

SPEAKING OF ISSUES.

UNCLE SAM'S POLITICAL STORAGE



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DEMOCRATS CANNOT SUPPORT BRYAN

Leaders in the Party All Over the Country Quit the Nebraskan Office-Seeker and Come Out for Taft.

"Cleveland Democrats" Refuse to Be Whipped Into Line and Organize to Fight the Man Who Disrupted the Party—Solid South Shows Signs of Breaking Up.

One of the best indications that the Taft and Sherman ticket will sweep the country in November is found in the continued numerous defections of heretofore prominent Democrats from that party. Practically all of them give as a reason that they cannot support the thrice offered candidate and his changeable and unstable theories of government. They simply cannot bring themselves to be identified with Bryan.

Perhaps the most mortifying incidents which the Democrats have experienced in the present campaign were in Massachusetts, where two big men named as Democratic presidential electors declined to serve on the ground that they were unable to support Mr. Bryan and greatly preferred Mr. Taft. These men were Ferdinand Strauss and C. H. P. Gould, of Lyons Falls, both business men of the first rank. Mr. Strauss, especially, has been prominent in the Massachusetts Democracy for a long time. Their declination to serve as Bryan electors caused a sensation in the old Bay State and throughout the country.

Democratic Congressman for Taft Eugene Walter Leake, Democratic Representative in Congress from New Jersey, called at Republican National Committee headquarters early this month to offer his services on the stump for William H. Taft. Though he has been a staunch Democrat all his life, he is bitterly opposed to William Jennings Bryan and because he believes that the election of Bryan to the Presidency would mean the greatest calamity to the country since the civil war, he is ready to exert himself to the utmost to aid the election of Judge Taft. He is speaking at Republican rallies throughout the Eastern States.

Democrats Organize to Fight Bryan. That the sentiments felt by these men are shared by many in New York is shown in the organization of the "Cleveland Democracy," an association whose principles are anti-Bryan, and which has been formed, according to the articles of incorporation, "to revive the true spirit of Democracy among the voters of Harlem and of the whole city." Headquarters have been opened and the club is doing active work. It is almost unnecessary to say, in the interests of the continuous Nebraska office-seeker.

John R. Dos Passos, a leading New York lawyer and author, who has always been a Democrat, has composed a long statement announcing his allegiance to Taft and denouncing Bryanism and the remnants of the party which Bryan controls. "I am a Democrat," he says, "I expect to cast my vote for Mr. Taft." William B. Davenport, a well-known Brooklyn Democrat, for many years Public Administrator of Kings County, has denounced the Democratic platform and is now a vice president of the Taft-Sherman Lawyers' Club.

Anti-Bryan Sentiment Widespread. Former Special City Judge (1912) K. Baxter, of Utica, N. Y., who has always been a Democrat, and was elected on that ticket, not only has repudiated Bryan, but will take the stump and advocate the election of Taft and Sherman. Even up in Maine,

where the members of the Democratic minority are supposed to be hopelessly hidebound, there is defection. W. H. McLaughlin, of Scarborough, for instance, announces that he has become so disgusted with Bryan in the Haskell controversy that he has swung over to the Republican party.

After hearing Judge Taft speak at St. Louis, J. D. Houseman, of Denver, Colo., a well-known railroad builder, announced his conversion to the Republican party and its candidates. Mr. Houseman had been a loyal Democrat for many years. This incident of course, is a direct tribute to Judge Taft's powers as a campaigner, of which many evidences were produced on his now famous western trip.

"Conversions" in the West. At St. Joseph, Mo., one of the features was the "conversion" of W. F. Davis, a prominent Democrat, who went to a meeting at the stock yards to see Mr. Taft. After sizing up the latter Mr. Davis declared: "I thought I would vote for Mr. Bryan, but this man surely looks good to me." Another Missouri Democrat, E. B. Haywood, a Burlington Railroad conductor of St. Louis, evidently was similarly impressed; at any rate, he has announced that Taft will get his vote. Noticeable among the vice-presidents at the Taft reception at St. Louis were James E. Smith, head of the St. Louis Business Men's League, and Frederick N. Judson, well-known lawyer, both Democrats who have declared their intention of supporting Taft.

