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**A TERSE AND TIMELY PRESENTATION.**

**IMPERIALISM**

This is declared by Mr. Bryan and other Democratic leaders to be the "paramount issue." In other words, it is the best and most important reason they can offer why the most prosperous administration this country has ever known should be turned out, and why they who have no record but as politicians should be placed in control of the stupendous interests of this country. The term "Imperialism," as used by Mr. Bryan in application to the present administration, has reference to the uses to which the military power of the government has been put during President McKinley's administration. What are those uses?

In 1898 war was declared against Spain by unanimous vote of the congress of the United States; and remember by "congress" is meant both Democratic and Republican representatives in the house and in the senate. The Republican administration did not, of course, and could not declare war; but under the constitution which vests the power to declare war in congress only, the duty of making war, when so declared, is imposed on the president and his cabinet, and he must obey the mandate of congress. All the world knows the success with which the Republican administration carried through the war which drove Spain from the American continent.

Mr. Bryan came forward then as a patriot and asked for and was appointed colonel of a regiment, ready to take his full share of the responsibility in this first step toward what he now misnames "Imperialism." We say first step. Let us look at the second and chief step and his part therein, for it is the basis on which his cry of "Imperialism" must rest, if it has any basis at all.

When the Spanish war was brought to its brilliant conclusion it was the same almost unanimous congress, Democrats and Republicans, who instructed for the terms of peace with Spain and which ratified all the peace conditions, including the taking over of the Philippine islands; and again, under the constitution, the president of the United States had no recourse but to carry out the terms of this peace treaty. Congress has never recalled that instruction to the president, and he has no alternative but to proceed with his duty, until congress declares for some other line of action.

Where did Mr. Bryan stand at the time this treaty of peace was being considered by congress? He made a special trip to Washington and did all in his power to have the treaty ratified. If it was right then it must be right now; and it is right now, and no man knows this better than Mr. Bryan. Let Mr. Bryan answer why he is so greatly moved by the alleged wrongs of the colored race in the Philippines, 7,000 miles away, yet dare not raise his voice in defense of millions of colored American citizens here at home in the southern states, who are refused their rights of citizenship? Thus it appears that it is the congress of the United States, Democrats and Republicans, and notably Mr. Bryan as far as it was in his power, who are responsible for this thing he now calls "Imperialism," and not President McKinley, and not his cabinet, except as they did their duty under the constitution, which they had sworn to perform. In brief, the "paramount issue" is spurious and is no reason at all.

It means false politics, even as another Democratic "issue," "free silver," means false money; and Mr. Bryan knows that both are spurious.

**FREE SILVER**

Let it be remembered that the correct term is "free coinage of silver." There can be no such thing as "free silver."

Mr. Bryan forced the "free silver" 16 to 1 plank of 1896 on the Kansas City convention.

In all his campaigning speeches he remains silent on this question, except occasionally, where he is forced to speak out. One of his most recent utterances on the subject was in September last. He then said on this question: "I stand today where I stood in 1896. We all know where that is—for 40 cent dollars.

One brief illustration of one of the many possible wrongs of free coinage: The deposits in this country last year in the savings banks alone amounted to over two and a quarter billions. This vast sum went into these banks on the basis of 100 cents in the dollar. The value of the amount of silver in a silver dollar is about 40 cents.

If Mr. Bryan's free coinage at 16 to 1 goes into effect every 100 cent dollar will be reduced in value to about 40 cents, and every holder of merchandise of all kinds purchased by him on the 100 cents basis would be compelled to more than double his selling price to protect himself, while the wage earner, who has no merchandise, but only his labor to sell and his savings in the bank, has no escape but to accept the 40 cent dollar for his pay.

This is but one of the innumerable workings of free coinage, a new form of robbery which Mr. Bryan proposed to legislate.

**TRUSTS**

The important point to remember is that all existing trusts are the creation of state governments, not in any case of the federal government. Democracy's time honored claim is, and always has been, state sovereignty—the right of each state to enact such laws as it wills, as within its own borders, without any interference from the federal government, and it is an open question whether the federal government can forbid any state the right to give legal existence to corporate bodies known as trusts. There was one combination which the federal government was able to reach, because it came under the head of "Interstate Commerce," namely, that of the railway companies. That combination has been destroyed under federal legislation, given effect to by the decisions of the United States supreme court, that same high court of justice in the land which Mr. Bryan declares must be discontinued.

