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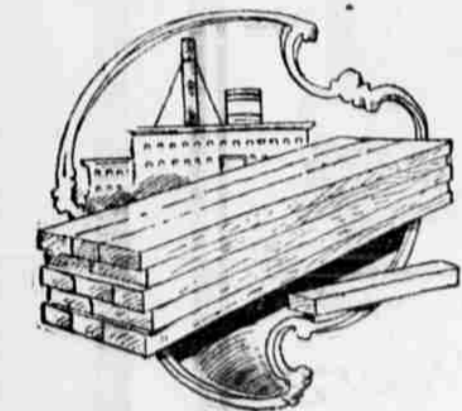
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On Haskell.
Governor Haskell's utter indifference for any public position of trust or for association with any man anxious to make an appeal on a moral issue to the American people has been abundantly shown.

As an American citizen who prizes his Americanism and citizenship far above any question of partisanship, I regard it as a scandal and disgrace that Governor Haskell should be connected with the management of a national campaign.

To Bryan.
In my judgment the measures you advocate would be wholly ineffective in curing an evil, and so far as they had any effect at all would merely throw the entire business of the country into hopeless and utter confusion.

I put Mr. Taft's deeds against your words. I ask that Mr. Taft be judged by all his deeds, for he wishes none of them forgotten. I ask that you be judged both by the words you wish remembered and by the words that seemingly you and your party now desire to have forgotten.

PROMINENT DEFECTIONS FROM BRYAN CONTINUE

Democratic Leaders from Coast to Coast Reject Vagaries of the Nebraska Weather Vane.

William Prentiss of Chicago Says Bryan as President Would Be a Failure—Southern Lifelong Democrats Repudiate the Candidate Who Tramples on His Ideals to Catch Votes.

The number of prominent Democrats all over the country who have announced their desertion of Bryan and have advised their friends to vote for Taft and Sherman is a matter of grave concern to Mr. Bryan's managers. In Richmond, Va., always a rock-ribbed citadel of Democracy, a Taft business men's club has been organized, with hundreds of members, and in Baltimore the defections of leading Democrats has become the subject of a daily serial in the newspapers. These illustrations are given not because they are exceptional in this campaign, but because of their geographical location.

In Chicago a sensation was caused by William Prentiss, who announced that he will support Taft instead of Bryan for President and Deneen instead of Stevenson for Governor. Mr. Prentiss has been a Democratic leader in Chicago for several years. He was Civil Service Commissioner under Mayor Dunne and has several times been Democratic candidate for judge. In 1898 he was chairman of the Democratic State convention. He was formerly an ardent Bryan partisan.

In a letter made public recently Mr. Prentiss charges Bryan with betraying his followers and forsaking the principles for which he stood prior to the present campaign.

Mr. Prentiss says: "Bryan claims that he is the man to continue and extend Roosevelt's work, claiming much of it as suggestions of his own. Less than three months ago I preferred Bryan as Roosevelt's successor. He was my party leader, in whom I then had full confidence. But, as before indicated, my faith in Bryan is a relic. Bryan, not the ideal Bryan of the past, but the real Bryan of today, surrounded by the Macks, Murphys, McGraws, Taggarts, Sullivans and Joe Baileys et al. of the present day Democratic party, at the best could be but a dismal failure."

California Democrats for Taft.
John J. Barrett, for years one of the most brilliant orators of the Democratic party of California, has registered this year as a Republican. That registration has given the Democratic managers a shock only second to that which they felt when they learned that M. F. Tarpey had deserted the shift-

ing cause of Bryan.

"My registration speaks for itself," said Mr. Barrett. "When asked to state my politics I said I was a Republican. That tells the tale."

Barrett preached Democratic doctrines from all the stumps of California.

Reasons of a North Carolinian.
Regardless of past affiliations, students of affairs, doers and thinkers, are fast lining up for Judge Taft. A recent example is that of Silas McBee, editor of the Churchman, of New York. In an interview he says:

"I am a North Carolinian by birth and a lifelong Democrat. I shall vote for Mr. Taft because he has it in his heart to bring my people of the South back into absolute union with the national life and to their historic place as a controlling force in the nation, and to do which would immortalize him as a statesman.

"I shall vote for him because he more nearly represents my ideals of government, of social order and economic policy than any living Democrat, or any man before the people today, save alone Theodore Roosevelt, who is the only Republican President I have ever voted for. Mr. Taft has administered every trust committed to him by the nation with an eye single to the nation's good and for the highest interests of the people that compose the nation."

The Roster in Baltimore.

Mr. George R. Willis, former president of the Police Board of Baltimore and Democrat of the old school will cast the first Republican vote since he attained his majority. Mr. Willis will vote for Taft.

"Under no circumstances could I vote for Bryan," said he, "for the reason that I do not believe he is sincere, and if sincere, is not a good man for President of the United States."

"How do you gauge public sentiment?" Mr. Willis was asked.

"Among my clientele I know of no one who will vote for Bryan. There is not a Democrat who favors him."

