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**BLAND AND HIS BETRAYERS.**

By the death of Richard P. Bland a man of marked character and strong qualities disappears from the political arena. He was not an old man when he died. Three years ago he was in his vigorous maturity and the most prominent leader in the Democratic party. Events had given him that position, though he was a plain farmer and owed nothing to the arts of politicians. He had, with rare energy and tenacity, devoted himself to a financial idea. He foresaw that the silver question would force its way to the front and compel a national verdict. The issue came to a point before the great conventions met in 1896. As Bland has borne the brunt of the battle for many years, and was as fervent and untiring in the faith as any crusader of old, he was naturally, in view of his general standing, capacity and experience, the leading candidate of his party for the presidency. It is not surprising that he went into the convention with nearly 300 votes and without, indeed, a clearly defined rival. Bland's devotion and services to the silver cause, his ripeness as a public man, and his unquestioned probity, placed him so far in advance that no serious combination against him was visible.

But a plot against Bland, within his own party and his own state, had been formed in the dark. In politics of this kind Bland was defenseless. His yea was yea, and his nay was nay. He was honest in every fiber and, in fact, like many men to whom deceit is foreign, could not comprehend the baseness of politicians who manage to promote themselves by cunning, duplicity and treachery. Bland was a victim to just such hypocrites, and some of them will flock to his funeral to shed crocodile tears and ply their usual trade of posing for conspiracy. Though it was settled that the campaign of 1896 would be pivoted on silver, a Democratic junta was formed to prevent the nomination of Bland, the undoubted silver champion. The junta sought a more pliable man, one who would yield obedience to them and not be over nice as to the settled principles of integrity. That junta knew it would control half the convention and manage the rest. Some of the Missouri delegation were in its secrets, foresaw its success and stealthily helped to accomplish it. Bland's defeat for the presidential nomination, if it had gone no further, would still have left him an eminent figure in national and state politics. This is precisely what some aspiring Democrats in the Missouri delegation did not want. Disregarding Bland's explicit instructions, repeated again and again, they allowed his name to go before the convention for the second place, and to be mangled through three ballots, each indicating a second and infinitely more humiliating defeat. Bland must have

been stunned by this infamous conduct, but, under the circumstances, he could say nothing. He was kept in the background ever after. At the recent Democratic banquet in St. Louis, at which Bryan was the hero, the master of ceremonies was the chairman of the Missouri delegation who dragged Bland's name and interests in the dirt at Chicago. Bland was not present at the banquet. His honest directness was again distrusted and barred out. Many of Bland's friends believe that his experience of the last three years with the Democratic Judases in Missouri was the cause of his death. The betrayers have nothing to fear from him now and their tearful eulogies will be profuse. The honest man who lies dead at Lebanon was not their kind, and that is his best epitaph.—Globe-Democrat.

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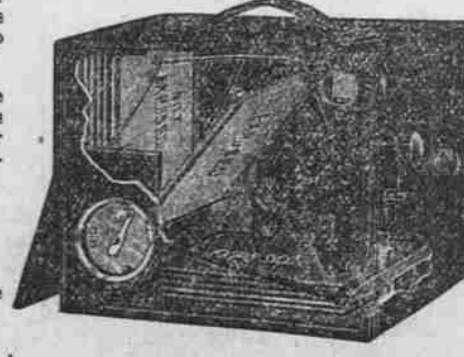
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