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that things are done."

he was called a nihilist because he favored giving the railroads a "reasonable return on the cost of rebuild-

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ought to own a trunk line system ness. running into every state," Mr. Bryan continued. "The states, under my plan, would own the feeder lines in their respective territories."

Developing his theme that while man was a God-made creature, a corporation was man-made, and therefore subservient to him. Mr. Bryan brought the galleries into applause when he said:

made giant from injuring a God-made

It was his only attempt at an oratorial flight, the rest of the speech being delivered in simple statements. often spiced with epigrams.

Railroads, Mr. Bryan said, undoubtdly will claim the basis of valuation to be either the original cost of construction or the cost of reproduction. adding:

decide which is correct now, but I believe in fighting for the best there is in sight."

It was this remark to which Senator La Follette took exception, asserting that he "would not be satisfied with a compromise."

said.

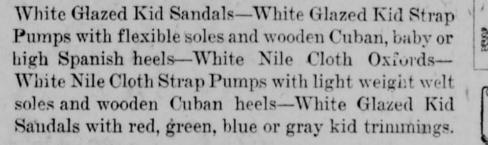
Loans and mortgages aggregating \$17,000,000,000, Mr. Langston said. weight down the farm properties of the country, valued at \$77,000,000,000. Production last year totaled but \$11.-000.000.000.

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large portion of our agricultural population is very largely due to the price power of the farmers' dollar, is lower today than in a half century past." the call read.

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