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## A NOTABLE ADDRESS

Delivered at a Jeffersonian Banquet in Washington.

### BRYAN STANDS FOR SILVER.

What the Brilliant Democratic Leader Said on this Occasion—No Backward Steps—Declares there is no Prosperity in Taxes, Views of the Dingley Tariff Bill.

The one hundred and fifty-fourth anniversary of Jefferson's birthday was celebrated at Washington on Tuesday.

William J. Bryan, of Nebraska, the late Democratic candidate for president, was the guest of honor. Senators, representatives and others conspicuous in the councils of the Democratic party were present.

Mr. Bryan was greeted with a lusty cheer as he entered the hall. The toasts were proposed and briefly responded to except in the case of Mr. Bryan, who spoke at length to the toast "Thomas Jefferson, we celebrate the anniversary of his birth not in the spirit of personal idolatry but from regard and reverence for his political principles." Mr. Bryan said in part:

"The Democratic party is strong just in proportion as it proves true to the teachings of its great founder. It is the mission of the Democratic party to crystallize into legislation the principles which he taught. The party applies Democratic principles to the issues which arise from time to time. For many years the tariff question was the paramount issue and the party took a more advanced position each year until 1892, when it declared itself in favor of a policy which meant substantially a tariff for revenue only.

"But the president elected at that time, instead of proceeding to carry out that portion of the platform, forced upon public attention an issue which had up to that time been considered secondary. Mr. Cleveland, more than any other one person in this nation, is responsible for the prominent position which the money question now occupies.

"It was his determination to complete the demonetization of silver and make the gold standard perpetual, that aroused the masses of the United States to active resistance. The struggle for supremacy between the gold standard and bimetallism was recognized as a contest between the money power and the common people.

#### DECLARATION FOR SILVER.

"The explicit declaration in favor of free and unlimited coinage at 16 to 1 without waiting for the aid or consent of any other nation was made necessary by the attempt of certain public men to evade preceding platforms.

"The party struggle which culminated in the Chicago convention of necessity alienated a portion of the party. The party was placed in the position where it was compelled to endorse the financial policy of the president or adhere to the doctrines and traditions of the party.

"The position taken by the Democratic party in 1896 will not be surrendered. If you doubt the permanency of the Chicago platform as a party creed go among the rank and file of the party and measure the zeal and enthusiasm which that platform has aroused and you will realize the impossibility of taking a backward step.

#### NO PROSPERITY IN TAXES.

"True, the present administration is seeking to turn public attention to the tariff question, but if our reasoning is well founded, an increase of taxes cannot restore prosperity to the producers of wealth.

"If the Dingley bill brings general and permanent prosperity the Democratic party will not be in a position to win a contest by opposing it. If on the other hand, the Dingley bill proves a disappointment to those who advocate it, our position in 1896 will be strengthened and public attention will be riveted upon the fact that the cause of financial depression is to be found in our monetary system."

"There is much in recent events to encourage the followers of Thomas Jefferson. The spring elections indicate a growing sentiment along the lines of the Chicago platform. In fact, the elections which have taken place show so great a gain that the Republican party may now be considered a minority party."

"It has but one hope of escape from the wrath to come and that is to secure bimetallism by international agreement, before the people of the nation have an other opportunity to speak at the polls."

#### A Long Lived Family.

John Gast, who was born at Rebersburg, Centre county, died at Millburg recently in his 93d year. A brother Henry Gast, aged nearly 91, resides at Millburg, and a sister, Mary Wolf, lives in Brush valley, in her 94th year.

### NEW JERSEY'S ELECTIONS.

Democrats Capture Hobart's Home by 1500 Majority.

Democrats showed some of their old-time vigor in the elections in the larger cities of New Jersey on Tuesday. They elected their candidate for Mayor in Paterson, the home of Vice President Hobart, by a majority estimated at 1500. The city gave McKinley and Hobart a plurality of nearly 4000 last fall. They won hands down in Jersey City, electing Edward Hass Mayor and made heavy gains in Newark.

Camden Republicans met terrible slaughter at the hands of the Committee of One Hundred and Democrats.

SIGNIFICANT RESULTS OF THE ELECTION.

Mckinley's plurality.	Result Tuesday.
Trenton.....3,000 R.	1,400 R.
Paterson.....3,490 R.	1,500 D.
Hobart's home.	
Newark.....11,000 R.	1,000 R.
Jersey City.....3,500 R.	2,400 D.
Bayonne.....214 R.	250 D.