Trusts as now met with have come into existence during the last six or eight years, and in every case by state creation. Did the Democratic government of Mr. Cleveland do anything to control them? The most active agitation against trusts has been during the last two years. During these two years the Republican government has been occupied with many great national and international questions. Nevertheless, during the last session of congress the Republicans endeavored to pass a constitutional amendment to make possible federal legislation for the regulation of trusts, and that effort was defeated by the Democrats. This is a truth beyond contradiction, and convicts the Democracy of the grossest inconsistency, if not of a worse offense.

As the matter stands today both parties have promised legislation on this subject. The pledge of the Republican party is backed by the attempt made in the last congress, as already stated. The pledge of the Democracy is branded by their action in defeating the effort so made. This "issue," then, as against the Republican administration, is another makeshift, outcry conceived in untruth and signifying only the dire necessities of a party without conscience and hungry for the spoils of office.

These three are the chief "issues" on which Democracy is demanding the control of the government. Indeed, they are the only reasons (?) they present why an administration which has brought the largest measure of prosperity to the country ever known in its history should be turned out in favor of men without any record in government, "reasons" which are false pretenses on their face.

Every thinking man knows that Mr. Bryan's talk about a desire on the part of President McKinley to become a "dictator" and "emperor" is the stupidest nonsense. Politicians said this of the martyred president, Abraham Lincoln, when, after the war, he had 400,000 men at his command, for there always have been and always will be politicians who will vilify the most righteous.

Today, with a population of 78,000,000, there is in existence a United States army of about 80,000 men, chiefly volunteers on a limited term of service—men of a stock not made for military despots. Such talk is an insult to the intelligence of the American people and dishonors the men who utter it.

**ANOTHER LIE NAILED.**

Some yellow journals charge that the present law was prepared by the department of agriculture and was purposely left defective in order to protect oleomargarine dealers against punishment. This is wholly and absolutely false.

The license law of May 5, 1899, was prepared by the Dairymen's union and the State Grange of Pennsylvania at their meeting held in Williamsport in December, 1898. It was brought to Harrisburg by the secretary of the Dairymen's union at the opening of the legislative session in January, 1899, and was submitted to the legislature by the Dairymen's union and the legislative committee of the State Grange, and its passage was urged by these bodies until it became a law. The department of agriculture had nothing to do with its preparation or subsequent passage by the legislature. What evils or defects may attach to the new law are due to the organizations that prepared it and urged its passage. The charge, therefore, made by the yellow journals that the law was prepared by the department of agriculture and passed by its influence for the purpose of protecting dealers is without foundation and utterly false.

Immediately after the passage of the present law agents of the department were then instructed to collect samples and to submit them to the chemists for analysis.

**TEST OF THE COLOR CLAUSE.**

On the first of August, 1899, a sample of colored oleomargarine was taken from J. K. Van Dyke, of Philadelphia, who represented the Oakdale Manufacturing company, of Providence, R. I. The defendant was fined \$100 and costs. An appeal was taken from this decision to the court of common pleas, but was not substantiated by Judge Arnold. An appeal was then taken by the defendant to the superior court of Pennsylvania and the decision of the lower court was affirmed by the superior court in an opinion filed April 30, 1900.

This was a case to test the constitutionality of the color clause in its relation to the interstate commerce law.

The day after the decision was rendered a letter was issued by the secretary of agriculture, directed to the dairy and food commissioner, and a copy of the same sent to every agent of the department, in which the decision of the court was noted after explaining the provisions of the act and calling for the immediate gathering of additional evidence.

