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Bryan will win, and so will McKinley, if we must believe all that the campaign shouters tell us. But the days of the prophets are numbered, and in a few days we shall be relieved of the torture of listening to, and reading political prognostications.

The Chicago Tribune figures out that it costs \$25,000,000 to elect a president of the United States, while parliament allows the queen \$7,000,000 in four years; reasoning from this that it is easier to maintain a queen permanently than to elect a president once.

According to the Chicago Inter-Ocean, Illinois will give McKinley more than 100,000 majority. Other evidence also leads to the conclusion that the republican majority in Illinois will approach the 100,000 mark. And if it does, Indiana is pretty sure to go the same way, though by a far smaller majority, probably under 10,000.

The commercial agencies report that the business outlook is encouraging, based on the prospects of a republican victory. Many orders are being given for supplies, with the option of recalling them in the case of republican defeat. This fact ought to be enough to give pause to every man in this country working in a manufacturing concern of any kind. No laboring man can afford to vote for Bryan.

The prospects of a great republican victory become brighter and brighter as the national canvass advances, but every republican is impressed with the necessity of doing all he can to make his party's victory as overwhelming as possible. This is a case in which the size of the majority as well as the fact of a majority counts. It is necessary to finish the business for Bryanism and all its follies, vices and humiliation this year.

Following up the line of evil permitted under our present assessment law, Jackson county comes forward this year with another big cut in the valuation of her taxable property. This time it is \$140,486 less than in 1899. Last year Jackson county's assessor lowered the valuation of property \$1,104,855 from the assessed value of 1898, and while the reduction this year has not been so appalling, the continued slump of values will force the additional burden of a higher rate of state tax upon the other counties. The next legislature can immortalize itself by enacting an equitable assessment law, or forming an efficient state board of equalization.

The statement recently issued by Secretary of State Dunbar shows that 45,826 scalps of coyotes, wildcats, etc., have been delivered and paid for by the state, from May 6, 1899, to September 30, 1900, costing the state \$91,652. To pay this the special sheep tax was levied by the legislature, but thus far less than \$1000 has been paid into the fund from the several counties, and the state's paper is out for the amount represented by 45,000 scalps, being practically the only debt of the state. The scalp bounty law, like all other bounty acts when legislatures become too generous and paternal, is growing to be a menace without the evidence of reciprocal benefit. True, the extinction of predatory animals within the state will allow the sheep industry of Oregon to thrive. But while Oregon is paying \$2 for the destruction of each animal the states of Washington, Idaho and California, which are not discriminated against by legislative enactment, are permitting their pauper coyotes and wildcats to emigrate across the border, where their scalps at once become worth a good market price. Co-operation of neighboring states is desirable for the equitable and effectual destruction of these enemies of the woolgrower.

It is the delight of vulgar talent to dazzle the beholder, and to mystify by employing words and phrases of a double meaning. When the cheap politician and seeker after office puts these tactics into execution it is with the purpose of slipping into unmerited position before his victims can recover from the confusion. An honest orator never makes a statement which is not clear to himself; there is never any doubt or ambiguity as to its meaning. An honest brain is always careful not to use words or phrases in such a manner as to give them a double meaning or leave its listeners in hopeless equivocation; it does not hypothecate and bewilder feeble minds with grandiloquence and far-fetched explanations; its solace is in truths plainly stated; it abhors divination and knows only one method of arriving at knowledge, and that is by honesty of purpose. Do the people of the United States want a president whose methods are as the methods of the common curbstone politician? Are we ready to call to the highest office in the land a man who would sacrifice every principle, and trample down every law of propriety in order to gain votes? Mr. Bryan first attracted the notice of the American people by a sacrilegious outburst which shocked christians of reverent feeling. Nevertheless, in 1896 it secured for him a presidential nomination from the wild-eyed gathering on whose passions he played by his degradation of sacred religious symbols to the purposes of party politics. His "crown of thorns" and "cross of gold" simile made him the leader of the fanatics of silver, and he is following the true method of the demagogue in persisting in the course, however indecent, while attempting to remain a national figure, which was so successfully used in his first bid for notoriety. Bryanism in 1900 means just what it meant in 1896. It is true that on some questions the "boy orator" trims the hedges. Such is the case particularly in different sections of the country. In certain localities Bryanism is far different now from Bryanism four years ago, because Bryan knows the sentiment of the people in these particular sections, and is playing for their votes. But, by the terms of the Nebraska state democratic platform for 1900, which was put forth with Mr. Bryan's full approval, it has been established beyond all doubt or question, that Mr. Bryan stands this year, as he stood four years ago, for free coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1, for socialistic income tax and for packing the supreme court of the United States for political purposes. That is what it means in 1900. It is the same old Bryanism.

"Unfinished Business."

Whether by accident or otherwise, a detail it is needless to discuss, Mr. Towne recently made a good point in one of his speeches. He remarked that "the campaign of 1900 is the campaign of 1896 under the head of unfinished business." The true paramount issue is correctly defined by Mr. Towne, who was talking on this occasion in one of the silver producing states. After all the noise made about new questions the pivotal fact of the pending contest is the reaffirmation of the Chicago platform. In 1896 the voters of the United States were invited, in the directest way, to make that platform the basis of national policies. The people declined emphatically. In the present campaign the game is more cautious. An effigy stuffed with straw is rigged up and inscribed: "Imperialism—Paramount." At the same time the Chicago platform, without the change of a syllable, is again a part of the democratic creed, and would unquestionably be both paramount and rampant the morning after election.