#### Pine Grove Academy Reunion.

Pursuant to a call the executive committee on reunion of the ex-students of Pine Grove academy and seminary, met in the parlors of the Ward House, Tyrore, on the evening of the 8th inst., and organized by electing Capt. W. H. Fry chairman and J. K. Bottorf secretary. It was, on motion, resolved that the reunion be held in the academy grove at Pine Grove Mills on Tuesday, June 22 next, and in the event of that day being inclement the meeting to be continued the following day.

The executive committee consists of ex-Governor James A. Beaver, Bellefonte; Captain W. H. Fry, Pine Grove Mills; Prof. George Weaver, Clearfield; A. J. Mattern, Tyrore; Hon. David L. Krebs, Clearfield; Miss Annie Haugh, Warriorsmark; Miss Sue Danuley, A. G. Archey, Pine Grove Mills; John H. Miller, John K. Bottorf, Tyrore. Sub-committees were appointed as follows:

Transporation—Ex-Governor James A. Beaver, chairman.

Invitation—John H. Miller, chairman.

Finances—Capt. W. A. Fry, chairman.

Local committee on arrangement and reception will be selected by the citizens of Pine Grove Mills. As the Bellefonte Central railroad now extends to Pine Grove Mills access is convenient. There will be excursion trains for the occasion. It is the desire of the executive committee that all the ex-students co-operate with them in an effort to make the affair an enjoyable success. Let there be a full turnout. By order of committee.

#### W. H. Fry, Chairman.

J. K. BOTTORF, Sec'y.

The names of D. F. Fortney, Esq., of Bellefonte, and Rev. Wm. Gemmill should be included in the above list as members of the Executive Committee.

Other papers please copy.

#### Knows the Reason.

Few persons have been unable to solve the cause of the fire at the electric light plant. Landlord Al Garman comes forward with what he considers a plausible theory. He says the company has been in existence 13 years, it is composed of 13 members and that they held their business meetings on Friday, all of which, to his mind, are bad omens. This man Garman is so peculiar on this point that he won't allow a room No. 13 in his hotel, never will be one of a party of 13 on any occasion, will undertake no enterprise of any kind on Friday and at night will not go to bed unless his shoes are placed side by side, toes pointing under the couch, before he retires. It is a wonder that he ever lived over his 13th year, or ever got over 13 dollars in his purse at one time. That "13" is an awful bugaboo to him, and it is a wonder that he ever ventures outside of the hotel on Friday nights.

#### Knights Golden Eagle.

The grand castle Knights of the Golden Eagle will hold their annual convale in Harrisburg, May 11, 12 and 13. The reception of visiting knights and their ladies will take place in the opera house on the morning of May 11, and fully 10,000 guests of the city are expected. In the afternoon the grand parade of uniformed knights to the number of several thousand will take place. In the evening an up-to-date entertainment and ball will be tendered the visitors in Russ hall and City Grays' armory. The following day will take place the competitions for the \$1,000 or more of prizes offered for the best drilled, best equipped and largest (numerically) and hand-somest commands. Sessions of the grand castle will be held on all three days in the opera house.

#### State Fair at Altoona.

Altoona is to have the state fair this year. A meeting of the state fair committee was held recently and the arrangements were completed. Altoona is to furnish the buildings used. The fair will last from September 6 to 11 and applications for space are already filed.

## THE NATIONAL LAWMAKERS

The Leading Topics of Interest at Washington.

### OPPOSITION TO THE TARIFF

Republicans are Worrying Considerable About Civil Service Rules—What will President McKinley Do?—Death of Senator Voorhees.

The democrats of the House in caucus endorsed the statements made by Representative Bailey, of Texas, when Representative Dingley, in response to Representative Jerry Simpson's protest, bluntly stated that the republicans did not intend to allow any general legislation by the House at this session. Mr. Bailey said: "We are not inclined to insist upon the republican party legislating. We feel that the country suffers when the republican party legislates. We have contended this all our lives, and we sincerely believe it. We have no desire to urge the republican party to make laws, but we desire to understand its policy. We are here ready to discuss any measures you desire to bring up, but believing that nine out of ten of them would be bad we are ready to help you if your policy is to do nothing."

