

# THE ISSUES ARE ABLY DISCUSSED

## From the Republican Ros- trum Last Wednesday Night in Lakeview

### JUDGE SPENCER ELECTRIFIES HIS AUDIENCE

**A Comprehensive Argument, Based on Sound Judgment, that Touches the Heart of the People.**

Again, on Wednesday evening of last week, did the Republicans of Lakeview have a rousing meeting and interesting entertainment—a meeting attended by great enthusiasm and a wonderfully attentive audience. Judge Spencer of Susanville was the speaker, and that he touched the hearts of his listeners was evidenced by the spontaneous outburst of applause which greeted him as he, with dignified finesse and comprehensive argument, dealt telling blows to the advocates of free silver, free trade, and the pulling down of the flag, and showed the members of that party the evil of their ways.

It was the first intention to have Judge Webster of Portland speak to our people also, and Judge H. L. Benson was selected as chairman, but an important after-night case in the Circuit Court prevented these gentlemen from being present, and after the brass band had finished some soul-stirring music, Harry Bailey, Chairman of the Republican County Central Committee, called the meeting to order, and the evening's program was opened with music by the band, followed by a campaign song by the McKinley Glee Club. The chairman then introduced Judge Spencer, who spoke for an hour and a half on the important issues of the campaign—issues that appeal to the judgment of every man who casts a ballot and who takes an interest in the affairs of his country and his country's government. The speaker was well acquainted with his subjects and delivered one of the most lucid and clever arguments that has ever been heard from the rostrum in Lakeview upon any important question.

He reminded the voter that a certain grave responsibility rested in him when he went to the polls on election day to cast his little ballot; that he should forget party and party principles and vote for what he thought was right and just, and for the best interests of his wife and children, himself and his country; that he should look to the future welfare of his family; study the issues closely and vote for the men who would rule the destinies of the country in such a manner as to insure prosperity and plenty and steer the ship of state safely past the shoals and breakers of destruction, panic and starvation.

Judge Spencer appealed to his Democratic friends to vote with the party that insured protection to the American people, and to take no chances that by their votes a repetition of the hard times, business depression and ruin which followed the last Democratic administration might again be the consequences. While the speaker occasionally went to flights of oratory, there was no impetuosity in his argument, but a grave seriousness prevailed at every stage, and, as he left one subject and took up another in his line of defense of Republican policies, he opened the subject with apt illustrations that were wonderfully plain and comprehensive. Never has the money question been more clearly explained than Judge Spencer interprets it. He demonstrated the wisdom of the sound money or gold standard policy and showed the fallacy of the free coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1 or any other ratio; gold is the predominant metal in every nation on the face of the earth and always will be; open the mints of the United States to the free coinage of silver and you open the gateway that leads to destruction and the loss of the nation's credit and standing; let every foreign nation come to our mints and have their cheap silver coined at will and the United States stands pledged to redeem that silver with gold or lose its credit with the nations of the earth. The American silver coined into the American dollar is to-day worth a dollar in gold, because Uncle Sam says: "Gentlemen, if you don't like my silver dollars bring them to the national treasury and get gold dollars in exchange; I have plenty of gold with which to re-

deem the silver." Let the free coinage of silver be introduced and gold will be driven from the government treasury and the marts of trade, and the silver dollars will dwindle and dwindle in value until the national credit will be destroyed. The speaker remembered the time when the greenback was worth but forty cents on the dollar, but to-day, backed up by American gold, the greenback is worth dollar for dollar, and, because of its convenience, is preferable to the gold metal in the exchange of large sums. With the free coinage of silver, gold will be driven away, paper money will fall in value, and the nation will be in peril because the government will not have gold enough to redeem the silver. Judge Spencer gave some practical demonstrations that were worthy of close study and much thought.

He gave some telling blows to the party who made "imperialism" the "paramount issue" in this campaign, and referred to "trusts" at length. He said there was never a word uttered about the greatest trust in existence to-day—the labor unions—a trust so gigantic in proportions that all other so-called trusts sink into insignificance in comparison; a trust that denied the American freeman the right to work for bread for his wife and children; a murderous trust that shot him down if he refused to obey the imperial mandate and become a slave to the whims of its leaders. Still, the speaker said he was not unfriendly to labor unions; but if the trusts were to be uprooted and the evil amended, let the fight commence on the greatest trust the world has ever known—and let the Democrats look to their own evils, the cotton trust, Standard Oil trust, the whisky trust and the Tammany ice trust.

The Judge won applause from the small army of fine looking women present when he declared, "the women, God bless them; I love them—I'm a Woman Suffragist." Judge Spencer is a warm advocate of Woman's Rights, and he is a level-headed and brilliant gentleman. The Examiner regrets that it cannot reproduce Judge Spencer's speech in full, and that it is compelled to give a canny account of it from memory. It was an effective address and won the rapturous applause of the audience. When the speaker closed the audience displayed its feelings by applauding him back to the stage. Judge Spencer recognized the gracious compliment, returned to the stage, bowed and retired.

