

BRYAN OR TAFT, WHICH.

Christian voters: The time is about at hand when you and I must cast our ballots as between these two men, for the highest and most responsible political office within the gift of men. No other candidate can even hope to succeed. I am speaking now to voters who believe in the Christian scriptures, as a revelation of God's will to men; and who are real followers of our Lord Jesus Christ, the son of God, and Savior of men. I believe the statement that both these candidates are great and distinguished men, each of them well qualified in some respects, at least, for the office of president. While in many respects Mr. Bryan appears to possess much better equipment for the great office than his opponent, but granting for the sake of argument that Mr. Taft is Mr. Bryan's equal in most respects, and even his superior in some, I wish to call special attention to a few things in which, if you are a devout Christian, you will agree with me, that Mr. Bryan far excels his competitor as an ideal candidate. I refer first to the fact that many contend that no one has a right to prefer, or reject a candidate on account of his religious belief. While some even think or pretend to think that to do so is to favor union of church and state, but such thoughts are mere vagaries of an over wrought imagination. As well say that to use the name God, or quote a text of scripture, in a political discussion or write A. D. 1908, in a legal document would favor union of church and state, such thoughts are unworthy a man of ordinary sense. Mr. Bryan is a devout believer in the Bible as the word of God to men. A sincere follower of Christ.

Mr. Taft rejects Jesus Christ as the son of God, and Savior of men. He does not believe that he arose from the dead, and therefore logically rejects the scriptures as sources of divine authority in religion and business and consequently has no standard of final appeal in matters of faith and righteousness, above the opinions of great and learned men.

As might be expected in his political discussions he almost wholly ignores questions of ethics as recently recited by Judge Monnett to his own state. And while governor of the Philippine Islands he is reported as attending and participating in the betting races on the Sabbath day, and is said to never turn down his wine glass at public and social functions.

Mr. Bryan, on the contrary, from the very beginning of his career as a public man, has always discussed public questions, from the standpoint of right as between man and man, and as between man and his creator, holding steadfastly to the doctrines that the government should be "of the people, for the people and by the people," and that as such, it ought to guarantee equal rights to all and special privileges to none. Always believing that under the light which shines from beyond the sun the right ought to and must finally prevail, and though kept constantly in the lime light of the past 12 years and constantly abused and misrepresented by a trust worshipping and venal press, all these years, and every conceivable effort made in both the great parties to prevent his nomination and to prevent his election after nomination. All because he is and has been a real reformer, yet he stands before the American voter clean handed and without the smell of fire upon his garments, and though defeated twice for the high office, he has a stronger hold upon the people than ever before while it is clear as light itself that if Mr. Taft is defeated now that no power on earth could give him a second nomination. Why this difference between these two men? It should be evident to every thoughtful man. One really loves God and his fellowmen, reveres God's word. Bows in the simplicity of his faith to the savior of men, as Lord and King believes

that right ought to and finally must prevail, and therefore has the courage to stand for the right as he sees it. His personal habits are clean and pure.

The other owing to his religious belief or rather disbelief is morally incapable of these exalted views; and his statesmanship must ever be tinged by narrow partisan preference. Christian voter it is up to you to choose as to which of these two men shall be elevated to the most exalted position of public trust known to our nation, and to the world. To which of the two would you point your boy as a pattern and ideal for this life and the life to come? To which of the two would you invite the gaze of the heathen world now struggling and looking this way for light? Do you believe you can vote for Mr. Taft with these facts staring you in the face? And then go before God on bended knee and ask him for Christ's, his son's sake, to save your boy from the meshes of skepticism and make him a true follower of Jesus Christ.

Remember, I speak to you as a Christian, a real believer in Christ, not to those who care little or nothing for these things. These and similar arguments much stronger than I have been able to set forth are appealing to the consciousness of hundreds of thousands of Christian and temperance voters who as they reflect upon them feel that they cannot afford to violate their conscience by failing to vote for Bryan.

C. A. WOOLEY.

A SANE REPUBLICAN.

Monarchical Government Better Than Non-Representative One.

