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FOR PRESIDENT—  
**William McKinley**  
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**HON. TILLMON FORD.**

One of the largest audiences in the history of Toledo on similar occasions assembled at the courthouse Tuesday evening to hear Hon. Tillmon Ford of Salem discuss the political issues from a republican standpoint. Voters of every political faith were present; also a large number of ladies—God bless 'em. The Toledo band was also there, and after it had rendered a couple of warming-up numbers, Chairman Swope introduced the speaker. Mr. Ford is not an orator, in the accepted sense of the word, but a plain-spoken, logical debater who appreciates the value of common, every-day language. He indulges in no thrilling, intoxicating flights of oratory; like the cup of tea our foremothers used to make, he "cheers, but does not inebriate." He covered the ground thoroughly, touching and dwelling upon every issue—"paramount" and otherwise. He reviewed our country's past and jogged the memories of his hearers with facts concerning the policy of that much-eulogized democrat, Thomas Jefferson. The Spanish-American war of 1898 and the cause thereof, candidate Bryan's connection with the same, and the treaty with Spain, which Bryan earnestly advocated, were subjects to which Mr. Ford gave considerable attention—"lest we forget." He also turned the light on Aguinaldo, "the George Washington of the Philippines," who had been bribed by Spain to desert his fellow-Tagals and was living in luxury at Hong Kong when Dewey got orders to go to Manila and destroy the Spanish fleet. He briefly touched upon the exploded theory of free and unlimited coinage of silver at 16 to 1 and contrasted present conditions with those which prevailed during Cleveland's last term. He showed that in the national congress the republican party stands alone in its effort to legislate against trusts, also noting that men of every political faith, even the chairman of the democratic national committee, were connected with the trusts. As a plain, unvarnished argument, Mr. Ford's effort could hardly be excelled. At the close the band played while a large number accepted the invitation to join the McKinley and Roosevelt club, which now has a membership of about 100.

Candidate Bryan exhibits magnificent gall when he warns the democratic campaign managers to be on the alert for republican fraud in the coming election. The obvious attempt of Boss Croker to pack New York city with voters from the southern states, where they are not needed, cannot be concealed by Bryan's cry of "Stop, thief!"

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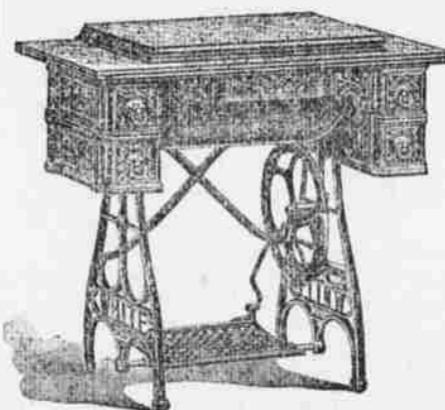
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