The program of the evening was concluded with a popular piece by the band, followed by "Billy Bryan," a campaign song composed by Prof. J. Q. Willis, sang to the air of "Ta-ra-ra boom-de-ay" by the Glee Club:

**"BILLY BRYAN."**  
Billy Bryan is my name,  
I am running just for fame;  
I got left in ninety-six—  
Now I'm in a sorry fix.  
Then "Free silver" was my cry,  
But "Free silver" had to die,  
Now I'm crazy as a loon—  
Have to find some other "boom."  
Chorus—Boom, Ta-ra-ra boom-de-ay.

Thought the "Empire" boom would do,  
Tried my best to pull it through;  
After all my thought and care  
Have to drop it in despair.  
Now, I know not what to do,  
Where to look or where to go;  
Every time I open my mouth,  
Ask me, "How's the vote down South?"  
Chorus—Boom, Ta-ra-ra, etc.

Prettiest boom that e'er was born,  
Thought I found one Monday morn';  
Called attention to the "Trust"—  
We must make that boom or bust.  
Then of all the chummy times,  
Ever found in Temperate climes,  
When my little boom froze o'er  
I fell hard upon the floor.  
Chorus—Boom, Ta-ra-ra, etc.

Democrats and Pops are sick,  
Every time I strike a lick;  
"Every dandy little boom  
Busted and gone up the flame."  
Tried to run the thing my-self—  
Now they'll lay me on the shelf.  
While Republicans to-day  
Sing, Ta-ra-ra boom-de-ay.  
Chorus—Boom, Ta-ra-ra, etc.

General Buller has been suddenly recalled to England and will have the job of cleaning house in the army service. General Kitchener, who is a favorite of Lord Salisbury, will be given the task of maintaining order in the Transvaal and Orange River Colony.

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of Ohio.

For Vice President

THEODORE ROOSEVELT  
of New York

For Presidential Electors.

TILMON FORD of Marion county, J. C. FULTON of Douglas county, W. J. FURNESS of Umatilla county, G. F. PATTON of Multnomah county.

England has just passed through a most bitter campaign—the election of Ministers. It was a carnival of bad manners and evil passions.

Mr. Bryan has never uttered a word in favor of shorter hours for labor, but he has emitted tons of oratory in favor of shorter dollars for the payment of labor.

Under Republican administration labor is paid in honest dollars for a day's work. If Mr. Bryan is elected he will attempt to introduce the 50 cent dollar to be paid for labor.

Judge Spencer gave his Democratic friends something to think about in his speech last week in Lakeview. There were many Democrats present who listened attentively to his masterly argument.

The new battleship Wisconsin is said to be the fastest one of its kind in the navy, but it will have to do something more than swift teaming over a trial course to come anywhere near equaling the record of the Oregon.

No terms until the undisputed authority of the United States shall be acknowledged throughout the Archipelago! After that Congress will make a government under the sovereignty of the United States.—President McKinley, July 12, 1900.

Ex Senator John H. Mitchell, who has just returned to Portland after touring the East, says the country is safe for McKinley. He says disappointment awaits Mr. Bryan in the Middle West where he expects to capture the German vote. Most of the substantial Germans of New York State, including all the old families, will vote for McKinley. The people generally believe in letting well enough alone.

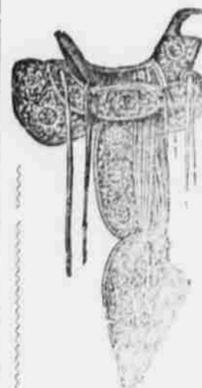
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Labor is scarce today at good wages. Under Cleveland only 47 per cent of labor was employed, and that at reduced wages.

The Chinese Exclusion act will expire by limitation on May 5, 1902. If or something like it, will doubtless be re-enacted, for, though there is not so much reason now as formerly for excluding Chinese, it would be inimical to our industrial interests to allow unrestricted immigration.

Twenty-six farmers in one precinct in Nebraska are said to have taken pleasure trips to Europe this year. Men like this are not likely to vote for a possible change in financial and industrial conditions, even if they did in 1896, says the Telegram. Nebraska is quite as likely to go for McKinley as for Bryan.

Silver money is cheap in China. Mexican dollars, usually sold two for one, are now sold twelve for five American dollars. Silver bullion is also at a discount. And still Mr. Bryan and his party want free and unlimited coinage of silver. Its a "paramount issue" in his campaign.

Vote for a continuation of Prosperity.

CHARACTERISTIC BRYANISM.

Here is a sample statement of Bryan's opinions on the application of the Declaration of Independence to the unfortunate people living within the limits of the United States:

A Voice—What about the disfranchisement of the Negro in North Carolina?

Mr. Bryan—I am glad you asked me that question, my friend. Have you ever read the Constitution of Oregon?

A Voice—What about the consent of the governed in the South?

Mr. Bryan—It gives me pleasure to answer that question. Have you ever heard of the Sultan of Sulu?

A careful estimate admits of the prophecy that Lake county will roll up at least one hundred majority for McKinley and Roosevelt at the coming election. The people of Lake county are prosperous and will take no chances in voting a change of administration and the dire results that might follow, as was experienced during the last Democratic Administration. Our people believe in letting well enough alone.

Study the issues carefully—vote right.