It would seem that there is but one party in this country that can have a man elected president without causing it to go to track and ruin. Every time we have a presidential election there is a tightness in the money market and a howl goes up that if the republican nominee is not elected there will be panics, hard times and the Lord only knows what else. From the standpoint of an independent American citizen, we believe, if this is actually the condition of affairs in the United States, that the sooner we discard a form of representative government and adopt a monarchical one, the better for the people. This would do away with the ever recurring stringency and the fear and trembling we have to endure every four years. As sane human beings we must admit that we are either colossal asses or there is a minus quantity in our mental make up. The republican leaders assume that a majority of the people are foolish enough to believe the sophistries and that they will get a majority of the votes cast at the national election to put their candidate in the presidential chair. Well it is quite likely, but did it ever occur to you that the only reason why so many spellbinders, as they are called, are republicans is because the republican party is the popular party and has more opportunities for grafting than any other? We were born a republican and have voted the republican ticket more often than not and this year voted one of the few straight republican tickets in Polk county, but we do not care to be rated among those who can see no good in a man unless he is a republican. Considering that a majority of all the wealthy men of this nation are members of the republican party it looks as if there were more crime and corrupt practice in that party than all others combined, for no honest man can accumulate such vast fortunes as some of the leading partisans of that party are rated at. However that is not the fault of the founders of the party nor yet of the rank and file, any more than it is the fault of Christ that many persons posing as Christians are great criminals.—Monmouth Herald.

Demonstration Car Coming.

Exact dates have been decided for the visit of the elaborate demonstration train to be operated by the Southern Pacific Company to the various cities of the Willamette Valley. The train will be the most complete ever run by any railroad in the country to serve a similar purpose and is expected to do much to bring about better methods of agricultural, dairying and horticulture throughout the country visited. R. B. Miller, general freight agent for the Harriman lines in this state, planned the demonstration train and will accompany it in person. The train has aroused a great deal of interest throughout the Willamette Valley and Mr. Miller is a corps of professors from the Oregon Agricultural college will deliver addresses at each stop on improved agricultural methods and will make demonstrations of the latest means of caring for milk and dairy products, packing fruit, etc.

The train will start November 4 and will be at Sheridan on November 6 from 8:45 to 10:15; at Dallas from 11 to 12:45; at Independence from 1:50 to 3:25.

What are Your Boys and Girls Reading?

They are bound to read something. They will read trash unless you give them something better that is equally interesting. Try the Youth's Companion. There is plenty of adventure in the stories, and the heroes and heroines are of the real kind, finding in the line of duty opportunity for courage and unselfishness. More than 250 such stories will be published in the 52 issues of the new volume for 1909. There will be fully as many articles, sketches and reminiscences to impart useful information in the most agreeable way, familiarizing the Companion's readers with the best that is known and thought in the world. Full illustrated announcement of the Companion for 1909 will be sent to any address free with sample copies of the paper. The new subscriber who at once sends \$1.75 for 1909 (adding 50 cents for extra postage if he lives in Canada) will receive free all the remaining issues of 1908 besides the gift of the Companion's calendar for 1909, entitled "In Grandmother's Garden," lithographed in 13 colors.—The Youth's Companion, 144 Berkeley Street, Boston Mass.

Republican Rally.

Presidential Elector Butler and Judge Stephen Lowell were greeted by a good house at Dallas Saturday night. The Oregonian says 600 enthusiastic republicans were present, but you cannot expect the truth from that source, so we will let it go by, stating that the court room only seats 240 people and there were many empty benches. Many of the audience were democrats, attracted to see what argument the speakers could possibly advance for continuation in power of their party. The speakers were introduced by our local Patrick Henry, Dr. B. H. McCallon, chairman of the county central committee, and an ex democrat. The doctor was in humorous vein, but we believe he now wishes he had left out that allusion to the old lady who lived in a shoe. Mr. Butler's remarks of considerable duration were mainly devoted to landing the record of the republican party and evading the issues of campaign. The Itemizer could here say something else, but refrains, as we consider the personal indiscretions of a candidate none of our business. Judge Lowell's talk was cut short, his main statement being that the republican party would still be in power when the Angel Gabriel blew his awakening horn. The Oregonian says 1500 people heard the gentlemen speak at Independence Friday night. That assertion will bring a smile to anyone.

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