There is no reason why the election of 1896 should have been treated as unfinished business in the present year except that Mr. Bryan has an iron hold upon the democratic and populist parties and has played one against the other. He wrote the populist platform by consent and imperiously forced a platform upon the democrats. His continuous show will last as long as he can stand upon his legs and talk unless the people snow him under. A Bryan campaign is a national nuisance. Business slows up to see whether a dollar is to be 100c or 45c. New plans are laid aside until after election day. Contracts are written up with the clause: "Void if Bryan is elected." The country wants no more of the "unfinished business" infliction.—Globe-Democrat.

No baits at the St. Charles store. All goods sold at a profit.

There is work for those who want work. Those who dodge work are the worst howlers against the McKinley administration and are in the front rank of the scoundrels.

After the first shock people began to lose interest in the Galveston horror. Still the telegraph brings details that show what a terrible calamity it was that overtook the once prosperous Gulf city in a night-time. One month and ten days after the storm, October 19, forty-two bodies were recovered, and the daily find of victims continues. The total number of bodies recovered to that date were 2,907.

The quality of Mr. Bryan's discussion of economics is shown by his talk to the apple producers of New York a few days ago. He asked them how long it would take them to become as wealthy as some heads of great corporations by growing apples. Since they could never hope to equal them in wealth as apple growers they should vote for Bryan. He did not promise to make apple growing more remunerative, nor show how they could be benefited. He simply appealed to the worst instinct of human nature, that of envy and bitterness of spirit. By inference at least he said that if he was elected he would make it impossible for any person to get rich faster than the apple growers.

Next Tuesday some 13,000,000 or 14,000,000 voters in the United States will walk up to the polls and decide whether Mr. Bryan or Mr. McKinley will be president. Their verdict will be final, and their is no question that it will be expressed right. The American people can be depended on to make an honorable choice, notwithstanding Mr. Bryan's assertion that the sovereignty of a great nation can be bought with money, and that the people whose votes he thinks naturally belong to him are corrupt and purchasable. His opinion of the moral character and intelligence of the people to whom he makes his demagogic appeals is not an exalted one, and his charge that the republicans are buying up the votes of the country shows his lack of faith in the men upon whom the responsibility of government rests.

Mr. Bryan is a hard man to suit. If a republican does anything he is wrong, and if he does not do it he is also wrong. The democratic candidate seems bound to find fault anyway, so there is no occasion to look for consistency in his complaints. Certainly none is found. For weeks Mr. Bryan has been denouncing the republican administration for not suppressing the trusts, and at the same time abusing it for asking power to suppress them. At Elmira, N. Y., he said: "The amendment to the constitution offered by them (the republicans) was not necessary, and its purpose was not to give congress the power that it needed. It was to take away from the states the power that they have, so that if the republicans control the government the state will be powerless to protect itself against a private monopoly." He has suddenly become concerned for state rights, though through his career as an income taxer and hunter down of wealth he has stood for the invasion by the federal authorities of the domain of the state governments, just as do all our semi-socialistic agitators who in the name of democracy urge that the United States undertake to abolish all sorts of abuses. Mr. Bryan does not want to give the general government power now possessed exclusively by the states, but nevertheless he holds the president and the attorney-general to account for not usurping authority to put down trusts in the states.

A Political Yarn.

A good political yarn is being told by a man about town as coming from a friend. The truth of the story cannot be vouched for, but it is too good to be lost. A democratic brother was praying in a church prayer-meeting and, at the conclusion he said, in all seriousness, "We pray thee that the democrats may hang together." The opportunity was too good to be lost and a republican elder shouted, "Amen." The democrat gasped, but regained himself and continued, "but not in the sense that our republican brother means, but in the spirit of accord and concord." "Any cord will do Lord, any cord will do," was the answer.

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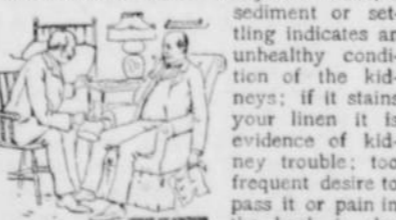
As Bryan's struggle for the presidency ages it becomes more violent. With election day two weeks and more away, the candidate has left the extremes of 1896 far in the rear, and his canvass has resolved itself into a campaign of hate, envy, prejudice and base desire. At the outset Bryan posed as the champion of a principle which was labelled "the paramount issue." His canvass started on a lofty plane, and the candidate deported himself with a dignity something like that demanded by the office to which he aspires. But as "the paramount issue" faded away until it became a chimera, the democratic campaign and candidate began to sink. Ever since they have been plunging downward, until now they have reached a level lower than which it is seemingly impossible for them to go. Bryan is no longer the exponent of a great principle. The righteousness there was in his opposition to so-called imperialism and militarism has been wholly forgotten, and Bryan has become the eager office-seeker, caring for naught save a victory, and caring not whence or how it comes.—Baltimore American.

A hunt is being made all through Kentucky for two suitable native Angora goats, which are desired for mascots on board the United States battleship Kentucky. The Kentucky is about to sail for the Asiatic station, and the mascots seem to be looked upon as an indispensable part of the ship's company. Since goats are so scarce down in the bluegrass state they might catch a couple of "moonshiners," which are indigenous to Kentucky soil, and which might be more companionable than goats, if allowed to follow their avocation while on board.

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