Bryan and the Presidency

"Cross of Gold and Crown of Thorns"-How a Wonderful Speech Won a Presidential Nomination ...



Spirit of the Democracy For Twelve Years. Bryan In 1908

By ROBERTUS LOVE. [Copyright, 1908, by Robertus Love.]

had been his party nominee form Unit. many miles just to hear the phenome ed States senatorship in a Republican legislature.

The national Democracy had broken away from Grover Cleveland, whom it delivered his speech of acceptance of was then in office. The split was on the money question. Cleveland had mass of men and women, though it called a special session of congress to was one of the hottest days ever known repeal the silver bullion purchasing in New York and a dozen persons had act. The mass of the party stood for the free coinage of silver, chiefly at wing stood for the single gold stand-



WILLIAM J. BRYAN IN 1896. "You shall not press down upon the declining to stand for the nomination phedinonia, and just as the dawn was brow of labor this grown of thorns. You without it. It was expressly declared breaking over the city he delivered ma. shall not crucify mankind upon a cross of gold."

the convention. Congressman Richard P. Bland of Missouri, "Silver Dick." the old war horse of the free silver coinage movement, was the logical and apparently the inevitable candidate for the presidency. His nomination seemed to be a certainty until a thing happened hitherto unprecedented in American politics.

Bryan of Nebraska, known as "the silver tongued orator" and "the boy orater of the Platte," mounted the platform and delivered a brief but bold and masterful speech. His vibrant voice rang out over the heads of the 15,000 persons in the vast hall, penetrating with clarion intonation to the farthest corners. The customary uproar of a great political convention, which the strongest of oratorical lungs, as a rule, cannot quell entirely, was hushed into unbreathing awe. No such eloquence ever before had been heard in a national convention. The man and the occasion had met, and the man had mastered the occasion. The address was an impassioned appeal for bimetallism and an exalted glorification of the new Democratic financial cross of gold and crown of thorns" the enthusiastic approbation of his sentiments and of the man himself was indicated by a whirlwind of applause beyond description.

And William Jennings Bryan was nominated for the presidency of the

United States. Flashed to the remotest reaches of the nation, the news was the most sensational political titbit that ever took the wires. Bryan was but one year above the minimum age required by the constitution of the United States for a president. While some of his speeches in congress a few years before had given him a momentary reputation, he was practically unknown to the nation at large, and particularly so to the great eastern section of the country. Never before had a great party nominated for president a man living west of the Mississippi river. Never before had so young a man been nominated. Never before had an orator won the great prize by a single speech. Democrats, Republicans, Pop ulists, everybody wondered how the newcomer would conduct himself in

the campaign. Presently the wonder turned to amazement. Young Mr. Bryan was a campaigner-there was no doubt as to that. He injected into American politics a presidential campaign such as the nation never knew before. Men called it a whiriwind campaign, and such it was. The whiriwind road was the railroad, and it carried the candidate up and down and across the land

Mrs. William J. Bryan long, were delivered by him on several days, while it was an ordinary thing THEN the Democratic national for him to address twenty crowds at convention met at Chicago in twenty different towns in twenty 1896 one of the delegates hours. The candidate showed a phyfrom Nebraska was William sique and a voice that stood the tre-Jennings Bryan, a young man of thir mendous strain with marvelous endur ty-six, a private citizen of the city of ance. As the campaign progressed and Lincoln. His prior political career the fame of Bryan spread people got comprised two terms in congress. He to sitting up all night and traveling

His Renomina-

nation In 1900.

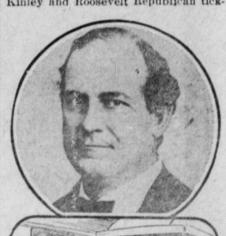
The Dominant

non speak. Bryan's first appearance in the east was on the 12th of August; when he had elected president twice and who the nomination. Madison Square Garden was packed with a suffocating died from sunstroke during the day. Bryan read that speech from manuthe ratio of 16 to 1. The Cleveland script, a disappointing thing, for it detracted greatly from his eloquence. But the candidate was well aware that great issues hinged upon his utterances on that important occasion, and he did \ not care to trust himself to the uncurbed enthusiasm of the moment.