**THE GREAT CRUSADE.**

From that day there has been no let up by the department on the oleomargarine traffic in this state. Thousands of samples have been taken and analyzed, and every dealer whose goods were shown to be adulterated was prosecuted criminally, there being almost 700 prosecutions, every one on criminal charge. The allegation, therefore, that the department has been inactive is utterly false, as shown

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Read down				Read up					
P. M.	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.	A. M.	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.		
5:25	4:20	10:20	7:48	Halls.....	7:40	9:45	12:00	4:00	4:45
5:30	4:25	10:23	7:51	Pennsdale.....	7:35	9:40	11:54	3:57	4:41
5:40	4:32	10:31	8:00	Hughesville.....	7:25	9:31	11:40	3:48	4:32
5:48	4:40	10:37	8:06	Picture Rocks.....	9:28	11:32			4:24
	4:44		8:09	Lytone Mills.....		9:20	11:27		4:20
	4:46		10:42	8:11	Chamouni.....	0:18	11:22		4:17
	4:53		10:47	8:16	Glen Mawr.....	9:12	11:07		4:11
	5:16		10:53	8:22	Strawbridge.....	9:06	11:03		4:02
	5:10		11:00	8:30	Muncy Valley.....	8:59	11:05		3:58
	5:16		11:07	8:35	Sonestown.....	8:56	11:00		3:55
	5:31		11:12		Nordmont.....		10:52		3:49
	5:48		11:17		Mokoma.....		10:44		3:32
	5:50		11:19		Laporte.....		10:04		3:09
	6:07		11:33		Ringdale.....		9:45		2:54
	6:16		11:40		Berlice Road.....		9:25		2:45
	6:20		12:04		Satterfield.....		9:20		2:40
							A. M.		

Connection with Phila. & Reading at Halls  
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From Phila., New York and intermediate stations—leave Phila. 10:21 a. m. and 11:36 p. m.; leave New York via Phila. 7:30 a. m., 9:00 p. m.; leave New York via Tamqua, 9:10 a. m. Arrive Halls, 6:34 a. m. and 5:21 p. m.  
From Shamokin and intermediate stations—leave Shamokin 8:10 a. m. Arrive Halls 9:49 a. m.  
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For Towanda and intermediate stations, leave Berlice 6:40 a. m.; arrive Satterfield 7:04 a. m.  
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by the facts.  
The facts set forth in the report of the dairy and food commissioner of 1899 show that the activity of the officers and agents of the department was not due to the sensational publications of yellow journals or their adherents. In the year 1899, under the disadvantages of the change from the old prohibitory law to the new license law, 1,169 samples were taken by agents of the department; 341 of these were found to be pure, 655 adulterated and 143 were tested by the agents and found to be pure, and so were not sent to the chemists.  
Two hundred and fifty-six prosecutions were brought against parties for illegally selling oleomargarine, 97 for selling impure food, 43 for adulterated vinegar, 9 for not complying with the cheese law, 12 for illegally selling renovated butter and 10 for selling impure milk.  
One hundred oleomargarine cases were brought to a successful termination, penalties were imposed in many cases, and some were discharged upon payment of costs, and others were dismissed, and in some cases the bills were ignored by grand juries; 76 cases were dismissed for the above reasons, and 86 cases were pending Jan. 1, 1900.

WORK SINCE JAN. 1.  
From Jan. 1, 1900, to Oct. 10, 1900, the department has brought over 935 suits and prosecutions, and taken over 3,000 samples. The charge, therefore, that the department is doing nothing to suppress the sale of oleomargarine in this state is thus shown to be utterly and maliciously false.  
The fact of the great number of samples shown to have been taken and suits brought is evidence conclusive of the competence of the agents of the department, and yet in the face of these facts yellow journals continue to assail the work of the dairy and food division and belittle that which has been accomplished, and continue to cast reflections upon the competency of the agents.  
Activity at the mines, factories and furnaces is best shown by the following exhibit of pig iron production of the United States—thus:  
Year. Tons.  
1899..... 13,620,703  
1894..... 6,657,388  
Republican increase..... 6,963,315  
While the output of pig iron doubled, those manufacturing interests which used pig iron or its products in any shape must have doubled their business within the five years.

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JOHN O. WILSON, Administrator,  
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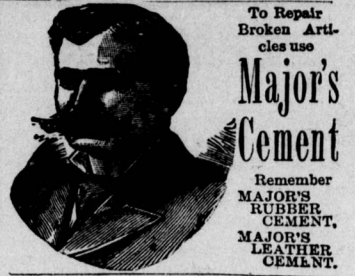
a Democrat. Mr. Bryan is the nominee of the Populists and free silver Republicans; yet, according to his friends, he must be accepted as a simon pure Democrat. This is the same sort of logic Mr. Bryan utilizes in his speeches.

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