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THE GREAT ORATOR AND HIS SPEECH.

Hon. Wm. J. Bryan, late candidate of the democratic and populist parties for the presidency, spoke in Portland Monday on the issues for which his candidacy stood. The Gladstone speech was too long for reproduction but the address delivered in Multnomah field before over 20,000 people is here given in full for the benefit of those from this county who were not able to be attend. Regardless of political affiliation every one feels an interest in a man who has come so prominently before the nation and has so mighty a following. Many a man who reads this speech will hardly credit that it was the same which so thrilled and aroused its hearers, for the magnificent presence, melodious voice and perfect control of the audience's emotions which the speaker possessed, are absent.

Bryan in speech is master of all, but when the type conveys his words the spell is broken and wonder comes that one should have been moved at what then seems very commonplace and not at all inspiring.

"I have but a few moments to talk to you. I have been talking all day, and when not so engaged I have been occupied in shaking hands. I have not been given much time to think about any subject for a new speech. When I remember how partial the republicans of Oregon are to repeating, I know they will not criticise me should I happen to repeat something I have said before.

"It has been nearly two years since I had the pleasure of meeting some of the people here—not so many as now, as the silver cause was not quite dead then. On reaching Portland, I was prepared to find a great, busy city, and I wondered, with the mills all running and the shops all so busy, if the people would find time, even after dark, to be here. Instead of this, I find the significant sign of 'To Rent' all over your city. I wonder at this, as you know this is July, and the increase of population in Oregon always takes place between June and November.

"We had a great fight last fall. It was a contest that stirred men's souls. I had a letter from a man only the other day who had just found out that I had actually been elected. I don't expect to draw the salary, but it is some consolation for me to know that I was elected. The man went on in his letter to explain how it happened, and I must confess that I cannot answer his logic. He wrote: 'Didn't the republicans say that if you were elected the banks would fail, business houses would go into bankruptcy, and haven't they?' If I had been elected, every failure would have been charged to me; but, as it is, I am not the advance agent of prosperity. Has the Oregonian pointed out to you the number of failures since the election of Mr. McKinley?

"For years we have been trying to show you what the trouble was. The republicans at first denied, and later were compelled to admit there was something wrong. You can-

not make people take medicine until they realize that they are sick, and then many of them take the wrong medicine. The people during the last campaign were convinced that they were sick. Some said that just as soon as the country declared in favor of the gold standard, and found that there would be no change in the financial policy, everything would be all right. Others said the trouble was with paper money; that the government was issuing money which was the function of the banks, and when the government went out of the banking business, prosperity would come back. What we really want is to make the issuing of money the function of the government, and put the banks out of the governing business. There were others who said a higher tariff was needed. Some were sick because they had not enough taxes to pay, and each proposed his own remedy. We have always insisted that the money question could restore prosperity; that it could stop falling prices, but it cannot stop falling prices until there is an increase in the volume of money.

"Thus we are going to win. When the returns of the last election were in, we had votes enough, but the other fellows had too many. We had not imagined that the population of the country had grown so rapidly, particularly in the doubtful states. In explanation, it was said that on great occasions, when questions like those of the last campaign were presented, all the people go out to vote. I think there were a great many votes that did not have any people. The verdict was announced, and, anarchists as we are, we acquiesced in it. I wonder if our opponents would have submitted willingly as we did? "I don't believe so, either; but four years later, there will be such an overwhelming majority against them that they will submit very meekly.

"The influences brought against us were great—greater than we estimated. I will not speak of the great corruption fund that was used, but only one influence that was great enough to carry the election. It was that of the financiers, exercised until it reached all the employees. Never were men so intimidated, so coerced. They knew of the low prices, of the dull business, and the families dependent upon them, and their employers, calling them in, told that success of free silver meant bankruptcy to them. They were told that success of the single gold standard meant work, and, under such pressure, with idleness promised on one hand, work on the other, they gave their votes against silver.

"The bankers explained to the employers that free silver would bankrupt the country. We must not deal too harshly with the country bankers, who had been told this by the New York bankers. Neither must we be harsh with the New York bankers, as the London bankers told them. The influence crossed the ocean upon the banks here; from them to the employers, and then upon the laborers. With these influences brought to bear, this pressure coming down, the influence of foreign financiers was exerted upon the great newspapers of the country, who were mortgagees of these men.

"I don't believe the same influence can be brought again. If I did, I would lose faith in the perpetuity of American institutions. Deception had to be used before coercion was possible, but the people have been deceived as to the coming of prosperity under the gold standard, and, like Abraham Lincoln, I believe that while you can fool some of the people all the time, and all the people some of the time, you cannot fool all the people all the time.

"These men who were coerced into voting for the gold standard have had their eyes opened. They were promised steady employment, but have found that the employer could not give them work. They have found that money could not be borrowed unless security was given, and the business men who

bowed their necks found out that when the people don't buy, they can't sell. This distress, this suffering, first began among those who toil, and has come up until today it has reached the banker. He thought he was exempt, secure from danger, but it has overtaken him since confidence has been restored. More national banks have failed since the election of McK inley than in 1893."

