

Maine and Vermont are equaled, if not outdone! The splendid triumph of democracy in Georgia and Florida, has demonstrated clearly that the people of the South, are still true to the teachings of Jefferson and Jackson. Considering the three-cornered fight in these states and the supreme efforts made by the opposition, the victory of the democrats appears the more signal. When two of the elements arrayed against each other in the recent election shall join issues in November, what a tremendous majority will be piled up. There is no danger that Mark Hanna's party will be able to make any inroads into the solid South in this year of grace. The result of these two last contests precludes any such possibility. Nor will the South alone be solid. The great West, from the Mississippi river to the Pacific ocean, will send a solid delegation in favor of that peerless young leader—Wm. J. Bryan. The country has become thoroughly aroused. The issues are every day becoming more clearly defined. It is plutocracy vs. the people! Our candidate is a host in himself. By his matchless achievements, in the face of extraordinary difficulties, he has wrung reluctant tribute, from all fairminded opponents. Even the New York Herald and World are compelled to admit that he "has shown extraordinary energy, courage and versatility."

Mr. Bryan has now delivered, between 200 and 300 extemporaneous speeches. He has traveled nearly 9000 miles and spoken in 22 states and 200 towns. In many of these places he has faced hostile and disorderly audiences. In all of them he has invited the closest critical questioning from the people. Not once has he blundered. Not once has he said aught, that might not come with propriety from a candidate for the presidency. Not once has he been disconcerted by a hostile question. He is in the right and he knows and feels it. He has the cause of humanity at heart and he feels assured that victory will perch upon his banner. Let the voters of Harney county rise superior to party ties on election day and cast a ballot for this great tribune of the people. By so doing they will be lending a helping hand to bring back prosperity to this sorely afflicted nation, now suffering from the damnation of soulless syndicates and heartless monopolies.

It seems that Turkey will not be eaten by the royal houses of Europe for some time yet.

Chicago pickpockets are no respectors of candidates. At a republican meeting the other night they went through a number of pockets, including that of the republican candidate for governor, who was "touched" for \$150.

Republican claims in the solid South are even more visionary than the claims they were making some time ago of carrying Kansas and Nebraska.

Senator Thurston's style of oratory must be objectionable to the Kansas City republicans. He went there the other day intending to make a speech, but found upon his arrival that no announcement had been made and no hall secured. He left without making a public speech, and his private speech wouldn't do to print.

The republicans of Ohio are such ardent believers in the right of free speech that they have leased all of the available halls in the City of Cleveland in order to prevent the holding of Bryan meetings in them.

The Virginia darkies needn't cut up about being ignored in the arrangements for the Ben Harrison meeting at Richmond. Ben never was inclined to be chummy with the colored brother.

There is a big McKinley scare on in Ohio, and a worse one in Indiana. Oh yes, the silver sentiment is passing—to the front.

If McKinley isn't certain of carrying his own state, it would seem to be in order to ask what he is certain of? It looks like "defeat" is the proper answer.

Bryan's voice may break down—he is only one man—but his campaign will go marching on to victory, because, as Joe Blackburn said, it is being conducted by the people.

Some men have queer ideas. One of them wanted a New York labor meeting to adopt a resolution asking the Republican National Committee to fire Mark Hanna. That must have tickled Hanna. The idea would have been more rational had it suggested that Hanna fire the committee, which he so completely owns.

A New York preacher found out during a flying trip as far west as Michigan that the west is in favor of gold. Bright man that! Wonder how the McKinleyites overlooked him when they were selecting the men to fix up election figures, from their imaginations?

Every attempt to break up a Bryan meeting, whether by Yale students or Cincinnati toughs, makes new friends for Bryan among those who believe in fair play.

Ex-Congressman Bynum, of Ind., will give people the impression that he is hard to get along with if he isn't careful. He is already on the outs with some of the gold democrats.

Of course fear had nothing to do with Secretary Carlisle's declining to divide time with Senator Blackburn.

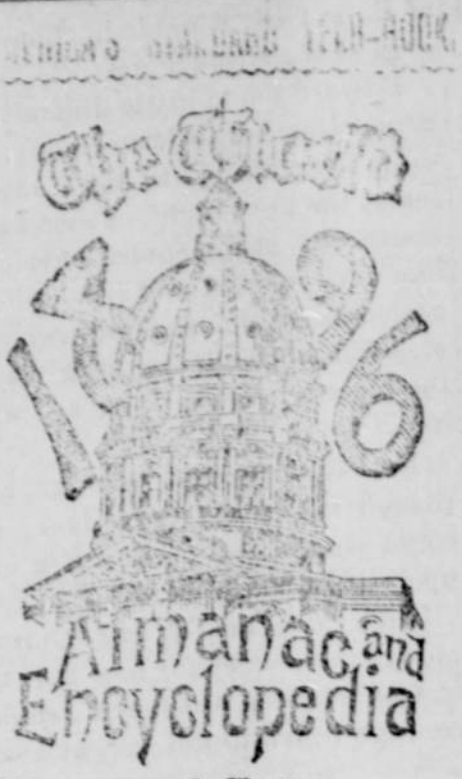
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