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**TRUSTS WANTED.** If the Standard Oil Company, which brings into the United States from Europe more than one hundred thousand dollars in gold every day in the year is a trust, let us have a dozen more of the same sort. It takes American oil to all the markets of Europe and with it buys gold in competition with all the oil sellers of the world, and brings home the gold, with which it is developing the resources and wage-paying powers of the republic. It sells oil for less money than any other concern on earth, and it oppresses the consumer of oil nowhere on earth. It pays its employees generously and it has no strikes. The oil it sells for fifteen cents a gallon delivered in Nebraska, THE CONSERVATIVE first saw the light from at \$1.50 a gallon right here at Arbor Lodge. We like light. Give us more light on the enormities of the crimes of the combines of capital upon the people of Nebraska.

In seven years the Argo starch works have expended for buildings, wages, coal, corn, lumber and machinery in Nebraska City more than five millions of dollars. This has harmed no one except the calamity orators of populism and fusion. Nebraska City wishes more such trusts. Nebraska City has not invited Sm-y-the to destroy this industry. Nebraska needs more such factories and nothing prevents getting them except the words and works of the Bryans, Allens, Sm-y-thes and other demagogues who seek offices for the money that is in them rather than for honor.

Nebraska wants more "trusts" which build up and energize her capability to

grow rich and contented and less "trust" in the dissembling declaimers who endeavor, by fallacies and sophistry, to array the poor against the rich, the indolent against the industrious, and to teach and bring about discontent and anarchy.

**THEN AND NOW.** At the Chicago convention in 1896 in closing the debate on that infamous platform and in answering Mr. Hill's plea for compromise, Mr. Bryan, with intense fervor and dogmatism, said:

"Now, my friends, let us come to the great paramount issue. If they ask us here why it is we say more on the money question than we say on the tariff question I reply that if protection has slain its thousands the gold standard has slain its tens of thousands. If they ask us why we did not embody all these things in our platform which we believe, we reply to them that when we have restored the money of the constitution all other necessary reforms will be possible, and that, until that is done, there is no reform that can be accomplished."

And "until that is done" Mr. Bryan is sixteen to one for "that" over and above all other things. The free coinage of silver in unlimited quantities at 16 to 1 brought Bryan fame and fortune. It is Bryan and Bryan is 16 to 1. They are inseparable. If one wins, both win. If one is whipped so is the other.

**THE OCTOPUS HUNTER.** The learned, interesting and suavely smug attorney general of Nebraska, Sm-y-the, has returned from an exciting hunt of the oleaginous octopus in the wilderness of New York City. But his expense accounts had not been filed in the office of the state auditor when THE CONSERVATIVE last enquired for the per capita cost of killing the Standard Oil trust, the ice trust, the silver smelter trust, the starch trust and the trust in populism, Poynter and other fusion-for-office patriots in Nebraska.

Will Sm-y-the say what the dried pelt of an octopus costs the state of Nebraska? Will the anti-trust tourist who so recently charged upon Rockefeller in his Wall street den, state to the public the expenses of his self-instituted and itinerant antagonism to trusts?

And will Sm-y-the tell also when, how, by whom he became inspired to that insatiable thirst for the blood of the Standard Oil company in Nebraska, and

what number of aggrieved citizens petitioned him to kill off these various alleged trusts?

**BE IT REMEMBERED.**

The peerless candidate for the presidency who is claimed to be the consolidated reincarnation of Jefferson and Lincoln and the moral combine of all the saints in the calendar, said in 1896, at Richmond, Va., to and of the gold standard democrats:

"They are branded as traitors. They shall not come back."

Is the same tongue which hurled defiant hatred at the sensible democrats who would not accept vagaries as principles and egotistic effrontery for leadership in 1896, now pleading for harmony, for peace, for the ballots of gold standard democrats?

And are gold standard democrats or any other kind of patriots who regard honesty in finance as essential to national integrity, ready to follow and vote for the zealot who, in 1896, said:

"The democratic party has begun a war of extermination against the gold standard. We ask no quarter, we give no quarter. We shall prosecute our warfare until there is not an American citizen that dares to advocate a gold standard policy. You ask why? We reply that the gold standard is a conspiracy against the human race, and that we should no more join it than we would an army marching to destroy our homes and to destroy our families."

If Bryan has changed he has given no sign of a change. He said then that which he declares now. Without a reaffirmation of that zealotry against the gold standard, he declined re-nomination. Be it remembered by all gold standard democrats. Bryan hated and denounced them in 1896 and he has not changed.

**SETTLED.**

Recently a republican editor of northern Nebraska apostatised and in his paper declared:

"Thus, with a firm and unflinching reliance in the Great Ruler above, who rules alike the destiny of the individual as well as nations, we go forth to battle for Bryan and humanity, for God and the right."

That settles the election, and Bryan and God are congratulated, no doubt, by all the good spirits of earth, air and water.