

BRYAN ON HOGS AND MEN. The San Francisco Call of September 11th quotes from a bucolic oration by Colonel Bryan made at the California state fair in Sacramento a few days since. The beautiful and pathetic passage which seems to have challenged comment by The Call is in Colonel Bryan's best style and reads thus:

"You turn a hog loose, and if it is worth only a dollar or two somebody will see in it value enough to justify caring for the hog, and yet all over this state you will find people drifting from place to place and many seeming unconscious of their sufferings and indifferent to their welfare. I want to suggest if you want to develop the resources of your state you had better give attention to people as well as to cattle and hogs."

It seems that Colonel Bryan spoke at Sacramento, spoke at Stockton, spoke at Wawona, spoke at San Francisco and then went back to Sacramento and spoke again. This last speech was at the state fair and in commenting upon it The Call remarks that—

"The only inspiration Mr. Bryan seems to have taken from it was an impulse to slander the state in the remarks we have quoted. It was the best he had to say for California, and worse has never been said of any state and its people."

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"He informs the world, in ungrammatical language, that in this state stray hogs are fed and stray men left to starve! He says that all over California men are drifting from place to place and there is indifference to their sufferings, while hogs are cared for and fed."

Then The Call proceeds with energy and dispatch to dissect this speech of Colonel Bryan's. And with a cruel and brutal frankness remarks, relative to the oratorical effort made at Sacramento aforesaid:

"His speech is a falsehood and a slander. It is not true that men are drifting and starving all over this state, or in any part of it. Mr. Bryan has no vocation himself."

And then the California slugger of The Call hits out in the following vicious manner

A Vicious Blow. and declares of Colonel Bryan: "He promotes no industry, hires no men, pays no wages. He gets a living out of politics, by exploiting the ambitions and the greeds of his fellow men who hope in his success to get the gain of office and the pleasures of power. What client has he had and what fee has he received as a lawyer since 1896? What has he earned with his pen as a journalist in the last three years? What paid the cost of his trip to this state and back?" Could anything be meaner, more pertinent and

more impertinent than these beastly interrogations to Colonel Bryan?

What fee! What client! since 1896, has he had? He had the republic for a client. He had Cuba for a client. His fee was gore and glory on the sandy beach of Florida and in the jungles of Cuba, with rations and a colonel's pay thrown in, while he periled limb, tongue and voice in eternal talk.

But The Call persisting in its obtrusive impudence proceeds to impale our noble and disinterested fellow-citizen upon the point of its pen; and vituperatively remarks: "After slandering California in his Sacramento speech he said: 'A few weeks ago I spent several days upon the lakes of Michigan and Wisconsin, and I saw there the summer homes lining the banks of those lakes, and the thought that came to me was: How small a proportion of the people of this great land are able to enjoy summer vacations. And the thought that pained me the most was that the producers of the wealth of the nation have less time and money for summer vacations than any other class, and the thought came to me, is it a just government?' Out of this jumble of 'thoughts' that 'pained' the only conclusion is that a just government would give everybody a summer vacation! But what was Mr. Bryan doing on the lakes? Is he a producer of wealth?"

Then the Call says: "After a vacation 'on the lakes a few weeks ago' he has taken another **Boss Vacationist.** here and visited the Yosemite. The cost of it is not less than \$500, if he paid his way. He attacks our people and charges them with feeding hogs and letting men starve all over the state. They want to know how he gets the money for a summer vacation that extends from the Great Lakes to the Pacific Coast. When he comes around and thinks thoughts that pain him, and sees sights that make him sad, and tells the world that Californians are indifferent to human suffering and let men drift and starve while the hogs are fed and sheltered, they want to know how Mr. Bryan gets the money to travel around and criticise his fellow-men who have summer homes in Wisconsin and raise hogs and cattle in California?"

And finally to crown its wicked assault upon Colonel Bryan—the plain people's only friend and sole hope—this indescribably ferocious and satanic San Francisco Call perpetrates the following: "The man who sets himself up as a censor of the humanity and charity of others must show something more than demagogue pretense and thoughts that pain him. What is he doing for humanity? How many that he saw drifting all over this

state did he relieve from his purse? What example of charity and humanity did he set to our 'indifferent' people? What tramp did he feed or clothe? Did he even find any hog besides himself while he was in the state?"

Could The Call be more disrespectful?

"The Reed rules enabled the lower house of the last congress to transact a vast amount of business at a critical time in the country's history, when new and stirring issues were being created, and small minds sought to make party capital by impeding the progress of legislation," says the Chicago Times-Herald (rep.). "The next house should go slow when it comes to modifying the Reed rules, or it will hear from the people."

"Only a declaration making the gold dollar the standard of value would settle beyond cavil the dangerous question of what our legal standard is," declares the Chicago Evening Post (Rep.). "There may be senators who are afraid of the word 'gold,' but the majority of the intelligent business men and citizens will stiffen the backbones of these timid and doubting Thomases, and insist on an unequivocal gold declaration plus the provisions for greenback impounding. We want both changes, but of the two the more 'decisive,' the more conclusive, is that establishing gold as the standard and reducing silver to the level of credit currency."

Charles Warren of Boston, who has recently returned from a tour in the far West, tells a correspondent of the Springfield Republican that the mass of the people, as he found them, were strongly opposed to the administration's policy in the Philippines. He made it a point to talk with people wherever he found them, not merely with the politicians, but with the mass of the people who do the voting. Where there was a commercial group of men, with something to make by trade, he found that they were expansionists, but in every other quarter he found that the mass of the people were opposed to the war.

Thomas J. Gargan of Boston, a prominent gold democrat and a supporter of Palmer and Buckner in 1896, now says: "I believe it the duty of all men believing in the perpetuity of our republic to ally themselves with the democratic party. Imperialism has already nearly doubled our taxation, and means, if continued, a vast standing army, eating out the substance of the people. We daily read with profound sorrow the sacrifice of the lives of American citizens in a distant land in a conflict with a people who are struggling to secure the same liberty for which we fought in the eighteenth century."