

For President—
WILLIAM M'KINLEY,
of Ohio.

For Vice-President—
THEODORE ROOSEVELT,
of New York.

YOUNG MAN ABSALOM IS ALL
RIGHT.

"Is the young man Absalom safe?"
is the text of a recent sermon of
Candidate Bryan, wherein he popu-
listically and socialistically bewails
the fate of the American youth, as
doomed by the trusts and combines
and gold standard and money power
and other and sundry octopi and
troglydites to perpetual poverty and
wage slavery. We have met with
no better answer to Bryan's dema-
gogical rant—although it was writ-
ten before Bryan's sermon—than the
following wholesome words of Am-
brose Bearce, in the San Francisco
Examiner; about the last place, by
the way, one would expect to find
anything wholesome. Mr. Bearce
says:

This is not a country of equal
fortunes; outside a socialist's dream
no such country exists nor can exist.
But as nearly as is possible this is
a country of equal opportunities for
those who begin life with nothing
but nature's endowments—and of
such is the kingdom of success.

In nine instances in ten successful
Americans—that is Americans who
have succeeded in any worthy ambi-
tion or legitimate field of endeavor—
have started with nothing but the
skin they stood in. It may almost
be said, indeed, that to begin with
nothing is a main condition of suc-
cess—in America.

To a young man there is no such
hopeless impediment as wealth or the
expectation of wealth. Here a man
and there a man will rise, so abun-
dantly endowed by nature as to over-
come the handicap of "artificial
advantages," but that is not the rule;
usually the chap "born with a gold
spoon in his mouth," puts in his time
sucking that spoon and without other
employment. Counting possession
of the spoon success, why should he
bestir himself to achieve what he
already has?

The real curled darling of oppor-
tunity is the youth born with noth-
ing in his mouth but his teeth—the
who knows or is likely to know what
it is to feel his belly sticking to his
back. If he have brains a-plenty he
will get on for he must be up and
doing—the penalty of indulgence a
famine. If he have not, he may up
and do the uttermost satisfaction of
his mind and heart, but the end of
that man is failure, with possibly
socialism, that last resort of conscious
incompetence.

It fatigues, this talk of the narrow-
ing opportunities of today, the
"closed avenues to success," and the
rest of it. Doubtless it serves its
purpose of making mischief for the
tyrant trusts and the wicked rich
generally, but in a six months' bound
volume of it there is not enough of
truth to float a religion.

Men of brains never had a better
chance than now to accomplish all
that it is desirable that they should
accomplish; and men of no brains
never did have much of a chance,
nor under any possible conditions
can have in this country or any
other. They are nature's failures,
God's botchwork. Let us be sorry
for them, treating them justly and
generously; but the socialism that
would level us all down to their plane
of achievement and reward is a pro-
posal of which they are themselves
the proponents.

Opportunity, indeed! Who is
holding me from composing a great
opera that would make me rich and
famous?

What oppressive laws forbid me
to work my passage up the Yukon as
deckhand on a steamboat and dis-

cover the gold along Bonanza creek?
What is there in our industrial
system that conceals from me the
secret of making diamonds from
charcoal?

Why was it not I who, entering a
lawyer's office as a suitable person to
sweep it out, left it as an appointed
justice of the supreme court?

I have had a dozen years to prove
to the proprietor of this newspaper
that he can afford to pay me \$25,000
a year?

He is just a languishing, good man,
to give it to me; I have only to show
him that my services are worth it.
What prevents me from making the
proof? And what prevents you,
most excellent of all possible cob-
blers, from beating me out of the
field by writing like an angel with a
reed?

The number of actual and possible
sources of profit and methods of
distinction is infinite. Not all the
trusts in the world combined in one
trust of trusts could appreciably re-
duce it—could condemn to perman-
ent failure one man with the talent
and the will to succeed.

At Ashland last Saturday night
Governor Geer made the remarkable
and gratifying statement that the
number of convicts in the Oregon
state penitentiary has decreased near-
ly one-half during the last four years.
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small, the governor says, that there
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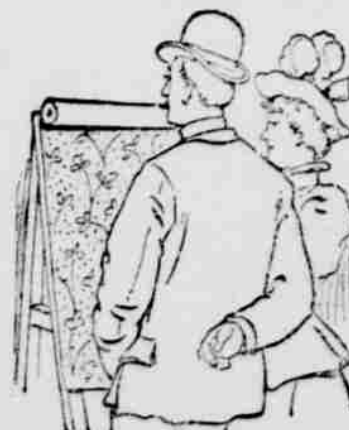
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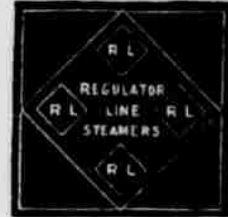
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