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TARIFF REFORM A BLUFF.

Not the People, But the Democratic Politicians Are Calling for It.

While a considerable part of the Democratic party of this country probably amounting to a majority, is becoming easy in mind as far as the question of an available presidential candidate in 1908 is concerned, in view of the return of Democratic sentiment to Mr. Bryan, the question of a paramount issue that will stand the wear and tear of a campaign is a most perplexing one to the party, and very probably to Mr. Bryan himself, says the Albany Journal.

Free coinage of silver, "busting" of trusts, anti-imperialism—these have been tried all in vain in recent years. There is nothing new in sight out of which the Democracy could make a paramount issue, and so, in its desperation, the party is endeavoring to galvanize into a semblance of revivification its old, mummified issue of "tariff reform," which means tariff reduction and ultimate abolition of all import duties.

For success in its attempt the Democracy relies upon the proverbially limited retentive capacity of human memory. It flatters itself with the belief that after a decade the conditions produced by the last experiment with Democratic tariff reform, from which the American people rushed to the Republican party in 1896, are out of mind, and that no more is required than the assiduous fostering of discontent to cause a repetition of the folly of 1892.

But most of the people of this country who passed through the period of distress from 1892 to 1896 have not forgotten either it or its cause. And there is less discontent in this prosperous time than there ever was before in this country. There is no popular demand for tariff reform or tariff revision or tariff reduction or whatever else the Democracy may call the "issue" with which it is seeking once more to impose upon the people. There are no indications of it even from the Democratic party, so far as the rank and file is concerned. It is only the leaders that are clamoring for it, hoping to create, by means of a great volume of noise, a belief that it emanates from large numbers.

The resurrected paramount issue will be tried on the people in next fall's congressional elections, and it behooves the people, for the conservation of their interests, to put it back into its desecrated grave.

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BRYAN'S VERSATILITY.

Makes a Grand Stand Play for the Votes of Fledgling Societists.

W. J. Bryan has been "off the main route for some time," but it has come to his knowledge that some Democratic state conventions have nominated him in advance as the Democratic candidate for president in 1908, and we have a report of his comments upon that fact, says the Chicago Chronicle.

He appreciates the compliment, though it is "sudden"—by which, possibly, he may mean premature. Be that as it may, he is quoted as saying "that it is too early either to make or discuss political plans for 1908."

There certainly is time for a good many things to happen during the two years between the nomination by Missouri and the nomination by the national Democratic convention.

These are times of hysteria, sham and real, and things that are said and done about a nomination for the presidency two years in the future are liable to become damaged in cold storage during the interval. The eulogiums recently pronounced by the penitents Cols. Watterson and Vilas may look silly in June, 1908.

While Col. Bryan realizes that it is too early for him either to make or discuss political plans for 1908, he cannot resist the temptation to talk. Possibly the colonels of the other metallic persuasion strongly suspected such would be the case, and that may account for their otherwise startling eccentricity in coming forward so promptly as representatives of the Palmer and Buckner gold men and pronouncing their sonorous eulogiums upon the great apostle of 16 to 1. They may have had the idea that if they broke forth into panegyric Mr. Bryan would certainly break forth into speech which is silver, instead of maintaining the silence which is golden, and talk himself to death before 1908.

If so their expectations are in a fair way to be realized. Mr. Bryan certainly has made a good beginning if the dispatches from Berlin do him no injustice. He is reported from that city as praising the Republican reformers and exhorting the Republican party to listen to their voice and get the start of the Democrats in the reform business. If the people really like the sort of reform now in the air they will naturally hold fast to the party which first takes up the reform work. If they do not like it what will become of Mr. Bryan and the rest of the Democratic reformers?

Mr. Bryan is further quoted: "My political career discloses no instance where I have abandoned any principle formerly espoused. So far as silver is concerned, I can only say that events have fully vindicated the position of the bimetalists."

Now, there is something for Mr. Francis and Cols. Watterson and Vilas and the Democratic men of affairs in the east to ponder. Do they think that Mr. Bryan has already begun to talk too much and is in a fair way to get a terrible shaking as Polliparrot did when she said "Sick 'em!" once too often to the dog?

In this same deliverance Mr. Bryan lets us all know that he not only stands for bimetalism still, but also for government ownership and operation of public utilities on a tremendous scale. He has abandoned no principle formerly espoused and he has thoroughly committed himself to government ownership.

He attempts to make a distinction between "Democracy," by which he evidently means such ownership, and socialism. "Democracy," he says, "recognizes competition as legitimate and tries to protect the competitive principle from attack. Socialism sees competition as an evil to be eliminated by public ownership and operation of all means of production and distribution."

