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FRYED TO A TURN.

William J. Bryan's dodging policy during the present campaign has brought down on his head a shower of embarrassing questions from time to time. Almost every republican orator has attempted to pin him down, but he has skipped lightly away and given no serious or straightforward answers to the questions hurled at him.

"You have constantly criticized the course of the president in suppressing the insurrection in the Philippines, yet you know that the insurrection had been actually begun when the treaty with Spain was ratified by democratic votes which were cast for it by your advice, and that by that very act you aided in placing this responsibility on his shoulders.

"You criticize the size of the army. Yet you know that conditions in the Philippines were critical, and the lives of our troops there in great danger when a temporary increase was asked by the president; and you also know that the act, which was supported by democrats and republicans alike, is but a temporary one, and itself provides that the additions to the force shall terminate on July 1st of next year.

"You talk of buying the Filipinos and of extending government over new territory without the consent of the governed, when you know that every foot of territory west of the Mississippi was acquired by your own party in precisely the same way and the people temporarily governed by precisely the same methods, and that the opportunities for local self-government, which have been offered the Porto Ricans, are vastly better than were given the inhabitants of the Louisiana territory, Florida and the territory obtained from Mexico.

"You talk about governing people without their consent, yet you know that your own party is governing millions of people in the Southern states without permitting them a voice in their local or national government which the constitution and laws guarantee them; and when the matter is brought to your attention you have not one word of condemnation for it, but meet the issue with evasion worthy only of the merest pettifogger."

Senator Frye then shows up the shallowness of Bryan's arguments on the Sulu treaty and has this to say:

"You are constantly talking about the so-called trusts as contributors to the republican campaign fund, when you know that the sworn testimony submitted to congress shows that the sugar trust was a heavy contributor to the democratic campaign fund and that the chairman of your own national committee is the head of the most complete monopoly in the United States, the round cotton bale trust, while Mr. Croker and other leading democratic managers, who are now supplying your party with funds, organized the most oppressive trust known to people, the Tammany real estate trust.

"You said in St. Louis that under the trust system the traveling men will not be needed, yet you know that investigations by the department of labor show that the so-called trusts have increased instead of decreased the number of traveling men and other employees, and that they have increased and not reduced the wages of their workmen or salesmen; and you know from your constant traveling on the railroads that the number of traveling men now employed, in what you consider an era of trusts, is greater than ever before, and that this is shown by the records of the railroads and their

sales of the class of tickets used by traveling salesmen.

"At Indianapolis you complained that a republican president could send a telegram of condolence when a king dies, but when two republics expire no republican sheds a tear, referring of course to the South African republics; yet you know that the United States government did more than any other nation on earth to bring about a cessation of hostilities in South Africa; that it was the only government to tender its good offices as mediator, and that it was impossible, under articles of The Hague peace convention, for it to do more. The telegram of condolence on the death of the Italian king, to which you sneeringly allude, requires no defense or explanation, as you must know that international courtesies of this kind are always observed, and that the failure to observe them would justly have subjected this nation to criticism."

Bryan's assertion that so-called trusts have advanced prices is denied by quotations from Bradstreet's.

THE OUTLOOK.

The Spokesman-Review has said that the surface indications point to the reelection of President McKinley. This will appear the more clearly upon consideration of the electoral vote. The states of Ohio, New York, Connecticut, Illinois, Iowa, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and Vermont are reasonably counted in advance by the republicans. It would be a surprise if either of them went for Bryan. They have a combined electoral vote of 171, or 53 short of the required 224.

Into a doubtful column place California, Delaware, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, New Jersey, North Dakota, Washington, West Virginia and Wisconsin, with a combined electoral vote of 114. Of this number 53 would elect McKinley, and it would be a political surprise if Bryan should carry a majority of these states.

In other words, the chances seem against Bryan's breaking into the first column, and also against his carrying a majority of the votes in the second column. His one chance, as has been said before, lies in the possibility that the republican defection in republican strongholds may be greater than the republicans anticipate, and may extend also into the doubtful states and states carried four years ago by Bryan, but now claimed by the republicans.