With Arthur Sewall of Maine, the vice presidential candidate, Bryan went down to defeat at the November election, though he had been nominated also by the Populist party, with upstairs at about 6 o'clock and slept Thomas E. Watson of Georgia as the vice presidential candidate on that and discovered that he was badly ticket. McKinley and Hobart went into office, and there were those who predicted that Bryan was forever eliminated from the Democracy.

Four years later at the Democratic national convention in Kansas City Mr. Bryan was renominated by acclamation. There was absolutely no other candidate suggested for the nomination. For vice president Adlai E. Stesecond term, was named. The war with Spain and our consequent acquisi- his supporters could stand and won the tion of the Philippine Islands had fight by sheer force of brain and brought new issues into politics, but brawn. He arose from his bed on the the silver plank was reinserted into early morning of the last day of the the Democratic platform, Mr. Bryan convention, though threatened with declining to stand for the nomination pneumonia, and just as the dawn was

Again the great east lashed and smashed the western candidate with demoniac denunciation, though that time there was a very large increase in personal respect for Mr. Bryan. He had proved himself to be by no means the wild visionary, the anarchistic revelutionist, the dangerous fanatic, which A Boy's Answer. the opposition in his own party had pictured him as being in 1896, when the Democracy split open and the lesser section thereof nominated a "gold Democratic" ticket, with General John M. Palmer of Illinois and General Simon B. Buckner of Kentucky as the standard bearers, thus contributing to Bryan's defeat in the first campaign. In the campaign of Con the Demo-cratic seceders simply toted the Mc-Kinley and Roosevelt Republican tick-



MR. BRYAN IN THE 1900 CAMPAIGN.

et. A second time Bryan went down

to defeat, but gracefully and with good cheer. He was at his home in Lincoln on election day, ate an early dinner, went soundly until 11, when he came down

beaten. He smiled to the assembled reporters, returned to his bed and slept soundly until morning. It was said by those present that he evinced not the slightest sign of disappointment. Mr. Bryan did not seek the nomination in 1904. He was quite willing for the disaffected wing of the Democracy to name the ticket just to see if that element could do better than the other. venson of Bloomington, Ill., who had He attended the convention in St. been vice president during Cleveland's Louis as a delegate, made an amazing fight for a platform upon which he and



NEW PICTURE OF MR. AND MRS. BRYAN.

doctrine. When the orator closed with in the platform, however, thus imperial in that convention to the wast throng his epoch making metaphor of "the sism was the paramount issue of the which had waited and sweated and campaign. The Democracy opposed the fretted all night long just to hear him fercible subjugation of the Filipinos and the control of the archipelago in and thrill no inveterate convention fol-

the colonial style of the British empire. Mr. Bryan made another whirlwind campaign, even breaking his own rec ord for traveling and speechmaking



WILLIAM J. BRYAN, JR.

He was forty years of age and in the full flush of magnificent manhood. During the four years since 1896 he had done much political speaking and upon an amazing schedule of traveling | writing, he had lectured many times | ligious address now and then. His a button. Itand talking. Mr. Bryan traveled in on other topics, he had traveled abroad ideal is morality, personal, political that campaign more than 18,000 miles and studied other governments and and civic. The Bryan of 1908 looks the dog is doing?" and delivered considerably more than conditions of people; also be had be older than the Bryan of 1896, but he is 2,000 speeches. He made forty-nine come Colonel Bryan, having gone to no less vigorous and virile than he was speeches in one day in New York camp during the Spanish war as colo- when his voice flashed across the constate. Thirty-five addresses, short and | nel of a Nebraska regiment.

a speech which for pathos and power lower ever heard equaled. The Democratic ticket, Judge Alton B. Parker of New York and ex-Senator Henry G. Davis of West Virginia, was defeated in November inexpressibly worse than was Bryan in either of his campaigns.