Mr. Bryan said: "I have only 15 minutes more to speak. You will find about the country that notes are now more numerous. Savings banks that had warned their depositors against the 50-cent dollar are not able to pay 50 cents on the dollar. The expected good times have been reversed, and prices are on the downward trend. Since the election, Japan has adopted the gold standard. Should we rejoice? Some of the gold-standard papers did. I noticed in the dispatches that we had lost some gold, and in explanation it was said that Japan needed it. Not long ago we were issuing bonds for gold. Wait until all the nations have been driven to the gold standard, and you will find that hard times have just commenced. Wait till India, China, South America, Central America and all the other silver nations have been driven to the gold standard, and gold made the only legal tender; then what? Gold will be on the auction block, and the world will stand around to bid for it. Gold will be made a god, and those who handle it prosper; but those who create the wealth of the world will go down into misery. This is so simple that no one can fail to understand it. Who profits when the dollars rise? The owners of the dollars. Who loses when property falls? The owners of property. It is a contest between God and Mammon, and we will rise after every defeat. No tomb can be made so strong as to imprison it. Ours is a righteous cause. Our cause is just and it must prevail.

"During the last campaign they told us we were dangerous; that we were trying to upset the country socially, and instead of being reformers, we were revolutionists. We advocate bimetalism. Our best friends should be the owners of property, as we are trying to make our laws just. We want to succeed, but I don't believe in making our happiness greater at the expense of others. We want to restore a system that will do justice, but I don't want a government where a man makes \$10 by robbing another man who has \$1. We want to restore the country with equal rights to all and special privileges to none. Our ambition is to put this into effect to make it a vital force. We want to apply to our legislatures, to our courts. We want to be a living motto, so that our friends can see what this movement means and why it has gone to the hearts of the people.

"I appreciate the work that has been done in Oregon; the loyalty shown and the heroism displayed. My work is small compared with yours. I bring to you words of encouragement. Our cause of bimetalism is gaining every day. As neighbor meets neighbor, converts are gained. I know the disadvantages you are under. I appreciate the work that the democrats of Oregon are doing. Go on until success is ours, and seventy millions of people will bless you."

Mayer Penoyer displayed poor taste and poorer judgment in his reference to the big wholesale drug house failure when introducing Mr. Bryan as argument against Republican. Such, Hiltchu & Woodward's financial troubles came from the firm's speculating in outside matters instead of confining themselves to their own line in which they were making a success. Every one who knows anything at all about the matter knows the truth of this as Mr. Penoyer himself must. His statement betrays a lack of candor little short of actual misrepresentation, especially culpable when it is the mayor parading the misfortunes of his own city.

In the report of the superintendent of the state asylum, among the items of patients discharged, recovered, improved and not improved, and died, appears the entry, "eloped 2." It would be interesting to know if the penitentiary also suffered in this way.

Suits have been begun in the circuit court as follows:

James M. Smith vs. Alfred and Mary F. Davis, foreclosing a mortgage, on lands in Washington and Marion counties, for \$3155 40. George Landess and Rhumana Landess vs. Henry and Kate Latham, et al; foreclosing mortgage for \$686. F. Y. Ralston, administrator of the estate of W. F. Ralston, deceased, vs. Simon S. Markham et al; foreclosure for \$385. Tualatin Mill Company, a corporation, vs. W. J. Taylor et al; foreclosing a mechanics lien for \$330 91; same parties, in a similar action for \$138.06. Charles Cook vs. Amelia Cook; for divorce. Ernest Bookman vs. Clackamas county; asking for \$3215 damages for injuries received by falling with traction engine through a defective bridge over Kruse creek; L. and Henry Toedtemeier vs. Clackamas county; for \$710 damage to team and engine in falling through the same bridge.

The county court Thursday awarded contracts for building three bridges: Pierce bridge, near Greenville, to L. Sparkes, for \$127; Schmeltzer bridge, near Scholls' ferry, to C. T. Johnson, for \$78; bridge and fill on the Jome place, near Beaverton, to C. T. Johnson, for \$35.

The New Tariff Law.

Which has just been signed by the president, may be appropriately considered an Industrial Declaration of Independence. An official text of the law has just been published by the American Protective Tariff League, and should be carefully examined by every citizen. Protectionists ought to have a few copies of this law for distribution. Five copies will be sent to any address for ten cents. Ask for Document No. 30 and address W. F. Wakeman, Gen'l Sec'y, 135 West 23d Street, New York.

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County fund—	
Receipts.....	\$39 229 24
Paid out.....	25 014 06
Balance on hand.....	\$ 4 384 78
State fund—	
Receipts.....	\$19 272 18
Paid to state treasurer.....	17 489 96
Balance on hand.....	\$ 1 791 82
Excess fund—	
On hand at last statement.....	\$ 65 41
Paid out.....	7 70
Balance on hand.....	\$ 57 70
County institute fund—	
Receipts.....	\$ 137 50
Paid out.....	119 50
Balance on hand.....	\$ 18 00
Indigent soldiers' fund—	
Receipts.....	\$ 609 41
Paid out.....	392 00
Balance on hand.....	\$ 217 41
Public road fund—	
Receipts.....	\$ 52 12
Paid out.....	4 98
Balance on hand.....	\$ 10 14
Amount school district—	
Amount received.....	\$ 8 787 70
Paid out.....	7 241 49
Balance on hand.....	\$ 1 546 21
Towns and cities—	
Receipts.....	\$ 4 981 01
Paid out.....	\$ 848 71
Balance on hand.....	\$ 4 132 30

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