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BRYAN'S POSITION.

He Reads the Riot Act to the Bolters of 1896 and 1900.

According to a New York dispatch in the anti-Bryanite Memphis Commercial Appeal, William J. Bryan has presented his ultimatum to the Democratic party. In calling attention to the ex-candidate's demand that the nominee of 1904 shall subscribe to the Kansas City platform the dispatch says: "Mr. Bryan is serving notice on the men who deserted him in 1896 that he holds the power to make or unmake them, just as they did him. These are the men who now are willing to be guided by the counsels of Grover Cleveland, David B. Hill, William C. Whitney and a score or so of others. Bryan's friends intimate that, while he is not to be a candidate again, he will be in a position to place an independent ticket in the field that, they declare, will poll as many votes as that nominated by the regular party."

This is the sort of talk that will be heard right along until after the canvass of 1904. Bryan can destroy the chance, the very slight chance, that any of his Democratic enemies have of being able to carry the country next year. He is in a position to get even with the men who bolted his candidacy in 1896 and 1900, and he will utilize it. He would prefer to vote for a Republican than to give his support to any of the Cleveland or Hill element of the Democracy. Moreover, his antipathies have a wide range and include such anti-Cleveland and anti-Hill men as Gorman. Whether he would support Olney is not known, but probably he would not.

Here is a peril which confronts the Democracy. Having a giant's strength, Bryan is going to use it like a giant. If a man personally distasteful to him gets the candidacy in 1904—and the probability is that some such man will be put up—Bryan will undoubtedly lead a bolt against him, as the Clevelandites did against him in the two recent elections. Probably Bryan does not expect any more favors from the national Democracy. He will never be put up for president again by the regular Democratic convention. He has a future, however, in his own section provided his party ever again comes to the front. In all the states west of the Mississippi Bryan's is still a name to conjure by. He can be elected governor of Nebraska or sent to the senate from that state if his party regains power during his lifetime. Meanwhile he will take revenge by striking his Democratic enemies as savagely as they hit him in 1900 and 1896.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

A Piece of Buncombe.

When the coal famine was at its worst last fall and anthracite might be had in quarter ton parcels as a personal favor for \$26 a ton, there were some efforts made to import coal. The only cargoes the public ever heard of as arriving in this country were a couple that Mr. J. Pierpont Morgan assisted over here in charity for the poor.

There has never been a tariff on hard coal that had any effect or which could have any effect under the sun on the local coal market. If hard coal were to go to \$20 a ton and stay there a year, it might look like "coal imports," as they say of gold in connection with the market for sterling exchange, but it is improbable that any coal would come.

To sweep off from top to bottom the tariff on coal of every grade and quality is a mistake. It is a mistake to do so even for one year. It is a concession to a desperate situation in the local question of supply and demand, but a concession which can have no other effect than a smash at the tariff to satisfy an ignorant clamor without gaining one possible benefit, but with the large and threatening probability of injuring a part of our coal mining industry, which has never been concerned in the strike beyond assisting the consumers to exist until anthracite were again in the market.—Jersey City Journal.

Foreign Purchases, \$1,350,000,000.

Those who are unhappy because the United States does not buy more of foreign countries than it sells to them should feel encouraged by the fact that under protection prosperity we are rapidly increasing the volume of our purchases from the outside world. In January, 1903, our total imports were \$85,109,899, the largest in the history of our commerce. We are now close to the billion dollar line. The total imports for twelve months ending with January, 1903, were \$975,283,637. Add to this the \$200,000,000 a year which we pay to foreigners for carrying our overseas freights in foreign ships, the \$75,000,000 which American tourists spend abroad every year and the \$75,000,000 which we annually disburse to foreign holders of American investment stocks, bonds and securities and we have a total of \$1,350,000,000 in purchases from foreigners. The Dingley tariff is not such a terrible Chinese wall, after all.

The Purpose of Reciprocity. Reciprocity was as little understood in 1897 as it is now. Senator Dolliver did not understand it at that time any better than he seems to understand it at this time. He evidently believes that the purpose of reciprocity is to make lower duties and thus encourage importations. Such is the prevailing purpose of reciprocity at the present time. Blaine's reciprocity, which the Democrats repealed, increased exportations.—Des Moines Capital.

THE GRANGE

Conducted by J. W. DARROW, Press Correspondent New York State Grange

ORGANIZING A GRANGE.

Look Well to the Charter Membership Roll.

Hon. Aaron Jones, master of the national grange, speaks wisely when he says:

Care should be used in getting good charter members. They are the foundation on which the future usefulness of the grange will rest. With good charter members the grange will grow in numbers, in usefulness and influence and be of great benefit to the Order at large and of great advantage to its own members. Unless you can organize a grange of the best men and women in the location where the grange is to be organized do not organize a grange at all.

Every grange deputy should commit to memory the last sentence above quoted. This rule carefully observed would save trouble later on. Lay well your foundations in establishing a grange. Your best citizens are none too good. Organize well or not at all. Objectionable men and women can be kept out after the organization is formed, but it is often a difficult matter to prevent their joining as charter members. Use tact at this point. The deputy's responsibility just here is great, but he should meet it unflinchingly.

Co-operation in New Jersey.

One grange in New Jersey reports purchases as follows for its members: Fertilizers, \$23,000; potatoes, \$5,000; seeds, \$2,000; straw, \$4,000, or about \$34,000 in all for one grange. There are many other granges doing co-operative work along business lines in that state.

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