Another prominent southern Democrat who will vote for Taft is Mr. W. A. Garrett, chief executive officer to the receivers of the Seaboard Air Line Railway Company.

Mr. Garrett's reasons for supporting the Republican candidate are that he is the candidate of the business men and his election would be for the best interests of the country.

Mr. Garrett says he has noticed a leaning toward Taft in several of the Southern States and instanced Alabama as one of these.

Two men who have always been prominent in Democratic circles in Baltimore who have announced that they did not think enough of Bryan to vote for him, and that they would support Taft instead, are Mr. John E. Semmes, one of the prominent lawyers of Baltimore and president of the School Board, and Mr. Leigh Bernal, who in years past has been one of the most active workers in the Democratic party.

Both men said that they could not stand for Bryan and his policies.

Mr. Bernal's defection from the ranks of Democracy was an especial shock to

the Bryan men in the State. They had counted on him as one of the prize spellbinders during the coming campaign, and had no idea but that he was an ardent supporter of the Democratic nominee. "When and where will it suit you best to speak during the coming campaign in behalf of Mr. Bryan?" Mr. Bryan's friends in Maryland wrote him. When Mr. Bernal replied that he intended to vote for Taft the correspondence ceased.

Major Richard M. Venable, former president of the Baltimore Park Board and one of the most prominent Independent Democrats in Maryland, has declared for Taft and against Bryan. "I am for Taft," said Major Venable, "as I do not agree with Mr. Bryan's opinions on the various questions now confronting the public."

"He has not the judgment and temperament of a statesman. A statesman knows that no matter how desirable a reform may be he must take short steps in accomplishing it. He knows that it cannot be done in a day. The public mind and the new machinery of administration must be educated and adapted to introduce such radical changes as are contained in Mr. Bryan's program, even conceding for the argument that he is right."

Waldo Newcomer, president of the National Exchange Bank of Baltimore, says that although he believes in the principles of the Democratic party and would like to cast his ballot for the Democratic ticket, he finds it impossible to support Bryan and his ideas.

Mr. Newcomer characterized the Bryan plank in the Denver platform guaranteeing deposits in banks as nonsensical and unnecessary. He said the scheme smacked of paternalism, and is not founded upon sound or good business principles.

Mr. Newcomer said he did not regard Mr. Bryan as the type of man to make a satisfactory or safe President, and felt that the interests of the country and the people as a whole would be far better promoted this time by the election of Mr. Taft, in whose sanity, soundness and honesty every one who knows him has the utmost confidence.

Frederic R. Condit, for years a prominent New York Independent Democrat, has stated that he intends to vote for Taft.

J. E. Smith, vice president of the Simmons Hardware Company of St. Louis, whose politics heretofore has been Democratic, has come out for Taft. He says many other Democrats among St. Louis business men will mark their ballots the same way.

New York Newspaper Deserts Bryan.
The Ithaca (N. Y.) Chronicle, a newspaper heretofore Democratic, has broken with that party and joined the opposition, saying:

"Believing that there is no hope for reasonable men in the Democracy under its present leaders, refusing to truckle to the misfit combination of Populism, Socialism, corruption and bossism presented under the guise of Democracy, the Chronicle takes its stand firmly for Taft and Sherman, for Hughes and his running mate."

"A STATESMAN WITH A CONSCIENCE."

Description of the Republican Presidential Candidate by Senator Borah of Idaho.
(From Senator Borah's Boston Speech.)

"Now, it seems to be conceded by friend and foe that few men have been nominated for the presidency whose experience, whose training and whose sound and wholesome fashion of grasping and dealing with public questions were equal to those of William H. Taft.

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"No man ever had a deeper regard for the fundamental principles and precepts upon which this government is founded, and no one ever had a firmer conviction that the constitution is a sufficient chart by which to measure all rights and obligations and to gauge all the demands and all the aspirations and restraints and control all the recklessness of this indomitable race of ours. Trained in the law, eleven years on the bench, he explored well the sources of jurisprudence and carried away from his work an everlasting devotion to order and justice.

"Under all circumstances and under all emergencies, he has proved himself a brave, clean-minded, self-poised and courageous statesman. No man can put his finger upon a little or cowardly act, an incompetent or questionable piece of public service—no stain upon his private life, no shadow upon his public career. And standing now in the full fierce light which beats upon a throne, with eager eyes scrutinizing every act of a long and arduous public career, no doubt arises as to his experience and ability, no challenge comes to his fine sense of duty or his patriotism."

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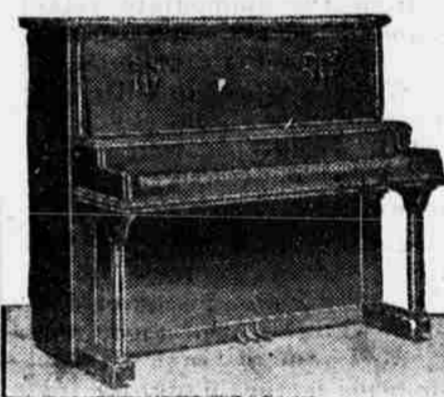
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