In the death of ex-Senator D. W. Voorhees, which occurred Saturday morning at his Washington residence, the democratic party lost one of its ablest and hardest workers, a man who has, for nearly half a century occupied a place in the front ranks of democracy in every National campaign. Mr. Voorhees, had been in failing health for several years, but his death was entirely unexpected, although he was in his seventieth year.

Among the many prominent business men who are in Washington for the purpose of pointing out to the Senate Committee on Finance, the bad features of the tariff bill, is Marshall Field, the widely known Chicago merchant. Mr. Field was asked if he cared to make a statement for publication concerning the tariff bill, and he replied: "No, except the one general remark that it is the worst tariff bill I ever saw, not only as regards the rates of duty imposed, but in the complicated ambiguous methods of imposing them. There is scarcely a line in the bill that will not have to be interpreted by the Supreme Court."

Speaking of whether the democrats in the Senate ought to resort to filibustering to delay or defeat the tariff bill, ex-Representative Clume, of California, said: "I am in favor of allowing the republicans absolute sway and full scope in the making of a tariff. The freer they are left to work their will the quicker will the country repudiate their acts, for I hold that prosperity can never come from taxation, but only from a readjustment of our financial system that will put silver back to its old footing of equality with gold." This is substantially the position taken by Senator Jones, Chairman of the Democratic National Committee, in a letter made public a few days ago, and which is endorsed by most of the democrats in both branches of Congress.

The republicans are doing considerable worrying about the civil service rules and how they are going to get around them, at least, those who are after offices. About the only man who has already got his office who has shown any special interest in this matter, is Public Printer Palmer, who has been practically discharging democrats from the government printing office, by asking for their resignations, every day since he took charge. Ex-Congressman Bowden, of Va., who is willing to become a Federal office-holder, voiced the opinion of the office seekers when he said: "I have met during my present visit to Washington with republicans from every part of the Union, and almost to a man they are opposed to civil service reform, so-called. It is a fact that there is a revolt against the whole system, and I for one, would be glad to see it demolished for all time. I believe President McKinley is going to do what he thinks is right, but I do not believe he is going to ignore the claim of those who stood by him in the campaign." That sort of talk is heard every day, but Mr. McKinley has given no sign, and it is doubtful whether he will set aside any of the extensions of the civil service rules made by Mr. Cleveland, unless authorized by Congress to do so, and the average republican congressman, while willing to talk against the civil service law to please their office-seeking constituents, will hesitate about voting against it, and there are a number of them who will stand by the law through thick and thin.

#### Pigeons Wanted.

I want to buy 500 old pigeons at once. Call on or address.

Geo. R. STOVER, Coburn, Pa.

### BLOW AT OFFICE HUNTERS.

Postmaster General Geary Makes an Important Ruling About Small Offices.

Postmaster General Geary is credited with the adoption of a new policy regarding fourth-class postmasters in offices where the total muneration in the course of the year does not exceed \$100.

Mr. Geary holds that in such a small place the postoffice should not be considered a thing for political reward, and has already declined to appoint several republicans to such offices where the democratic incumbent's time has expired, because the applicants had not the endorsement of any considerable number of the patrons of the office.

General Geary has notified several representatives that this policy will be strictly carried out, and the result will be that in Democratic districts, where the majority of the patrons of a little office are Democrats, there will be no change in the postmaster during the next four years.

#### A Crackerjack Story.

Jersey Shore is at front with the first real snake story of the season and it's a good one, too. It appears that Bernie Smith and Charles Post were at work on the interior of the new Swedish Lutheran church in that town when they heard the cries of female voices, and rushing from the building they perceived two ladies a short distance from the church, jumping about in a lively manner, and at the same time screaming frantically. The young men ran quickly to their assistance and found that they had walked into a nest of garter snakes and the reptiles were curling themselves around the ladies' feet despite the latter's efforts to free themselves. Quickly seizing a club the young men began the slaughtering of the snakes, and after the melee was over twenty-two snakes ranging from six inches to two feet and six inches in length had been killed.

#### Three Items.

The following is from the Philipsburg Journal:

C. U. Hoffer has accepted a position with the Atlantic Refining Co. as cashier and book-keeper, and will enter upon his duties on the 20th inst. Mr. H. formerly held this same position, and will therefore be no new hand at the "bellows."

George M. Rumberger, who recently resigned as agent for the P. R. R. Co. at Smoke Run to accept a position as book-keeper in the wholesale establishment of the Platt, Barber Co., this city, has been transferred to the DuBos branch of the business, where he will fill a similar position.

