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For President—
WILLIAM McKINLEY,
of Ohio.

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

BRYANITE RECORD OF TRUTH.

The supreme court of the United States, in the well-known Knight case, decided in effect that congress has no power to control manufacture or production except as they become a part of interstate commerce. A monopoly may extend to all the states of the union and congress is powerless to prevent it. It may buy up and control the product of an article in all the states; it may send its products from one state to another, fixing the price of the commodity throughout the country, and yet if it be not a monopoly for controlling interstate commerce it is not amenable to congressional legislation. This is no fault of the law or the law-making power, but the failure of the constitution, as interpreted by the supreme court, to allow congress with power to regulate or control monopolies when formed or operating in the states, except when carrying on interstate commerce.

Knowing this, as every well-informed person ought to know it, the republicans, at the last session of congress, proposed an amendment to the constitution giving congress power "to define, regulate, prohibit or dissolve trusts, monopolies or combinations, whether existing in the form of corporations or otherwise" leaving the several states "to continue or exercise such power in any manner not in conflict with the laws of the United States." The amendment required a two-thirds vote and was lost, because the democrats voted almost solidly against it. Of course they made a number of specious and hypocritical apologies for their action, and Bryanite papers, like the Times-Mountaineer, have added to these from the vasty depths of Bryanite imagination, but the true reason why they voted down the amendment was stated bluntly by Richardson, the democratic leader of the lower house, just before the vote was taken. Read it and say if the trust issue, here the imperialistic issue, was not hypocritically manufactured by the Bryanites for campaign purposes. Mr. Richardson said:

"If we pass this constitutional amendment, the effect will be to do just what the dominant party desires to do, and that is to eliminate the trust issue from the campaign this year. Now are we going to help to do it? I hope not. I trust every democrat who loves constitutional law and order, who believes in the rights of the States will stand with the party here and vote down the constitutional amendment."

Here is the true reason why the Bryanites voted down the amendment. To vote for it and then carry it through the house would have been "to eliminate the trust issue from the campaign this year," and the Bryanites needed the trust issue as a means of throwing dust in people's eyes. Should anyone imagine that this amazing statement is a campaign forgery we refer him to page 6837 of the Congressional Record, fifty-sixth congress.

THE CHRONICLE'S CODE OF ETHICS.

The Chronicle takes no stock in the millennium shouts that the Bryanite party are making on trusts. It believes that they are purely demagogic and for political effect. It knows, as every intelligent man knows, that while the trusts flourish as they have never done before, the country was never more prosperous nor labor ever better paid. It sees, and cannot help but see, that many of the so-called trusts have been important factors in the country's material advancement. It believes that many of the so-called trusts have cheapened hundreds of commodities that enter into every day consumption and use, while the wages of the labor that produced these commodities have been increased rather than diminished. It believes there are good trusts as well as bad trusts, and that each is known by its fruits. It believes in the regulation, control and, if necessary, dissolution of all that are found to be inimical to the welfare of the masses. But it does not believe in indiscriminate assaults on aggregations of capital, as if wealth were a crime that must be answered for at the bar of justice. It believes that a man may be rich and prosperous without being a criminal, and that corporations and combinations of capital may exist without being oppressive.

This may be all wrong and wicked, according to the Bryanite code of ethics, but we cannot help it. We are built that way and have no desire to be reconstructed. We believe as firmly in the rights of capital as we do in the rights of labor and, finally, we believe that the country has no greater enemies today than the men who are bending every effort to rule into political power by promoting the hatred of the poor with envy and hatred against the rich. Bryan and his followers are sowing dragon's teeth that, if a merciful Providence prevents not, will spring up one day into a host of armed champions.

The dispatch relating to the Jefferson-street twelve-dollar-a-plate, exclusive-of-wines dinner, which the Big Orator of the Platte partook of last night at the Bridgeton House, New York, says: "When all were seated Mr. Bryan was between Richard Croker and Hetty Van Wyck." Shades of Moses. Does history thus repeat itself, which says: "There they crucified him and the malefactors, one on the right hand and the other on the left?"

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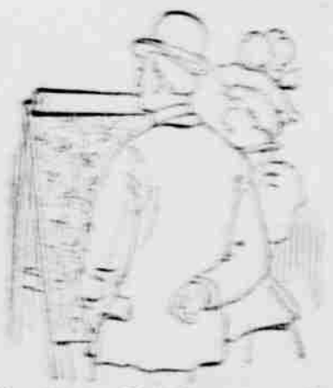

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