But he hastens to add that, "while this distinction between Democracy and socialism should not be overlooked, the Democratic platform must be one of progress and reform and not merely of opposition to Republican policies or socialistic ideas."

That is to say, the Democratic party should be hospitable to socialistic public ownership ideas in order to gather in the votes of half-fledged socialists.

This may be satisfactory to "conservative Democrats" whose sleep is disturbed by the specter of socialism, but it will not attract to the support of Mr. Bryan men who care to offer strenuous resistance to socialistic tendencies.

Even if Mr. Bryan's boom should have no substantial results otherwise, it may give him the necessary material for "The Third Battle." Meanwhile NOW is the time to subscribe for the Commoner.—Chicago Tribune.

Try the new and improved Bryan. Everything modern and up-to-date. Guaranteed to go well in harness, and not to run amuck. No Democrat of any variety can hereafter afford to be without this wonderful development of the last ten years.—Advt.—Indianapolis News (Ind.).

For the third time the Democratic party is calling Mr. Bryan to lead it. In 1908 the Republican party will "call" him for the third time, and when he shows down his hand he will probably have the same old pair of deuces.

Disregarding the causes that have led to the importation of \$50,000,000 in gold during the past few weeks, we would like to ask if such importation could or would have taken place if we had had an adverse balance of trade such as we have always had under free trade tariffs?—American Economist.

THAW IS INDICTED.

Grand Jury Finds that the Young Millionaire is Guilty of First Degree Murder.

New York.—Harry Thaw was indicted Thursday for murder in the first degree for killing Stanford White last Monday night. His wife, Evelyn Nesbit Thaw, appeared as a witness before the grand jury, but begged to be excused from giving any testimony. She was treated with every consideration by Assistant District Attorney Garvan and by the jurors, who did not insist that she should answer any questions.

Thaw will plead to the indictment in court this morning. No time will be set for the trial until District Attorney Jerome returns to the city next week. In the meantime witnesses have been summoned to appear in John Doe proceedings at the district attorney's office to help the latter frame up his presentation of the case.

The grand jury's consideration of the case was brief and followed a perfunctory inquest before a coroner's jury which heard the testimony of witnesses to the tragedy and rendered a formal verdict that White's death had been caused by Thaw. The latter calmly listened to the testimony and while the jury was out he chatted with his counsel and a policeman sitting near, laughing aloud at one stage of the conversation. When the jury had completed its verdict Thaw was recommitted to the Tombs without bail. His indictment was announced soon afterward.

Mrs. Thaw, following her appearance before the grand jury, crossed the Bridge of Sighs and entered the city prison to see her husband. They talked together for a long while and when Mrs. Thaw finally attempted to leave the great granite building she found her way blocked by the largest crowd of the police say, that has ever gathered about the structure. She was virtually held a prisoner by the inquisitive throng for 30 minutes, when reserves from many police precincts managed to clear a way for her.

Stanford White was buried Thursday at St. James, L. I., where he had a summer home. The services were held in the Episcopal church and the interment was made in the graveyard surrounding the quaint little edifice.

In the opinion of the physician who performed the autopsy on White's body the life of the architect was shortened not more than two years by the bullets from Thaw's pistol. He was found to be suffering from Bright's disease, from incipient tuberculosis and from fatty degeneration of the liver.

Thaw sent a message Thursday from the Tombs to Anthony Comstock, president of the Society for the Suppression of Vice, saying he had received a letter which it would pay Mr. Comstock to investigate. An agent of the society called upon Thaw in the afternoon, but was not admitted at that time. It was said either the agent or Mr. Comstock might see Thaw to-day.

HARVARD WON BIG RACE.

Cambridge Oarsmen Defeated Yale in a Nip and Tuck Contest—Yale Won Two Minor Events.

New London, Conn.—Harvard's varsity crew triumphed over Yale on Thursday before the greatest crowd that ever gathered here on a race day and, coming after years of defeat, victory was sweet indeed to the crimson. It was a great Yale crew that Harvard defeated, a crew that had broken all records on the Thames in practice and went to the stake boat a favorite, and Harvard's joy is unconfined.

Harvard won, but Yale rowed a race that will live long in the annals of college sports. Not once from the start until the last sixteenth of a mile did the shells cease to lap each other. The men in the rival boats could see each other for more than three miles and a half, as first one coxswain and then the other called upon his crew to push his shell ahead. Then and only then did Harvard rally and get the lead, for the killing pace proved too much for two of the Yale men and in the final spurt Boulton and Noyes, of the blue, were done, their oars literally slipping away from them.

