

Bryan Still For Free Silver. William Jennings Bryan has been asked to give a frank reply to the following question: "If you were president and an exigency should arise in which you were called upon to exercise your discretion affirmatively to maintain the parity between gold and silver, what would you do?"

The inquiry is perfectly legitimate. It relates to a momentous issue which Mr. Bryan himself forced upon the people, and his utterances upon that issue have never been rescinded or modified so far as the public is aware. His record is written in unmistakable language. In a speech on Oct. 22, 1890, he said:

"I want you to understand that in this great contest for free silver I am enlisted, not for a year, not for four years. I am enlisted for the war, no matter how long that war may last. I shall not cease to fight until the gold standard, which has cursed every nation that ever had it, is driven out of the United States across the ocean and back to the old world, where it belongs."

There is no equivocation in that declaration. It is not the utterance of a mere politician juggling a fad of the hour to advance his own ambitions. It is rather the wary of a zealot who profoundly believes that he has discovered an infallible measure for the promotion of the public welfare and is resolved to fight for it until it has been written into the law of the land. Mr. Bryan's enmity to the gold standard is dangerous chiefly because it is absolutely sincere. He is enlisted for the war, and, having been repulsed in 1890, he was again at the front in 1900, and in a speech in Cooper Union, New York, Oct. 27 of that year he exclaimed:

"I have made no attempt to conceal my views on the money question. I would be unworthy of your confidence if I changed my mind over to suit every occasion and in order to win votes. If I should surrender my ideas on silver to become president, I might as well surrender my ideas on trusts, imperialism and militarism."

It is only fair to Mr. Bryan to take him at his word. Whenever he has spoken on the money question he has repeated his pledge of loyalty to the principles he advocated in 1890 and 1900. There is not the shadow of reason to doubt that he is in favor of free silver just as earnestly today as he was twelve years ago. It would be a reflection upon his sincerity to assume to the contrary.

Mr. Bryan's clear, consistent record on this question and his unrelenting hostility to the gold standard both warrant the conclusion that if he were president and an emergency should arise in which he were called upon to exercise his discretion affirmatively to maintain the parity between gold and silver he would promptly refuse to do so. In such an emergency he would find a longed for opportunity to strike down a monetary system which he has honestly and consistently opposed. If by his own words mean anything they mean that he would let the gold standard go straight to smash, thus opening the way for free silver and financial chaos.

Bryan, Purveyor of Proverbs. In the course of a speech at Elora, Ind., Oct. 6, 1900, William Jennings Bryan again assured his countrymen that the fight for free silver had not been abandoned, but would go on until victory was won. "When I see a man," he continued, "who has learned by experience what he ought to have learned by reason I am reminded of one of Solomon's proverbs, which is 'The wise man foreseeth the evil and hideth himself, but the foolish pass on and are punished.'"

Mr. Bryan's purpose in quoting from Solomon was to admonish his hearers that it was time for the wise man to get into line for free coinage at 16 to 1 and that the foolish who refused to do so would surely be punished. Everybody knows what happened in November of that year. Indeed, some of

those who heard Bryan's speech at Elora were so impressed by his words that they were elected to the office of sheriff of their own town. A few selections of their own from the proverbial wisdom of Solomon. For example:

"The wise in heart will receive commandments, but the prating fool shall fall."

"It is as sport to a fool to do mischief, but a man of understanding hath wisdom."

"A wise man feareth and departeth from evil, but the foolish rageth and is confident."

All of which, it is respectfully submitted, shows that Mr. Bryan was just as indiscreet in dragging the proverbs of Solomon into his stump speeches as he was when he adopted the "cross of gold" as one of his campaign trappings.

When the votes are counted Mr. Bryan will feel as though he had been run over by a snail-paced locomotive. The "cross of gold" which is the Fiat for "automobile."

Laudations of Mr. Bryan for his winning ways are in order, but he would go farther politically if he had some winning issues.

The voters like the course that the ship of state is traveling. They are not going to change the control of the rudder.

The Republican party is willing to assume the responsibility for the expense of rural mail delivery and of digging the Panama canal. These are among what the Democratic platform calls extravagances.

The recent secretary of war will succeed in the White House and in foreign and domestic policy the man whom Secretary of State Root pronounces "the greatest pacemaker of the generation."

Popularity, not patronage, made Taft the natural successor to the Roosevelt policies of which Clatman Bryan proclaims himself the heir.

Taft can tell his own story better than any one else can tell it for him. The Taunton Gazette in approving the plan for Taft's tour. Yes, and it is a mighty fine story he has to tell.

If oratorical flights counted, Mr. Bryan would have solved the problem of aerial navigation years ago.

Mr. Bryan would have fared better in Delaware had he gone there looking for peaches instead of votes.

When Mr. Bryan declares in September that he is sure of being elected in November, it reminds one that he was also elected in September, 1890, and in September, 1900.

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Speech is silver, but the golden truths uttered by Judge Taft will maintain parity and maintain Republican doctrine as the sound basis of political value.

It is instructive to observe thousands of wage earners whose votes Gompers has assumed to "throw" to Bryan in the Taft procession.

A murdering Filipino has been sentenced to pay a fine and to be executed. His feelings must resemble those of a Democrat asked for a campaign contribution.

Political revolutions cast shadows before. The Republican west, golden with sunshine and fat with harvests, throws no sinister portent of departure from its happy union with Ohio and New York.

Bryan is as shy about his abandoned issues as are some stars in the theatrical firmament about the matrimonial alliances they have severed.

What a present time would be if the Bryan political theories of the past had been put into practice!

The prosperous farmers of this country must be sadly puzzled as to what Bryan is talking about when he says they have been "neglected."

Peace, order, prosperity and continued independence—these are worthy ambitions that Republican policy in the United States holds out to the sister republics of the continent.

Some left handed supporters of Bryan assert that, with a Republican senate to check him, the Nebraskan could do no harm as president. Just think what would happen with a Bryan secretary of the treasury and a Bryan attorney general.

"The smell of moth balls is in the air," says a lady journalist in a columned ode. One to the detriment of Bryan's political speech has been to have been in the air for the past few years.

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ASSESSOR'S NOTICE—(EQUALIZATION OF 1908 Assessment). To the Taxpayers of Clatsop County, Oregon: Notice is hereby that the Board of Equalization for Clatsop County, Oregon, will convene at the Clerk's office at the Court House in Astoria on the 19th day of October, 1908, the same being the third Monday in said month and the time fixed by law for the meeting of said Board of Equalization, which will continue its sessions from day to day, exclusive of Sundays and legal holidays, until the examination and correction and equalization of the assessment rolls for said year shall be completed which said Board will continue in session for one month from said date, unless the labors thereof are sooner completed. Petitions or applications for the reduction of a particular assessment shall be made in writing, verified by the oath to the applicant or his attorney and filed with the Board during the first week it is required by law to be in session, and any petition or application not so made, verified and filed shall not be considered or acted upon by the Board.

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J. E. HIGGINS, Cashier. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30th day of September, 1908. M. C. MAGEE, Notary Public. Correct—Attest: GEO. H. GEORGE, GEORGE W. WARREN, A. SCHERNECKAU, Directors.

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