The discovery of vast deposits of gold in Alaska and elsewhere since the free silver campaigns has eliminated the money issue from politics. Mr. Bryan has accepted this fact and now stands upon other Democratic issues. Despite all opposition, he has dominated the national Democracy for twelve years. For several years past he has given expression to his views in the weekly journal, the Commoner. which he established at Lincoln. He has removed to a fine farm near Lincoln, built a commodious residence and little more science and the doctors had become known throughout the world as the "great American commoner." titular successor to Henry Clay. He in-if you had a good nurse."-Finley has traveled around the world and written his impressions for a syndicate of American newspapers. He has been for years the most popular and highest paid lecturer on the American lyceum that his income from lecturing alone the house. is as much as \$50,000 a year, the president's salary.

Mr. Bryan is a total abstainer from alcohol and tobacco. He is a member of the Presbyterian church and never works on Sunday, save to deliver a retinent from the Chicago convention ball.

- The ---Scrap Book

of school children in religious knowl- can use any kind of water, bard or soft, edge, and among other things asked for hot or"was a definition of a lie. Immediately up shot a boy's hand and in a piping is the machine worth?" treble came the reply, "A lie is an abomination to the Lord, but a very pleasant help in time of trouble."

PATRIOTISM.

Breathes there the man with soul so dead Who never to himself hath said, "This is my own, my native land!" Whose heart hath ne'er within him burned As home his footsteps he hath turned From wandering on a foreign strand? If such there breathe, go, mark him well! For him no minstrel raptures swell. High though his titles, proud his name Boundless his wealth as wish can claim-Despite those titles, power and pelf, The wretch, concentered all in self, Living, shall forfeit fair renown And, doubly dying, shall go down To the vile dust from whence he sprung Unwept, unhonored and unsung, -Sir Walter Scott.

Had 'Em Again.

Dr. S. Weir Mitchell tells with keen enjoyment of the experience of a medical friend of his who engaged a nurse. recently graduated, for a case of delirium tremens. The physician succeeded in quieting his patient and left some medicine, instructing the nurse to administer it to him if he "began to see snakes again." At the next call the physician found the patient again raving. To his puzzled inquiry the nurse replied that the man had been going on that way for several hours and that she had not given him any medicine. "But didn't I tell you to give it to him if he began to see snakes again?" demanded the physician.

"But he didn't see snakes this time, replied the nurse confidently. "He saw red, white and blue turkeys with straw hats on."-Lippincott's.

Not Enough Children.

She asked him if he was the photographer. He said he was. She asked him if he took children's pictures. He said he did. She asked him how much he charged. He said, "Four dollars a dozen." "Then I'll have to go somewhere else," she replied, "I only have eleven."-Success Magazine.

Taking Care of Papa.

Rev. A. C. Dixon of Chicago, upon leaving home for a long journey, kissed his four-year-old boy goodby, saying. "I want you to be a little man while father is away, and I want you to be sure to take care of mamma."

The boy looked at his father with his big eyes very gravely. "Yes, papa," he poswered. "I will take care of mam-

That night the boy knelt and prayed: "Please. Lord, take care of papa, Poor Land. Lord, you needn't take care of mamma. I'm going to take care of her myself."

Doubly Blessed.

It was sentence day in the city court. of dust and sunshine. A man in the prisoners' pen, who had been sentenced to two years for larceny, began to cry softly. The big man next to him, who was going to serve seven years for bigamy, said:

"Aw, wotcher snifflin' about?" "I'm-I'm-th-th-thinkin' about leavin' [sob] my-my-family-lea-leavin' my wife"-

"Aw, cut it out! Look at me. I ain't cryin', am 1? An' I'm leavin' two of 'em."-Everybody's.

Presence of Mind.

Two Irishmen, having a grievance against a farmer, decided to rob him one night. In order to reach the place where the valuables were kept, they had to pass the bedroom of the farmer and his wife.

Pat told Mike to remain where he was until he had passed the bedroom, when Mike was to follow. As Pat crept forward the floor creaked loudly, and the farmer's wife, being awakened

sleep again. Mike now followed, and the floor creaked as before. The farmer's wife again told her husband that EXECUTOR'S NOTICE. there was somebody in the next room and told him to investigate.

"Never moind," cried Mike; "it's only another cat!"-Judge's Library.

When You're Safe.