Here Harvard began to open up clear water between the two shells and in the last ten or 15 strokes of the race she pulled away from her rival. Noyes, Yale's No. 6, absolutely exhausted, began to miss the stream on the catch and swing his oar through the air. He sat up in his seat until the flag dropped and then fell backwards into the boat like a dead man. Chase, at No. 5, raised Noyes' head and dashed water on him, but he remained unconscious for a considerable length of time.

Harvard won the race by less than two lengths and a half. Her time was 23 minutes and two seconds, Yale's 23 minutes 11 seconds.

Yale defeated Harvard in the freshman and varsity four-oared races.

Congress.—Washington.—On the 28th the house passed 55 private bills and voted to stand by the house conferees on the meat inspection amendment to the agricultural appropriation bill. The senate passed the public building and general deficiency appropriation bills.

Four People Killed by a Train. Philadelphia, Pa.—Four persons, two of them a bride and bridegroom of a day, were killed last night on the Reading railroad at Gwynedd, near this city, by an excursion train which ran down their carriage at the station.

Hottest Day of the Year. Columbus, O.—Thursday was the hottest day of the year in Columbus. The mercury reached 92 degrees. William Underwood, 65 years old, a porter, was prostrated by the heat and may die.

Really, congress could bring itself to adjourn if it really made up its mind to the plunge back into obscurity. And then there are so many fences really in need of repair.

If President Mouravitch has occasion to communicate with the czar and from the czar to the douma, he will be wise if he will eschew the telephone in the light of what happened to Senator Lodge.

In advising the sweet girl graduates of Washington to "keep their eyes on the stars," President Roosevelt made a mistake. He ought to have suggested to them that it would be a good thing to keep an eye on the cook.

The ever burning question: "What shall we do with our boys?" seems to be satisfactorily answered in the following advertisement, which appears in the window of a Farrington road butcher's shop: "Wanted, a respectable boy for beef sausages."

Massachusetts is deeply depressed over the fact that one of her legislators has been detected selling his vote for \$50. But whether the depression is because of the guilt or because of the price is not altogether clear.

Culture, to some foolish young men and women, means a languid and superior contempt for all except a few choice things. In reality, culture means the power of full and delicate appreciation, and the more widely cultured a man is, the more things he knows how to appreciate.

Just 152 captains of full-rigged ships have been born in Searsport, Me., or have lived in that town while in command of their vessels. The largest ship in the list was the May Flint, which had a gross tonnage of 3,288 tons. The smallest was the Vista, 400 tons. Searsport's banner year in shipping was 1885.

The signal corps of the United States army is photographing San Francisco's ruins from balloons. A series of pictures is being taken to be kept on the file by the war department in Washington. Several hundred have already been taken of the different buildings and an order sent for three balloons, so that a complete picture of the city can be had.

The Aikin law, which increased the saloon tax to \$1,000 per annum, closed between 15 and 25 per cent. of the saloons of the state of Ohio at the outset and it is estimated that as many more will quit before the second installment falls due. As a saloon-closer, the Aikin law seems to have the bulge on the Beall and Jones laws, even though it was not approved by the Anti-Saloon league.

While paying a visit to a friend residing in this country, an American gentleman got into conversation with a youngster who displayed a most absorbing and flattering interest in his native land. "I'm sure it's pleasant to be told there are not rattlesnakes in all the gardens," said the youngster with a smile, "but my cousin won't long ago that he had seen forty wigwags in one little village. Perhaps," he added, as the American made no immediate reply, "the wigwags are not so venomous as rattlesnakes, are they?"

Speaking of summer picnics, it is well to have the affair a subscription one, the subscription in every case taking the form of some contribution to the general feast. Call a little meeting in advance and let each person say what he or she desires to contribute. One person may choose rolls, another sandwiches, another lemons and sugar, another coffee, others cakes, pickles and relishes. This is much pleasanter and more social than the plan sometimes adopted of having each person bring with him a separate lunch, on which he dines in solitary state.

In forming a chemical compound corresponding to the viscous fluid out of which silkworm spins his delicate thread, the French chemists found, strangely enough, that the best substitute was a solution of gun-cotton, which also serves as the basis for the most powerful and deadly of modern explosives. To what extent this gun-cotton silk is relieved of its explosive qualities before being woven into laces and dress fabrics, seems to be somewhat questionable. Certainly a young woman gowned in gun-cotton would be a formidable, if not dangerous, object.

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