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MR. BRYAN AND THE PLATFORM.

Despite all the effort to bring about harmony in the ranks of the democracy, Mr. Bryan is still vigorously against the reorganizers. He insists that the 1900 platform must be reaffirmed, and denounces the reorganizers as politicians who are merely trying to fool the people with an ambiguous 1904 platform—which he will vigorously oppose. Mr. Bryan states his position in the current issue of the Commoner as follows:

The reorganizers, with the dishonesty that has always characterized their political movements, are shouting "Bryan wants to make 16 to 1 the paramount issue." They have read what he says and they have read the platform adopted at Kansas City and they know that 16 to 1 is not regarded as the paramount issue by Mr. Bryan or by other advocates of that platform. The money question was declared to be the paramount issue in 1896; in 1900 it was expressly declared not to be the paramount issue, but that it is an issue is perfectly evident to any one who will read the papers published by the reorganizer. These papers show that they regard the money question in two ways: First, they make that the test in the selection of candidates. The man may favor high tariff or low tariff or he may have no opinion at all on the tariff question, but he must believe in the gold standard and be willing to allow the financiers to do his thinking for him. And so with other minor questions, but on the money question the candidate to obtain favorable mention must be sound according to Wall street standards. This proves that with the financiers the money question is not only one of the issues, but really the paramount issue. Second, why are the reorganizers so alarmed when silver is mentioned? If it is a dead issue, why make such a fuss over every reference to it? If it is lifeless, and has no supporters, how can it justify "conservative democrats" in bolting? The very fact that the reorganizers are so afraid of the money question is proof that there is life enough in it to prevent its burial by its friends.

The truth of the matter is that the reorganizers are trying to deceive the rank and file of the party and it makes them mad to be discovered and exposed. They know that some phase of the money question is always before congress and lacking the courage to meet the issue honestly they seek an advantage under cover of deceit. They also know that back of all the surface issues is the controlling one, whether the money changers of the people shall control the government. To surrender the money question would not conciliate the reorganizers. Take the result in Ohio. Tom Johnson expressly denied that he favored free silver, and yet he was as bitterly denounced as if he had been an original silver man. Why? Because he was opposed to the rule of corporate wealth. Mr. Clarke, the democratic candidate against Mr. Hanna was against the party in 1896; he helped the republicans that year and last fall avoided the money question. Was that satisfactory to the financiers? Not at all. In spite of the fact that all the republican papers reproduced his speeches against free silver he was beaten worse than any senatorial candidate in recent years. Why experiment longer? Concessions and compromises are not expedient even if they were right. Try to draw a platform without reaffirming the Kansas City platform and see what the result will be. No honest statement of the party's position can be made without endorsing the position taken in 1900. The whole aim of the reorganizers is to secure an ambiguous platform with which to fool the people and a presidential candidate under secret pledge to the money magnates.

Mr. Bryan will not co-operate with them in this effort and therefore he is the recipient of their abuse and malice. But neither abuse nor malicious misrepresentation will avail. The issue must be met.

A HIGH RUN OF OCTOPHOBIA.

Neighborhood news from Nebraska is most distressing, says the New York Commercial. The Reverend Elisha Benjamin Andrews, D. D., chancellor of the Nebraska state university, has all the good Golden-Rod folks up in arms and divided into warring factions, ready to fly at each other's throats. He asked John D. Rockefeller to contribute \$100,000

for building a "religious temple" on the university grounds.

Perhaps there would have been no war in Nebraska had the millionaire handed over the cash to the chancellor without further ceremony. But, after thinking a bit, he promised to give \$67,000 if the people of Nebraska would pony up \$33,000. Even then there were no signs of balking—in fact, only a wee bit of unfavorable comment here and there.

Chancellor Andrews went quietly to work and wasn't long in getting \$24,000—or eight-elevenths of the requisite sum—pledged. Then he appealed to the people of Nebraska at large and put a regular propaganda for raising the remaining \$9,000. Then it was too, that Nebraska suddenly discovered that it had been insulted by Millionaire Rockefeller and Chancellor Andrews. It promptly proceeded to turn up its nose and sneer: "Not much! We accept that sort of money? Not on your life!" These Nebraskans insisted that Mr. Rockefeller was not actuated in making the gift by any other motive than to rear upon the campus of the state university a monument to himself, and that to accept any of his money was to become the receiver of stolen property.

The receiver is as bad as the thief, of course—and a large part of the population out in Nebraska is right now engaged in an effort to make some doubter believe that the man who offers to give \$67,000 for a "religious temple" on the university campus is a thief. Evidently, the subscriptions are coming in, too. At last accounts the chancellor's paper was shy only a few hundreds.

We are confident that he will gather in the whole \$100,000, and we predict that when the time comes for dedicating the temple you can't find a dozen Nebraskans who will own to having opposed the acceptance of the money. The anti-Octopus fever runs high or has a mild run, according to the fever temperament of the patient. In Nebraska it would naturally run high, to the limit—up to the top of the tube. When once it subsides they will be the coldest most indifferent lot in the universe. Then a thousand millionaires might scatter their "stolen goods" knee-deep over the state and not a solitary Nebraskan would bat his eye.

The battle of Borodino, fought between the French and Russians near Moscow in 1812, was the most murderous fight, not only of the last century, but perhaps of the last 500 years. The records show that Borodino engaged armies from 120,000 to 130,000 on each side; that there was but one day of vigorous fighting; that the French, after pouring a most murderous cannon fire upon the Russians, advanced upon the Russian position, were repeatedly repulsed with terrible loss, and finally rushed the soldiers of the czar off their feet and out of their vantage ground. The French won, but lost 12,000 killed, on the field, and 28,000 wounded. Fifteen thousand Russians were slain and 30,000 wounded. Out of about 250,000 men who made up the contending armies, 85,000, or 34 per cent—more than one third, were struck by bullets, bayonets, or swords. At Waterloo about 45,000 men were killed or wounded out of perhaps 200,000. At Gettysburg about 160,000 fought, and each army had approximately 3000 killed and 14,000 wounded. In the Wilderness probably 200,000 men were in action and the fight—which lasted a week or more—resulted in a combined loss of about 8000 killed and 40,000 wounded.

What and where is Hongkong? Now, that's a familiar name, but how many of us could answer the question? Before reading the answer, be honest with yourself and essay an answer of your own. We've all heard a good deal of Hongkong, but a very small percentage of us are perhaps aware that Hongkong is a British island south of China. Most people believe it to be a Chinese city. As a matter of fact, the city is Victoria; there is no city of Hongkong—at least, as many of us believe. Hongkong is an island literally covered with mountains, except in the northern part, where the city of Victoria (otherwise and generally Hongkong) is located. While the population is overwhelmingly Chinese, the city and island are both British possessions.

Our remarkably interesting contemporary the New York Tribune is up in arms because of the evident desire on the part of war correspondents to alter the spelling of Japanese, Korean and Russian names, as well as those of Chinese places and rivers and bays. The Tribune believes the far eastern situation is not nearly so bad in this respect as the Balkan difficulties. For its part, it declines to take up with the new fangled idea, but will stick to the old-time names that we learned when children in school.

Western raisers of cattle are complaining bitterly that they are getting less money per pound than they received a few years ago. Eastern buyers are wailing because their steaks and chops are still extravagant in cost. If only 10 per cent of the devotees of a meat diet should try vegetarianism for a few months the packing houses might be brought to terms says the New York Tribune.

"Is Relegated to the Front" is the first of a scare head in the effete Salem Statesman. Sort of sent back forward, as it were.

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