right to comment upon his bossism.

His reply to Bryan gives added proof, if such were needed, that this political boss is utterly lacking in conception of the importance of a seat in the senate and of senatorial qualifications.

Match with this statement of Sullivan's denunciatory of Secretary Bryan the estimate of Bryan by Woodrow Wilson, who is considered the greatest president since Lincoln.

No one knows Mr. Bryan better than President Wilson. Writing to a friend, the president says:

"Your reference to the secretary of state shows how comprehensively you have looked on during the last few months. Not only have Mr. Bryan's character, his justice, his sincerity, his transparent integrity, his Christian principles, made a deep impression on all with whom he has dealt; but his tact in dealing with men of many sorts, his capacity for business, his mastery of the principles of each matter he has been called on to deal with, have cleared away many a difficulty and have given to the policy of the state department a definiteness and dignity

that are very admirable. I need not say what pleasure and profit I, myself, have taken from close association with Mr. Bryan or how thoroughly he has seemed to all of us who are associated with him here to deserve not only our confidence but our affectionate admiration."

Roger Sullivan is Bryan's foe because Bryan is a consistent foe of privilege. Bryan's three great battles as a presidential candidate have brought a complete reconstruction of the democratic party. They made possible the triumph last year of democracy and the many recent triumphs for democratic principle.

The snarling bosses are opposing Bryan now because he crushed their combination at Baltimore and brought about the nomination of Woodrow Wilson.

Bryan so completely routed the bosses that to save their faces they had to vote with him at Baltimore.

President Wilson knows these things. His estimate of Secretary Bryan quoted above needs no amplification.

That Boss Sullivan takes issue with President Wilson and condemns Bryan is quite complimentary to them.—Springfield (Ill.) State Register.

DEFENDS TUMULTY

Washington Post: In a letter to W. W. Prescott, editor of the Protestant Magazine published here, President Wilson has denied emphatically that his correspondence is handled with religious prejudice by his secretary, Joseph P. Tumulty. The correspondence made public by the magazine follows:

January 15, 1914.

"The President,  
Washington, D. C.  
"Sir: I learn from personal interviews and correspondence that there is a widespread feeling among Protestants that it is practically impossible for any communication relating to the activities of the Roman Catholic church to reach you personally, for the reason that all such letters are withheld from you by your private secretary, Mr. Tumulty. It is unfortunate both for you and for the country that such an impression prevails, and that it seems to have some foundation.

WOULD RESTORE CONFIDENCE

"Before dealing with this subject in this magazine, I am writing to ask for a statement from you which might be of service in restoring confidence among some of the best citizens of this republic. Any reply, however brief, showing that this letter actually reached you, would be a source of satisfaction.

"When you were governor of New Jersey I wrote you concerning some criticisms of your course, in which you were charged with showing favoritism to the Roman Catholic church, and your reply placed the matter in such a light that I did not deem it necessary to make any reference to the subject. My desire is to deal fairly with public men, and hence this letter.

"Thanking you for any attention which you may give to my request, I am, yours very truly,  
W. W. PRESCOTT."

IMPRESSION "UTTERLY FALSE"

The president's reply, under date of January 19, 1914, follows:

"My Dear Sir: Allow me to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of January 15, and to thank you for your candor in writing me.

"I beg leave to assure you that the impression that any part of my correspondence is withheld from me in any circumstances by my secretary

on account of religious predilections on his part is absurdly and utterly false. I venture to say that no president ever had more frank and satisfactory relations with his secretary than I have with mine. Mr. Tumulty is more prompt perhaps to call my attention to matters in which his prejudice is supposed to be engaged than to other matters of relative indifference.

"Of course, I need hardly add I am not speaking from an impression, but from knowledge of just how my correspondence is handled. Sincerely yours,  
WOODROW WILSON."

THE BOY IN THE COUNTRY TOWN

With a single exception, every member of President Wilson's cabinet began life as a boy in a small country town. Making the best use of early opportunities, they developed their talents by study, steadily working their way through school and in most cases through college toward that broader experience in the affairs of life which ultimately fitted them to become "cabinet timber." Their example should be an inspiration to those who being born and raised in a small country town, are apt to consider their surroundings as unfavorable. If a youth has ambition and energy he will surely find the gates of opportunity open. In no part of the world have their been finer illustrations of the development of self-reliance, prudence, concentration and those other traits of character than in the country town or village.—Christian Herald.

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