John McDonald, a Kansas journalist who is touring Scotland, says in a letter to one of the papers of the Sunflower state that he recently went into a store in a little Highland town and inspected the goods displayed for sale, finding among them the following American products: Corn flour, canned beef, canned peaches, canned apricots, canned pears, soap, rolled oats, washboards, churns, cheese, hams, flour, salmon, apples, forks, hoes, axes, hammers, saws, joiners' tools, braces and bits. "This partial list of things used in a Scotch mountain village," says Mr. McDonald, "will give some idea of the immense trade between the United States and Great Britain."

Senator Tillman—be of the pitchfork and shotgun for Southern negroes who attempt to vote the republican ticket—says that the democratic senators were bribed to vote for the ratification of the Paris treaty. As Bryan was busy lobbying for the ratification of that instrument, the charge suggests a host of speculations, says the Salem Statesman.

Japs in Canada Want to Vote. VANCOUVER, B.C., Nov. 2.—A Japanese named Tommi has demanded to be placed on the voters' lists here, threatening appeal to the courts as a naturalized British citizen. If refused, he will ask for a declaration that the British Columbian law excluding Chinese and Japanese from voters' rights is unconstitutional. The question is most important, as the Japanese would hold the balance of power in several constituencies if allowed to vote.

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QUESTIONS TO ANSWER

Lincoln Man's Interesting Letter to Mr. Bryan—Suggests That He Be Practical—Says He Has Never Done Anything for Labor and Denies Prosperity When It is Evident.

Three years ago this month the Nebraska State Journal gave space in its editorial columns to a letter written by J. W. Johnson, of Lincoln, to W. J. Bryan. It was republished in the Oregonian, and a copy of it preserved by August Danielson, of this city. The letter is full of meat, and was in part as follows:

To W. J. Bryan—Dear Sir: You are touring this state as a pretended friend of Nebraska and of Nebraska people. If you really desire the prosperity of Nebraska people, why do you deny the prosperity that has already come to them? Why do you seek to take away the new hope that has come, and to turn back the tide of confidence which is rising in the public mind?

The business energy of the people is awakened, and they are moving forward in all lines of industry. Why do you straddle yourself over the way and seek to turn the procession back? If you had been elected president instead of McKinley, and if under your administration a general advance in farm prices and a renewal of industry had set in, and if these battered conditions had been especially conspicuous in Ohio as they are today in Nebraska, do you think McKinley would today be chasing from town to town through the state of Ohio trying to discourage the people and organize them into opposition and distrust?

Can you consistently pose as a statesman and a patriot while acting in the capacity of an obstructionist, dogging the heels of industry like a bushwhacker who hangs on the flank of an advancing army? In "The Pilgrim's Progress," by John Bunyan, there is a character whose mission was similar to yours. He would lurk by the wayside where the pilgrims were passing on their way from the City of Destruction, and, falling into conversation with them, would seek to turn them back. He would point out that just ahead was the Slough or Despond, into whose mire they were likely to sink. Beyond this slough was a mountain that was liable to fall upon them. Beyond the mountain was a hill of difficulty, and at the top was a narrow pass, where hungry lions waited to devour them. Beyond the lions was a roaring dragon, from whose belly poured out fire and smoke. There was a giant waiting at the mouth of his cave, there was a dark valley where hobgoblins and evil spirits hissed and fluttered, and if any pilgrim, by dint of extraordinary courage, succeeded in escaping all these evils, still there was a deep, dark river at the very end of the way which never could be crossed.

Mr. Bryan, you pose as a friend of labor. Did any workman ever get a dollar of your money? Did you ever evolve a practical plan that gave any laboring man employment? Labor wants a practical friend, who can evolve a practical plan, and then put it into execution. Buckstaff thought of a brickyard. He carried the thought into action, and for many years gave employment to labor in making brick. Look down O street, and you can see Buckstaff's brick, but what have you done for this city? Where is your mark in this town?

You, Mr. Bryan, have gathered in the last few months over \$100,000 from those whom you designate as the "down-trodden and toiling masses." Not a dollar of this money has found its way back into any poor man's pocket, and not a cent of it is risked in any labor employment industry. The result of your connection with the down-trodden masses is \$100,000 out of their pockets into yours, but not a dollar out of yours into theirs.

