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BAYARD HAD A THOUGHT.

Hon. Thomas F. Bayard, our minister to England, is really very near and dear to himself. On all occasions he has something to say, and each time puts his foot in it. His last lecture was delivered Tuesday in London, the occasion being the delivering the prizes annually awarded by the City of London college. Mr. Bayard received high praise from Prebendary Whittington and the Lord Mayor on presenting him, and Mr. Bayard delivered an address on the subject of "Liberty and the Value of Individual Thought." We are glad to note that our great American picked up this subject and introduced it to our English cousins. The value of "individual thought" cannot be over-estimated. In fact it is the only kind of thought which most of us are capable of. Collective thought, by which the individual, like our great Bayard, for instance, means the thoughts that he has thought when applied and taken as the concentrated thought of an entire nation, are beyond most of us. Individual thought is all right, but the other kind, where the individual thinks the whole country is thinking a thought because his mind has worked, is a menace to peace and a threat to national happiness. Individual thought is possible for all of us, and now that we think of it, is there any kind of thought thinkable except individual thought. We agree with Mr. Bayard that individual thought is valuable, just because thought is valuable, and if he had a thought above his individuality he would have known that his thoughts, like all other people's thoughts, were individual because, while people may agree with one another in their conclusions, each must think for himself. A partnership on collective thought is an impossibility.

Think how much our English cousins must have been enlightened at the doctrine of individual thought; but at the same time weep for the anguish of Boston when it became cognizant of the individual distinction concerning thoughts thinkable.

GREAT IN DEFEAT.

The Portland Telegram, while usually fair, has disclosed a rabid streak that becomes visible in every mention of the name of W. J. Bryan. Yesterday evening in speaking of him and the rumor that he was to write a book on bimetalism, that paper said: "He is the junior member of the enterprising fame-building firm of Mary Bryan and Husband." The Telegram does not believe in Mr. Bryan's views, neither do the American people, not by a million or more, as the election has just shown. But while differing from him in political ideas, there is no reason why either the press or the people should undertake to belittle the man. History will deal kindly with him, and he will always stand in the history of American politics one of its most remarkable figures. When he was nominated at Chicago, he was what might be called an unknown man. He was nominated by a party whose chances were estimated at the time as simply nothing. Its record on the tariff, the hard times, the sale of bonds, increasing of the public debt in time of peace, and, more than all, its advocacy of the silver standard, were each considered enough to everlastingly annihilate it. Bryan accepted the nomination; he put himself at the head of a discouraged and a disheartened following. Single-handed he commenced the fight; he

put courage in hearts where before was despair; from a flying and defeated mob he organized solid and determined squadrons, and in a few brief months led them into battle. He was defeated, but he made a gallant fight.

Admit his cause was wrong as we may, we cannot but admire the genius of the man. His speeches were models, and though made at the rate of from ten to thirty a day, he made no mistakes. He made the fight so hot that he called forth every effort of his opponents, and in spite of these and of the immense popular majority against him, he almost snatched victory from them.

It is no use to belittle Bryan. He was a foeman worthy of our steel, and a true American. He accepted defeat manfully, and as we have said before, will go down in the history of political parties as one of its brightest characters.

The proposition is being seriously broached to divide the year into thirteen months, beginning the new calendar in 1900. This would give each month twenty-eight days except the last one, which would have twenty-nine days in ordinary years and thirty days in leap years. This would make the days of the week and the days of the month the same through all the year, except the thirteenth month. We would suggest that as both Julius and Augustus Caesar gave their respective names to one of the months, that some other great general be permitted to name the extra one. What's the matter with Hanna?

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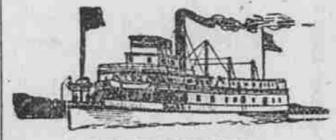
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