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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 1900.

### NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC TICKET

FOR PRESIDENT.

**William J. Bryan.**  
OF NEBRASKA.

FOR VICE PRESIDENT.

**Adlai E. Stevenson.**  
OF ILLINOIS.

FOR PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS.

- W. M. PIERCE, of Utah.
- BELL STUART, of Mississippi.
- J. WHITAKER, of Oregon.
- E. KRONER, of Mississippi.

### BRYAN—FEARLESS AND HONEST.

As the campaign progresses, and the day of election comes close at hand, the record which Mr. Bryan is making lengthens out with blow after blow delivered against those who propose political measures which result from a wrong trend in our national policies. He exhibits the same fearlessness and candor in discussing issues that made him the common people's idol in 1896, and have strengthened his hold on the affections of the millions of his followers since that time. Times without number has he reiterated his position on the money question, on trusts, on imperialism, on everything that enters into the present contention. Yet the partisan opposition press accuse him of having tampered on finance, and of having obscured it in his campaign. It cannot be true that writers penning such allegations are saying what they really mean. Mr. Bryan fought out this issue before the Kansas City convention, and stood uncompromisingly for the bi-metalism which he has supported from the beginning of his career. He announced that he would refuse a nomination if bi-metalism were left out from the platform.

But, as every thinking person knows, there are other issues, and these other issues—trusts and imperialism and militarism—the republicans seek to minimize, just now, on the hypothesis that silver is unpopular, while the record of the republican party on the other issues is against it in the east. There, the Bryan sentiment wins converts every day. In the west, probably, McKinley will gain, but in the big Eastern states Bryan is increasing his following.

### HANNA—A DEMOCRATIC ALLY.

That Mark Hanna is injuring the republican cause by going upon the stump is conceded by members of that party who speak frankly and who are not blinded by partisanship. Hanna is personally unpopular with workingmen the country over. They look upon him as the embodiment of the trust evil, the representative of the corporation in politics, the very personification of all the elements against which the democrats are making their most effectual argument in the present campaign. Hanna's presence appears to infuriate the masses of workingmen, and to move them to exhibitions of hostile feeling such as, of course, would better have been left unshown, but which, nevertheless, spring from sincere antagonism to that for which they believe Hanna stands.

McKinley is undoubtedly a skillful politician. He would have won the election with ease had he been kept in the forefront, with Hanna out of sight, manipulating the scenery in the play before the American people. But, so many believe, Hanna's vanity brought him forth as a political orator who

has no grace of diction, who has no deficiency of expression, nor tact when facing opposition, and who, therefore, hurts his own cause every day he remains in the field.

Imagine, those who have sufficiently active imaginations to accomplish the best, some political orator uttering more foolish and self-flattering remarks than Hanna made in Nebraska, when he said "I have taken South Dakota from the doubtful column. I propose to do the same in Nebraska. I am a big gun, I am, and I can go forth and change states just as fast as I can get to them. I am the poo tah, the main guy, the chief push, the whole thing, and wherever I go take I states from the doubtful column and capture electoral votes for McKinley. I could go down and make Mississippi republican, and kill Bryan settlement in Georgia. In fact, I am the warmest ever," and no one ever meandered down the pike who is in it with me.

This may easily be thought of as the product of Hanna on the stump, when he has finally gone through a process of evolution and come to his final permanent type.

But democrats should not feel hard toward Hanna, for he is doing more today to elect Bryan than is the whole democratic national committee and orators and workers.

A telegram printed in the Associated Press newspapers says that "President McKinley will visit San Francisco next April to witness the launching of the battleship Ohio." It would be embarrassing in the extreme were anything to happen on November 6 to compel an alteration of this news item to read: "Mr. McKinley will visit San Francisco next April," etc. Someone will be inaugurated during March, 1901, as president of these United States, and it might be someone else, and not Mr. McKinley. There's a bare possibility that San Francisco will be disappointed about this matter.

### SOME MORE OLD JUNK.

Love is the golden chain between earth and heaven.

Every earnest hope must be backed up by some untiring, persistent hard knocks, in order to be realized.

Our conscience needs educating as well as our mind. Every man who follows the dictates of conscience is not always right. His conscience may be very far wrong.

In this age of fortune-making, the sunny side of life is seldom sought out, that it takes a skillful prospector to locate it, at times.

If you want the world to be better, don't sit still and croak. Do something, say something, think something that will make one little spot of it better. If all of the dreamers were followers, the bright spots would be so thick that humanity would need no other light than love.

No matter what a man does, if he does it well, he is an expert. A man who can dig a post hole square and straight down, is just as much an expert in the eyes of mankind as a man who can build a winding stair. Be an expert in some thing. That is the basis of civilization.

