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Read the next page of this number of The Conservative for a vindication and exculpation of Colonel Bryan.

"In my beginning here!" Beginning what? To practice law? To do anything except get and hold office? Could disinterested patriotism be better depicted?

**LOW AND HIGH.** As an economist Colonel Bryan is a prestidigitator. While lecturing on free trade he denounced and bemoaned high prices and lauded low prices. But while lecturing for free silver he damns low prices as the bane of prosperity and praises high prices as the sole tonic and test of prosperity.

As a self-adjusting, reversible vote-catching economist Colonel Bryan is without a peer. He wanted free trade because it would make prices lower. He wants free silver because it will make them higher; but he wants office more sincerely than he wants anything else.

**THE DEAD ALIVE.** As a resurrectionist with power to clothe the dead with life and make them breathe and smile again, the average orator for the free coinage of silver at 16 to 1, is a flat failure.

The time spent by Colonel Bryan in asserting and reasserting, in affirming and reaffirming that the silver question lives and breathes and blows and blubbers again, averages twenty-four hours a week. Other live things need not be certificated as to life. Why say that silver lives? Do gold-bugs find it necessary to say that the gold standard still lives?

#### THE PARSON'S ADVENTURE.

It was at a baptizing in the rural district. The colored parson was carefully feeling his way to firm rock bottom. He was in waist deep, when suddenly he keeled over, floundered, spluttered, and then disappeared under the water. But in a moment his horrified congregation on terra firma saw him bob up serenely and make desperately for shore. They dragged him, dripping, up the bank, when he muttered in a weak voice: "Fo' God, I never knowed dey wuz alligators in dat millpon'!"

The foregoing African anecdote from The Atlanta Constitution may be read for consolation by some of the epithet-slingers among the editorial and oratorical friends of Colonel Bryan after they have perused his facsimiled letter in THE CONSERVATIVE today.

Before plunging with athletic fervor into the deep denial of the utterances of THE CONSERVATIVE as to what Colonel Bryan had said when first asking office, in his "beginning here," for "the money in it rather than the honor," these zealots did not know "the alligator" was laying for them "in dat millpon'."

#### AN AFFIDAVIT.

STATE OF NEBRASKA, }  
County of Lancaster, } ss.

Henry G. Smith, a newspaper correspondent residing in Lincoln, Neb., being duly sworn, says that on Tuesday, September 26, A. D. 1899, he interviewed W. J. Bryan at his home in Lincoln and that during said interview and in response to the question as to whether or not said W. J. Bryan had ever said he wanted office for the money there was in it and not for the honor, said W. J. Bryan denied positively that he had ever made such an assertion. Deponent further asserts that during said interview said W. J. Bryan remarked that he did not propose to take occasion to deny all of the assertions made by J. Sterling Morton. Deponent further asserts that during said interview said W. J. Bryan expressed a wish not to be quoted as denying that he had ever said he wanted office for the money there was in it and not for the honor.

HENRY G. SMITH.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3rd day of October, A. D. 1899.

[SEAL.] HORACE G. WHITMORE,  
Notary Public.

**THAT DENIAL BY COLONEL BRYAN.** Col. W. J. Bryan denied to the Lincoln correspondent of The Omaha Daily Bee, on the 28th of September, that he had ever sought, said that he had sought, or intimated that he had sought any office for the money in it. The affidavit of the gentleman to whom Mr. Bryan declared: "I positively deny the assertion," may be found in this issue of THE CONSERVATIVE.

Because of this unequivocal and sweeping denial made by Colonel Bryan, and because with the denial in an offensive and an accusing manner he named the editor of THE CONSERVATIVE, this paper, for vindication and verification, today prints, in rebuttal of Colonel Bryan's positive and unequivocal denial, a fac simile letter of Colonel Bryan in which he says: "I assure you that it is the money that is in the office and not the honor that attract me."

**OF REFORM.** Carlyle said, with his eye no doubt fixed upon some professional reformers:

"Reform, like charity, must begin at home. Once well at home, how will it radiate outwards, irrepressible, into all that we touch and handle, speak and work; kindling ever new light by incalculable contagion; spreading, in geometric ratio, far and wide; doing good only wherever it spreads and not evil."

#### BRYAN AND TRUTH.

**THE CONSERVATIVE** publishes that which hereafter follows because forced so to do by denials and assertions. They were not noticed seriously until Colonel Bryan himself, as we are informed, made a sweeping denial, charging falsehood.

This telegram is one reason, with other denials and denunciations, for the electrotyped letter of Colonel Bryan which THE CONSERVATIVE exhibits to its patrons and the general public:

LINCOLN, Neb., Sept. 26, '99.

THE CONSERVATIVE:

Nebraska City, Neb.

In an interview today W. J. Bryan flatly denied that he had ever said or intimated in any way that he desired office for the money there was in it. He said that anything J. Sterling Morton might say in that connection was false.

F. A. HARRISON.