Prof. A. C. Thompson, superintendent of the Snow Shoe schools, having completed a seven months term, has returned to Philipsburg, and after making in a day or two a short visit to his home at Stormstown, will come back to us again and make this place his headquarters during the summer, having engaged with a well known business house of our town. We are glad to have him with us again.

#### Dr. Shaffer Re-appointed.

Dr. Nathan C. Shaffer, of Lancaster, is re-appointed by Governor Hastings as state superintendent of public instruction. Dr. Shaffer has very successfully managed the affairs of Pennsylvania's public schools since he succeeded D. J. Walker in office in 1892.

Dr. Shaffer was appointed by Governor Pattison as a Democrat, and was a conspicuous Gold Democrat last year. Four or five aggressive republican candidates had brought pressure to bear on Governor Hastings to secure the appointment this year, and his only way out of political snarl seemed to be to heed the countless requests from people of all parties for the retention of the efficient incumbent of the office, and bar politics from the management of the schools. Dr. Shaffer's nomination was promptly confirmed by the senate.

#### Prosperity—Nit.

Altoona Tribune: The continued depression of business throughout the country has its reflection in Pennsylvania railroad affairs in Altoona. An era of the strictest economy has been inaugurated and a great deal is being done to diminish unnecessary expenses. Small suspensions have been made at Juniata and in the car and machine shops, but in most cases the suspended men were only laid off for a few days. Along the road the number of extra firemen and engineers has been reduced somewhat, while several trains have been consolidated to reduce the number of helpers. The outlook for the immediate future is apparently dubious.

—Men's all-wool suits as low as \$4.50 and \$5.00. PHILAD. BRANCH.

—Dr. Humphreys says, as "77" is to Grip, so is No. 10 to Dyspepsia. The first dose relieves—its persistent use cures; 25c.—at all druggists.

## ANOTHER FREE SCHOLARSHIP

For One Term in the Lock Haven State Normal.

### AWARDED BY OUR READERS.

The Centre Democrat will pay all expenses for Tuition, Boarding, Room Rent, etc., for the Winter Term 1896—Given away to some deserving Lady or Gentleman in Centre county.

The publisher of this paper has decided to furnish another free scholarship in the Lock Haven State Normal, for the Winter Term of 1896. All necessary expenses of tuition, boarding, room rent, light, etc., for the term will be furnished by the Centre Democrat which, for the term of twelve weeks, amounts to \$45.00. The object is to provide some deserving young person with an opportunity of attending this institution who may not have the means of further prosecuting their studies, than afforded by our public schools.

Who shall receive this scholarship and who may be the most deserving? are matters that will not concern us, but the patrons of this paper will be asked to make the award. Coupons will be published in each issue of the paper and will, if properly filled out and sent in to this office, be regularly counted. On December 1st, 1897, the person having received the highest number of votes will receive the free scholarship.

The following is the coupon that will be used. Cut it out and vote for some young person whom you think would appreciate this scholarship:

## The Centre Democrat.

THURSDAY, APRIL 15, 1897.

### SCHOLARSHIP COUPON

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Cut this out, fill in name of some deserving young lady or gentleman and send it to this office, where it will be counted.

Two years ago this paper gave its first scholarship out and it was awarded to Mr. Wm. Corman, of Benner township. Last year another scholarship was offered, and at the conclusion of the contest we decided to furnish the two highest Miss Mary Twitmever and Mr. Wm. B. Rearick, of Benner township, with scholarships, and they have just returned from attending the Lock Haven Normal and were more than pleased with this excellent institution and its opportunities for study and advancement.

We mean to furnish this free of cost to the most successful student. For that reason no extra copies of the paper will be sold for voting purposes, and all extra editions of the paper will not contain the coupon.

Votes can be sent in at any time from this date. The first count will be announced in our issue of May 6th. After that they will be counted regularly each week by two competent judges and announced in the paper.

Further particulars regulating the count will appear in our next issue.

#### Get Corked.

One of the latest ideas in a bicycle tire is a layer of cork surrounding a spring. The cork is put on in sections and fastened over the spiral spring, which answers the same purpose as the compressed air now in use. One great advantage of this is that no such thing as a puncture, the base of a bicycle rider's life, can be sustained and it is also claimed that the tire is faster and much easier riding than the rubber tire now in use. According to this when you are properly "corked" you can make a bicycle record. Getting corked always was a popular fad.