"Hinnessey," said Mr. Dooley, "this is great talkin' about Christian Science. hey?" "Yes," said Mr. Hinnessey, "and

what do you think about it?"

and Chautauqua circuits. It is said Tige!" said the exasperated woman of

Peddler (while the dog is gnawing his leg)-Don't want the machine, ma'am? Pardon me, you haven't yet seen half its good points. It washes the clothes cleaner than any other and in less than half the time. It never tears off

"Good heavens! Don't you see what

"Yes. Quite a playful animal. This machine, ma'am, uses less soap, takes up less room"-

"He'll tear you to pieces if you don't

go! Run, for mercy's sake! He's tast ed blood, and I'm afraid I can't make him stop now!"

"I have to put up with such things, ma'am, and it's in a good cause. This machine is the best one that ever was place. invented. If I can succeed in introducing one into a family I always feel An inspector was examining a class that I have done a benevolent act. You

"Oh, oh, oh! He'll kill you! What

"It's worth a million dollars in any family, but I'm selling it for only \$5, and"-

"Here's your money. I'll take it. Tige, Tige, let go!"

"Let him chew, ma'am; let him chew. It's a wooden leg. I've got another one at home all ready for use when this one is worn out. Looks as if we were going to have rain. Remember you got tired of it. Good dog, Tige; good noon, ma'am."

Woman-a Mystery.

You gaze at a star for two motives, because it is luminous and because it is impenetrable. You have by your side a sweeter radiance and greater mystery-woman.-Victor Hugo.

A Gambler on Gambling. We live in this world where nearly

everybody is a gambler. Hence it is but natural that there should be gam-There are only three things you don't

gamble for-your room, clothes and food. Everything else connected with life is gambling.

You seek employment; you gamble for a better place.

You go to an insurance company and have your property insured against fire. Well, don't you gamble there? Don't you bet the company that you may have a fire, and they bet you you may not? Your premium is the odds BEEF, PORK, MUTTON, SLICED HAM, you get.

You have your. life insured; you enter into a gamble with the insurance com-

You invest your money; you gamble there again, and so on all along the line.-Richard Canfield.

Curious of the Future.

"Have you fixed up my will just the way I told you?" asked the sick man, who was the possessor of many needy relatives and some well to do but grasp ing ones.

"I have," asserted the lawyer. "Just as strong and tight as you can make it, eh?" asked the client,

The lawyer nodded. "All right," said the sick man. "Now I want to ask you one thing-not professionally-who do you think stands the best chance of getting the property

when I'm gone?"-Youth's Companion.

who has gone away. Please take care Once a Kansas farmer met on the of grandfather. Please take care of hot, dusty road a homesteader pushing auntie. Please take care of Mary. But, on excitedly toward the Cherokee strip. "Whar ye bound?" said the farmer.

"Fer a hundred and sixty acres o' free land in the strip," was the reply. And the man vanished in the glitter

A month or two went by, and on the same dusty road the Kansas farmer met the homesteader returning. "Hello," he said, "what ye done with

them hundred and sixty acres?" The homesteader pointed his whip proudly toward his mule team. "See them mules?" said he. "Well, I traded eighty acres of my claim fer

'em.' "What ye do with the other eighty?" "Don't gimme away." was the reply, "but the feller was a tenderfoot. and I run in the other eighty acres on him without his knowin' it."

"What have you got that string tied around your finger for? asked the curious person. "That," replied the absent-mir ded man, "is to remind me of something or other I have forgotten.'

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by the noise, immediately awoke her husband and told him that there was somebody in the other room.

Pat heard this and began meewing like a cat, when the farmer said, "Oh, it's only the cat," and turned over to sleep again. Mike now followed, and

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W. Harrison Walker, Executor, Attorney.

AUDITOR'S NOTICE.

what do you think about it?"

"Well." said Mr. Dooley, "I think that if the Christian Scientists had a little more science and the doctors had a little more Christianity it wouldn't make any difference which you called in—if you had a good nurse."—Finley Peter Dunne.

The Benevolent Peddler.

"I have told you a dozen times I don't want the machine! Siek him.

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