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**Mr. Bryan's Western Trip**

IN MONTANA

The Helena Daily Independent, in its news report, says: A crowd which filled the auditorium to overflowing, waited patiently for two hours for Mr. Bryan to come and then sat as if spell-bound for two

hours more while they listened to the greatest political speech ever delivered in the state of Montana.

The special train which brought the great commoner to this city was late and it was 9:30 o'clock before he arrived and began his speech. But, although many of those present, desiring choice seats, had gone to the auditorium shortly after six o'clock, none left their places until the speech was finished, and then a monster ovation was given the three-time democratic leader.

Colonel Bryan spoke from the same platform upon which two weeks ago Colonel Roosevelt had addressed the progressive state convention; and while the Nebraskan devoted some attention to President Taft and the regular republican party, his speech was in reality an answer to the pretensions of the third term candidate. He characterized President Taft as a man who was "constitutionally distrustful of the people" and Colonel Roosevelt as a man who was "unconstitutionally over-trustful of himself."

**BRYANISMS**

The Helena Daily Independent prints the following extracts from Mr. Bryan's speech under the head of "Bryanisms":

The chief fault of Mr. Taft is that he is constitutionally distrustful of the people.

The chief fault of Mr. Roosevelt is that he is constitutionally over-trustful of himself.

I will speak of Mr. Taft first as the president who is; of Mr. Roosevelt next, as the president who has been, and of Mr. Wilson third, as the president who will be.

I have made it my business to know what is going on in the United States.

We have applied the pure food law to our newspaper diet, and if a trust buys a newspaper, it will have to put the poison label on the outside of the can, so that the subscribers to the paper may know what they are reading.

It is a very unusual thing that a man should go into office by a majority of over a million, and go out of it by unanimous consent.

While Mr. Taft thinks that the masses of the people have not sense enough to run their own government, Mr. Roosevelt does not know of any other human being who has sense enough to be president.

Because his judgment failed him when he picked out Mr. Taft, he seems to have renewed confidence in his own judgment when he picked out himself.

On the initiative and referendum, Roosevelt is right now, but four years ago he sent Mr. Taft all the way to Oklahoma to oppose the initiative and referendum.

There is not an office to which Roosevelt has ever been elected that he has not been elected to with the aid of Wall street and the predatory interests, never an office to which he has been elevated that the bosses have not helped him.

Mr. Roosevelt's position is now well-known, and I say to you with deliberation, and yet with emphasis, that no man in the history of this nation has ever taken a position on the trust question so hostile to the safety and welfare of the American people.

I remind you that for seven years and a half he was president and he not only did not control the trusts, but they controlled him.

**AS MONTANA SEES IT**

The Helena Daily Independent printed the following editorial: The speech made by Mr. Bryan in Helena,

clearly shows the great commoner still has the good opinion and affections of the people. For sixteen years Mr. Bryan has been before the people of America as has no other man in its history. He has been the pioneer of all the progressive movements for the betterment of the people and they have been adopted largely by the republican party and especially by Colonel Roosevelt. When he was first a candidate for president, in 1896, the people did not know him. He was abused as no other man had ever been by the opposing party. He has grown in the estimation of the people until he is today universally respected and admired by the people of all political parties. He was in fine form last night and made one of the greatest speeches of his brilliant career. It is printed in full in this issue of the Independent and should be read by all who are interested in the affairs of the nation and the pending campaign.

Long before Colonel Roosevelt retired from the presidency he had taken on many of Mr. Bryan's policies. He transmitted these to his successor, Mr. Taft, who pledged the people that he would pursue the same policies, and because of this he had the confidence of the country, but he did not prove faithful to his pledges, yet the republican platform adopted at Chicago last June, and upon which Mr. Taft stands as the candidate, is unlike any platform ever promulgated by the republican party in the past.

Mr. Bryan has always been progressive, yet in being progressive he has at the same time been conservative. He has never advocated a policy that was not for the benefit of the masses. He has ever been the enemy of class legislation, and the trail that he blazed beginning in 1896, is today the pathway of the opposing parties. The people of the United States owe a debt of gratitude to Mr. Bryan far more than they will ever be able to repay. He has made more political speeches than any other ten men of his time, and not in any of them has he ever uttered a word for which he had to apologize or offer an explanation.

Mr. Bryan is an up-builder of the human race. He stands today without a peer in American politics. While not holding an office, he is the first citizen of the republic. He is today championing the rights of the masses, the same as he has always

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