Some readers will remember that in 1900 Webster Davis, former mayor of Kansas City, and assistant secretary of the Interior under McKinley, bolted McKinley to take the stump for Bryan. Well, Webb Davis now lives in Los Angeles, and is back in the Republican fold, this time to stay, he declares. He says Taft is going to win and he is boosting him all he can. In Chicago the Business Men's Taft and Sherman Club has been doing strong work in the campaign. Two of the organizers of the club were former Democrats. They are Franklin MacVeagh, wholesale grocer, and Frank H. Jones, secretary of the American Trust and Savings Bank.

Antagonism to Bryan in South. A former mayor of Birmingham, Ala., spoke to a correspondent for the Baltimore American, as follows: "I can give you the names of 100 prominent men in this community who hope for Bryan's defeat. They are not going about beating drums or proclaiming their intentions from the house-tops, but they mean to vote the Republican ticket. They are tired of supporting a candidate who has always some fad to offer that is fundamentally wrong and foolish."

A special correspondent of the New York Evening Post, writing from Atlanta, Ga., says: "There is every evidence on the surface now that the Republican vote in Georgia will be the largest ever cast."

Jerome Hill, a Tennessee capitalist and cotton broker, well known in the South, writes to the Chattanooga Star saying that he has abandoned Democracy and will vote for Taft. "A man like myself," he declares, who was four years in Lee's army and for forty years a Jeffersonian Democrat, fails to see in this modern mongrel Democracy anything to appeal to him as a patriot or for the best interests of himself or his people. From sea to sea this country is prosperous. The question is, Shall we destroy this most healthy condition by the election of Mr. Bryan, with his many theories and impracticable suggestions? He answers that he will support Taft. He says there are thousands of former Confederates in Tennessee who are with him.

William Weems, a lifelong Democrat of Frederick, Md., has announced that he will not support Bryan at the election. "Bryan is too chimerical in his views for the chief executive of a great nation," says Mr. Weems. John R. Dorsey, of Baltimore, vice-

president of the William E. Hooper & Son Company, manufacturers of cotton duck, is another of the many Baltimore Democrats who have come out warmly for Taft. Gen. Simon Buckner, who ran with Palmer on the gold Democratic presidential ticket, in an interview in Baltimore, said that Bryan was not a Democrat and that he intended to vote for Taft. "Bryan is a populist and a socialist," said the general. These examples are only a few of a countless number all over the country which could be enumerated. Yet they serve sufficiently to show the popular state of mind.

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Some of the Democratic newspapers recognize the situation well enough to begin already to pick out Cabinet officers for President Taft, but that is something that President Taft can do much better himself.—Philadelphia Press.

THE YOUNG REPUBLICAN.

In a business sense the young voters who have come forward since 1904 have more at stake than any other class in rendering a right decision. Their active lives are ahead. They have more years to live, and are now laying the foundations of their business careers. National policies and conditions are of the highest consequence to them. Perhaps they are farmers. If so, let them ask the older generation how farmers fared under the last Democratic administration. Let them take the market reports of to-day and compare them with the prices that prevailed when Mr. Bryan made his crusade for free silver and buried defiance at President Cleveland because he stood by the gold standard. At the same time Bryan denounced the Republican party for its protectionist as well as sound money position. Perhaps the first voter is to engage in manufacturing or mining, as wage-earner or otherwise. Does he want his American rate of wages and the industry he chooses reasonably protected against foreign competition? If he does Mr. Bryan's leadership will take him in the opposite direction.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

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It is interesting to note to how great an extent Governor Hughes is commanding the support of Democrats in New York State.—Springfield Republican.

Anyway, Mr. Taft never tried to steal Mr. Bryan's government ownership raiment.—Omaha Bee.

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