The anvils are ringing at Havelock, and the men in full force are working overtime; but you deny it. At Plattsmouth and at Omaha the labor pay-roll is double what it was a year ago; but you deny it. At McCook, where the pay-roll was \$14,000 a month last year it is \$28,000 now; but you deny it. At Nebraska City, where the Burlington's shipping business was \$11,000 a month last year, it is now \$33,000 a month; but you deny it. The railroad engineer whose monthly paycheck was \$75 a month last year, is \$125 a month now; but you deny it.

You stand on the track waving your danger signal, warning the engineer that the prosperity track and the McKinley bridge are unsafe. When wheat was 40 cents, you said it ought to be 80. When it had advanced to 80 cents, you said it ought to be \$2. No one begrudges you, Mr. Bryan, the fortune you have gathered in the last year; but Nebraska people would be prouder of you if had made it in some legitimate enterprise that would have helped others as well as yourself. They would be obliged to you now if obstinate would step aside and let the pilgrims pass. J. W. Johnson.

ONE CONDITION OF PEACE

Powers Will Probably Insist That Hereafter the Empress Dowager Have Nothing to Do With the Government of the Chinese Empire.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 1.—It was stated today in quarters well versed in Chinese affairs, that outside of the questions of indemnity, punishments, etc., now under negotiations at Peking, there are three vital and far-reaching questions to be determined, viz:

First, the removal of the Empress Dowager, personally and through the influence of her advisers, from all participation of the Chinese government.

Second, the creation of an indemnity fund by the increase of China's customs revenue, either by the payment of the duties in gold instead of depreciated silver, as at present, or else doubling the present silver duties from 5 per cent to 10 per cent ad valorem, and

Third, the establishment of a minister of foreign affairs, in place of the old and cumbersome system of the Tsung li Yamen.

The demand for the retirement of the Empress Dowager is said to result from the conclusion now generally accepted that the imperial government of China was responsible for the Boxer uprising. As the Empress Dowager was the ruling authority of the imperial government during the uprising, this responsibility is brought home directly to her. There is understood to be no purpose, however, to visit upon her any personal punishment or indignity, but merely to so form the reconstructed government as to exclude her from all participation in it. It is deemed advisable for that reason that she should remain permanently away from Peking, and that her advisers also should be kept away from the seat of government.

The plan of doubling China's customs duties has risen from the need of finding a source to pay war indemnities, which the various powers demand. It appears, however, that the increase of the duties has heretofore been brought to the attention of the United States government by Li Hong Chang. This was during his visit to Washington a few years ago, when it was represented that the 5 per cent was fixed in 1858 by the treaties with the United States and other countries, and was payable in silver, at which time silver was worth almost as much as gold. But, with the changed value between silver and gold, Li Hong Chang pointed out that China's 5 per cent duty in silver actually netted only about 2 1/2 per cent, judged by the prevailing gold standard. The matter was not pressed at that time.

China's present customs revenue are said to be already pledged to meet the interest and principal of Chinese loans, so that it will require some entirely new source to meet the indemnities. In case the enlarged duties are determined upon, it is understood that their collection will be placed under the supervision of the powers, at least until the indemnities are paid.

Secured Her to Death. ROCHESTER, N. Y., Nov. 2.—The authorities of Allegany county are looking for the persons who manufactured a skeleton out of animal bones which frightened Mary Oldfield, of Karndale, to death Wednesday night. Mary Oldfield, accompanied by two friends, was returning from a Halloween party, where they had listened to gruesome stories until their hair stood on end.

When about to enter the woods a rattling of bones was heard overhead, and looking up the trio were overcome with horror at seeing a skeleton of gigantic proportions sweeping down on them from above. With a cry of terror Mary dropped dead.

A searching party found a wire leading from the ground to a tree top to which was attached a skeleton by a pulley.

New York's Ex-Mayor Dead. NEW YORK, Nov. 2.—William L. Strong, last mayor of the city of New York, died suddenly at 3 a. m., at his residence in this city. Mr. Strong had not been at his place of business for several days, but no one suspected that his condition was alarming. Mr. Strong took an active part in the present campaign, and it is said that his political labors, combined with his attempts to retain supervision over his business affairs in the face of impaired health, brought about the illness that resulted in his death.

CANTON, O., Nov. 2.—News of the death of ex-Mayor Strong, of New York, was received with feelings of great sorrow at the McKinley home. The deceased was esteemed as a personal friend of long standing. Immediately upon receipt of the news the president sent a telegram of condolence to the bereaved family.