How fair the world would be if all men would do right, at all times, under all circumstances. That is the whole problem of government. Just think of it. If every man in the world would just do right, that would be the whole crowd, faith and doctrine in existence. Just simply do right; nothing else. What a short cut to perfection. There would be, there could be no wrong, simply because nobody practiced it. Religion, law, the hangman, the jailer, the legar, the

criminal, the proud, the miserable, would be wiped away from earth. How? Simply by doing right. That is all. Everybody, at all times do right, that is the cure for the dying form of humankind. You are the physician, can you do right? That is your only medicine.

Two trains, loaded with their motley human cargoes met on the summit of a mountain. It was a dark night, and as we looked into the gloom down the mountain gorges, we thought of the mystery and sadness of human destiny. Presently they each began to descend into the darkness, one following the setting sun and one hurrying to meet the opening dawn. On what portents errand are these lives going? What sealed-up dreams are waiting fruition in those throbbing breasts, going in opposite ways around the little world. How small the little circle of their activity, how insignificant the little task they perform. What are their paltry hopes, their burning aspirations, their grand and magnificent problems, which they hurl defiantly at even the god of their fathers, compared to one little golden second of eternity? Could all their splendid dreams equal one paltry falling star? Or all their subtle power stay for an instant the wing of the softest breeze that kisses their brow? But it is the world we are living in; if you should meet an angel and ask him to locate your little world, he would have to be a pretty good celestial geographer to do so at once. He would run his tapering finger through the pages of his vast-pocket guide pretty carefully, before dropping upon this little speck no larger than the bump of love in the brain of an old maid of sweet thirty-five.

BERT HUFFMAN.

### WOMEN'S CLUBS' PROGRAMS.

Ada C. Sweet writes in the Chicago American: "Looking forward, at this time of the year, apprehension is in the minds of club women as they contemplate the waiting avalanche of papers prepared and ready to descend upon the world of womanhood. The painful agitation and perplexity which surrounds the very names of club papers, shared by reader and audience alike. It is useless to speculate as to why women crowd into stuffy halls and rooms to listen to papers read by one of a certain band called a club. It is probably decreed by Fate that such should be the manner and custom among women at this stage of American civilization. It is useless to question the sphinx.

It is too late, probably, to mitigate the sufferings of club women for the present season, but a scanning word, dropped into an ear made attentive by stress and caring care, may lead some forlorn and shipwrecked sisters to the point of making good resolutions for the future, when it comes to the preparation of club programs another year.

Why do intelligent human beings consent to speak or write upon subjects they know nothing, and care nothing, about? This is a great mystery. It is not only a baffling, but an ever present mystery. Nothing is more common than to hear a woman say, "I have to write a paper on 'Antediluvian Life, or the Habits of Clay Eaters, and I don't know a thing about it.'" And she says this in a tone of complaint and as one expecting sympathy. I have no sympathy for her. My heart feels for her deluded audience.

A clever young woman writes me for help in preparing a paper for a state meeting of federated clubs. "I have been asked," she says, "to prepare a paper on Egyptian art. I have been reading up on that, and I could have considerable material from which to glean, but I feel the need of advice and inspiration. My paper must be written soon. Please give me a few ideas for it."

Here is confronted the offense in its full. Shall I conspire with this fellow woman against the peace and dignity of the federated clubs of a sovereign state by sending her more "material" for the lifeless collection she is preparing from encyclopedias and text books? The reply is obvious. It is nothing more or less than Fanci's advice to those about to marry—"Don't." Yet how hard it is to say that to the appealing little soul who has been caught in the net of club routine and who wishes to do her part in the club treadmill.

The worst of it is that the women

who are urged, and consent to write upon subjects they know nothing about, could often write well, and say what is worth hearing, if only the program-makers had only sense enough, and tact, to ask for a paper upon the proper and possible subject, and if then the writer had courage enough to think and speak her thought in her own way. Everyone has something to say that is worth hearing.

Your reply to the program-makers, my dear Cynthia, when they ask you to write upon a theme you are unacquainted with, should be "No."

But what will become of the club programs?" you say.

The programs may come to look less imposing and learned, but without such show of ponderous learning, and with more common sense and human interest, they will be improved. It is an event in a woman's club when someone speaks a vital, glowing original word there. It may be said when someone is speaking upon a commonplace affair, but when it is said, it makes its mark upon the mind of every hearer. What gives it force is its reality. It comes straight and true from a mind in action. A real idea, straight from the brain, a true, exact expression of opinion, an acute observation, an apt comment—these are living. There are always welcome.

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