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Constructive Legislation.
There is no equivocation in the utterances of William H. Taft, no hodge-podge of denunciation and generalization such as that with which Bryan seeks to confuse his hearers and make them think that he is saying something when in fact he is only making a noise. In his speech at Sandusky, O., Wednesday, Sept. 9, Mr. Taft clearly set forth the principles which would guide his course as president. He would devote his best energies, he said, to constructive recommendations to congress for legislation which would clinch the Roosevelt policies of business honesty. At the same time he made it clear that the regulation by the government of interstate business should be not only sound in legal principle, but that the interpretation and enforcement of the law should be both clear and speedy, to the end that legitimate aggregation of capital should not be prevented or discouraged and that confidence in the commercial stability of the country should be on the firmest possible basis.

Construction, not destruction, will be the motive and inspiration of Taft's service in the White House. Construction has been his aim, the spur and inspiration of his public life from the beginning, and the presidency will make no change in his methods or his character. He will be the same Taft who held the scales of justice with absolute equity on the bench, who vindicated the right of labor to freedom of action and the right of business to protection from unjust interference.

He is the same Taft who converted the Filipinos from subdued and sullen enemies into loyal and cordial friends and extinguished the smoldering ashes of insurrection by gaining the hearts of the people; the same Taft who refused a seat on the supreme bench of the United States so that he might fulfill his duty to the Filipinos and not leave his task in the islands undone. He is the same Taft who adjusted with satisfaction to all concerned the question of the friars' lands and did full justice to the natives while dealing in a spirit of absolute fairness with those in whom rested the titles to the property. He is the same Taft who carried a message of peace across the Pacific and impressed the orientals with the fact that the United States, while prepared at all times to uphold the honor and dignity of the American name, was not grasping for territory and had no aggressive designs on the orient.

As the campaign goes on it is more and more evident that the American people fully appreciate their good fortune in the opportunity to elevate William H. Taft to the presidency and that the 3d of November will prove by an overwhelming majority for the Republican national candidates that the nation is glad to secure for the highest place in the land the talents which Mr. Taft has so eminently displayed throughout his public career and which have gained for him the esteem not only of his countrymen, but of the world.

Taft-Bryan—A Contrast.

One prime difference, among others, between Judge Taft and Colonel Bryan lies in the fact that fate seems to have decreed that the career of the one shall be that of an administrator in office and that of the other a seeker after office. Since the early manhood of each that difference has typified them. With the one public office has been but a coveted post, aspired to with a view to some specific personal purpose, some temporary object, some passing advantage. With the other, as American history for a score of years amply attests, public office has been the logical goal of a fixed and noble ambition, the recompense of the worthiest effort, and when occupied, whether as jurist, as insular governor or war secretary, has been zealously held and watchfully guarded as the most honorable of trusts.

The trend of our progress and the consummation of many of our dearest and proudest hopes as a nation depend, more now than for decades, that brushing aside all mere selfish self seekers after office, the demand of the country be recognized for an incumbent in the presidency combining in his makeup administrative experience, honesty, skill, enterprise, prudence and firmness, coupled with a disinterested devotion to duty, and these, the indispensable requisites of the man of the hour, are possessed, as by none other now in public life, it is generally conceded, by Judge Taft.

The country realizes that a president must be a leader. Indeed, it demands that he shall be. But it wants leadership that is conscious of personal glory, that seeks results without sensationalism, that will not weigh the triumph of party or the perpetuation of individual influence against the demands of peaceful progress and that stability of interest of every kind which is the concomitant of it.

The nation desires power, but it is equally anxious for tranquillity. It purposes to be just in peaceful pursuits, with ability to maintain that position among the great peoples of the earth, but it does not covet glory at the expense of even a single unpopu-

Bryan Jeered by Democrats.
Inasmuch as Mr. Bryan is importuning the Democrats who revolted against his candidacy in 1896 and in 1900 to return to the party fold and vote for him this year, it is interesting to recall how contemptuously he cast them out twelve years ago. A few references will suffice. In his speech at Knowlesville, N. Y., Aug. 28, 1896, he said:

"They tell us that certain prominent financiers are going to leave the Democratic party because it declares for the restoration of silver. We shall not go into court to seek an order to prevent their going. The Democratic party has been weighed down by those who want to use the party organization for private gain and their country for public plunder."

Speaking in Columbus, O., Sept. 1, 1896, Mr. Bryan remarked:

"Of course we (the Democratic party) always hate to lose anybody, but if we have to lose anybody I do not know of a set of men on earth I would rather lose than those we have lost. All the people we have lost have been people who called themselves 'big people.'"

The same sentiment appears in the following extract from Mr. Bryan's speech in Knoxville, Tenn., Sept. 16, 1896:

"If there is any one who believes the gold standard is a good thing or that it must be maintained, I warn him not to cast his vote for me, because I promise him it will not be maintained in this country longer than I am able to get rid of it."

In the course of a speech in Lansing, Mich., Oct. 16, 1896, Mr. Bryan exclaimed:

"While I do not want to prevent gold Democrats from leaving the party, we do want them to take their baggage with them and not expect to come back. We want them to understand that it is going to be easier for them to stay in the party than to come back after they have stained their hands in the sins of plutocracy."

It is no less interesting to recur to the things which the honest money Democrats said about Mr. Bryan. Take Henry Watterson to begin with. He was in Switzerland when Bryan was nominated the first time, and when the news reached him he made the cable tingle with this stirring message to the president of the Courier-Journal company in Louisville:

"Another ticket our only hope. No compromise with dishonor. Stand firm!"

Later Colonel Watterson, gallant warrior that he is, fired the editorial columns of his newspaper with righteous wrath against the Bryan betrayal of his party. Note a few sample expressions of his unleashed emotion:

"Mr. Bryan is nothing but a Populist in doctrine and practice."

"The flag that floats over the name of Bryan is the flag of pirates."

"The three R's of Bryan's campaign seem to be repudiation, riot and ruin."

"Mr. Bryan is a boy orator. He is a distinguished dodger. He is a daring adventurer. He is a political fakir."

"The speeches which William J. Bryan has been making on his tours are without exception the most incendiary and dangerous utterances ever addressed to the American people by a presidential candidate. * * * He has gone even further than to countenance an open revolution; he has asked the American people to become hypocrites and liars."

Bourke Cockran of New York is on record with the following tribute:

"Mr. Bryan is a dealer in sonorous declamation based upon a fundamental misconception of facts. If his doctrines are true the exercise of the taxing power is an act of tyranny."

Roger C. Sullivan of Illinois, a member of the Democratic national committee, has said:

"Mr. Bryan's boasts put the stamp of insincerity all over him. He is a shrewd advertiser. He is in politics because it helps the gate receipts."

To the above Democratic estimates of Mr. Bryan's ability and strength should be added the following from the New York World:

"One vital, dominating fact confronts the Democratic party which no oratory, which no eloquence, which no rhetoric can obscure: **BRYAN'S NOMINATION MEANS TAFT'S ELECTION.**"

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Wisdom and moral courage are two qualities that, on the authority of Mr. Roosevelt, are requisite to a great president. Judge Taft has proved his possession of both on the bench and in the cabinet.

Bryan wants the people to forget his past. He must be surprised at the long memory of New Hampshire Republicans regarding Franklin Pierce.

"The south is quietly Democratic," says the Charleston News and Courier. Yes, with a quietness that seems ominous for Bryan.

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