#### Foster's Weather Bulletin.

My last bulletin gave forecasts of the storm waves to cross the continent from April 5 to 9 and 11 to 15. The next disturbance will reach the Pacific coast about 15th, cross the west of Rockies country by close of 16th, great central valleys 17th, eastern states 19th. A cool wave will cross the west of Rockies country about 19th, great central valleys 21st, eastern states 23rd.

—To cure a cough or cold, in one day, take Krumrine's Compound Syrup of Tar. If it fails to cure, money refunded.

### FIRST DEGREE MURDER.

A Verdict in the Elk County Murder Case Returned Thursday 8th.

The three days trial of Fred Rockwell, at Ridgway, for the murder of Lewis Haines, ended last Thursday with a verdict by the jury of murder in the first degree. When court met in the morning Judge Mayer occupied 45 minutes in charging the jury. The jury retired at 9-45 and returned with their verdict at 10-45.

Rockwell watched the proceedings closely and scrutinized every jurymen when the verdict was given. He bore up well until he got to the jail and saw Newell. He said to him "They have put it on to me." He was unconcerned a few minutes but soon recovered and had a twenty minutes interview with his mother during which he assured her he would get a new trial.

Haines' wife testified that Rockwell told her how he had killed Haines, and then said "now you can marry me." The defense denied the killing and tried to prove that the commonwealth had failed to establish the fact of Haines' death, as the remains found were unrecognizable.

It was stated on the prisoner's behalf that since Haines' disappearance he had been seen in New York state. On the other hand a portion of clothing found on the charred body was identified by the prosecution's witnesses as belonging to Haines.

#### Colonial Relics.

The Pennsylvania Society of Colonial Dames of America, propose to send an exhibit of Colonial Relics to the Centennial Exhibition, to be held in Nashville, Tenn., from May 1st, until November 1st, 1897. All articles loaned will be insured during transportation, and while exhibited in Historic Hall, at Nashville. (The Hall is fire proof, and will be guarded day and night.) It is not desirable to transport large pieces of furniture or portraits, but anything else belonging to the Colonial period will be acceptable; miniatures, jewelry, silver, pewter ware, arms and equipments, dresses, embroideries, buckles; any articles of historic value. The relics will be received from April 25th to May 1st, and while awaiting transportation will be kept in a Trust Company.

Articles should be sent to Mrs. Roland G. Curtin, 22 South 18th street, Philadelphia, Chairman of the Committee on Relics for the Tennessee Exposition.

#### Memorial Day.

It has been determined that as memorial day comes on Sunday this year, Saturday, May 29, will be observed by the veterans of this state in paying tribute to those of their number who have passed to the other shore, by decorating their graves. There is one argument in favor of observing Sunday, and that is, there would be some certainty of being free from base ball games, etc., on the day set apart for paying solemn tribute to the soldiers of the rebellion whose bones rest beneath the sod. The practice of observing memorial day as one of frolic and hilarity has become almost universal; the real object of the day is altogether lost sight of by a large portion of every community. Other attractions, though all right in their places, tend to lessen the interest and detract from the solemnity of the day and its legitimate ceremonies, and it is hoped that the sentiment against the desecrating practices will very soon grow so strong that they will be abandoned.

#### Serious Accident in Sugar Valley.

Word comes from Sugar Valley of a frightful runaway accident having occurred last Thursday afternoon, near Logan. A Mrs. Struler, who lives near Logan, is reported to have been thrown out of a wagon, while the horse was running away, and seriously injured. The lady's face is reported to have come in contact with a stone when she struck the ground. The flesh was torn from her face and she received a severe cut above the eye. Another report stated that the lady's skull was fractured, but no reliable news regarding the accident could be obtained.

#### There are Others.

A Clearfield exchange publishes the following: A story is told of one of the good Methodists of town who had several ministers staying at his house during conference, that at the first meal he requested one of the ministers to ask a blessing, which he did. At the conclusion of the petition one of the gentlemen's boys said to him: "Papa, why don't you say something like that when we are alone?"

We have plenty of the same kind of daddies in Bellefonte.

—The best bargain of the season—the \$1.35 pants at the Philadelphia Branch.

—To cure a cough or cold, in one day, take Krumrine's Compound Syrup of Tar. If it fails to cure, money refunded.