Outlook is Bright.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 3.—The campaign, practically closing tonight, gives every indication from reports received here that McKinley will have more electoral votes than four years ago. Of the states claimed in the East, there is no longer

any question about New York, and it is evident that Maryland and Delaware will be carried by small pluralities. Bryan's two days in Chicago have caused some uneasiness among republicans as to the result in that city, because he has met there, as he did in the East, large and enthusiastic crowds. At the same time it is believed that the Bryan excitement will subside in the two days between now and election, and republicans are working every way to counteract the influence of Bryan's visit. Indiana is considered the most doubtful state, owing to the conflicting reports and claims. At the same time, the evidences point to its going for McKinley.

Some startling figures were presented to Croker in New York last night, when a poll by Tammany leaders showed that Greater New York, including everything below the Bronx, was not likely to give Bryan more than 20,000. This is less than republicans have been claiming, but the tendency of the voters has been toward the republicans. The republicans do not fear landslides, runbacks or any other form of political manipulation, and are confident of success Tuesday.

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Will Be Put to Death. PAO TIANG FU, Friday, Oct. 26.—The commission of inquiry into the outrages on missionaries here has sentenced to death Tien Yang, the provincial judge; Wang Hung On the military commandant; General Kiu and two other officials. German and French troops will garrison Pao Tiang Fu for the winter. The preparations are complete for destroying October 27 the most venerated temple in the city.

It Happened in a Drug Store. "One day last winter a lady came to my drug store and asked for a brand of cough medicine that I did not have in stock," says Mr. C. R. Grandin, the popular druggist of Ontario, N. Y. "She was disappointed and wanted to know what cough preparation I could recommend. I said to her that I could freely recommend Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and that she could take a bottle of the remedy and after giving it a fair trial if she did not find it worth the money to bring back the bottle and I would refund the price paid. In the course of a day or two the lady came back in company with a friend in need of a cough medicine and advised her to buy a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. I consider that a very good recommendation for the remedy." It is for sale by G. C. Blakeley, the druggist.

Protecting the Trees. A beginning has been made with forestry in the United States. New York has adopted measures to protect the headwaters of the Hudson. In the Adirondack park 2,500,000 acres are reserved, of which 1,000,000 is owned by the state, as much more is in private game preserves and the remainder in the hands of those who will sell to the state when they can get their price. Cornell and Yale conduct practical schools of forestry.—Little Chronicle.

Corn Pudding. To a pint of corn pulp add a pint of milk, stir in the well-beaten yolks of four eggs, a teaspoonful of salt, pepper to taste. Mix thoroughly, lastly add the stiffened whites and bake in a moderate oven in a greased dish for one hour. A delicious accompaniment to roast meat.—Washington Star.

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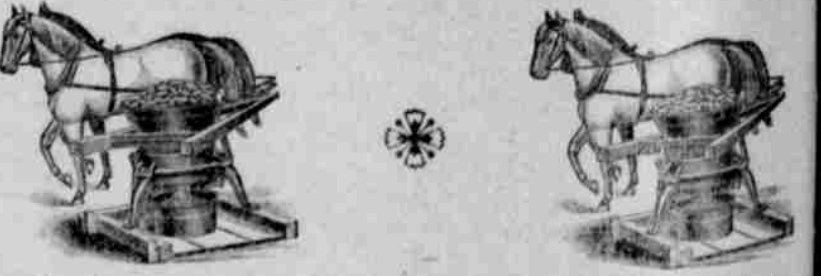
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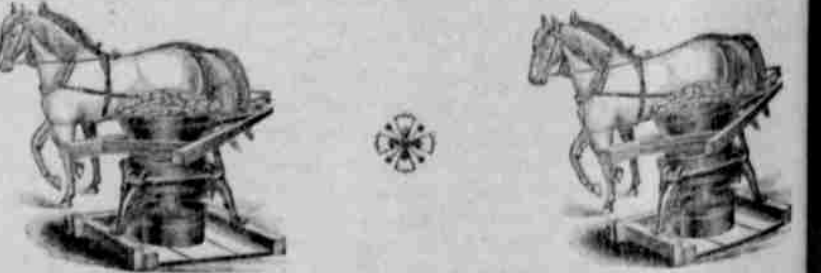
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