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"IF I CAN PREVENT THE MAINTENANCE OF THE GOLD STANDARD, YOU CAN RELY ON MY DOING IT."

"They say that I am begging for votes. Not at all. I never asked a man to vote for me. In fact, I have told some people to vote against me. That is more than most candidates do. I have said that if there was anybody who believed in the maintenance of the gold standard until foreign nations came to us and graciously permitted us to abandon it, I said that if anybody should believe that the gold standard was absolutely essential to the welfare of this country he ought to not vote for me at all. I do not want any man to vote for me and then object to my doing what I expect to do if you elect me, and if I can prevent the maintenance of the gold standard you can rely on my doing it the very first possible opportunity given me."

WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN.
Philadelphia, Sept. 23, 1896.

"If there is any one who believes the Gold Standard is a good thing, or that it must be maintained, I warn him not to cast his vote for me because I promise him it will not be maintained in this country longer than I am able to get rid of it."—Hon. William Jennings Bryan, Knoxville, Tenn., Sept. 16, 1896.

LABOR TO BRYAN. In Richard the Third Mr. Shakespeare makes Labor remark as if to Col. Bryan:

"Tut, tut, my Lord, we will not stand to prate; Talkers are no great doers, be assured—We go to use our hands, and not our tongues."

Probably somebody was trying to pass off a dudelet declaimer for a farmer when William Shakespeare wrote:

"We go to use our hands, and not our tongues."

CRYAN AND BROKER.

The New York Evening Post, which is always truthful, gives a vivid description of the triumphant and spectacular ride of Richard Croker and Colonel Bryan from the Grand Central Depot to the Hoffman House in New York City. The Colonel was at his best and wore the indestructible smile of reform on that side of his face towards the plain people while, with Croker-approving smirks on the other, he was winking at the Tammany heelers.

The cut-purses and protected pirates of the slums were enthusiastic and demonstrative.

Cheers.

They recognized in Colonel Bryan the friend and ally of Dick Croker and with grateful throats, yelled again and again for Cryan and Broker—mixed drinks make mixed hurrahs. The enthusiasm ordered by Croker had been drilled for the occasion. The Post says:

"Complaint was made that there would be great suffering from thirst. Mr. Croker was firm, however, and an East Side district leader solved the difficulty by ordering a thousand flasks of restoratives for his followers."

Thus bloomed in luxuriance the boodle-fertilized and whisky-irrigated patriotism of the Tammanyarchs. It was exuberant, vocal and irrepressible. Before the vast multitude, in an open carriage, side by side, rode Dick Croker, the rotten, reeking King of Boodlers, the princely plunderer of the public purse, the upholder of the illegal system of money-getting for favoring vice, and the spotless Bryan, representing the "plain people" and "honesty" and "reform." The tie-up of fire and water, the amalgamation of vice and virtue, the benevolent assimilation of Bryanarchy by Crokerarchy was delightful to behold.

The admirers of Colonel Bryan may, with justice, boast of the Colonel's poly-sided graces and gifts. The remarkable agility with which Colonel Bryan can flit from a Presbyterian prayer meeting, where he is super-saintly, to a gathering of Tammany Hall bummers, where he can seem expertly wicked, is commendable and without parallel in the prestidigitation of politics. No wonder that Colonel Bryan commands alike the affection and support of the church and the saloon, the deacon and the drunkard.

Poly-Faced.

He never pleases one by offending the other; he is for equality in all things.

Tammany Hall is an organization which derives its revenue from blackmail upon vice and Croker's Support. from looting public

offices. In Harper's Weekly for October 13, 1900, is a history of Tammany methods by Mr. Franklin Mathews. He shows that Tammany Hall maintains kindergartens in which children are taught to steal. He proves the increase in juvenile crime under the tutelage and encouragement of Tammany Hall.

It yells for and will vote for Bryan and Croker.

In the same history, on page 958 of Harper's Weekly for October 13, 1900,

Purveyors. Mr. Mathews gives a long and sickening detail of the decoying methods, which Tammany permits, by which young and defenceless women are lured into New York and to ruin and death.

And Croker and Tammany are for Bryan, 16 to 1, against government by the law as interpreted by the courts and enthusiastic for crime, plunder and ultimate anarchy.

MORE SHARKS. THE CONSERVATIVE hears of some sharks who are engaged in the loaning of small sums of money on chattel mortgages, and larger sums on real-estate securities, who deliberately declare that they shall vote for Bryan in order to make times harder, money scarcer, and the interest rates higher. They declaim against the present condition of banks and bankers, averring that it is impossible to loan money to anybody with good security, at a greater rate of interest than 5 and 6 per cent. The genuine, old-style usurer wants harder times, and declares that, to bring this about, he is going to vote for Bryanarchy. The more sharks the more votes for Bryan and the higher interest rates.

NEVER REPEATS HIMSELF. Many admirers of the peerless Bryan brag loudly

that he is so chock full of platitudinous versatility that he never repeats himself. This is particularly true as to his prophecies of 1896. THE CONSERVATIVE has looked in vain for an opportunity to catch the Colonel repeating even one forecast of the finances of the United States made in 1896. The mistakes of Bryan must make the mistakes of Moses inconsequential.